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RECORD PRICES PAID FOR WOOL

Clip is Lighter in Oregon; Owners
Sell Off Flocks; Market Strong
Owing to the War in Europe
and the British Embargo
on Antipodes Ship-
ments.

Oregon Wool Clip of 1916.

District—	Pounds.
Baker County—	1,500,000
Harney and Malheur—	1,500,000
Pilot Rock and Pendleton—	750,000
Echo—	750,000
Joseph and Enterprise—	600,000
Jordan Valley—	560,000
Heppner—	1,000,000
Arlington and Condon—	1,250,000
Shaniko—	750,000
Madras, Redmond and Bend—	750,000
Lakeview—	1,000,000
Willamette Valley and Southern Oregon—	1,250,000
Total—	11,600,000

Portland, Ore., Sept. 4.—Wool prices in Oregon this year were the highest in the history of the state, but the clip was an unusually light one and the total income from this source was smaller than last year's.

Growers who sold when the buying was keen had no fault to find with the prices bid. From the time of the first sales the tendency of the market was steadily upward. The advance, however, was not as rapid as some of the sheepmen anticipated and a greater number than for many years withdrew their clips from the market. These wools are still held in this state unsold.

As was the case last year the European war was the great factor in strengthening the market, but less was heard of the war demand than of the stoppage of needed importations from Australia and other countries from which American manufacturers have always secured supplies.

As for the future course of the market, it will depend, of course, mainly on the duration of the war. If the conflict should be ended before the next clip is ready for market, extreme wool prices will not be looked for. However, the trade does not anticipate a return of very low values as wool, in the world's market, independently of war conditions, is in a very strong statistical position.

In discussing the past season in Oregon, Isidor N. Koshland, a leading local wool buyer, said:

"The wool season of 1916 in Oregon was different from any that we have had for some time. More wool was privately bought, either by contract before shearing time or just when sheared, than for some years. Prices ruled high and any number of growers were ready to let go and most of them (except on early contracts) did better than those who held for the regular sales. Then again, more wool is left unsold in Oregon than there has been at this time of the year since the time of the panic prices. This was due to high prices, bullish reports by some newspapers and by persons not connected with the wool industry and also to the fact that Oregon had some of the poorest clips it has had in years. Growers could not realize that their clips were not worth the top market."

"The margin between clips ranged anywhere from 5 to 7 cents per pound. Choice wools, what there were, were generally and readily sold, and 25 cents and better was paid for fine wool clips, and up to 30 cents for the coarse grades."

"As a whole, the sealed bid sales could hardly be called a success. At most points the quantity was small, and with growers' ideas rather extreme excepting at Shaniko, where practically everything was sold, owners of hardly half of the clips offered accepted bids. These lots are mostly still on hand, held by growers at country points or consigned to Portland warehouses. There are probably 500,000 pounds still at central points and 5,000,000 pounds in Portland. Of the clips in Portland, quite a portion were not offered, growers speculating on the future market."

"The clip in Oregon was the lightest in the history of the state. The fleeces averaged fully a pound lighter than previous years. Any number of owners cut down their bands or sold out, and the sheep were shipped out of the state. These sheep sales were made owing to the attractive prices, both for lambs and aged sheep. With present conditions continuing and with the very strong demand for lambs, we will have only old ewes left, and with the limited summer range, caused by our forest reserve policy, our sheep industry will further decline."

"The generally poor condition of the wool was caused, first, by the dry summer and fall, the sheep coming out of the mountains in a cloud of

Wheat Makes Yield of 60 Bu. Per Acre

One acre of wheat on the Ed Hunt ranch south of Heppner made a yield of sixty bushels, is the report brought to town by Tom Driscoll, Jr., who is sewing sacks for Mr. Hunt.

Mr. Hunt is following the system of heading and threshing together and all of his grain is exceptionally heavy this year. An acre of the best of it was marked off, cut and threshed with the result of the sixty bushel yield. Mr. Hunt's average will not come near this figure but from present indications it will produce between 35 and 40 bushels per acre, according to Mr. Driscoll.

