

LAMB MARKET HAS A SLIGHT DECLINE

LIBERAL OFFERING OF SHEEP AT PORTLAND

Trade Shows Weakness at Other Markets—Demand for Feed Cattle Is Limited—No Hogs Arrive—Wheat Slightly Advanced.

(From Tuesday's Journal.) A fractional decline of 10c was shown in the market for lambs today when a select lot of Mount Adams stock sold at \$4.65 compared with recent sales of similar quality at \$4.75. At the same time several lots of selected yearling wethers sold at \$4 weighed off cars. This really means \$3.75 on the full, therefore the market for sheep is unchanged. There was a very liberal offering of sheep in the mutton division of the North Portland yards today. Total offerings were 5386 head with a large per cent of the shipment from the Mount Adams country. Portland was not alone with a big spurt in sheep offerings today for all markets seem to have been engaged

out to get more than their usual share. At South Omaha there were 53,000 head reported in during the past 24 hours while at Chicago the run of muttons reached a total of 40,000 head. The market for sheep and lambs here is just about holding its own because of the greater amount of poor quality than the trade can take care of. While there remains quite a fair fall for first class mutton and lambs, the overabundance of poor stuff is having its effect and a promising advance has been nipped in the bud. At Chicago today the sheep trade was weak with prices unchanged from yesterday, while at South Omaha owing to the heavy run the market was weaker and lower. Top lambs sold there today at \$5.75, yearlings \$4.35@4.65, wethers \$3.65@3.90 and ewes \$3.40@3.75. North Portland sheep and lamb ranges: Select lambs \$ 4.75 Ordinary lambs 4.35@4.50 Yearling wethers 3.35 Old wethers 3.00@3.25 Common lambs 2.75@3.00 Best ewes 2.90@3.20 Ordinary ewes 2.00@2.75 Feed Cattle Held Over. The feed cattle that came forward from Montana yesterday was held over until today owing to the absence of suitable demand and price offering. The shipment was sold early in the day at various figures all in line with previous quotations. There was only a fair run of cattle in the yards this morning with most of the stuff going through. Therefore outside of the sale of the Montana feeders the cattle division of the market was rather quiet today. At Chicago today there was a run of 7500 head of cattle with the market weak at unchanged figures. South Omaha cattle run for the day was 9500 head with the market slow. Top steers sold there this morning at \$7.25@7.80 and best cows and heifers at \$4.50@5.75. North Portland range: Select steers \$ 5.50 Fancy steers 5.40 Choice steers 5.40 Feeders 4.65 Common steers 4.00@4.25 Fancy heifers 4.75 Fancy cows 4.50 Feeder cows 3.25 Fancy bulls 3.00@4.00 Good ordinary bulls 2.00@2.50 Common bulls 2.00@2.25 Fancy light calves 7.50 Medium calves 5.00@6.50 Ordinary calves 4.00@5.00 No Hogs Arrive Today. There were no hogs offering in the North Portland market today and therefore quotations, as printed, may be considered nominal. A further softening of the swine trade is shown elsewhere, therefore it is to be presumed that the local trade will follow. For instance there was a decline of a dime at South Omaha this

morning, making tops there \$6.50. This means \$7.60 to land here. This is 15c under the last quotation made here for top stuff. At Chicago hogs were steady with tops at \$7.05. The run was 15,000 head today compared with 14,000 head a year ago. Nominal North Portland prices: Best light hogs \$ 7.75 Medium light 7.65@7.70 Good and heavy 7.00@7.25 Rough and heavy 6.00@6.50 Grain and Hay. Wheat—Producers' price: Track delivery club, 79c—80c; bluestem, 82c; fortyfold, 81c; Willamette valley, 81c; red Russian, 79c; Turkey red, 81c. Barley—Producers' price—1911 —Feed, \$33.50; rolled, \$35; brewing, \$36. Oats—Producers' price—Track No. 1 white, \$28@28.50; gray, \$27.50@28. No. 1 white, \$28.R500V; Millstuffs—Selling price— Bran, \$25@25.50; middlings, \$31; shorts, \$26@26.50; chop, \$19@25. Hay—Producers' price—1911—crop—Valley Timothy, fancy, \$14@15; ordinary, \$13@14; eastern Oregon, \$16.50@17; mixed, \$12; clover, \$9@10; wheat, \$10; cheat, \$10; alfalfa, new, \$11.50@12; oats, \$10. Slight Advance in Wheat. Chicago, Sept. 27.—At the closing there was a slight advance in the wheat market compared with the end of Tuesday's trading. Closing figures were 1-8 to 1-2 higher with the opening showing a loss of 1-4 to 3-8. There was a weaker tone abroad and this influenced some selling pressure at the opening. Total grain visible supply in bushels: Yesterday, Year ago Wheat 51,150,000 32,242,000 Corn 6,807,000 4,547,000 Oats 236,000 18,860,000

