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LAKEVIEW, OREGON, JAN. 10, 1901.

THE WOOL MARKET.

The American Wool and Cotton Reporter, in its annual report of the wool situation, gives the stocks of wool in the country, exclusive of manufactured holdings, as 352,247,389 pounds as compared with 157,398,879 pounds a year ago.

The stocks in the three principal markets of the United States—Boston, New York and Philadelphia—amount to 185,400,389 pounds, as compared with 113,295,579 pounds last year. The stocks of wool in Boston are 130,019,084 pounds, as compared with 66,113,743 pounds last year. This large increase in stocks on hand is accounted for by the comparatively limited demand for wool this year, increased importations of foreign wools and the fact that only a very small percentage of this year's clip has as yet been disposed of to manufacturers.

Wools have been held back to an unusually large extent this year in the country. This is especially true of the fleece wool sections east of the Mississippi river. The wool production of the country is given as 281,452,437 pounds. Imports of wool into Boston have been 58,523,632 pounds, as compared with 34,372,491 pounds last year. The sales of wool in the Boston market since January 1 amount to 146,975,100 pounds, as compared with 347,185,776 pounds last year. In other words, the volume of business has been considerably less than half of that of last year.

The year 1900 will pass into history as one of the quietest and most unsatisfactory periods ever experienced in the wool trade. Depression has characterized the situation both abroad and at home.

A feature of the business of the year has been the increased substitution of cotton for wool and a preference for the medium or lower grades of wool distinguished from the fine grades.

The business during holiday week has no special features worth mention. The sales amounted to about 2,500,000 pounds and represent a large number of transactions. Prices, while favoring the buyer, are not sufficiently changed to warrant any general lowering of quotations. A hopeful feeling pervades the trade that now, at the beginning of the new year, an improved demand for wool will set in, which will have the effect of lifting the market from its present condition of lethargy.

The feeling is naturally strengthened somewhat by the continued favorable advices received from abroad. The sales of the week in Boston amounted to 2,168,700 pounds domestic and 335,000 pounds foreign, making a total of 2,503,700, against a total of 3,600,000 pounds for the previous week, and a total of 2,350,000 pounds for the corresponding week last year.

The total sales since January 1 amount to 146,975,100 pounds, against 347,185,776 pounds for the corresponding time last year.

Here is how the Salem Independent puts it: "With the convening of the next legislature will come an innumerable crowd of male and female aspirants for clerkships. Some will have 'papa' pulls, others will have 'constituent' pulls; others will have no pulls at all, but being attractive females, will depend upon their good looks to catch some 'cow county' representative or senator's eye and thus get to be a committee clerk."

The Ontario papers say that natural gas has been discovered near that town in small quantities to a depth of one hundred feet. That is nothing to boast of. "Natural gas" is found in Lakeview, in large quantities, without boring for it at all.

There is a promise of much activity in railroad building in the state of Oregon this year. Three new transcontinental railroads are coming toward the Oregon coast, and others are certain to fall into line, as the Pacific Coast is now the Mecca of the railroad managers, and the capture of the Oriental trade is the desire of boards of directors of transportation companies throughout the United States. The Pacific Coast timber is also a great attraction for these railroads, as the timber of the East is about extinct. The three roads coming to the Coast are of the best in the West, says the Portland Telegram, and their coming is certain to be followed by an era of development and prosperity never equalled in Oregon. These roads are the Burlington, the Northwestern and the Rock Island. All these are now within sighting distance of the Pacific Coast. Each one of these roads in coming West would tap a large area of territory not now touched by any line, which would give it the advantage of local trade in addition to the through business. It is reasonable to suppose that the West, with superior commercial advantages, will, in time, have as many railroads as the Eastern States or those in the Middle West. Before this takes place many more lines than the three mentioned will have to be built. There are vast distances in the West not within reach of any railroad. It is thought that the Oriental trade will prove the most powerful factor in the West with a belt of railway systems. Westward from the Missouri River dividing line it is conservatively estimated that hundreds of miles of new lines will be built in the new year, even if only proposed extensions already planned are carried out.