All fields in the south end are making a better yield than was predicted before harvest started.

C. A. MINOR BUYS RANCH NEAR CECIL

Wm. O'Sullivan this week closed a deal with C. A. Minor of Heppner and transferred his 400 acres of alfalfa and range land adjoining the McBee place at Cecil, recently purchased by Mr. Minor, to the latter gentleman. We did not learn the consideration, but understand that Mr. O'Sullivan made a very satisfactory sale. Mr. and Mrs. O'Sullivan will go to Stanfield, where their son resides, and stay for a short time expecting to return to Cecil later and remain for the winter, engaging in hay baling. We hope these good people may decide to get other property and remain in Morrow county. It is understood that Mr. Minor has in view the purchasing of one or two other ranches adjoining Cecil which will give him a fine plant for his line of business.

Perry Hopkins is in from the Harbke ranch at Wells Springs where he has been helping in the construction of a new house and barn. The work on the house is about completed and the new buildings add much to the appearance of the place. When Mr. Harbke gets his artesian well he will then have a farm to be proud of.

A. M. Markman was down from Milton a couple of days this week. He has sold a part of his Morrow county holdings to Lax McMurray and the latter now has one of the best wheat ranches in Morrow county. Mr. McMurray has been running the E. L. Padberg farm for the past five years and will now give that up and go onto his own place.

Mrs. Alice Keller returned home Saturday from a short visit with her son, E. J. Keller, now a resident of Weiser, Idaho. Because of the threatened railroad strike, Mrs. Keller was compelled to cut her visit short and returned home somewhat disappointed.

Mrs. J. A. Harbke and children departed for their home at Portland on Sunday after having spent the most of the summer in Ione. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gorton, the parents of Mrs. Harbke, who will visit for a while in the metropolis.

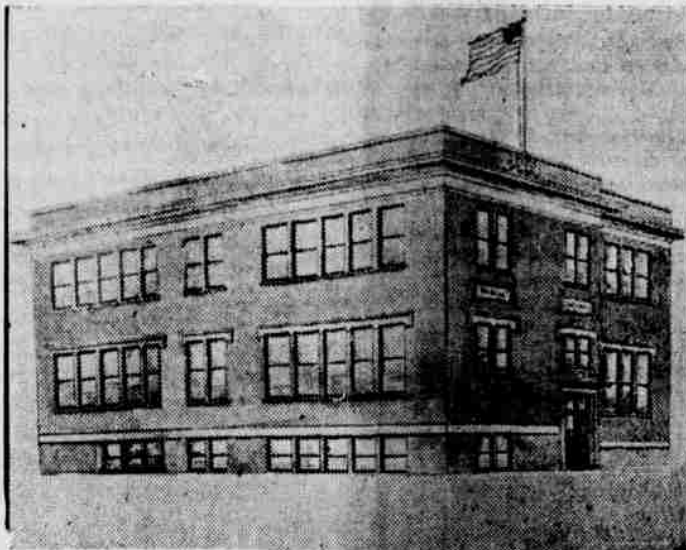
Miss Gwendolyn Jones, a teacher in Ione schools last year expects to equip herself more fully for the profession and will attend Monmouth Normal this year. She leaves on Friday to take up her studies at the State institution.

Jas. K. Cossman, teacher for this season in the Ione High School, has arrived from his home at Creswell, Oregon. He will have charge of athletics as well as teach in other departments of the school.

Mrs. C. C. Chick and son, Charles, arrived home from the beach at Newport on Friday morning last. They were met at Arlington by Dr. Chick who conveyed them home in the new Saxon.

Heading throughout the Ione country is practically all completed and threshing is beginning in earnest. Before many days we shall be looking for the big wheat teams to be moving into town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Day, accompanied by Miss Vieta Hayes, departed, with little water and green feed and then came the long, hard winter. Generally, 60 days' feeding is long, but last winter they had anywhere from three to four months extra feeding. This also showed in the condition of the wool."



