

NO DECLINE IN LONDON

OPENING ADVANCES THERE
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STRONGER TONE.

MONTANA IS FIRM

Considerable Contracting for 1906 Clip in Idaho But Montana Producers Remain Firm in Their Demands for 25 Cents—Conditions in Wyoming the Same as Here.

The opening advances of the London auctions on Tuesday have given a decidedly stronger tone to the Boston market, and, as a consequence, a considerable amount of Australian, New Zealand and South American wool has been sold. There is no use in trying to disguise the fact that all conditions warrant this strength. The general opinion of merchants now is that the time for cheaper wool has gone by, and they consequently consider that their present holdings are worth full prices. In fact, the situation has become so plainly apparent that no difficulty in obtaining asking prices is thought possible, says the Boston Commercial Bulletin in its weekly wool report.

As much as merchants would like to have seen a decline in London, with a corresponding weakness in this country, they all now accept the inevitable, and therefore declare that wool must be had for consumption. It goes without saying that they will do their best to make purchases as cheaply, but from present indications wool will have to be bought on a higher basis than is now ruling on this market. If some unforeseen misfortune does not arise before the marketing of the new wools, manufacturers will undoubtedly have to pay advances over present rates for the 1906 clip. The wool market of the world has spoken and all others will follow its example. Not alone merchants, but the sheepmen as well, are affected. The latter, though not likely to advance prices, will unquestionably feel more secure in holding out for what they now are demanding.

The manufacturers quickly grasped the situation, many of them not having waited for the opening of the London sales to learn where they could lay their hands on supplies at a merchant's notice. Purchases are now being made whenever possible, and there are no disputes over the prices asked by dealers. The limited stock of domestic wools prevents important transfers; although there are still a few large lines of territory wools obtainable. Sales include about 1,000,000 pounds of medium territory in the grease, two Philadelphia firms being the buyers; a fair amount of unwashed fleeces; some California, Texas and a little Oregon; the fine grades of pulled wools. The South American and Australasian wools are the leaders in activity. In the former the total transactions reach about 2,500,000 pounds, while at least 1,000,000 pounds of the latter have changed ownership. It is also reported that 150 bales of fine Montevideo were sold on Monday for an English account. About 230 bales were shipped to Antwerp a few days ago. The sale was reported in our issue of March 3.

Nothing Doing in Montana.

According to reliable advices recently received from the west, contracting has again started up in western Idaho on a basis of 20c. A very small amount was secured at 19c, but the major part of the business was done at 20c. The activity is well distributed except in Montana, where the growers persistently ask for 25c, which is at the present time prohibitive to buyers. The total amount of wool contracted during the past ten days has been considerable. It is possible that the wool merchants may have at last realized the necessity of procuring wool and owing to the increased strength of the world's markets have decided that they may have to bid nearer to what the growers ask. Nearly a quarter of a million pounds have been contracted in Utah by a Boston representative at 20 to 21 cents. Wyoming sheepmen are holding their clips at 23 to 25c, but the prices have not so far been considered low enough by dealers. In Washington a small amount has been picked up at 18c, while in Oregon 20c is being paid for an occasional clip. As a rule, however, the growers in the latter state are going to keep their wool for the sales days, when they hope to obtain better prices. The

following is the list of dates: Pendleton, May 22, 23, June 5; Heppner, May 25, June 8, 22; Condon, May 29, June 27; Shaniko, May 31, June 1, 10, 20, July 10; Wallawa, June 12, 29; Baker City, June 14, July 12.

In Nevada a few small contracts are being made at around 20c. Shearing would have been on now but for snow. A telegram received Thursday morning reads: "Shearing delayed by snow storm." It may be retarded for ten days, whereas some of last years clip had been shorn and received on the Boston market at the first of April.

Shearing in Texas.

Spring shearing is now in full blast in the vicinity of Brackett, Texas. Arizona wools are being bought up freely at 21 to 22 1/2c.

