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The Wool Situation.

The Wool Record, of New York, contains the following on the wool situation:

If the market for wool was dependent solely upon the demand for support a decidedly weak tone would have to be reported. Demand, however, is not the most important factor in maintaining prices, as concessions have been comparatively few in business ruling during the past week, and buyers find sellers still difficult to deal with, notwithstanding the continued lack of inquiry for wool. Developments during the past other than the prevailing quietude are not calculated to bring buyers and sellers closer together, but tend to result in their being even further apart. From a consumer's point of view the situation does not warrant paying higher prices, as recent developments in the goods market are not of a gratifying nature. This is particularly noticeable among weavers of men's wear wools and worsteds, and dress goods, which are undoubtedly the largest consumers of fine wools. Both weavers and spinners have ample wool on hand to meet current wants and are not disposed to add to their present stocks.

To offset these conditions come reports of the strong position of wool in primal markets, coupled with the advanced prices paid at the London series of sales of Colonial wools, which opened Tuesday. The first cable to come forward quoted good to choice fine five to seven and one-half per cent higher, and ordinary cross-breds the same as last year. This has been followed up by daily cables of a similar nature. Western markets are also very strong. Wool is said to have been purchased in Utah at 15c and above, unshorn, with even stronger prices expected at shearing time. The same is also true of Wyoming and this price in the grease means 50c on a scoured basis, which is the top price for wool in the seaboard markets, with some doubt expressed over the possibil-

ity of obtaining even that figure. Shearing is well under way in California and Arizona, and some wool is reported coming forward. For year's growth 12 to 13 is asked, and this would cost more than buyers at the seaboard are willing to pay for it.

Regarding Texas wools it contains the following:

Texas wools are very dull. Dealers quote 47c to 50c clean as to quality for Spring, but buyers are unwilling to pay more than 45c. Fall can be had at 38c to 40c, but does not find buyers. Eastern Oregon wool has been without feature at unchanged prices.

The following are the quotations:

Fine 12 months	15@19
Fine medium 12 months	16@17
Medium 12 months	18@18
Fine and fine medium Spring, 6 to 8 months	14@15
Medium Spring 6 to 8 months	12@14
Fine and Fine Medium Fall	12@14
Medium Fall	13@15

DIED

In this city on Thursday the 31st ult., at 11 o'clock p. m., of consumption, Sam Rankles, in the 39th year of his age. Mr. Rankles came to the Concho country about 14 years ago from Maryland for his health, his lungs being weak, and his career is a fine example of what can be done in this country by energy and industry. He came here a mere boy without a dollar, at first going to work as a waiter for Mrs. Holland in the old Holland house and gradually rising in the world until at his death his estate is conservatively estimated to be worth \$25,000, principally consisting of cattle and real estate. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn a loving and devoted husband and father.—San Angelo Standard.

The Rev. W. H. Weaver, pastor of the U. B. Church, Hillsburg, Pa., recognizes the value of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and does not hesitate to tell others about it. "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," he says "and find it an excellent medicine for colds, coughs and hoarseness." So does everyone who gives it a trial. Sold by Greenbary & Lewenthal, Sonora, Texas.

Increased Activity in the Sale of Ranch Properties.

The prosperity that the stock growing interests of this State have enjoyed during the past year to year and a half, following as it did upon a long period of depression, is beginning to bear its legitimate results.

Men who have been out of the business of raising cattle for years are again turning their attention in that direction, others who have been operating in a small way are feeling encouraged to extend their business on a larger scale, and others who have been speculators and desirous of entering the safer and more legitimate channels of stock raising. This is leading to a natural and healthy demand for ranch lands such as has not existed since the years of the big boom when people went wild and bought everything they could get trusted for.

Since those days, however, the conditions have materially changed, and there is little danger of a repetition of their experience, and the disastrous results which followed in their wake. Our old time stock growers have learned conservatism in the bitter school of experience.

It is no longer a question of the number of cattle so much as of their grade which enters into the problem of profit and loss. And stockmen realize that to establish good graded herds of cattle, a fixed habitation for them with all the surroundings and improvements that constitute a home go naturally with the ownership of the land. The comparatively low price of good grazing lands and the high price of cattle is causing many who have taken advantage of ruling prices to sell out, to contemplate the investment of a portion of their capital in good ranch ranch property at present prices rather than to reinvest it all in cattle. There can be no doubt but this is a healthy and business like view, and if generally followed will go far towards prolonging the good times that are now being enjoyed.

What our stock interests want above all things is to avoid extremes, to avoid anything that savors of the reckless boom spirit but to get their business down to a steady conservative basis. No business can be safer or more independent than that of a stock grower who owns his own land and his own herd of high grade cattle which he improves from year to year, and who fortifies himself against the blizzard and the drouth with good shelter and ample forage crops raised at home. It is all along these lines that will be found in the long run the greatest prosperity to the State and to the individual.

An instance of this character is found in the sale reported yesterday wherein E. B. Chandler of this city sold the Chinn and Stokley ranches about twenty miles northeast of Uvalde, fronting on the Nueces River and at the mouth of the Nueces Canon. The ranches in question are a fine piece of property comprising 17,000 acres, with a long frontage on the Nueces, which is here a big never failing stream. The price paid is \$2 per acre, and the purchasers are the well known stockmen Messrs. Woodley and McCommons, who already have extensive ranch interests at Sabin.—San Antonio Express.

Americans are the most inventive people on earth. To them have been issued nearly 600,000 patents, or more than one-third of all the patents issued in the world. No discovery of modern years has been of greater benefit to mankind than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, or has done more to relieve pain and suffering. J. W. Vaughn, of Oakton, Ky., says: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for several years, and find it to be the best medicine I ever used for cramps in the stomach and bowels." For sale by Cusenbary & Lewenthal, Sonora, Texas.

The New South Wales stock returns for the year show that the drought caused a decrease of 21,000 horses, 90,000 cattle and 4,500,000 sheep.

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