PRICES OF MOHAIR IN OREGON NO CRITERION DECLARES AN EXPERT

Oregonian's Article Misleading and Wrong in Conclusions, Says Writer.

Law of Supply and Demand Affects Conditions; Better Prices Are Predicted for the Mear Puture.

To the Editor of The Journal-In the Oregonian of Saturday, September 26, is an editorial, entitled "The Goat as a Tariff Victim."

This article is so misleading and so wrong in its conclusions that I am asking for space in which to answer it. In this article I note the follow-Specimen sales of mohair in gon have been as follows:

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		Pounds.	Cents.
Carlton		2.000	35.25
Brownsville .			35.75
Eddyville			28.45
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Cottage Grove			34.00
Lebanon		25.000	33.00
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in the fact that the price of mohair in Oregon ranges from 6 to 7 cents, or approximately the reduction in tariff I particularly refer to the last paragraph in which it is asked: "Is or is there not any significance in the fact that the price of mohair in Oregon ranges from 6 to 7 cents, or approximately the reduction in tariff

Papers Contention Denied.

I am secretary of the Northwest Angora Goat association, a member of the executive board of the National Mohair Growers' association, and also an officer in the American Angora Gpat Breeders' association, and I wish to say that there "is no significance n the fact that the price of mohair in Oregon ranges from 6 to 7 cents because of a reduction in duty on mo-

Had the gentleman who got together the foregoing table gone back a little bit farther he would have found that only a few years ago mohair was selling for 18 and 20 cents per round. There have been times when it went as low as 18 cents, and this was under the Payne tariff law, which existed until the past year,

Unfortunately the price of mohair is subject to fashions and tases in wearing apparel, and in 1914, the demand for mobair for ladies' dress goods slackened for the reason that styles changed from mohair to woolen

Try to Control Market.

In addition to this, in 1912 and 1913 certain buyers in the northwest, for the purpose of controlling the market, an extent prices in the northwest were higher than those in Boston, Mass., and Bradford, England.

The fact of the matter is that prices in the northwest in 1912 and 1913 were higher than prices in Boston and Bradford.

It is a fact that in 1912 and 1913 the Payne tariff law carried a 12 cent duty on mohair, but every mohair grower knows that the Payne tariff law did not enable him to get his share of this 12 cent duty, for the fact that only a short time ago we were receiving 18 cents and 20 cent for our mohair, while only last year we got from 30 cents to 34 cents per pound proves this contention.

While mohair carried a duty of 12 cents per pound, wool carried a duty of 11 cents, and today wool is bringing from 18 cents to 25 cents per pound. and it must be remembered that wool is on the free list, while mohair carries a 15 per cent ad valorem.

If, then, wool has increased in price on a free tariff basis, why has not mohair, with the 15 per cent ad valorem, increased also?

Natural Laws Apply.

The question is answered by the fact that the law of supply and demand regulates the price on all commodities. and it is for this reason that mohair prices took a slump the past season. In addition to this, mohair buyers took advantage of the war in Europe

for further cuts in prices.
I wish to add further that we have in the Northwest Angora Goat association and the National Mohair Growers' association, the latter of which has members in every state in the Union, such an organization that there is no necessity for us to sell this year unless we wish to, and while sales were made this year at Eddyville, Cottage Grove and Junction City of a small portion of the mohair produced in the northwest, they were precipitate in their actions, for had they waited until we have our national sales they would have received far more for their mohair than what they did, for it is reasonable to conclude that since importations are now cut off, American mills will have to depend upon our American products. Better Prices Expected.

There are excellent reasons for us to believe that we will eventually get ces as large as we did in 1912 and For this reason I wish to emphasize the fact that prices quoted at Eddyville, Cottage Grove and Junction

City are in no way criterions of the se.co we will receive for the 3,500,000 of mohair which the National Mohair Growers' association will sell. While it is my bounden duty to get as much for our growers as is possible, I can state with every degree of confidence that when the sales for this season are made it will be found that we have received as much in 1914 as

we averaged in the past two years. The fact that the war in Europe occasioned a curtailment of importation leads us to believe that we will receive a price for our mohair far greater than in previous prices received. The article, "The Goat as a Tariff Victim," was so misleading that I have deemed it necessary to write these few nes, ALVA L. McDONALD, Secretary Northwest Angora Goat

Association.