The feature in territory wools is the transfer of 1,000,000 pounds of medium in the grease at a cost reported to be around 27c. Two Philadelphia clothing and worsted manufacturers were the buyers. Stocks are still further diminished, and with the exception of a few good-sized lines of Wyoming, Idaho, Montana and Colorado wool, it would be difficult to find substantial offerings. Fine and fine medium Montana is selling moderately at 22 to 24c, or about 70c clean, while a fine medium Utah brings 22 to 23c, which costs 68 to 70c scoured. These prices are only for wools of average quality. Better ones sell at 25 to 26c. New Arizona is being taken sparingly at a clean cost of 68 to 70c, or about 26c in the grease. Fine staple is quoted at 72 to 73c and fine medium at 68 to 70c. Fine clothing is selling on a basis of 69 to 70c, 66 to 68c for fine medium and 62 to 64c for medium. Quite a line of fall Texas is passing at 23 to 25c in the grease, or 63 to 65c clean. California is in light supply and is having a fair demand at 60 to 62c for the fall wool. A little No. 2 Valley Oregon is selling at 31 to 32c, while No. 3 is going at 28 to 29c.

Medium unwashed fleeces show the greatest activity, although the supplies of any grade on the market are not extensive. Ohio quarters bring 31 to 33c and Michigans 31 to 32 1/2c. For three-eighths 33 to 34c is the price. Some fine unwashed Ohio is going at 26c, but XX is slow at 34c. It is reported that one of our largest mills made another clean up in fleeces, having taken about a quarter of a million pounds recently in St. Louis.

The fine pulled wools are having a moderate call. A supers are worth from 60 to 62c, while westerns are selling at 52 to 55c, but only in a small way.

Several lots of Australian and New Zealand wools bought to arrive, owing to their quality have been approved by purchasers. At least 1,000,000 pounds have been sold during the week. Sales are being made on a basis of 76 to 78c for half blood, 70 to 72c for three-eighths, 62 to 64c for New Zealand high quarters, 56 to 58c for low quarters and 56c for Lincolns. Argentine wools are in a strong position, with holders not at all anxious to let go at present values. Prices in some cases will likely be marked up one-half cent before long. The demand is general, and in all at least 2,500,000 pounds have been bought. Lustre Lincoln is quoted firmly at 35c, quarter blood 37 to 37 1/2c and three-eighths at 38 1/2 to 39c.

The Mills.

The mills are quite busily employed weight worsteds. Duplicates on the latter are generous. Staple wools are being ordered moderately, but the finer fabrics do not receive as much attention as expected. This is also true in fancy worsteds. Staple lines have the call.

Foreign Markets.

As predicted, the London auction opened on the 13th in a very strong position. Competition was keen, with the Europeans still furnishing the greatest activity. Since the opening day, prices have been steadily tending against buyers. A cable received states: "Offerings 132,000 bales of Colonial wool and 12,000 Puntas. Good competition. Merinos par to 5 per cent higher and cross-breds one penny up." Another advice says that "there is a large attendance of English buyers, with good competition, particularly for crossbreds. Merinos 5 to 7 1/2 per cent higher, fincrossbreds 7 1/2 to 10 per cent." A late cable advises that "the market is tending upward, purchases for the states being made at 16d for 50s, 14 to 15d for 46s." Still another late one reads: "Market very active, prices on all grades steadily tending against buyers. For 56s, 16d; 50s, 16d; 46s, 14 1/2d; 40s, 13 1/2d." The landed clean cost is about 50c, 47 1/2c, 42 1/2c and 37 1/2c, respectively. American buyers on Wednesday bought 46s and 56s heavily, paying 16d for Balmoral and 15 1/2d for Stonhurst. For Falkland 40s they paid 13d.

Buenor Ayres and Montevideo are now about cleaned up. A late cable says that "out of the 7,500 bales remaining in Montevideo and the 20,000 in Buenos Ayres, not more than 500 are suitable for the United States." The Argentine market has been steady

ily advancing until 40c was quoted for three-eighths landed in Boston, 37 1/2c for average quarter and 38c for high quarter. Although nothing definite has yet been received in regard to American purchases, it is thought that owing to the continued activity of French and German buyers during the season, not more than 25,000 to 30,000 bales have been taken.

Reports from Bradford.

