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### Wool Manufactories in Oregon.

The St. Johns Review, our nearest newspaper neighbor outside of Portland, presents some interesting facts about the new woolen mills there, which should be encouraging to capitalists who have the enlargement of the woolen manufacturing industry of Oregon in view—if there be any such men, and we hope there are.

The St. Johns Mills are running night and day, and cannot supply the demand for their products, one order for 65,000 yards of flannel being refused last week. The monthly yield is now about 40,000 yards of woolens, being over 25 per cent above the yield of the Sellwood mill before it was burned. About \$75,000 a year is paid to employes, many of whom own their homes or are purchasing them with their wages. The stock of the company, \$175,000 common and \$175,000 preferred stock, is nearly all owned by Portland men, who in investing their money in this way not only made a good investment for themselves but greatly benefited St. Johns, Portland, and the whole state.

Other woolen mills, if well managed, are prospering, and many others might do so. The mills at Oregon City, Salem, Pendleton, Brownsville and other points, including the one to be rebuilt at Albany in place of the one recently burned, are praiseworthy pioneers in an industry that should expand to many times its present proportions in Oregon.

Twenty million pounds of wool are produced in Oregon annually, the greater portion of it in eastern Oregon, where sheep must be sheared without washing, so that about two-thirds of the fleeces in weight are dirt and grease which without scouring mills must be shipped to eastern cities, mostly to Boston, and freight paid thereon, and then some of the products are sent back 3,000 miles to be sold in our stores.

Oregon mills ought to scour and manufacture most of the home-grown wool, so that not only Oregon people would be supplied with Oregon-made blankets, flannels and woolen clothing, but have a large quantity for export. And in this connection Oregon people ought to stick to and practice the motto, "Patronize home industry." Help these beneficial and admirable manufactures by buying and using their goods, which are the equal of any similar goods produced anywhere on earth. —Portland Journal.

For news and opinions—the Oregonian.

### HIGH WOOL PRICES.

#### Advance of Three or Four Cents Over Last Year.

"Eastern Oregon wool, not already contracted for, will bring 20 to 21 cents a pound for the lighter mountain grades before the selling season is fairly opened. This will be an advance of three or four cents over the market of last year for the same grades. The Pendleton and common territory will be able to sell for 20, and at The Dalles and Shaniko the price will be slightly higher, owing to the better freight rates allowed The Dalles region because of water competition."

The foregoing statement was made today by a heavy dealer in wool from Eastern Oregon, who went on to say:

"Last year the choicer grades of wool brought 16 to 17 cents at Pendleton, and correspondingly more at Shaniko. The crop was rather closely taken up, and the buyers apparently believed the market this year would be strong. At any rate, they came into the market last winter and this spring, and wrote contracts for the clips at lower than 20, and a portion of the inland empire clip was taken in this manner."

"It leaves comparatively little that is not contracted for, and that which has not been pledged will bring a high price in response to the sharp demand that is inevitable."

"This situation will operate to the advantage of the eastern Oregon wool growers in two respects—the price will be high, and the local supply will be large, for the clip this year is bound to total even above the average. A few years ago sheepmen in the interior were slack in their methods. They seldom provided against severe winters, and there was no protection to sheep if lambing came at a time when storms prevailed."

"Now they have learned better ways and everyone who pretends to be up to date in the business has sheds sufficient to protect the sheep while lambing, and the possession of an abundance of hay is regarded as the pre-requisite to every winter."

"Lots of money has been made of late years in the sheep business in eastern Oregon, and in spite of short range the growers have prospered."

The world's supply as reflected in the London sales is short of the demand, and the value of the product wherever wool is produced is reasonably certain to be high, according to authorities on the situation.

### TO NAVIGATE THE RIVER.

#### Another Company Will Build Boats For Columbia and Snake.

Portland, April 21.—Another company has been organized for constructing boats for Columbia and Snake rivers and the end is not yet. The building of the portage road has set in motion many projects that will benefit the great Inland Empire.

