

EARLY FINE WOOLS ARE SELLING WELL.
Season in Northwest Opens in Washington, and 150,000 Pounds Taken

(The Oregonian)

The first trading in shorn wool this season has been done in the Yakima section and other parts of Washington. About 150,000 pounds have changed hands at prices ranging from 40 to 49 cents. These prices are a little better than last year at this time on fine wool and probably a little lower on medium to coarse.

There are occasional rumors of contracting in eastern Oregon, but nothing definite in this line has been announced. Throughout the west and southwest generally, business has quieted down since the early wave of contracting in Nevada and Utah. A fairly heavy purchase was reported from southern Utah and a good sized clip was taken in Arizona, but dealers as a rule are reluctant to operate yet in view of the strong prices demanded by most growers.

The trade here does not believe that the California clip as a whole can be pooled and it is known that many growers in the southern part of the State will handle their clips individually, as heretofore, but around Sacramento and Red Bluff the sheepmen seem to be strong for

the pool. In some other parts of the west co-operative plans are also being worked out. Willamette valley growers have long been accustomed to pooling community clips, after the manner of the mohair raisers.

Charles H. Green, one of the best known wool-buyers on the Pacific coast, who has just returned from an eastern trip, says of the market outlook that fine and good half-bloods will be in demand, but in medium and coarse wools there is very little doing. There are large stocks of low grade wool on hand in the eastern markets, but fine and half-blood wools are well sold up. Fine prices are a little better than a year ago.

Under a plan just worked out by is as follows:

government officials, says the Washington correspondent of the New York News Record, it will be the policy to continue with monthly auctions of government-owned wools until such time as the government's entire holdings have been disposed of. This means that the government will discontinue during the summer the sale of wool, or until such time as the domestic clip has been disposed of, as was done in 1919. The government is anxious to get out of the wool business, a high official said, and the policy will

be to continue such sales until all surplus wool has been disposed of. Protests against the policy has been made by wool growers and by members of Congress from wool-growing States. The announced policy of the government, however, will be carried out unless orders to the contrary are issued by an official of higher rank than those in charge of the handling of the government surplus wool. The approved policy to be pursued until otherwise ordered

June, offering at each sale approximately five to six million pounds of wool, this policy to be continued until such time as market conditions may justify a change.

2—should indications at one sale and the market conditions at the

time, justify increasing the offering and holding of two sales instead of one, proper recommendations will be submitted at the time.

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Perhaps a boy only fifteen or sixteen years old will play the part of beast of burden, but it is generally a Korean woman who tests her strength to the breaking point as she carries a steamer trunk down the street.

The condition of women and children in foreign lands is a problem to which the new Interchurch World Movement, in which America's Protestant bodies are cooperating, has been asked to give special attention. To this end, schools and social centers are to be established at various points throughout Korea, while a central union college also is to be staffed and equipped at the expense of the churches of America.

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