The sale of timber lands in Oregon is greatly retarded by the absence of a proper provision in the law enabling the owners of timber tracts to secure the establishment of logging roads through lands lying between them and navigable streams or other means of transportation. The state of Washington has a law providing for the condemnation of such roadways and the consequence is that speculators are willing to buy Washington timber lands much more rapidly than Oregon lands, says the Oregon Statesman. It will be one of the duties of the next Legislature to remedy this and to provide encouragement for the investment of capital for the development of our timber resources.

There is great excitement in London in regard to the failure of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, in which many big firms are involved. Twelve important failures have already been announced in the Stock Exchange, and it is feared that many more are coming. The corporation was heavily involved in West Australian and British Columbian markets. The report that an arrangement has been made to assist well, the concern is discredited.

The Democrats are now holding their breath. They read between the lines in Mr. Bryan's after-dinner speech that he still sighs for the Presidency and may ask for the third nomination. Two ignominious defeats are usually enough for any man, but Mr. Bryan—he appears to be irrepresible.

Shaniko, the new terminus of the Columbia Southern railroad wants to be incorporated. Well, we don't blame it. The first thing Shaniko ought to do when it incorporates is to change its name. "A rose by any other name would smell as sweet."

Portland boasts of one of the finest water systems on earth. The cost was \$4,000,000. This is much more than the cost of the Lakeview water works, and whether Portland can beat us on pure water is a question to be decided later on.

Reports of the six state land offices show an unprecedented demand for Oregon lands. Oregon offers many attractions to the flood, hurricane, earthquake, cyclone drought-stricken people of the East.

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Commencing to-day, January 10th, and continuing for thirty days, we will close out all Odds and Ends, Remnants, Broken Lines, Etc.

Ladies all Wool Scarlet Vests, \$1.50, reduced to 1.10	1.50,	1.10
" " " " " " " " " "	35,	25
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Misses " " " " " " " " " "	1.25,	90
Ladies Wool Skirts	85,	60
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" Felt Slippers	1.00,	75
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Etc. Etc. Etc. Etc. Etc.		

All the above are new and staple but must be closed out to make room for Spring Stock.

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The Felt Sure.
"Your husband has a heap to say about how the country shall be run," said the neighbor. "I reckon he takes hisself for a purty smart man."
"I reckon he does," said Mrs. Corn-tassel. "But I don't 'low he's ever goin' to set the world on fire."
"No, not if he has to git out himself an' chop the wood for kindlin' to start the blaze."—Washington Star.

No Wonder.
No wonder that the gurgling frog Who in the swamps doth sing Is hoarser than a rasping saw Or almost anything If you or I stayed out all night And got our feet so wet, We'd, too, be hoarse and have sore throats And rheumatia, you bet! —N. Y. World.

SOME UNTOLD TALES.



Mistress—Your master has been making complaints about you to-day, Sall.
Housemaid—Very likely, ma'am! But I'm more considerate, and don't run to you always and tell you the complaints he makes to me about you!—Der Floh.

Then and Now.
"Edgar, dear!" she used to call, When wedded life was new; But now she's very apt to bawl When he's wanted. —say, you!" —Chicago Daily News.

But Then He Caught It.
"You've been fishing again," said the stern parent. "Suppose you come with me now to the woodshead."
"Father," protested the bright youth, "I hope you intend to make the punishment fit the crime."
"That's my intention."
"Well, father, the crime amounted to two nicolas. I didn't catch a thing."—Philadelphia Press.

A Lover of Nature.
"Josiah seems to love the grass and the trees," said Mrs. Corn-tassel.
"Yes," answered her husband. "There is times when I wish he was n't quite so affectionate. He's that skeered o' hurtin' 'em that he runs every time he sees a scythe or an ax." —Washington Star.

Where Love Is.
He (a diffident young tailor)—I'm sure, Miss De Courcy, I would be only too glad to press my suit, if—
S—Please don't talk shop, Mr. Snappington.—Detroit Free Press.

The Usual Exception.
Tom—I always believe less than I am told.
Dick—Not when a woman tells you her age.—Town Topics.

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