LEXINGTON SCHOOL OPENS NEXT MONDAY

The Lexington high school building was completed January 1, 1916, at a cost of \$16,000.

It is a splendid building, is modern and up to date, with plenty of room and equipment to offer the very best of advantages in school work to all pupils both in the grades and high school.

In the basement is the well equipped laboratory and manual training room.

On the first floor are three grade rooms, teachers' office and domestic science and lunch room.

On the second floor is one grade room, two class rooms, library and the assembly hall. A feature of the new building is the incline, which makes going up and down stairs an easy matter. The building is steam heated and electric lighted throughout.

School will open September 11, and we would urge an early enrollment to secure all the advantages. We are looking forward to a successful year of work, and you will aid greatly by coming in early.

Our school will be a Standard

Four Year High School, with a course in manual training under the direction of Mr. Walter C. Barton, and a course in domestic science under the direction of Miss Marie Baker, who is a graduate of Lewiston State Normal. She is prepared to put a lot of enthusiasm in this new work.

We have been successful in securing an excellent corps of teachers; S. H. Doak, principal; Ada Ross assistant principal; W. C. Barton and Marie Baker. Miss Christine Fern and Miss Edna Carmichael are the grade teachers.

We extend an invitation to all who are contemplating attending school from outside districts to investigate our building and the course we have to offer the coming year. Any inquiries will be gladly answered, we want you to come, and you will be kindly treated.

We will gladly lend our assistance to helping parents to secure homes for their children for the winter.

MISS DONA E. BARNETT,
Chairman,
W. E. LEACH, Director,
K. L. BEACH, Director,
W. P. McMILLAN, Clerk.

COUNTY INVESTS IN METAL ROAD SIGNS

Nothing smaller than a German Krupp gun will be able to mutilate the new metal signs which Morrow county has recently purchased and will shortly put up at the many road crossings throughout the county. About 100 of these signs have been bought. Many of them point out the way and the majority of them have the number of miles between given towns. In the past it has been hard to maintain wooden sign boards for the reason they were so easily destroyed. The new signs should wear forever. The county made a good investment.

Frye-Brown.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Frye in this city Sunday morning when their daughter Blanche became the wife of Harry Brown. Rev. J. L. Jones of Ione performed the ceremony and at its conclusion the young people left on the morning train for Portland. They will spend two weeks on their honeymoon before returning to Heppner to make their home.

They are popular young people of our city. Mr. Brown being in the employ of W. P. Schriver's blacksmith shop, where he is head horse shoer.

ed for their home at St. Johns on Saturday last. These people have been spending the summer on the Day farm near Ione.

Miss Mae Ganger departed for La Grande on Saturday where she has employment. She has recently been head waitress at the Palace Hotel in Heppner.

Dr. Chick reports the arrival of a new daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ewing P. Berry who reside northeast of Ione, on the 27th of August.

R. W. Snyder and Earl Eskelson of the Lexington neighborhood made delivery of some beef cattle to Hall & McNamer, local butchers on Saturday.

Chas. Burchell and wife were down from Lexington yesterday bringing their babe to the doctor's office for treatment.

E. S. Duran and Pap McAllister prominent residents of Lexington, were Ione visitors yesterday.

Mrs. W. C. Cason was down from Heppner to visit with her daughters Friday last.

PENDLETON JUDGE MEETS MANY ELK

Pendleton Tribune.

Surrounded by a herd of frightened elk, Judge J. W. Maloney, of this city, went through a hair-raising experience during his hunting trip in Union county. The judge saw an elk standing on a hill a short distance away. He cut down below and unwittingly came upon the whole herd of 20 or more not 20 feet from where he stood. He crouched in the brush under a tree but the animals got his scent and stampeded. They couldn't locate him and charged all over the place in their efforts to discover the invader. One of them came so close that the judge says he could have poked him with the gun. They finally ran off and the judge was released from his imprisonment.

