

## GOVERNMENT FIXES PRICE OF RAW WOOL

Merchants and Growers Will  
Voluntarily Accept or All  
Will Be Commandeered.

PRICE BASE JULY 31, 1917

Decision Reached Includes Unsold  
Portion of 1917 Clip and Wool  
Now on Sheep—Final Confer-  
ences Will Be Held Today.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—A decision of the Government to fix the price of raw wool on the basis of that prevailing on July 30 last probably will be announced at the conclusion of conferences to be held tomorrow in Boston and this city. Wool dealers meet in Boston and the growers in Washington.

While no official admission is made that the Government has decided thus to control the raw wool market, it was learned definitely today that the basic price has been settled. The only question to be determined now is whether the wool clip will be commandeered by the Government at that price, or the wool merchants and growers will voluntarily agree to accept it and supply Army, Navy and civil requirements on the same basis.

All wool clip in warehouses, that being shorn now and all en route to this country, will be marketed at the stipulated price, under voluntary acceptance of the Government's decision.

If commandeering becomes necessary the Government will control all the raw wool in the country and that on its way here at the fixed price. Army and Navy needs then will be taken care of first. The remainder will be apportioned by the Government for the civil requirements at the same price.

### Dealers Return to Boston.

Representatives of the wool merchants ended a two days' conference with the price-fixing committee of the War Industries Board and Quartermaster Corps officials tonight, virtually reconciled to the Government's attitude, and departed for Boston, where final consideration of voluntary acceptance will be given.

The Washington conference will be with the representatives of the National Woolgrowers Association. It is declared that the Government has taken the attitude that the interests of the growers are paramount, and intimation was made that the July 30 price was based on these interests. It is understood that the growers will be asked at tomorrow's meeting if they will accept that price basis voluntarily.

### Decision Reached Tuesday Night.

From Army officials it was learned that decision to fix the price on the July 30 basis was reached Tuesday night after all-day conferences between the price-fixing committee, Quartermaster Corps officials and the growers and dealers.

The official announcement of price fixed will give details which probably will make provision for slight differences in isolated instances. The great majority of wool, however, will be purchased at the prices prevailing July 30.

"Nothing definite has been received from the Government yet as to its action," said J. W. Creath, of the Portland Wool Warehouse Company, "but if the unofficial reports are correct, the wool growers of the Northwest will get the full benefit of the market basis outlined by the Government."

"It is not likely that any buying by dealers will be permitted, which necessarily means that the growers will consign their wools to houses authorized by the Government, will be graded and taken over by the authorities when the proper values have been placed upon them."

### Warehouse Has Big Facilities.

The Portland Wool Warehouse has facilities for handling 10,000,000 pounds of wool, which can be graded and put into proper shape to be turned over to the Government with very little delay. The grower will be able to receive as an advance a large portion of its value, when consigning the wool, and by shipping it to Portland will have the decided advantage of being in close touch with his product until its delivery is specified by the Government.

"Without official notification, it is too early to make a comparison of the prices now prevailing and those of July 31, last year, but it is not felt there will be any material difference. At any rate, the fear of some of the growers that they would have an unprofitable season are eliminated, for it is quite certain that substantial and satisfactory prices for Northwestern wool will be specified."

### Several Million Pounds Unsold.

Notice of the Government's action was also received by the H. F. Norton Company, of this city, the manager of which said:

"We have a wire today from Boston, stating the Government is going to take over all the wool which has been offered by the Boston wool trade, which includes all the wool held in Boston and all the wool which has been offered by the Boston wool trade, belonging to consignors from different parts of the country. It is also understood that the Government will take over all of the new clip. The price has not yet been arranged, but it will probably be based on the price ruling April '15, when the Government was offered the wool. The price, however, has not been definitely settled."

Several million pounds of 1917 wool remain unsold in this city and the amount is now being tabulated. There are also a few hundred thousand pounds of early 1918 wools that were shorn in Eastern Washington.

Wool shearing in Oregon is about two weeks off. The new clip of the state, it is figured, will amount to about 12,000,000 pounds.