Fund for Universal Peace. Copenhagen, Sept. 28. - Professor Asl of Christiania university proposes that the Nobel prize money for the best work during each year in the cause of peace, in physics, science, etc., be concentrated in a fund to organize an international agitation fo universal peace,

German Prisoners

ers, Says Letter of American Vice-Consul to Officials Here.

That there are 80 Germans prisoners of the English at Hongkong, was the war information from the orient received in a letter from John B. Sawyer, American vice-consul at Hong-kong and formerly Chinese inspector in the government immigration service here, by Henry McConnell, chief clerk to United States Attorney Reames, Saturday. The letter in part

"The C. P. R. liner that brought your letter is the last to cross the Pacific ocean until the war is over. She is now painted slate color and sent out to make trouble. We do not look for a bombardment of Hongkong. The 'extras' are now saying that Japan declared war on Germany. Even without Japan entering the conflict, England's strength in the orient exeeded Germany's. "Nearly all the Germans have left

Held at Hongkong on the Peak, or else have signed an undertaking not to commit any hostile act, go outside of certain bounds or spread rumors regarding the fortunes of war. I think the German pressure of american vices of war. I think the German prisoners number 80 now most of prisoners number 80 now, most of whom have been taken from vessels calling here. The British have treated the Germans very well so far."

AUCTION SALE ON FARM

number of cows, bulls, goats, horses, a boar, chickens, feed and a of other articles and animals are to be sold at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Cedar Brook farm at Sherwood, Or. The sale is to take place Portland at 7:30 o'clock in the morning. O. B. Stubbs, 61 Sixth street, has the full particulars of the propos

Stepped on a Match. San Francisco, Sept. 28 .- Mrs. Mary Walker, 60, acidentally stepped on a which set fire to her clothing, burning her so badly that it was be the colony and there used to be a good lieved she would die

ROAD TO MOUNT HOOD IS URGED BY HOLMAN

Completion of 12 Mile Piece All That Is Needed, Says County Commissioner,

SCENIC BEAUTY PRAISED

Columbia Highway, Barlow Boad; Grade Would Be Easy.

Should a suggestion made by Coun-

mountain, travel down the beautiful the Columbia River Highway by making by way of the Columbia River through one variety of scenery and the columbia River through one variety of scenery and lighway or vice versa. All that stands in the way when the Mount Hood road becomes a reality is a 12-mile stretch along the eastern side of Mount Hood connecting the Barlow road, which will form a part of the Mount Hood road, from the county road through the Hood River valley.

Scenic Beauty Praised. last Friday rode horseback 25 miles along the proposed Mount Hood road and across the 12-mile stretch which he believes should be crossed with a good road. The road he proposes would eave the Barlow road about five miles beyond Government Camp and would ound the eastern face of the mountain a short distance below the snow

section one cannot believe that such beauty and magnificence exist." said "This short piece of road would make a link in the greatest ty Commissioner Rufus C. Helman re- scenic road ever projected. It would the Columbia River highway and from

that one may be able some day to scenery which could not help but de-leave Portland by the proposed road to light any traveler and would add to the Mount Hood, skirt the base of the delights of the Mount Hood road and back through another.

Easy Grade Possible "An easy grade could be found and the route would take the traveler through the magnificent forests of one of the big Oregon reserves. It would take one to a point 5000 feet above sea level where the air is wonderfully bracing and so close to the snow line Commissioner Holman has spent the that glaciers and peaks could be easpast few days at Hood River and ily seen. It would take people to the Fall Creek canyon, one of the prettiest spots it has been my good fortune to

see.
"I visited Commissioner Hannum of Hood River county and he is heartily in sympathy with the proposal. ready steps have been taken to interest Hood River business men in the preposition and I hope to gain backng in Portland that the matter may be taken up at the next legislature. I believe it would add many times to the attractiveness of both other roads. "While away I looked over the work being done on the Hood River end of

appearances I believe that part of the great road would be completed by the first of the year."