The party included besides the judge, Dr. H. S. Garfield and J. F. Mason of Pendleton and J. F. Nowlin, former county school superintendent, who is visiting here. Mr. Nowlin was the only one of the party to get a deer. He brought down a fine five point buck on the first day and they thought they would easily be able to get the limit. The ground was too dry, however, and there were too many other hunters in the neighborhood so they were forced to content themselves with the one. They had meat enough to last through the trip from that one animal.

They found few birds but were not watching for them. They went out from North Powder and hunted in the section just east of the Grande Ronde river.

Store Men Catch Real "Bird."

A real "bird" as W. E. Leach called it, was on exhibition at the Leach Brothers store in Lexington last Saturday. The "bird" was nothing more or less than a big black tarantula which had come into the store by the banana route. When the bananas were opened by one of the clerks, the huge spider jumped from his home among the fruits and went jumping across the store. Several women were in the store at the time and from the reports, they must have jumped about as fast as the tarantula. That the "bird" can jump was evidenced when he jumped out of a jar before the lid could be placed thereon.

Walter Luckman of Lena was a Heppner business visitor today.

Miss Ella Coe has returned to Heppner for the opening of school after spending the summer at her home in Baker. Miss Coe will again have charge of one of the grades in the public school.

Harvest Cost But 3 1-2 Cents Per Bu.

It cost Chas. Pointer of Lexington the low price of three cents and a half per bushel to harvest his 1916 wheat crop. Mr. Pointer and J. F. McMillan purchased a threshing outfit at the opening of harvest and they followed the system of heading and threshing together. Mr. Pointer figures he saved ten cents a bushel by this method for had he hired his grain harvested he would have had to pay in the neighborhood of 13 cents.

There are many advantages in the method they used, according to Mr. Pointer. But the main one is the saving made over the old method. The Pointer-McMillan outfit had a four-weeks' run and during the entire time lost only a half hour. Mr. Pointer has about 5200 sacks of wheat which is now being hauled to the warehouse in Lexington. He has not yet sold the crop.

SUPT. URGES CLEANING OF SCHOOL PREMISES

The farmers are unusually busy at this season of the year owing to the lateness of harvest. This is apt to result in schools opening without any preparation being made. The schoolhouse should be looked after and put into good condition. If any repairs are needed, they should be made. The floors should be scrubbed, the outbuildings should be cleaned and the vaults made dark so flies will not enter them; brooms, floor brushes, crayon, fuel and other supplies should be on hand. The window shades should be in working order. Many a pupil's eyes have been permanently injured by sitting with the sunlight falling upon his book. If new shades are needed, buy the tan canvas adjustable shades. They cost a little more, but they will outlast half a dozen of the ordinary kind, and are cheaper in the long run. They also make it possible to regulate the light much better. The floors should receive a coat of some kind of oil or dressing. Then if a little sweeping compound is provided, the dust evil will be lessened. There is much danger in the schoolroom dust, and it should be kept down as much as possible. The water supply should be well looked after. Pupils can not do good work unless they have good water to drink. Provisions should be made for ample ventilation. The board should see that the teachers and pupils make good use of the means of ventilation. If the stove does not have a jacket, one should be provided. It will be said for in better results in study. Then, by all means, make some provisions for introducing moisture into the atmosphere of the school room. It will save fuel, for pupils will be comfortable at a lower temperature. It will be of advantage to the eyes, nose, throat and lungs. It will make the discipline better. If the blackboard is gray or shiny, something should be done to put it into first class condition. A good blackboard is a prime essential. A gray or shiny blackboard is very trying on the eyes. Do not buy a lot of unusable charts from a traveling agent. Come to the office and consult the catalogue of the furnishing houses. You will instantly save money. Some districts have bought excellent charts, but they can not be used in a rural school where the recitations must be only ten or fifteen minutes in length.

