

WHEAT MARKETS

TO BE HEAVY

Larger Number of Sheep and Heavier Fleeces Reported in Southwest.

Front street features: Sheep have heavier fleeces. Sheep sales are very low figures. Eggs are still dropping. Chicken demand is good. Hailbut is selling down. Hailbut too low for new estimates. Hailbut comes in rather green. Local cabbage in poor shape. Salmon receipts smaller again. Wheat is firm, but unchanged.

Wool Returns Are Better. Returns from the sheep shearers of the southwest indicate that the season has been a very successful one. The reports say that in almost every instance fleeces were heavier than a year ago.

All Have Heavier Wool. Just what the reason is for the heavier fleeces on the sheep all over the country none are able to say, but it is believed that in practically every section of the world at this time, there is a year of heavier fleeces.

Wool Buyers Not Stirring. Whether it indicates that there is a lesser demand for wool this season, or whether the wool buyers are being lulled by the present inactivity of the buyers is causing some little concern among sheep raisers.

Egg Market Still Dropping. A lower range of values is again shown in the egg market. Receipts continue to increase and while demand is good, buyers are taking advantage of the situation and are buying as cheaply as possible.

Local Cabbage in Poor Shape. As a general thing late arrivals of local cabbage have been in poor shape and prices have been correspondingly low. For fancy grades of local stock the market price is just the same as for the new growth now coming from California.

Brief Notes of the Trade. Hops are selling as low as 3c a pound for ordinary grades. The hop market remains firm, but arrivals just fair. Salmon receipts are smaller from the Columbia. A small amount of smelt is available.

Grain, Flour and Feed. GRAIN BAGS—Calcutta, 9c; large ton; small tons, 9 1/2c. WHEAT—Track prices—Club, 80c; L. Russian, 78c; bluestem, 82c; valley, 80c.

Butter, Eggs and Poultry. BUTTER FAT—F. O. B. Portland—West cream, 36c; sour, 34c. EGGS—New production price—No. 1, \$2.27 per doz; No. 2, \$2.26.50. FLOUR—Eastern Oregon patents, 40c; straight, 37c; exports, 37.50c; best, 44.5c; family, 41c; ordinary, whole wheat, 44.75c; rye, 50c; 55.50c, less, 53c.

REGION HOPGROWERS RIFE FOR A UNION. Hopgrowers are ripe for organization but the main trouble heretofore has been that a few large operators wanted to get control and therefore placed their representatives in every section of the coast. The growers realize that something must be done to curtail the average or else hops will not be worth within a fraction of the cost of harvesting them.

Has Shearing Record. Broke the world's shearing record at Beardsley's, Feb. 25. The record is coming to Umattilla and Morrow counties to shear this spring. He will join the shearing crew at Peppers about March 15. Hill sheared 325 sheep in nine hours at Beardsley, Arizona, this week, breaking the former record of 310 held by Jack Wynn of New Mexico. The crew of 30 men in which Hill worked on the record-breaking day sheared 652 head of sheep. Morrow and Umattilla county sheep shear easier than the sheep of the northwest, and it is expected that Hill will beat his Arizona record with the Hopper crew.

WILL PLANT SEVEN TONS OF PEACH PITS

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Spokane, Feb. 25.—The planting of seven tons of peach pits in the Sunnyside district, southwest of Spokane, will begin in a short time, and from these it is expected to grow 500,000 trees, most of which will be sent into the Methow valley in Okanogan county, Washington, where it is planned by Spokane men to develop one of the best peach orchards in the country. While apple growing is one of the chief industries in Washington, where the yield in 1907 was estimated at \$10,000,000, it is declared by expert horticulturists that the market value of the peach crop will amount to \$3,500,000 within five years.

Mops, Wool and Hides. HOPE—1907 crop, first prime, 5 1/2c; prime, 5c; medium to first, 5c; medium, 4 1/2c; 1908 crop, 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c. WOOL—1907 clip—Valley, 16 1/2c; eastern Oregon, 17 1/2c to 18c. HIDES—Dry hides, 12 1/2c to 13c; green, 14c to 15c; calves, green, 5c to 6c; kip, 3c to 4c. SHEEPskins—Shearers, 5c to 6c each; short wool, 25c to 30c; medium wool, 50c to 60c each; long wool, 75c to 80c.

