

SLEEP IN BED

Southern Oregon Growers Appeal to Government for Help.

INDUSTRY IS THREATENED

Lake County Association Asks That Federal Authorities Provide Enough Cotton Seed Cake or Other Fodder to Tide Over.

The Government is asked to help the sheep industry of Southern Oregon by providing feed in those sections where the hay crop this year is a failure. Unless such aid is rendered, it is declared that the sheep industry, particularly in Lake County, will be crippled. At a meeting held at Lakeview on June 20, the Lake County Wool Growers' Association unanimously adopted a resolution appealing to the Government for assistance. The resolution declares that the smallness of the hay crop makes it impossible to get an adequate supply to insure the safe wintering of the breeding sheep, and that unless fodder can be secured it will be necessary for the breeders to sell at least one-half of their breeding stock for mutton, which will result in the ruin of the sheep industry in the county, and conclude:

"Whereas, The Government has deemed it advisable and necessary in the public interest to assume a certain measure of control over the sheep industry, through the fixing of the price of wool, and it is only just and proper that some assistance should be rendered the sheepmen at this critical time, in order that the wholesale catastrophe which threatens to cripple the industry may be averted; and

"Whereas, In mere self-protection, the Government is vitally interested in this matter, when it is appreciated that, in Lake and the adjoining counties of Harney and Klamath, which are situated in the same area, there are upward of half a million sheep on the range; and

"Whereas, It is possible to retrieve the situation if sufficient quantities of cottonseed cake can be secured and transported to the sheep-raising districts, to be fed to the sheep during the coming winter along with the hay which is available; such cake having been used by sheepmen in this district with considerable success during the past two winters; and

"Whereas, The cost of such cake, with the added transportation, is prohibitive and renders it out of the question for the sheepmen, unaided, to make the necessary arrangements to provide a sufficient supply; now, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this association earnestly requests the Government of the United States to immediately take such steps as may be necessary looking to the securing of cottonseed cake, or other suitable fodder, in sufficient quantities to relieve the impending scarcity and transportation for same to central points of distribution throughout the sheep-raising country; and be it further

"Resolved, That copies of this resolution be forthwith sent to the Federal Food Administrator for Lake County, Oregon, to the Federal Food Administrator for Oregon and to the Senators and Representatives of Oregon in Congress, for their consideration, and that the desperate situation in which the sheepmen find themselves, the very serious situation which threatens the wool industry particularly in the Lake County section (mutton supply), with its inevitable effects upon the military establishments and upon the general public, and that it is imperative that they make every effort further the adoption of immediate remedial measures upon the part of the Government, while there is yet time."

COARSE GRAIN PRICES ARE STEADY

Small interest in market at present time. Foreign crop outlook Good. All coarse grain bids at the Merchants Exchange yesterday were the same as on Friday. There is small interest in the market at the present time. The renewal of activity is not expected until the new crop comes on the market.

Weather conditions in the Middle West were quite favorable for the coming week. South, Kansas, Nebraska generally fair to light and Sunday. Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota part cloudy to unsettled. South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, good rains in western part of South Dakota. Duluth clear. Minneapolis cloudy, warm. Winnipeg, Chicago, Peoria clear, 65. Omaha part cloudy, 70. Kansas City, St. Joseph, Topeka, Hutchinson, Topeka, Ohio Valley, French Lick, hot."

Foreign crop conditions are summarized in Brownsville cable as follows: France—Crop outlook satisfactory. Conditions generally favorable. Rice crop this year very good; cutting commenced in early July. Italy—After recent storms weather turned fine and if improvement continues much damage caused by rains will be made good. Expectations for a moderate return of wheat.

Spain—Sunshine has favored the maturing of crops but moisture is desired in some sections. Recent reports of the coming wheat crop have been of less favorable nature. United Kingdom—Weather has been generally favorable for all crops. Sunshine has been beneficial to the grain. Wheat in the whole is very promising and wheat in grain in many sections. Barley and oats are making good growth.

North Africa—Crop promises in Algeria is very good and Morocco expects a large surplus than last year.

New Zealand—There are reports of efforts to save a record wheat crop. Russian—Disasters continue and it is reported that peasants have been destroying crops.

Argentine shipments of wheat in the past week were 2,325,000 bushels to the United Kingdom, 805,000 bushels to the Continent and 605,000 bushels to new European ports. Terminal receipts in cars were reported by the Merchants Exchange as follows:

Wheat—Portland, Ore., July 6, 1918. Year ago... 1 2 43 15 21 Total this week... 2 43 15 21 Year ago... 1 2 43 15 21 Total this week... 2 43 15 21 Year ago... 1 2 43 15 21 Total this week... 2 43 15 21

FRUIT DEVELOPMENT HELD BACK

Weather conditions in Washington have not been favorable.

Weather conditions in May and June were not favorable for the best development of Washington fruit crops, according to a report just issued by H. L. Davis, chief of the division of horticulture of the State Department of Agriculture. The frequent spring frosts followed by unusually dry weather have decreased the output, yet at the present time, where sufficient moisture was available from irrigation or other sources, apples and pears are of much better size than they were at this time in 1917. The June crop was very small and some of the fruit that did not drop shows severe frost markings. Both the green and rosy apples have been very active this spring, and where thorough spraying for the control of the fruit was available from damage will be manifest in the form of dwarfed and ill-shaped fruits.

