



WILL MAKE PRICE OF MEATS HIGHER

Reduction of Wool Tariff Will Bring About This Result.

Secretary McClure of the National Woolgrowers Association is in Washington, D. C. laboring hard to bring about favorable action by the National congress on the wool tariff. In discussing the question, Dr. McClure, who is an authority on the subject, said:

In connection with the effort to reduce the tariff on wool, our people should not lose sight of the tremendous influence such legislation would have on the price of all meats.

Any reduction in the wool duties will inevitably be followed by a large reduction in the number of sheep which will reduce the supply of mutton, resulting in enhancing the price of all other meats.

A careful investigation shows that last year our sheep supplied our people with about 800,000,000 pounds of dressed mutton. This has always been the cheapest meat food available to our people. Today choice fat wethers can be bought on any of our markets at 41-2 cents per pound, live weight. But at such time beef and pork sell at from 6 to 8 1/2 cents, live weight. The average price at which our mutton is sold has always been from 2 to 3 cents beneath the beef or pork prices, showing that mutton is the cheapest meat our people use.

The immense supply of mutton now annually sent to our markets acts as a balance wheel in the regulation of the price of all meats. Should anything be done to reduce the number of our sheep there will be an immediate increase in the price of beef and pork that would not be compensated for in any imaginary reduction in the cost of clothing.

There now seems to be a disposition on the part of the Democrats to delay revision of the wool schedule, until the steel and sugar schedules have been revised. This will mean that the wool schedule will be under consideration during the Spring and early Summer at a time when the entire American wool clip will be on the market.

The result will be a depression in wool prices of about 4 cents per pound, or a loss to the American wool growers of about fifteen million dollars. The wool growers hope for early action on the wool tariff as they know living prices cannot be obtained for wool at a time when a bill reducing the duty is pending in Congress.

If the Democratic party has any regard at all for the continued existence of the sheep industry, it can best be shown by an early disposal of the wool tariff question. Last year about the time that the entire American clip came into market a bill cutting the wool duties in two was introduced by the Democrats which resulted in the sale of our wool at free trade prices. A repetition of this occurrence means that hundreds of our wool growers will be bankrupt.

The report of the Tariff Board should convince the man who wears woolen clothing that there is no relation between the cost of the clothing at retail and the value of the wool required to

make it. A medium weight suit of all wool cloth requires 10 1/2 pounds of wool and the price of this wool in the West during the past 18 months has been about 15 cents per pound, showing that the wool grower is receiving \$1.57 1-2 for all the wool in a suit of clothes that retails at from 25 to 40 dollars. Tariff agitation during the past 18 months has caused a reduction of 20 per cent in the price of wool, but during the same time there has been an increase in the retail price of clothing. If all the people knew that the manufacturer sells sufficient cloth for an all wool suit of clothes at less than \$5.00, there would be less attention paid to the tariff on wool and woolsens.

School Notes.

BY SUPT. NOTSON.

On the 10th inst., I visited the Lexington school. Under the direction of Prof. R. B. Wilcox and Misses Wilma Burrows, Anna Johnson and Bertha Morgan, the work is moving along harmoniously and successfully. I noted some excellent product maps in Miss Burrows' and Miss Johnson's rooms. Several pupils had also constructed relief maps from putty. Rev. O. E. Reade gives each room one lesson a week in vocal music. A fine large flag floats from the flag-pole in the yard. A bubbling fountain has been provided. The Smith System of heating and ventilating has been installed in each room. A good supply of fresh air is entering the room at all times and is heated before it circulates throughout the room. Provision is made for adding moisture to the air as it is heated. In case the supply of fresh air should seem a little deficient, the windows are provided with boards, so that an abundance of air may be admitted without throwing any one in a draft of air. This is most excellent, as the foundation for catarrh and pneumonia may easily be laid by allowing a current of cold air to fall upon a pupil at work. If the room should become over-heated, I am informed that the windows are thrown open and the pupils required to march or take a calisthenic drill. This prevents any bad results. Prof. Wilcox regards health conditions as of the first importance.

One of the books for the reading circle work for the present year is McMurry's "How to Study." The State University Extension Department has made arrangements to give a course along this line, using McMurry's book, Earheart's "Teaching Children to Study," and Dewey's "How We Think." This is a splendid course and many teachers are taking advantage of it. The cost is slight, and the results will be valuable. Miss Montana Hastings, of the University, is directing the work.

W. P. Read, a recent arrival at Cecil, was in Heppner yesterday looking up the status of the water rights on the place he has purchased down there.

