

NEW LIFE TO WOOL GROWERS

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cial status, and where such orders have been given, naturally the market has not shown signs of strength.

The demand has been of a general nature during the last few days including some little carpet wool in addition to that sold by the government at auction recently besides which there has been a good call for medium to fine grades, although the call for Australian wools has been less pronounced.

There has been a call for territory wools both of short and long staple. One lot of Oregon fine staple wool is reported to have been sold at a clean basis of about 73 cents for fair wool, but of heavy shrinkage. The cost in the grease is understood to have been about 22 to 23 cents. Other holders of fine staple territory are wanting more money for their wools, however, and it doubles would be possible to get well up towards 80 cents clean basis for a really choice grade fine staple Oregon and for wools of the Montana type \$9 to 85 cents.

Wools of the fine and fine medium description of French combing length like the new Arizona wools have been selling at around 70 cents clean basis for the better lots, which means 26 to 27 cents in the grease. Some very short or clothing wools, so called, have been sold on a clean basis of about 60 to 62 cents.

The call for medium wools has moved some three-eighths and quarter-blood wools at about 50 cents clean basis, for the lower grade wool; that is the three-eighths combing wools (56s combing) in the last two weeks, part of which were noted in the last letter. These wools have been selling at about 43 to 45 cents, clean basis, or 27 to 28 cents in the grease. Scoured wools both fine or medium have been in moderate demand, as have pulled wools, also with prices firm.

There has been rather more buying of the new clip reported through the West during the last week also, especially in Utah and Nevada where prices are varying from 14 to 18 cents, depending upon the wool, and in Texas where prices vary from 16 to 21 cents.

These prices mean clean landed costs, Boston, or from 50 to 60 cents for fine and fine medium wools, depending upon how good staple they

are. Probably between half and two-thirds of the Utah and Nevada wools have been disposed of either by sale or consignment. There has been comparatively little business reported in the eastern states; growers and local dealers refusing to accept for the moment, at least, the prices which are being offered.

A summary of the reports of over 1900 manufacturers throughout the country, showing the active and idle wool machinery as of May 2, indicates a further improvement as compared with April 1 of 10 to 15 per cent generally. The improvement extends almost equally throughout all branches of the business, including weavers, spinners, combers and carders. The manner in which the business is "picking up" at the mills is encouraging.

The recovery of the foreign markets after the withdrawal of the American buyers almost wholly, in consequence of the imminence of the tariff, has been a matter of no little surprise to most of those in the trade.

The recovery in the value of foreign money undoubtedly has had much to do with the increased buying of wool for European account, together with the lower rates now asked for money.

The fact is, however, that values are being firmly maintained in all of the foreign primary markets and the buyers are taking a very substantial proportion of the offerings which are being made. In England the mills are standing idle for the most part, due to the coal strike, but the trade there is optimistic over the future outlook.

* CECIL *

Miss Flossie Stender of Seldomsen and Miss Clea Palmateer, of Windynook, were Cecil callers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Swanson and family from Ione, were trying out the Cecil Scenic Highway Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Henriksen, of Strawberry ranch, and Mrs. Jack Hynd and son, Herbert, of Butterby Flats were the dinner guests of Mrs. A. Henriksen at Willow creek ranch Sunday.

Mrs. J. D. Kropp and daughters and also Mr. and Mrs. R. Gallaher all from their homes in Portland,

spent Sunday and Monday visiting among their friends in Tentville, at Cecil.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hardesty and family, accompanied by Mr. Gorton, all from Morgan, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter.

O. E. Marcus, who is working at Arlington brought a party of friends to Cecil Monday to try out the new highway.

A large band of sheep belonging to Smythe Bros, passed through Cecil Tuesday on their way to their summer range.

Herbert Summerfeldt arrived from Portland Sunday and will spend his vacation at the Last Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wilks of Heppner are assisting Ed Melfon at the look-out, during haying.

Miss Inez Easton arrived in Cecil Sunday from Halfway, Oregon, and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs at the last Camp for several days before leaving for her home, at Myrtle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter and family spent Monday among their friends in Morgan.

Leon Logan and family also Mrs. Hazel Logan and family of Fourmile and Miss Olive Logan, of Portland spent Monday in Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Winter of Fourmile, returned to their ranch after spending four or five weeks among their friends at Hood River, Portland and Yakima.

Highway Commissioner, W. B. Barratt and wife, of Heppner, and W. G. Hynd of Sand Hollow and Mike Kenny, of Heppner, were dinner guests of the Mayor at Butterby Flats Tuesday. L. A. Hunt, County Agent, being the guest of honor.

Mrs. Mary Nash arrived at the home of Leon Logan Monday and will visit all her old friends around Cecil before returning to her home in Beaverton.

J. H. Crane, manager of the Oregon Hessian Company of Portland, was in Cecil Tuesday overlooking the work which his company is doing on the highway.

J. W. Osborne was a passenger on the local for Heppner Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Yoakum and family and also Mrs. Funck, of Morgan were callers in Cecil Thursday.

Mrs. Roy Garlick, of Tentville and Mrs. Nic Schnarter, of Rockcliffe were doing business in Arlington Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Tyler, of Rhea were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett at Fairview Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Troedson, and party of friends from the Ione district were travellers over the Cecil scenic highway Tuesday.

Eric Waldon, of Mollalla, Oregon, has arrived in Cecil and will assist in the hay making on Willow creek ranch for A. Henriksen.

J. E. Hickey, of Portland, has taken a position in the Farmer and

Stockgrowers Bank, formerly filled by Dave Wilson. Mr. Wilson has succeeded to the position formerly held by C. M. Sims, who, it is understood will take a position elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Latourell returned from Portland Friday after weeks visit in the Rose City. Mrs. Wention a sister of Mrs. Latourell, and her baby daughter, accompanied

them home and will spend the summer in Heppner.

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