

WHEAT GOES UP TO 10 CTS. BUSHEL IN CHICAGO PIT

Excitement Rules Wheat Market—September Wheat \$1.47, December Wheat Touches \$1.43, May Passes \$1.50 Mark—Corn Also Develops Strength—Rise Due to Short Crop

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Up to prices of today's session of the board of trade, wheat showed an advance of 1 1/2 c a bushel over night. The market throughout the session gave evidence of great tension, owing to millions of bushels in domestic crop losses officially confirmed and because of disastrous losses in Canada. The market closed excited 1 1/2 c to 1 1/4 c higher, with September at \$1.44 1/2 to \$1.44 1/4 and December at \$1.48.

Wheat prices shot up eight cents a bushel today right at the start. The December option touched \$1.45 on first trading as against \$1.37 at yesterday's finish.

Sensational crop damage confirmed by the government report was the cause of the extraordinary advance.

Excitement Rules Pit.

So much excitement ruled in the pit that transactions in many cases were 3 cents apart at the same instance. Initial range on December varies from \$1.42 to \$1.45.

Jumps in the value of other options than December, although radical, were not quite so rapid. Taken as a whole, the market opened 5 to 8c higher. Relative steadiness when established showed that there had been heavy gains.

In later dealings the May delivery rose to the phenomenal price of \$1.50 a bushel, an extreme ascent of 8 1/2 c over yesterday's final figures, and 4 1/2 c up as compared with the price at the corresponding time a year ago.

Corn Also Soars.

Corn developed an independent strength, owing to the bullish nature of the government report as to the corn crop. After opening 3-4 to 2 and 2 1/2 higher, the corn market eased off to a slight extent.

After midday the fever to buy grew more intense and the market soared to 10c a bushel above yesterday's close, December wheat touching \$1.47. At times the market appeared to be entirely bare of offerings. An incentive for the late demand was an estimate by a leading authority that owing to the increase of black rust, the Canadian crop this season would be only 200,000,000 bushels, a shortage of 135,000,000 bushels under last year's total.

Twelve-Cent Advance.

Just before the close a fresh bulge in the market rushed prices up to nearly 12c in some cases. The new stimulus came from assertions that a large export business was in progress. Advances that the weather in Canada was muggy and that black rust damage therefore would likely to increase, led afterward to higher prices. Foreigners were said to be active buyers, both for immediate shipment and future delivery. The close was excited at 10 1/2-8 to 11 3/8 cents net advance with September at \$1.41 1/2 to \$1.41 1/4 and December at \$1.48 to \$1.48 1/2.

ALONG ROGUE RIVER

Among the valley visitors of this last week were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Houston, Mrs. Tom Rainey, Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Hannah, Steve Smith, Alex Rainey and Mrs. Mice Daw. There was a picnic of the Elks at Kelly's Island Sunday. There were about two hundred people there. Dick Johnson is counting his threshing on the east side of the river. Mr. Wyatt and son, James, of Ashland, are the guests of his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Bellows. Will Houston took a load of hogs and some beef cattle to the valley. Alton Dodge spent a week here with relatives. He has now returned to his home in Humboldt, California. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Clark called at the E. Foster home Sunday. John Foster of Butte Falls is staying with his brother Edward and family. Mrs. Jesse Ragsdale and children were recent visitors at Mrs. Jane Ragsdale's at Beagle. Milton and Orge Houston and Tom Vestal have gone to Fort Klamath to work during haying. Tom Jones and family of Beagle passed on route to the mountains to spend the summer. Gerz Bellows took some beef cattle to Medford a few days ago.

LUMBER COMPANY ORGANIZED TO ERECT MEDFORD SAWMILL

Articles of incorporation for the Applegate Lumber Co., capitalized at \$25,000 were forwarded by C. J. Simon, J. T. Sullivan and C. L. Schiefelin to the secretary of state yesterday. This company will erect a sawmill adjoining Medford, will operate on timber supplied from the line of the proposed Blue Ledge railroad and will in all probability bring to Medford a huge contract from the Ewauna Box Factory Co., now located at Klamath Falls. This company has asked for a contract covering a period of from three to five years and calling for a minimum of 12,000,000 feet and a maximum of 20,000,000 feet of lumber a year. The first stock in the sum of \$5000 was subscribed by S. S. Bullis. 250 shares of \$100 each will be issued and sold to Medford people.