County court finished up the checking of the county records this week and took an adjournment until the 27th, at which time they will consider matters pertaining to delinquent tax sales, being unable to take up this at the present time owing to the absence of Dist. Atty. Van Vactor.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION A LEADING QUESTION

Bankers, Commercial Clubs, and School Officers to Co-operate.—Shall Morrow County Join the Procession?

EDITOR GAZETTE:

Industrial education is receiving much attention in all parts of our country. In many states, the boys' and girls' club movement has accomplished much good. The corn clubs, the hog clubs, the poultry clubs, and the cotton clubs have enlisted the efforts of thousands of pupils. In most of the states these clubs are stimulated by a series of contests.

The Bankers' Association, which met at Minneapolis last fall, decided to enlist the interest of the Bankers' Associations of the several states, and through them to arouse more interest in industrial lines, and thus help to turn the tide from the city to the country. The Bankers' Association of this State has appointed a committee to advance this work. Hon. T. J. Mahoney, of this city, is a member of the committee. The co-operation of the Commercial Club of Portland has been secured. It is planned to have the matter taken up by every commercial club in the state at an early date. The State Superintendent is doing all he can to interest the county superintendents and teachers in the work. The Agricultural College has added a department to carry forward this and other lines of extension work.

It is planned to interest the pupils of the schools in a series of friendly contests. These contests will include the raising of grains, vegetables, fruits, chickens, and hogs, and the making of bread, doing of needle work, construction of useful articles from wood, and similar lines of work. Some particular line may be a leader for the year. Supt. Alderman, in conversation with the writer, suggested making poultry raising the leader for this county the first year. Other lines would receive some attention also. A school fair could be held just prior to the State and District Fairs, and the best exhibits sent to the larger fairs.

The scheme is not visionary. It has been tried out in a number of States. In Iowa the result has been to add several millions of bushels of corn to the total yield, worth millions of dollars. It has proven of high educational value. It has revolutionized the rural school in thousands of districts.

Shall we undertake the work in this county? The writer is ready to co-operate through the superintendent's office and personally in every way possible. We may have to begin in a small way, but if it is worth the while, let us begin NOW. It will mean much educationally and more in dollars and cents.

Respectfully,
S. E. NOTSON, Co. Supt.

Not Insane.

Silas Harris, an old soldier living on his homestead near Parkers Mill, was brought to town on Wednesday last to be examined as to his sanity. He had been accused of drawing his gun on the storekeeper at the mill and making serious threats against that gentleman, and he also made pretty vigorous resistance to being taken in charge by the deputy sheriff who went after him.

However, on a hearing before Judge Patterson, it was decided that old gentleman was not a subject for commitment to the asylum, so he was allowed to return to his home, after surrendering his gun into the hands of Sheriff Hayes. The fact that he drew a gun on the man at the store was admitted by Harris, but that gentleman refused to swear out a complaint and start criminal proceedings, so it is quite likely that further action in the case will be postponed indefinitely, and in the meantime it is hoped that there will be no further trouble between Harris and his neighbors.

Get Certificates.

Supt. Notson is in receipt of word from Salem that the following Morrow county applicants have been favored with State certificates: Kate Boblit, Hazel Gorman, Mabel McNabb, Louise Hougden, Belle Robinson, Eliza

beth Slocum, Julia Forbes, Jasper Morris, Mabry Currin, Florence Pifer, Sue Park, Edna Carmichael and Cora Vincent. These all received one year certificates.

Lillian A. Johnson, of Heppner received a five year certificate. All those taking the examinations before Supt. Notson, passed for the papers they were writing for. There were some applicants who began writing for life certificates that have taken advantage of the privilege of finishing the work at the next examination.

Special—29 cents on Saturdays only—a 1-pound box of Barr's chocolate candy. Fresh stock received every week. Don't overlook this bargain. Patterson & Son, the REXALL Store.

Fracture and Dislocation.

Jared Aiken, a son of George Aiken, met with a painful accident Tuesday afternoon. While playing with some of his schoolmates during the recess period he was thrown to the ground. Most of his weight fell on his right arm. The result was one broken bone and dislocation of another in the elbow. He is now under the care of Dr. Boyden and his arm is mending nicely.

If you don't want to pay Gilliam & Bisbee for fixing your pipes take care of them and don't let them freeze.

Eight Mile.

Oh you spring weather! It makes us want to make garden. The Heppner & Eightmile Telephone Co. are repairing their line this week.

C. D. Huston and B. O. Anderson spent Friday evening at the home of Mose Ashbaugh.

C. D. Huston and family attended the church services at Liberty school house last Sunday.

W. W. Brannon came down from Hardman the last of the week to look after the stock on the ranch.

The snow is gone and we are glad to report that the greater part of the moisture went into the ground.

