

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

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WOOL TRADE BREATHING FREELY.

Passing of Congress Gives Dealers Encouragement and Business Brightens.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—The American Wool and Cotton Reporter says tomorrow of the wool trade generally is breathing more freely. The market continues quiet, as was noted last week. Australian wool is receiving the most attention at the moment, and Capes have reached the price at which they are competing with territory wool, the receipts of the latter having become very noticeably reduced; yet it is but a few weeks since the new clip in the southern territory was lower than it is because of the period wool prevailed for a few weeks after the first wool had been made in January and the first half of February. Considerable sales have been effected this week, particularly in the case of the Australian wool, and the market is showing a moderate advance in prices.

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Instructive Statistics on Free and Mortgage Homes. The census office has some interesting statistics with regard to nationality in connection with home ownership in the United States. It is shown, says the Chicago Record, that of the white occupants of farms and homes 51.48 per cent are owners; of the negroes, 17.50 per cent; of the Chinese and Japanese, 95.65 per cent of their real estate is free, and that of the Chinese and Japanese is evidently better—showing 96.97 per cent. Pure blooded negroes own 1.25 per cent of their real estate free, and the mulatto or half black and half white, 87.12 per cent, while the white man comes in at the tail of the procession, with 11.23 per cent of his real estate unencumbered. With respect to birth, 52.93 per cent of the natives own their homes, 47.07 per cent of the foreign born; of the Austrian and Hungarian 41.11 per cent; Canadian, 45.73 per cent; French Canadian, 21.41 per cent; English and Welsh, 45.79 per cent; French, 20.41 per cent; German, 23.25 per cent; Italian, 43.54 per cent; Scotch, 44.88 per cent; Italian, 44.61 per cent; Russian and Polish, 31.38 per cent. The proportion of home owners among the foreign born, by the way, is much larger than that of any other race, being 69.94 per cent, or nearly 15 per cent more than the native born.

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