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OUTLOOK FOR WOOL

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR HIGHEST PRICES.

Charles Cunningham, a Foremost Umatilla County Sheepman, Gives Reasons Why the Next Clip Will Be High Priced.

Charles Cunningham believes the prospects are good for the best price for wool—next year's clip—that has been gotten for the Umatilla county product for 10 years.

He gives several reasons for the opinion. First, the advancing prices for wool all over the world—in Boston, New York and all the great foreign market centers for the product. The foreign price, which of course affects the domestic price sooner or later, is being greatly influenced by the wholesale destruction of sheep by flood and drouth in South Africa and in Australia. Second, the depletion of the surplus stocks held in this country by their being made up into goods; people are and have been buying more woolen goods than they have for years before—result, an increased demand upon the mills and the surplus stocks.

In nearly all parts of the world the present winter has been very cold, resulting in increased demand for woolen goods. The weather in this region and the present condition of the sheep both indicate a good quality of wool. Finally, he believes wool will bring from 15 to 16 cents per pound here next season.

A Wool Country.

Mr. Cunningham does not believe that mutton will ever be raised here to any greater extent than it now is, because this is par excellence a wool country. Wool sheep will always, in his opinion, be the more profitable. Mutton sheep tramp out twice as much grass which they do not use, their clip is 15 per cent cheaper and 33 per cent lighter, and so he believes mutton will never be raised here extensively. The demand now is all for fine wool, which corresponds with the present stocking of the range, which is nearly exclusively Merino.

He states that there has been, in his opinion, little deviation in the number of sheep in the county for the past 10 years—that the number has been a steady average of a quarter of a million for that length of time. Further, he does not believe the number will ever materially increase, as the natural supporting power of the country for sheep has about reached its limit. He states further, moreover, in substantiation of this opinion, that it will not be possible to winter next year on the present range in this county the natural increase of the coming season.

Very Healthy Range.

Mr. Cunningham states that foot-rot is cured by bringing sheep diseased with it upon this range, and that he has also known sore mouth to be cured by no other agency than the turning of sheep loose upon this range. The only disease that sheep ever have here without the trouble of importing it, is scab, and that in such a mild form it is always easily cured, and there is probably not a case of it in the county now, among the quarter of a million sheep.

Merino the Best.

He does not believe there will ever be a better sheep for this county than the Merino. It is the very best breed by all odds, and all that is needed is to keep up the quality. The crossing with the strain known as the Ramboulette—a French Merino—has resulted in a very perceptible increase in the size of the sheep in this county without in any degree impairing the quality of the wool. In fact, the quality of the wool since the introduction of the Ramboulette strain is in every respect equal to the highest grade of the original strain.

Mr. Cunningham now owns 10 Ramboulette rams imported from France, which cost him $200 each, and from which he expects 1300 progeny this spring. He also now has 3500 thoroughbred rams, while the total enumeration of his flocks counts up 20,000 sheep. He believes there will eventually be enough mills here to work up all the home product of wool. Our water power is practically unlimited, and all the other conditions are unrivaled.

Finest Woolen Goods.

He insists that the Pendleton Woolen Mills actually turn out as fine pure wool goods as are produced anywhere in the world. Moreover, it is not generally known here that this is the opinion of Eastern dealers in and importers of woolen goods.

Mr. Cunningham states that the room for profitable expansion of the milling business is not half understood by our people, but that it is sure to come, and Pendleton will eventually be a great manufacturing center—one of the greatest in the world—for woolens. Mr. Cunningham ended his talk on the wool question by saying, "As long as there is a tariff law the raising of wool will be the best paying business in the county."

Mr. Cunningham says this country is not adapted to the raising of Angora goats. They are browsers, pure and simple, and will not do well any length of time where they cannot get their living off small trees and shrubs. They will do well here in the mountains in the summer, but it is necessary to feed them in the winter, and the feed that is given them in the winter would better be fed to sheep.

Wanted—Three rooms for light housekeeping in good locality. Address G. W. D., care E. O.

IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

High Waters and Much Rain Cause Numerous Slides and Washouts.

Ashland, Or., Jan. 26.—Southern Oregon is in the grip of the heaviest rain storm and consequent flood of waters that has been experienced here in more than 10 years. Traffic on the Southern Pacific railroad is temporarily paralyzed through the Rogue River valley and the Siskiyou Mountains by slides and washouts. Two miles of track near Central Point are rendered unsafe by the raging waters, and slides and washouts, which trackmen are working hard to clear out, occurred Saturday at Wall Creek, near Summit in the Siskiyous, where the railroad company has recently completed extensive and very expensive revetments.

Near the state line at Cole there are several washouts. Northward in Josephine county the floods in the tributaries of Rogue River are causing much trouble.