The latest mail report from Bradford says:

"The tone of the wool market is again very strong, and there is a good deal of eagerness to get hold of the raw material, especially in the case of medium and strong qualities. Merinos are very firm at about the highest level yet made, and the tendency is against the buyer. Fine crossbreds are hardening. As regards strong qualities, topmakers are in many cases asking a slight advance. It is, however, a feature of the market that wool is much more easy to sell than are tops, and for English sorts and even New Zealand, excellent prices are being made. Skin wools are selling very freely, and making almost if not quite as much as fleeces. Mohair is active as regards Cape, though Turkish is still somewhat neglected. A steady business is passing, and prices, though not quotably altered since Thursday, are certainly better. Alpaca is also moving again a little.

"In yarns there has been more buying during this week for export, and both in twofolds and in singles for 30s demi 3d a gross advance has been paid on last week's prices. Thirty-twos have hardened and 40s are very firm. Mohairs are moving, and some nice orders have been placed lately for medium qualities. Particulars also are coming much more freely, and spinners are very busy. The fine trade is however, still quiet. Alpaca is also inquired for, and there is some indication of a movement there. "In pieces there is no special feature to report."

Prospects and Prices.

Territory Wools—Both grease and scoured wools are meeting with demand. Fine medium Montana is bringing 22 to 24c, or 68 to 70c clean, but the lots are not particularly desirable. Fine medium Utah is being bought at 22 to 23c, or on a similar scoured basis as the Montana wool. The better fine and fine medium realizes up to 26c. Fine staple is hard to find and is worth around 73c, while fine medium runs from 68 to 70c. Fine clothing sells at 69 to 70c, fine clothing sells at 69 to 70c, fine medium 66 to 68c and medium 62 to 64c. At least 700 or 800 bags of scoured New Mexico have been sold at 67 to 68c for X and 64 to 66c for No. 1.

Oregon Wools—With the exception of a few small transfers of No. 1 Valley at 31 to 32c and No. 2 at 28 to 29c, there is no activity. However, there is practically nothing obtainable.

Texas Wools—Quite a line of fall wool of light shrinkage has been sold at 23 to 25c, or 63 to 65c clean. Twelve and eight months' stock is out of the market.

California Wools—The supplies of these wools are also light, but what remains is meeting with a fair call. Northern is worth 25 to 26c and middle 22 to 24c. Fall free is bringing 60 to 62c. The clean cost of Northern is about 70c.

Pulled Wools—The demand, while being only for the finer wools, is not of an important nature. A supers move at 60 to 62c, and sales of exceptionally fine stock are understood to have been at prices ranging up to 65 and 66c. B supers are worth from 52 to 55c. Nice white ones are scarce. Western As bring 59c and Bs 50c.

Receipts and Shipments.

The receipts of the Boston wool market for the week ending and including March 15 were 4,676,730 pounds of which 3,225,844 pounds were foreign wools.

The receipts for the same week in 1905 were 3,191,881 pounds, of which only 479,387 pounds were domestic wools.

The receipts for the present year up to and including March 15 were 51,534 pounds of which over two-thirds were foreign.

The receipts for the same period in 1905 were 59,129,159 pounds, of which less than 170,000,000 pounds were domestic.

The shipments from the Boston market for the week ending March 15 were 5,218,282 pounds.

The shipments for the preceding week were 4,048,159 pounds.

Shipments since December 27, 1905, 53,417,687 pounds.

Shipments for the same period last year, 52,997,233 pounds.

Excess of receipts over shipments to date, 1906, 1,883,278 pounds.

Excess of receipts over shipments same dates, 1905, 6,131,928 pounds.

Public Buck Herd.

Having obtained a permit from the state veterinarian, will take bucks for the coming season at \$1 per head or 20 cents per month. Have good camps with a plentiful supply of water.

E. B. CARTER, Fattig, Mont.

Eggs for Hatching.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds are great winter layers and general purpose fowls. Eggs for hatching from choice matings.

Pen "A" prize winning stock from Connecticut and Montana \$2.50 for 13.

Pen B selected stock \$1.50 for 13.

E. B. CARTER, Fattig, Mont.

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New Musselshell Passenger and Express Line.

Leaves Custer Station at 8 a. m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning for Musselshell, returning the following days, making connection for Milner, Roundup, Weede and all points north. Fare only \$3.50, round trip \$6.00. Special attention paid to passengers, making the trip in 6 hours, quickest and shortest route. Good stock, new rigs and careful drivers. Give the new company a trial. Enquire of Ticket agent, Custer & Musselshell Stage Co.

