

CLIPS GOING FAST

Sixty-Five Per Cent of Oregon Wools Sold to Date.

BUYING HEAVY IN WEEK

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Wool buying has been very heavy in Oregon, Washington and Idaho in the past week. Buyers have taken hold freely of both short and unshorn wools.

In all parts of Eastern Oregon trading has been on a large scale. A number of good-sized clips changed hands. The largest individual sale during the week was the clip of Lee Brothers, of Baker. There were 25,000 fleeces in this lot, but the price paid for it was not made public.

Because of the rapid selling movement all the scheduled wool sales, it is said, have been practically called off except those at Madras and Pilot Rock. At the latter place there will be a sale on Thursday, May 21, when about 60,000 pounds will be offered.

Although the clip is of excellent quality, dealers figure that it will run about 1,500,000 lighter than that of last year. The reason for this is a decrease in Wallawa County, where they have 85,000 sheep this year, against 120,000 a year ago.

In Washington not over 500,000 pounds of wool is known to be un-sold. Western Idaho has passed through an active contracting period in the past 10 days, buyers paying 1 1/2 and 1 1/2 cents.

BIG DEMAND FOR ALL STRAWBERRIES

Receipts Are Largest of Season and Prices Are Good.

The strawberry market cleaned up yesterday in good shape, although receipts of Oregon were the largest of the season. Prices for the most part ranged between \$2 and \$2.25.

Receipts of California berries were large, 4,000 crates coming in from the coast. These were loaded out for Seattle, and that relieved the congestion. Florin Dollars sold at \$1 to \$1.25.

Local berries are coming in now at the rate of 500 to 600 crates per day. This week two or three crates daily will be coming from Springbrook, Ilex and Newberg districts.

These berries are in very strong demand in Germany. The growers in former seasons have lost money by lack of organization in their marketing. It is expected that they will recoup this year, as the berries are showing fine quality, and when not packed too high in the crates will no doubt carry to British Columbia in better condition than from the early districts around Portland.

NEW BONES BOUGHT AT 14 CENTS

Government Figures Show Exports of Over 120,000 Bales.

Nearly all the members of the hop trade attended the meeting of the association at Salem yesterday and crop business in the spot market was reported. The Uhlmanns have contracted for 40,000 pounds of the new crop with a Chinese grower at 14 cents per pound.

ORANGES AND LEMONS ARE FIRMER

Independent Business May Be on Market This Week.

The orange market continues to display a remarkable firmness and the movement, considering the advent of the strawberry season, is exceptionally heavy.

WHEAT PRICES ARE HOLDING STEADY

Strength East and Abroad Prevents Local Market From Falling.

While the wheat market was dull at the close of the week, the strength of the European and Eastern markets held prices steadier than would otherwise have been the case.

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