Articles of incorporation of the Open River Transportation company were filed today, which will formally launch the project of the Open River association for establishing a line of steamers to ply between Celilo and Lewiston, and also to operate boats on the Snake river to furnish transportation for the Inland Empire to the head of navigation of the Columbia and its tributaries. At a meeting of the Open River association held yesterday it was unanimously decided that the time had come when decisive steps must be taken looking to securing boats of the right kind to insure success of the open river. With completion of the portage railroad relief is afforded until the government canal is built, and with the obstacle at Celilo overcome the purpose for which the expenditure has been made would be fruitless without boats for the upper river.

Incorporators of the new company are J. A. Smith, president of the Open River association, Henry Hahn and A. H. Devers, and the authorized capital of the company will be \$100,000, shares of which will be offered to the public. The company will be empowered to

build, purchase or lease steamboats and river craft for operation on the Columbia and its tributaries. J. N. Teal, attorney for the incorporators, states that it is the intention to acquire only the best class of boats, which will be built especially for the service on which they will be utilized, with particular regard for needs of that traffic.

### ROADS EXPECT LARGE YIELDS.

#### Reports Received on Northwestern Are Favorable.

Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company and Southern Pacific reports show most favorable crop and agricultural conditions throughout Oregon and the Northwest.

Both in the Willamette Valley and the Inland Empire everything presages large acreage and abundant yield, and the railroads, warned by their reports of agricultural conditions, are preparing for handling large crops this summer and fall. Coming this summer, when the Exposition means so much for Oregon, it is realized that the condition of splendid crops could not possibly come at a more propitious time, and it cannot fail to impress visitors to the state in a decided manner.

Orchards loaded with fruit, fields bearing a harvest of all kinds of grains, fat and sleek cattle, prosperous-looking farms and contented farmers—these seem assured this season as concomitants of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and will show to the thousands of visitors from the East and Middle West who will this year invade Oregon for the first time the wonderful resources in an agricultural way of this commonwealth. From reports on all sides of crop prospects, Oregon promises to out-

do herself this year. Not for years has such a yield of all agricultural products been promised as is for told now by the prospects in the farming districts of the state. All indications point to record-breaking crops.

Despite reports sent out early, the fruit crop promises to be all that could be wished. Frosts have not injured the orchards to any appreciable extent, with the possible exception of apricots, and in this fruit there is reason to believe that the damage has been over-estimated. Orchards all over the state now white with bloom promise great things for the summer in horticultural products, and as this is one of the foremost of Oregon's industries, visitors cannot fail to be impressed with the state's production in this line.

The great staple, wheat, will probably be as abundant this year as last, when a record-breaking crop brought an abundant prosperity to the whole state. Eastern Oregon wheatgrowers are rolling in wealth as a result of the big yield and high prices of last year, and an equal acreage of wheat is predicted this season. Some acreage sowed to fall wheat was affected by the late cold spells, but the weather since has been so favorable that this has been reseeded to spring wheat, which is doing well. It is yet too early for the wheat crop to be assured, but there is every indication so far of favorable weather conditions and a banner yield.

Barley has been sown in equal acreage with the yield last season, and promises well, while oats are probably a little less in evidence than last year. Hay promises well and grasses of all kinds will be abundant.

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### Lawson's Gain.

New York, April 21.—Thomas W. Lawson yesterday took advantage of a psychological moment in history, by a raid on Wall street, carrying off profits amounting to almost a million dollars.

Seldom, if ever, in the history of the street have conditions been more propitious. The signing of the stock tax bill by Governor Higgins, the near approach of a decisive battle in the far east, the closing of the exchange for Friday and Saturday, the possibility of trouble over neutrality between Japan and France which might drag in England, the heavy selling of life insurance interests, the already marvelously high prices of stocks, all contributed an opportunity which Lawson was shrewd enough to turn to advantage.

Prices of stocks broke an average of four points. Wall street, which, since the memorable day last December when Lawson made his first bear raid, had laughed and joked about the Bostonian, went to bed trembling under the blow which he had struck, feeling that he had made good his threats.

The results showed that Lawson has been preparing for weeks for the raid. One story states that the man who helped him engineer the deal was J. B. Keene. Keene's friends denied this.

### More Riots.

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