Tilman Hogue and family of Gooseberry spent a couple of days in Hardman last week visiting friends and relatives.

A. E. Anderson had the misfortune to lose one of his driving horses last week from blood poisoning caused by a kick.

C. E. Jones went to Heppner, Monday, returning Tuesday. He said if the big snow had lasted a few days longer he would have been out of grub. There are others.

The big rabbit hunt at Liberty was brought to a close last Saturday evening and the scalps counted. The total number of scalps secured during the two weeks was something over 800.

LeRoy Jones arrived in Heppner, Saturday evening, from Chicago, where he has been attending school. He says he is glad to get back to old Morrow again and meet his many friends.

Cameras, kodaks, films, plates, papers and chemicals. Everything for the amateur photographer. Patterson & Son, the REXALL Store.

Sand Hollow Items.

Mrs. B. S. Clark has a hen sitting which will hatch this week.

Harve Coxen and Miss Goodall, of Pine City, were Sunday visitors at Claud White's.

Claud White went to The Dalles the first of the week to buy in an isolated tract of land.

Mrs. Sibley entertained Claud White and wife and R. B. Rice and wife last Sunday.

Mr. Cross was with us last Sunday and was greeted by a large crowd in the evening.

Ralph Finley and Miss Tafel, of Alpine neighborhood, attended church Sunday evening.

The telephone company met Saturday and voted to allow Messrs Copenhaver, Rice and White to put in phones on main line.

Sand Hollow was on the boom Friday, owing to the melting of about 15 inches of snow in the hills. Summerfallow grain certainly got a lot of moisture.

Taking his "tip" from our Oswald, no doubt, Gov. Colquitt of Texas, is to set 500 convicts to work on the public highways, under the "honor" plan, without prison stripes or any kind of surveillance.

Voters are registering slowly at the court house, only a trifle over 50 having put their names on the books up to the present time. Of course it is early yet but nevertheless it is a good time to attend to this business and get it out of the way.

\$1600 for Injuries.

Dan P. Smythe, the Pendleton attorney one of the Smythe Bros., who was seriously injured by a Northern Pacific train near Stampede, Wash., in June 1910, and suffered the loss of an arm, sued the company for \$60,000. The case was tried before a jury in the U. S. Circuit Court at Portland the past week, and on Friday a verdict was returned in the sum of \$1600. Judge Bennett of The Dalles was Smythe's attorney, and the small sum allowed by the jury was a surprise as Bennett's damage cases usually turn out much better. Smythe was with a shipment of sheep at the time of the accident.

Big Rabbit Shoot.

Out on Eight Mile last Saturday the citizens of the upper and lower sections came together to count out the scalps of the big rabbit shoot that had been on for a couple of weeks out that way. Theodore Anderson was captain of one team, and Herb Olden of the other, and there was some splendid shooting on both sides. The count revealed the killing of 887 rabbits, of which number Olden's team had 407 and Anderson's 480. The champion hunters were A. A. McCabe with 71 to his credit; this was tied by a like number killed by Henry Peterson, while Walter Robison came in for next highest with 54. Sometime in the near future a big oyster supper is to be given by the losing team, but the date is not yet fixed. This was certainly a pretty good piece of work and will be the means of reducing the rabbit supply on Eight Mile to a very considerable extent.

Council Meeting.

City Council met on Monday evening, and in the absence of Mayor Van Vactor, Councilman Oscar Minor presided. There was a full attendance of the council. The ordinance pertaining to licensing of meat and produce peddlers was read third time but not passed, as it seemed to be the expression to modify, rather than to do away with a license of this sort entirely. Thereupon the city attorney was instructed to prepare another ordinance, leaving the amount of license in blank. The present law requires peddlers of this kind to pay an annual fee of \$100, and it is probable that this will be reduced to about \$40 per annum. The marshal was instructed to inform property owners to seek some other means of getting water into the streets from the roofs of buildings than running it over the sidewalks. The council was also asked for a refund of license money paid into the city treasury by parties who formerly run the stone saloon, and also Dennis McNamee's place. These people were instructed to present their claims in proper shape and they would receive consideration at a future meeting of the council.

R. F. Hynd came up from Portland on Monday evening to attend to business matters. He was accompanied by Mrs. Hynd who will visit with friends during their stay in Heppner.

Sheriff Hayes installed a splendid new case in his office this week in which to keep his blanks and other stationery. It is of the sectional order and can be added to as necessity requires. A much needed improvement.