west, from Canada to Mexico. The commission then began the present inquiry on its own initiative, taking in the reasonableness of all rates on wool from the western states to points east. Three Witnesses Heard. Hearings have already been held in Chicago, Albuquerque, Denver and Salt Lake. The next hearing will be in Phoenix, Ariz., and the final one in Chicago, October 24. There were three witnesses examined this morning—General Freight and Passenger Agent W. E. Coman of the S. P. & S.; General Freight Agent Frank Robinson and Traffic Manager R. B. Miller, both of the O.-W. R. & N. company. Soon after the Oregon commission began its investigation one of the concessions asked of the railroads was granted—a rate was put in on sacked wool as well as baled wool. There still remains, however, a differential of 25 cents on the sacked wool. According to the testimony of the witnesses this morning the differential is absorbed by the road on which the traffic originates—for instance on a shipment from Vale to Boston the O.-W. R. & N. company would absorb the 25 cents if the wool were shipped in sacks, the local rate and its percentage, whatever it may be of the through rate. Tells of Competition. Mr. Robinson testified that there was some competition between the O.-W. R. & N. company and the Short Line for the wool business of Malheur and Harney counties, though he admitted no effort was made to have wool shipped from points west of Huntington to Portland so that shippers might secure the benefit of the ocean rates. He admitted, in reply to questions of Mr. Athelston and Mr. Marchand that he had heard growers in southwestern Oregon carried their wool to Winnemucca, Nev., on the line of the Southern Pacific, to take advantage of the much lower rate to eastern points that prevailed from Winnemucca than from points on the O.-W. R. & N. in Oregon. Mr. Coman, when asked concerning the effect of river traffic in forcing competition with the railroads in hauling wool from eastern Oregon and Washington to Portland, said that the combination of river and ocean rates thus affected was lower than the all-rail rate to the Atlantic seaboard. He thought very little wool originated from points on the river west of The Dalles and said he did not know of any wool shipments made by water on the boats operated by his company. More Testimony Coming. There is considerable testimony to be taken concerning the reasonableness of mohair rates as compared with wool rates. Mr. Coman testified that less mohair than wool is shipped, but that it is a more expensive article and that he considered it could carry a higher rate than wool. Asked concerning the reasonableness of the \$1 carload rate on wool from Portland to Boston, Mr. Coman testified that, in the opinion of the railroads, it was entirely too low, but was forced by ocean competition. Out of the \$1 rate to Boston, he said, the S. P. & S. secures, as its share, 18.5 cents. It secures 24 cents on the Chicago rate and 27 cents on the St. Paul rate. Mr. Robinson testified the wool shipped last year over his line approximated 2,000,000 pounds, of which perhaps 90 per cent was shipped directly east.—Portland Journal.

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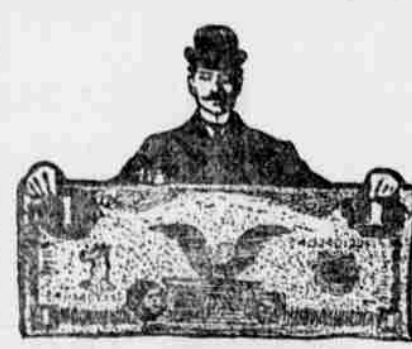
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