POMONA GRANGE TO MEET

The next quarterly meeting of Multnomah county Pomona Grange wil be held in December, with Evening Star Grange acting as host. There are now 932 grangers in the county with Evening Star, with a member ship of 254, as the largest, and Lents bership of the other granges, in or-der, is as follows: Woodlawn, 88; Russelville, 79; Columbia (Corbett), 72; Gresham, 64; Multnomah (Orient) 58; Fairview, 48, and Pleasant Valley

Australia Supports England. support for England was pledged on behalf of Australia by Premier Fisher | the date for the election on Novemin a speech at a meeting of leading ber 3 with the general election. men of Australia,

and Rockwood, 47 each.

The premier said he was sure the enthusiastic over their people of Australia would rather be the coming fight and any other nation than England and fifths majority is needed to carry the would send as many men as might be question. Kelso is basing its fight

Kelso Will Fight For County Seat

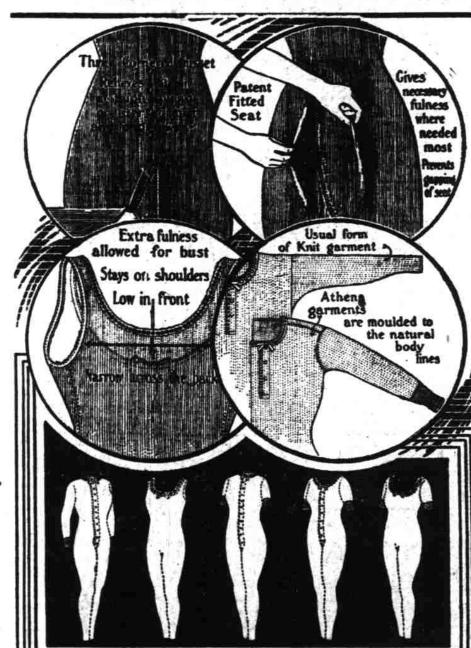
Voters Sign Petition to Wave Comm sioners Call Election to Decide Question.

Kelso, Wash., Sept. 28.-Because they maintain Kelso has a more favorable location for the great majority of the citizens of the county. is the largest town and is the center population of the county, many of the people of the county want the county seat moved to Kelso from Kalama. In the past week more than petitions asking that an election be called to decide the question and these petitions will be filed with the board Melbourne, Sept. 28 .- Unhesitating of county commissioners Monday. It is probable the commissioners will set

Kelso citizens and business men are enthusiastic over their prospects in than under the domination of they will win out, although a three-

Charge Purchases Tomorrow and Balance of Month Go On October Accounts Payable November First

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\$1.75 regular sizes reduced to, garment \$1.60 \$2.00 extra sizes reduced to, garment. .\$1.80
Athena No. 4000—Medium Weight Cotton Pants and

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Suits-\$2.50 sizes, 2 to 12 years, reduced to, garment \$2.25 \$3.00 sizes, 14 to 16 years, reduced to, garment \$2.70

High neck, long sleeves and ankle-length garments. Athena No. 10,776—Children's Wool-and-Cotton Union Suits-

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Athena No. 6670—Women's Worsted Union Suits— \$4.00 regular size garments reduced to, each \$3.55 Medium weight, high neck, long sleeves and in ankle

Athena No. 6286—Women's Merino Union Suits— \$3.50 regular size garments reduced to, each \$3.10 High neck, long sleeves, or Dutch neck, elbow sleeves ankle length.

Athena No. 5870-Women's Merino Union Suits-\$2.50 regular size garments reduced to, each \$2.19 \$3.00 outsize garments reduced to, each....\$2.65 These garments come in all different styles, in regular

and outsizes. Athena No. 7670-Women's Wool-and-Cotton Union

\$2.25 outsize garments reduced to, each....\$1.98 \$2.00 regular size garments reduced to, each \$1.79 Heavy weight, in white and gray. High neck, long sleeves, ankle length.

Athena No. 6150-Women's Mercerized Lisle Union Suits-

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