Development of the Blue Ledge road, according to a statement made by S. S. Bullis yesterday afternoon, hinges upon the establishment of the sawmill in Medford so as to make the railroad pay its way from the start. He expressed himself as "loath to start operations" until such is the case. The timber tonnage that would be required for the supplying of the box factory contract would practically assure the road's paying from the start.

"The opening of the timber industry," said Mr. Bullis, "is southern Oregon's opportunity for development. In the stretch of 400 miles from the coast to Bend, lies the greatest body of timber now standing in the state. The Blue Ledge district marks almost the northern limit of pine and this pine will be able to compete favorably with the Washington and northern Oregon fir. And as to quantity, by extending the railroad only a distance of five miles from its present terminus it will tap a belt of 200,000,000 feet of timber, timber that is for sale and can be readily brought into Medford.

Development of the Blue Ledge will come later, continued Mr. Bullis, not that it is less important, but that handling of timber can be started upon the completion of only five miles of road. On his last visit to New York, Mr. Bullis explained, R. S. Towne assured him that there were 50,000 tons of ore blocked out that will pay to haul here were the price of copper to drop to fifteen cents. The price is now over thirty cents.

Recently Mr. Bullis conferred with Robert E. Strahorn in Portland concerning the development of the southern Oregon country. Their railroad holdings have nothing more than that in common, as Mr. Strahorn's work lies in the eastern part of the state with the terminals in Klamath Falls, while Mr. Bullis is working west from Medford.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Lucinda L. Peart, whose maiden name was Ragsdale, was born September 18, 1853 in Davis county, Iowa. She died August 4, 1916, aged 62 years, 10 months 18 days, at her home in Central Point, Ore. In 1856 her father and family moved to California, where in 1878, she was married to B. F. Peart. In 1884 they moved to Jackson county Oregon. Central Point has been their residence since 1899. Early she was converted and bap-

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tized. Her subsequent life reflected great credit upon the profession which she made. She believed in the doctrines of the Seventh Day Advent Church, though interested in the work of all churches.

She was the mother of seven boys, one of whom died in infancy, and two girls. A more devoted mother never lived. As a neighbor she will be greatly missed. She was always on hand to help care for the sick and the suffering in the neighborhood. She was an honored member of the Eastern Star, Nevita Chapter No. 93.

A year ago last April she underwent an operation and was never well and strong afterwards.

She leaves a husband, two brothers O. C. Ragsdale of California, and T. L. Ragsdale of Idaho, six sons—L. B. of Grafton, Cal.; J. W. of Phoenix; B. G. of Medford; George C. of Central Point; Homer R. and Luke L. of Chico; two daughters—Mrs. Mable Ann Bennett and Lella E. Peart, both of Central Point, together with nine grandchildren, and a host of friends and acquaintances to mourn her loss.

N. S. Bennett and family, of the Eden Valley nursery, of Medford, have just returned from a three days camping trip on Grayback creek. They were so well pleased with the caves and the trout fishing that they will return to be packed to their old camp after the hunting season opens. —Rogue River Courier.

JOE KNOWLES, NATURE MAN, AT THE PAGE

"The Nature Man," or "A Struggle for Existence," featuring Joe Knowles the Broadway feature which opens a two day engagement at the Page today, ranks extremely high among the Broadway features. If it were for no other reason than the wondrous beauty of the photography, which shows us no other feature in our recollection does, the majesty of the nature man, would be a feature par excellence. It is five reels of the most wonderful pictures of primal forest, snow-capped mountains, graceful waterfalls, rushing cataracts and magnificent vistas, and through it all runs the human experience story of a man endeavoring to carve out an existence from rugged nature without the assistance of any of the tools and appliances with which twenty centuries of civilization have endowed him.

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PETROGRAD, Aug. 9.—General Letichsky, who a week ago, in spite of flooded rivers and heavy roads, began anew his hammering of the right flank of General Count von Bothmer's army, and by a cavalry attack took Erzerany, has scored a new victory by the capture of Tiumach, ten miles farther to the northwest. There has been little news from that section but it is apparent that General Letichsky has been following up his success along a front of ten miles south of the Dniester in the face of German reinforcements sent to stiffen von Bothmer's right wing.

The taking of Tiumach cuts the railway between Stanislaw, Tysmenitsa and Buczacz, which has been utilized by the Austrians for supplying the southern end of von Bothmer's front, and gives the Russians another direct avenue of attack on Stanislaw.

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