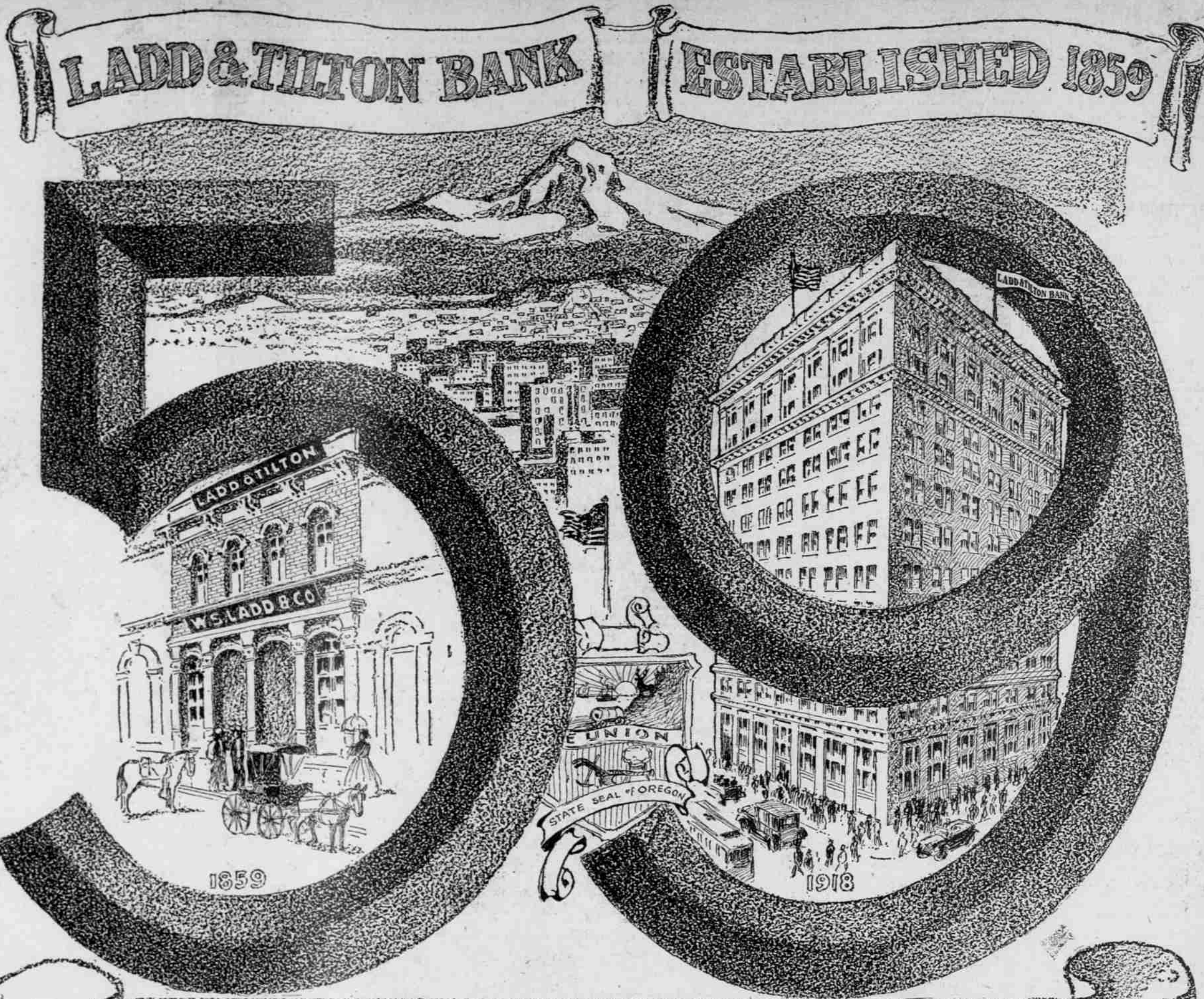
### WOOL PRICES DISCUSSED

Sheepman Gets Message From National Association Clip Is Heavy.

PENDLETON, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Senator J. N. Burgess, Pendleton sheepman, today received a message from S. W. McClure, secretary of the National Woolgrowers' Association, announcing the Government's determination to commandeer 1917 and 1918 wool crops.

The message says all wool will be appraised at concentration points. This, he believes, means at Pendleton for this district and at such other places as the annual auctions are usually held. The price of \$1.75 per fleece and \$1.45 for half-bloods is understood to be for scoured wools and as meaning about 60 cents for the best wools.

The wool this year is heavy, so, while the price may be a few cents lower for the coming crop, the grower will get about the same money for his clip.



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## BRUNE HELD GUILTY

Jury Convicts Man Who Killed  
Young Woman With Auto.

### ATTORNEY HINDMAN BITTER

Man's Verdict Creates Precedent—Appeal to Be Taken to  
Supreme Court—Judge Stapleton Defers Sentence.

Ed Brune, hotelman and bootlegger, was found guilty of manslaughter by the verdict of a jury in Circuit Judge Stapleton's court late yesterday afternoon. The jurors held that his reckless automobile driving while in a drunken condition on the night of February 15 last was responsible for the death of Miss Geraldine Alderson, 22-year-old daughter of County School Superintendent Alderson.

This is said to be the first case of record in the courts of Oregon where a verdict of manslaughter has been returned against a reckless automobile driver whose machine has run down and killed a pedestrian.

Brune's Intoxication Established. Brune, the testimony of practically every witness but himself disclosed, was badly intoxicated late the night of February 15, when his machine, a heavy touring car, struck Miss Alderson at the corner of Second and Main streets. The young woman received a deep fracture at the base of the skull, from which she died the following morning at the Good Samaritan Hospital.