The spring frosts, followed by prolonged dry hot weather, curtailed the strawberry crop at least 50 per cent. The crop of bush fruits, based upon present indications, will far exceed that of last season.

The apple crop of the leading counties of

the state is estimated in carloads as follows: Yakima and Kittitas counties... 7250 Benton and Franklin counties... 4700 Chelan County... 6312 Okanogan County... 13,800 Douglas and Grant counties... 473,724 Spokane district... 1967 Walla Walla district... 142 Clarke County at present has a prospect for the largest prune crop in the history of the county. If the present dry weather does not cause an abnormal drop of the fruit, the crop should be at least 6000 tons of dried fruit. A shortage of evaporators is now facing the growers and many are constructing new ones, while others are enlarging the old plants.

BUTTER PRICE CUTTING MAY STOP

Uniform Print Quotations Looked for in Coming Week.

There was a good demand for cube butter at the close of the week at 45 cents for extras. According to trade reports, the price is likely to be on a uniform basis again in the coming week.

Egg receipts were light and the quality not as good as heretofore, which increases the spread between case count and candled prices.

Poultry and dressed meats were firm, with light receipts.

Bank Clearings.

Bank clearings of the Northwestern cities yesterday were as follows:

Portland... \$1,418,578 Tacoma... \$1,254,780 Seattle... \$1,010,404 Spokane... \$1,074,744

California Produce Shipments.

Carlot shipments of California produce to Western markets were:

Apples—One each to Portland and Seattle.

Cantaloupes—One each to Medicine Hat and Saskatoon.

Onions—One each to Portland, Eugene and Seattle.

Potatoes—Two to Portland.

Potatoes—One each to Portland, American Lake, Butte and Salt Lake, five to Seattle, four to Ogden. Shipped July 6, but unreported, five to Salt Lake.

Cabbage Receipts Falling Off.

Receipts of cabbage are falling off and the quality is deteriorating. The crop is turning out short. The local market was firm yesterday, with Early York quoted at \$2.00 per 100 lbs. California Winnings at \$2.50 per hundredweight.

The first Oregon cabbages have been received and sold at \$1.50 a dozen. It looks as if the early crop for this year will be available in no local stock coming in and California prices are too ripe to ship.

PORTLAND MARKET QUOTATIONS

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Merchants' Exchange, noon session.

July delivery: Bid. 100.00

Standard feed... 52.00

Hay—No. 2... 54.00

Onions—No. 1... 55.00

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Onions—No. 3... 55.00

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Onions—No. 5... 55.00

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Onions—No. 14... 55.00

Onions—No. 15... 55.00

Onions—No. 16... 55.00

WEAR GRP EARLY

First Car of New Grain of Season Reaches Chicago.

WEEK AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

Corn Market Is Stronger on Belief That Arrivals Will Soon Fall Below Immediate Requirements.

Weather Conditions Good.

CHICAGO, July 6.—Belief that arrivals of corn would soon fall below immediate requirements strengthened the market today for July delivery, but August and September looked, owing to the auspicious crop outlook, prices closed unaltered, 5 1/2 net lower to 1 1/2 advance, with August 1.53 1/2 to 1.54, and September 1.53 1/2 to 1.54. Cash finished 5 1/2 to 1 1/2 down, and provisions varying from 1c decline to a rise of 2 1/2c.

Although traders expected to see a fairly good movement of corn yet from rural points for a week or so, the opinion was general that loading of new wheat would then turn out so brisk that cars available for corn would be relatively scarce. In this connection, the fact evolved comment that the first new wheat of the season reached Chicago today, a week earlier than in 1917.

Heavy hedging sales against large purchases to arrive here, but the market was on the down grade.

Provisions averaged higher with hogs. Leading receipts ranged as follows:

CORN. High. Low. Close.

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Moderate Inquiry Restricted to Minor Issues.

MARKET LEADERS ARE DULL

Steel Goes to Best Quotation of Week, But Ends With Slight Loss.

Bonds Are Firm, With Gains in War Issues.

NEW YORK, July 6.—Opening with an uncertain tone, today's curtailed session of the stock market soon evinced firmer tendencies, in a few instances developing market strength. Steels of the so-called independent group, notably Crucible, Shearwater and American, particularly Mexican Petroleum, Marine preferred and minor war issues, all retained the greater part of their 1-1/2 point advance. Lower-priced stocks also shared in the irregular movement.

Chicago Steel made a fractional advance to its best quotation of the week, but closed at a slight loss. Metals moved slightly and numerous other speculative favorites received scant attention. Sales amounted to 100,000 shares.

The bank statement was interesting for its decided reversal from the previous week. The bank statement showed an actual decrease of \$135,000,000, which more than offset the huge gain reported at the close of the week, and a decrease of \$125,000,000 in reserves of Clearing House members held by the Federal Reserve Bank, exceeding by about \$27,000,000 the recent gain in that item.

Bonds were firm, most of the war issues hardening with a gain of 1/4 in Tokio 5s. The Liberty group was about steady. Total sales of Liberty bonds, \$1,000,000. Liberty Bonds (old issues) were unchanged on call during the week.

CLOSING STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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