I will suggest that the mothers of the neighborhood visit the school house and make an inspection of the premises. The average member of the rural school board is a pretty busy man just now. It might be a good plan to have a clean up day some afternoon before school opens. Many hands make quick work. It will pay big to have the building and premises in good condition before school opens. Some of the project workers who have not kept up in all particulars with the requirements may feel that it is not worth while to bring an exhibit to the fair. Bring along the exhibit with the best report you can get up. You may be at a disadvantage, but remember that there are five premiums for each project or division. You might win one of the smaller prizes. But if you do not win you will help make the exhibit. Then you will be ready to try harder next year, when you will understand the work better. So, if you have something in the project work, which is creditable, bring it in. Look over the premium book and see what is of

FAIR CROWDS WILL EXCEED PAST YEARS

Umatilla County Will Be Represented
By People From Pendleton, Pilot
Rock, Hermiston and Echo—
Munter Will Be Big At-
traction and Town
Will Be Decorated.

From present indications, the 4th Annual Morrow County Fair will be greeted by the largest crowd in its history, when the doors at the Fair grounds swing open next Thursday morning.

Secretary Smead has received communications from people in neighboring cities who announce they are coming to the fair and are bringing the family. In a letter from S. R. Oldaker at Hermiston, Mr. Smead receives the welcome news that a large number of people are coming over from the project city. Similar reports have been received from Echo, Pendleton and Pilot Rock. It is highly possible that a special train will be sent over from the Umatilla county metropolis.

More good news comes from Portland. The Chamber of Commerce of that city is making arrangements to send up a delegation, and in addition to the usual crowd of former Heppnerites who take in the annual event, the Rose City will be represented by the largest number that has yet come to the fair.

Undoubtedly the greatest feature in the free attraction list will be the daily flights by Herbert Munter, the Seattle aviator. Munter has a reputation that is nation-wide. His menu of dips and turns will give the spectators a hearty meal of awes and thrills. Nothing has ever yet been done in the dizzy heights that Munter does not do. His Dive of Death was never excelled by Lincoln Beachy, say those who have seen this peerless aviator perform. Two years ago the fair board gave Morrow County Fair visitors their first opportunity to witness the flights of an air navigator. Elias Christofferson was the first man to bring an airship into the county. His flying was of a very conservative order, although he did not fail to please his crowds. But Munter has some thrills not given by Christofferson.

The board has arranged for lectures on dairying, horticulture and agriculture by speakers who are specialists along these lines. The lectures will be given in the new city hall, which will be appropriately fitted up for the occasion. One of the speakers at this time will be F. W. Kehrl of La Grande, a dairy expert who is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College and at the present time employed by the college in its extension department.

At a meeting of the business mer Tuesday afternoon, it was unanimously decided by those present that the business district of the city should be decorated during the fair. At the present time Secretary Smead is corresponding with a Pendleton decorator, and it is probable that he will be given the contract for decking the city streets in a systematic and pleasing manner.

The city council had planned to have the streets oiled before the fair, but they have been unable to secure a car load of oil at this time, so the streets will be sprinkled with water.

Chopping Helps Alfalfa.

By chopping alfalfa hay for feeding cattle, even after allowing \$1.50 per ton for the chopping, the Eastern Oregon Branch Experiment Station at Union was able to make gains at the usual cost and at the same time put on a little more finish. "The trouble with the fattening of steers on hay is that they often do not get quite fat enough for market," says Professor E. L. Potter, in reporting these experiments. "If there is any way in which they can be made to gain just a little more finish, it will be of immense benefit. It would seem from these tests that cutting the hay may be the solution."

John Brosnan, farmer and stockman of Lena, transacted business in Heppner today.

Teachers who have not sent their reports on the reading circle work to the Extension Division of the University and expect to take an examination upon any book should notify the county superintendent so arrangements may be made before their school opens.