The testimony in the case was concluded Tuesday, and arguments were

continued yesterday until nearly 4 o'clock. The closing argument for the state was made by Deputy District Attorney Hindman, who subjected Brune to a bitter arraignment.

His address to the jury reached a climax when he leaned across the table, and, shaking his fist within a few inches of Brune's blanched face, shouted:

"It's a lucky thing for you, Ed Brune, that it was not my wife or my son whose life you snuffed out that night during your drunken automobile ride, for had it been either of them instead of poor Geraldine Alderson, who now lies sleeping out in Mount Scott Cemetery, you would not have been here today bearing this jury of 12 men for your freedom. For had it been my child instead of this broken-hearted father sitting here asking only for justice, I would have killed you myself, you despicable cur; and I would be sitting here asking this jury to give me my freedom because I had taken your miserable life."

Attorney Appeals to Court. Tom Garland, of counsel for Brune, jumped to his feet and demanded of the court that Hindman be compelled to stop his impassioned plea to the jury.

"I will not tolerate any further interruptions when counsel is making his argument, and if there is any more of it somebody is going to get hurt," warned Judge Stapleton.

Hindman then continued with his plea to the jury that Brune be sent to the penitentiary. He told the jurors that if they insisted upon freeing a drunken autoist whose careless driving had killed an innocent girl, they need not expect to come into court themselves and seek justice if one of their daughters or wives should be killed in the same manner.

Deputy District Attorney Mowry assisted in the prosecution, while John H. Stevenson was associated with Tom Garland in Brune's defense. Brune's attorneys asked for 10 days in which to file an appeal, while Mrs. Brune sat with her two small children in the rear of the courtroom weeping aloud. The penalty for involuntary manslaughter is from one to 15 years in the penitentiary. Judge Stapleton will pronounce judgment later in the week.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

## LABOR HAS NEW ORGAN

SEATTLE UNION RECORD IS AFTER-  
NOON DAILY.

"Published for Principle, Not Profit,"  
Is Editorial Policy of Paper, Which  
Stands by President.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—Seattle journalism received another member into its fold today, when the Seattle Union Record, official organ of the Central Labor Council, appeared on the streets as an afternoon daily. "Published for principle, not for profit," is the expressed editorial policy of the paper. It announces as part of its fixed policy that "in regard to the war this paper will endeavor to line up the people of this community behind the democratic purposes outlined by President Woodrow Wilson in his recent historic utterances."

With respect to politics it says: "The policy of this paper will be guided by the political policy of the Central Labor Council, its owner."

The evening edition is an eight-column, eight-page publication. It carries the telegraph news service of the United Press, the same service used by The Star, and the first issue features several local stories, including a cartoon and humorous illustration. Labor propaganda is to be confined to the back page.

### CREDIT MEN STUDY LAW

Conrad P. Olson Explains Promissory Notes to Association.

Luncheon and school are combined in the weekly meetings of the Portland Association of Credit Men, who assembled yesterday noon at the Multnomah Hotel in the seventh number of their educational course, which is designed to inform the members on various phases of commercial law.

Conrad P. Olson addressed the asso-

ciation yesterday on "Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange." At previous meetings other Portland attorneys have spoken before the credit men. E. W. Johnson, chairman of the committee on credit-education and management, presided at yesterday's luncheon.

The eighth and last luncheon of the series will be held next Wednesday at the Multnomah. The speaker and topic have not yet been announced.

### AIRPLANE NEEDS STUDIED

C. W. Zimmerman Returns From  
Visit to Eastern Factories.

C. W. Zimmerman, engineer of forestry products, returned yesterday from the East, where he has made an exhaustive study of specifications for wing spars for war and training airplanes. He has been on detail work at the forestry products laboratory at Madison, Wis., and has visited every airplane factory in the country.

During his absence operations at the forestry products laboratory at Seattle, Wash., where he was in charge, have practically been suspended. He will resume his position there in a few days.

### CLASS PLAY TO BE GIVEN

High School of Commerce Seniors to  
Present "Those Vexing Girls."

The first senior class play ever given by the High School of Commerce will be given tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the Lincoln High School auditorium. "Those Vexing Girls" is the title of the play, and those who will take part have worked faithfully for some time past in rehearsing the various parts.

The leading part will be played by Carl Shier and Miss Beas Gellier will be the leading woman. Others who will take part are Florence Abramson, Helen Levett, Louise Mohr, Miss Alta Freeman, Miss Betty Nusbaum, Miss Alta Daniels, Sam Tessler, Norman Henderson, Morris Rogoway, Charles

Bequette, George Collison, Hugo Lindahl and Lloyd De Venny.

January 1918 imports were valued at \$385,000,000, an increase of \$7,000,000 over December, but exports showed a falling off of \$80,000,000 from the very high figure of \$584,000,000 recorded for December.



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