POTATOES—Select, 70¢ to 75¢; soil-firm, buying, Willamette valley, 40¢ to 45¢; eastern Multnomah and Clackamas, 45¢ to 50¢. ONIONS—Jobbing price, \$2.50 to \$3.00; buying, spot, \$2.00 to \$2.50, garlic, 7c to 8c. APPLES—Select, 20¢; fancy, 17 1/2c; choice, 15¢ to 16¢; ordinary, 9c to 11c. PEARS—Eureka, 12¢ to 13¢; Bartlett, 12¢ to 13¢; Bananas, 6¢ per lb; lemons, 25¢ to 30¢; grapefruit, 35¢ to 40¢; pineapples, 45¢ to 50¢; peaches, fancy, 12¢ to 14¢; ordinary, 10¢ to 12¢; cherries, 17¢ a box; Japan oranges, 40¢ to 45¢ a box; persimmons, 17¢.

Meats, Fish and Provisions. DRESSED MEATS—From a select—Hogs, fancy, 10c; ordinary, 9c; pig, 6c; 1/2c lb; veal, extra, 12c; 10c; per lb; ordinary, 9c; heavy, 10c; lamb, 10c; mutton, 10c; beef, 10c; ham, 10c; bacon, 10c; corn, 10c; pork, 10c; lard, 10c; butter, 10c; eggs, 10c; flour, 10c; sugar, 10c; coffee, 10c; tea, 10c; spices, 10c; oils, 10c; miscellaneous, 10c.

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Market Loses 10 to 15c With Quite Liberal Arrivals Today. (United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Feb. 25.—Hogs, 28.00; cattle, 22.00; sheep, 18.00. Hogs are steady at yesterday's prices; left over 4.200. Mixed, 44.15 to 45.50; heavy, 44.30 to 45.50; rough and heavy, 44.15 to 45.50; light, 44.15 to 45.50. Cattle—Steady to 10c lower. Sheep—Steady.

BID PRICE OF HECLE ADVANCED 80 CENTS. Spokane, Wash., Feb. 25.—There was a slightly better tone in mining shares today and some fair-sized advances were noted. The bid price of Hecle was advanced 80c, but the asked price remained unchanged at 350.

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Northwest Crop Weather. Western Oregon—Rain tonight and Thursday; fresh southerly breeze. Western Washington—Rain tonight and Thursday; fresh southerly breeze. Interior, moderate to westerly gale along coast. Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and Idaho—Rain tonight and Thursday.

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WORK HOURS SHORTER; PUBLIC SUFFERS MORE

THINKS COMBINATION STILL REFUSE TO SELL

Members of the special investigating committee of the city council resumed taking testimony against the alleged combination of furniture men this morning and examined three witnesses. F. A. Jones, who conducts a mail order house at Front and Oak streets, testified this morning that he had been unable to purchase goods from a number of wholesalers and manufacturers because he encroached upon the business of their country customers. Mr. Jones testified that he believed a combination still exists between the wholesalers and their country customers. Mr. Jones refused to sell to any one who showed a tendency to cut prices. He said if a new man were to commence business in Portland he would be able to buy goods from the wholesalers as long as he refrained from cutting prices.

W. H. Phelan, another mail order man at Front and Oak streets, testified that his price for "household treasures" was \$2.50, whereas the price received by members of the association was \$4.50. His price for linoleum, he said, was from 50 to 55 cents a square yard against 72 cents as charged by the country customers. Mr. Jones testified that the cost of bed springs for members of the association was \$1.30 and sold for \$3.50.

DRAMAIC READER DELIGHTS AUDIENCE. Miss Noyes Scores Triumph in "She Stoops to Conquer," at St. Helens. "She Stoops to Conquer" was brilliantly given last night at St. Helens' Hall by Miss Edith Coburn Noyes of the Emerson School of Oratory, Boston. The play, which was given in the hall near Miss Noyes' residence, was a triumph for her. She has been praised for her fascinating personality and the brilliance of her art. She carried away a splendid ovation from the audience throughout the entire evening, and was wonderfully successful in her portrayal of the different characters in the sparkling comedy.

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