Beef Trust Conspiracy Case.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 26.—The report of Special Commissioner I. H. Kinley of Kansas City, appointed to take testimony in the suit of Attorney General Crew, for ouster of the beef-packing companies from doing business in Missouri, for violation of the anti-trust laws, was called for argument in the state supreme court today. The fight of Attorney General Crow against the trusts has been pursued incessantly since he assumed office and the result of his efforts against the so-called packers' combine is awaited with keen interest. The report of Special Commissioner Kinley is extremely favorable to the attorney-general's side of the case. The report finds that the Armours, Swifts, Nelson Morris and other big companies are guilty of combining to fix and maintain prices for the sale of dressed beef in St. Joseph, St. Louis and Kansas City in violation of the laws of the state.

Bluegrass Editors Meet.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 27.—The Kentucky Press Association held its mid-winter meeting in Louisville today with an attendance of prominent editors from every section of the state. Thomas G. Watkins, president of the association, presided and among the topics discussed were the advertising law passed by the last legislature, the advantage of uniformity in advertising rates ,patent medicine advertisements, chances of the daily in small cities ,the best way to make money out of job work, the future of the metropolitan weekly, methods of building up a country newspaper, and the management of the press and composing rooms. The session closes this evening with a banquet at the Willard hotel, at which addresses will be delivered by several speakers of prominence.

Lumber Dealers' Convention.

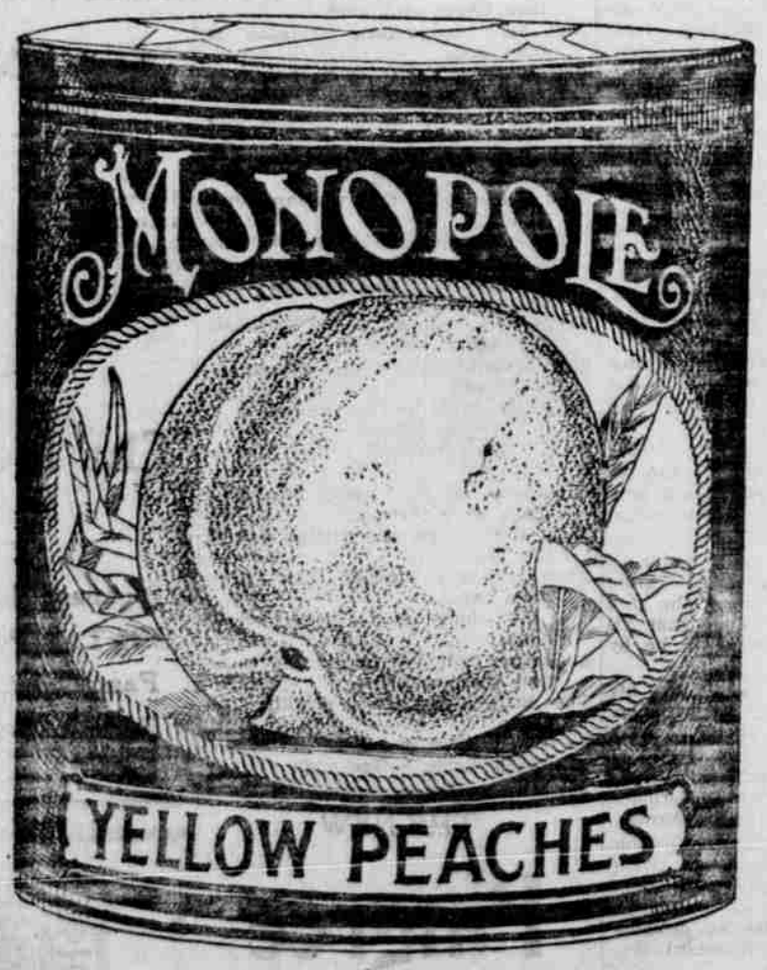
Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 27.—About 1500 lumbermen and others interested in the trade are attending the annual convention of the Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma Retail Lumbermen's Association, which began its sessions today at the Coates house. E. S. Miller, of Bethany, Mo., is president of the association, and Harry A. Gorsuch of this city is the secretary. The association wants an amendment to the interstate commerce law giving the commission power to enforce its rulings and resolutions to this end will be adopted by the association. Numerous other matters affecting the lumber trade are down for discussion. The convention will be in session two days.

New English Church Primate.

London, Jan. 27.—The members of the Ancient Order of Canterbury met today and formally elected Bishop Davidson, of W[illegible] of Canterbury, in succession to the late Dr. Temple. The election was a purely formal procedure, following King's nomination as a matter of course.

IT CROWNS THE FEAST

If you want to finish your meal with more pleasure and zest than you began it, ask your grocer to send you a can of Peaches or Pears or Cherries or other fruit under the same brand as this cut



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STURDIVANT BROS., Prop[s.]
Stage leaves Pendleton daily, except Su[nday] at 7 a. m., for Ukiah and intermediate p[oints]. Rates: To Pilot Rock, 75c; Pilot Rock and return, $1.25; to Nye, $1.25; Nye and return, $2; to Ringe, $1.75; to Ring and return, $3; Alba, $2.25; to Alba and return, $4.00; to U[kiah] $2.50; to Ukiah and return, $4.00.
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