Look Here Ye Contractors!

Bids will be received up to Saturday, March 24th for the enlarging and cleaning of Old Mill ditch. Usual requirements necessary. Work must be completed by May 15, 1906. See me for further particulars.

B. G. BROCKWAY, Pres. Laurel, Mont.

For Sale.

Soft seed wheat and seed oats, south of Hesper farm.

ED. CORBETT.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Bozeman, Mont., March 7, 1906. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Fred H. Foster, clerk district court at his office at Billings, Mont., on April 18, 1906, viz:

WILLIAM M. NEWMAN
H. E. No. 5998 for the N 1/4 SE 1/4 and S 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 15 T. 2 S., R. 26 E., M. P. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Elbert N. Cooper, of Billings, Mont.; Daniel Cooper, of Billings, Mont.; Frank A. Brown, of Billings, Mont.; Charles H. Newman, of Billings, Mont.

M. R. WILSON, Register.

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Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878—Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Bozeman, Montana, March 3, 1906.—Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892,

HENRY HOLLING
of Billings, county of Yellowstone, state of Montana, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement for the purchase of the SE 1/4 of section No. 8 in township No. 1 N., range No. 26 E., M. P. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before Fred H. Foster, Clerk District Court, at his office at Billings, Mont., on Friday, the 18th day of May, 1906.

He names as witnesses: Frank X. Zimmerman of Billings, Montana; John H. Asmus of Billings, Montana; Charles Gaedke of Billings, Montana; Theresia Johnson of Billings, Montana.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 18th day of May, 1906.

M. R. WILSON, Register.

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Desert Land, Final Proof.—Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Bozeman, Montana, March 14, 1906. Notice is hereby given that Christ A. Meyers of Columbus, Yellowstone County, Montana has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 1573, for the E 1/2 NW 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 30, T. 2 N., R. 21 E., M. P. M. before George H. Simpson, U. S. Commissioner at his office, Columbus, Montana, on Monday, the 16th day of April, 1906.

He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Clifford A. Roseau of Columbus, Mont. A. L. Thomas, of Columbus, Mont. William Nichol, of Columbus, Mont. George E. Slough, of Columbus, Mont.

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ROBERT MILNE
H. E. No. 6095 for the SE 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 2 T. 2 S., R. 26 E., M. P. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Asa Dow Newman, of Billings, Mont.; Elbert N. Cooper, of Billings, Mont.; Timothy M. Riordan, of Billings, Mont. William C. Huntington, of Billings, Mont.

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DANIEL COOPER
H. E. No. 5869 for the SE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 29; E 1/4 NW 1/4 and SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 32, T. 2 S., R. 26 E., M. P. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Asa Dow Newman, of Billings, Mont.; Elbert N. Cooper, of Billings, Mont.; Oliver Wyman, of Billings, Mont.; Timothy M. Riordan, of Billings, Mont.

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ELBERT N. COOPER
H. E. No. 5870 for the N 1/4 SE 1/4 and S 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 29 T. 2 S., R. 26 E., M. P. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Mark T. Newman, of Billings, Mont.; Asa Dow Newman, of Billings, Mont.; Oliver Wyman, of Billings, Mont.; Francis J. O'Donnell, of Billings, Mont.

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EDWARD BRASSEY, Register.

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Department of the Interior, Land Office at Bozeman, Mont., Feb. 20, 1906. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Lucius Whitney, U. S. Commissioner at his office in Joliet, Mont., on March 30, 1906, viz:

WILLIAM S. GLENN,
H. E. No. 3875 for the NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 13; E 1/4 SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 12 T. 3 S., R. 23 E., M. P. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Byron Miner, of Silesia, Mont.; Lewis B. Montgomery, of Silesia, Mont.; William E. Scott, of Silesia, Mont.; Irvin Danford, of Silesia, Mont.

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JOHN SCHOCK
H. E. No. 4054 for the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, W 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 33, T. 1 N., R. 27 E., M. P. M.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: James Boyd, of Billings, Mont.; Brian Hart, of Billings, Mont.; Henry C. Klenck, of Billings, Mont.; Jacob E. Burgeson, of Billings, Mont.

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