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MARVELOUS LAMBING.

Finest Crop For Years In Montana

This Spring. Lambing is in full progress throughout the state (Montana), and the percentage of loss is remarkably light, according to reports from the leading sheep sections. For many years it has been the custom of shippers to have some lambs come in February in order to raise the product for the early market, when lambs bring fancy prices. As a general rule it is necessary to have these lambs come under sheds, and it is often found a requisite to take the young lamb into the herder's cabin until it is strong enough to stand up and take nourishment. This season it is entirely a different proposition. The weather is quite like summer. The sun shines all the time, and it seldom

freezes during the night. The season is far the best sheep men of Montana have enjoyed for a decade or more, and the percentage of lambs saved is little short of marvelous, averaging upward of 100 per cent. This condition is due of course to the fact that twins offset more than the deaths. It is making the average of the ewes' product more than one lamb. These lambs will be very valuable, as in May and June they will be worth an average of \$4.

A new experiment has been tried this season and with not a little success. This has been to feed the ewes on alfalfa for thirty days before lambing. Judging from the lamb crop, it is believed that this has met with the most encouraging results, especially in the matter of strength. If lambs en-ter the world in an enfeebled condition, the danger of loss is very great. On the other hand, born strong very few losses are recorded.

The present winter has been remarkably favorable to stockmen. Cattle,



sheep and horses are in excellent condition, and the season is so far advanced that a severe or prolonged storm is wholly unexpected. Even should it come stock will be in fine shape to weather it, not having been compelled to undergo the rigors of a winter beforehand. Experience has taught that because of their weakened condition from a long and severe winter stock cannot withstand the customary spring blizzard; but, the former having been eliminated this year, it seems safe to predict the banner record so far as light losses are concerned .-Leon Shaw in Breeder's Gazette, Chi-

Treatment For Loco.

The results of the loco weed when eaten by stock are unpleasantly familiar to the stockman of the plains east of the Rocky mountains. It has been estimated that the losses from this source in Colorado alone have reached the sum of a million dollars per annum. The national bureau of plant industry has been taking a turn at the loco problem, and C. D. Marsh, expert in poison plants, reports that it has been found that locoed cattle can in most cases be cured by a course of treatment with strychnine, while locoed horses can generally be cured by a course of treatment with Fowler's solution. The animals under treatment must not be allowed to eat the loco weed and should be given not only nutritious food, but, so far as possible, food with laxative properties. To this end magnesium sulphate was administered to correct the constipation which is almost universal among locoed animals. It should be noted, too, that magnesium sulphate may serve to some extent as an antidote to

It may be added in regard to the question of immunity that loco poisoning comes on in a slow and cumulative manner, so that there is no possibility of animals becoming immune.

Growing Feed Crops. Theoretically when I feed my cows a full amount of good corn silage and alfalfa hay my milk yield should be satisfactory, but actually I find my kind of cows will increase their milk giving if I add some cornmeal to the bill of fare, and increase still more if in addition I furnish about two pounds per day of olimeal per cow; hence, while I am personally very much in favor of the farmer-dairyman growing feed crops to the fullest extent of proved profit, endeavoring to do so myself, yet to all I grow I never hesitate to bring in as supplementary by purchase any feed needed which my cows

can use at a profit to me. I have no manner of doubt that a ton of clover hay, being all one acre could produce, is of materially less feeding worth than a ton from an acre having grown a three ton crop, all conditions of cutting and curing in both cases being equal. I know that when I secure a crop of 100 bushels of corn per acre I have more than twice as much feed as I have if I am so unfortunate as to get but fifty bushels per acre.-W. F. McSparran.

Fodder Terms.

Roughage includes the coarser and less nutritious feeds, such as hay, straw, corn fodder, corn silage, etc. Concentrates include the more nutritious feeds, such as corn, wheat bran, cottonseed meal, etc.

In the face of the great scarcity of help in many of the rural sections of the country the girls and women in the home are frequently of necessity called upon to help out at busy seasons of the year. While this is perfectly proper, provided they have the time to spare and while the outdoor exercise they would get would undoubtedly be beneficial, it is well to favor the young and immature girl and not impose upon her, tasks that are beyond her strength. Often an injury is done the child unwittingly that may remain for years. The fact that the girl may be ready and willing to help should be taken as

a reason for extra precaution

The Reclining Posture. We stand and sit too much, accord ing to the views of Dr. Gelbke, expressed in a lecture delivered before a body of Berlin physicians. Chairs may have been known to the ancients, but they were used only on extraordinary occasions. Persons of culture as well as the barbarians took their meals and their rest reclining. "The bad effects," says Dr. Gelbke, "of the sitting habit have not been sufficiently spoken about, although the remarkable cures effected by rest are well known. It is only reasonable that the merchant or the professional man who sits all day should recline or take exercise in the evening. The American rocking chair seems to be a practical piece of furniture for that purpose." In discussing the subject Dr. Kruche of Munich says that to this day the primitive people prefer the reclining to the sitting pos ture, and the fact that they lie not upon the back, but on the stomach accounts for the better and more supple figures of these people. "Not until late in the middle ages," he says, "do we find in pictures the fat human being," and he thinks that the change of posture at rest from reclining to sitting ustened the advent.

"Rob," said Tom by way of the busy bee, "which is the most dangerous word to pronounce in the English lan-

"It's stumbled," said Tom, "because you are sure to get a tumble between the first and last letters."

"Good!" said Bob. "Which is the longest English word?" "Valetudinarianism," said Tom.

"No; it's smiles, because there's a whole mile between the first and last letters." "Oh, that's nothing?" said Tom. "I mow a word that has over three miles

"What's that?" asked Bob faintly. "Beleaguered," said Tam, Lola-And do you really love me better than life?

etween its beginning and ending."

Chicago News. Clothing made of paper is not so very new after all, for Pompellan excavations have revealed shoes made of

Jack-Better than a single life, yes.

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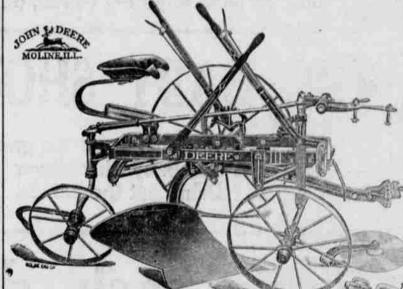
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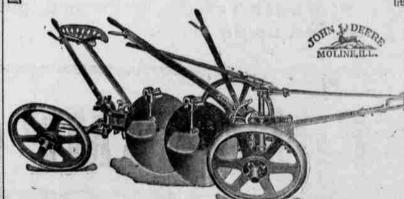
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