

WILL GET CREAMERY

This Is Industry of Which Eugene Is Assured.

PROMOTER IS PORTLAND MAN

Site Near the Willamette River Has Been Purchased—The Plant is to Be in Operation by the First of Next March.

EUGENE, Dec. 25.—C. M. Elsworth, of Portland, has decided to locate a creamery here. He yesterday purchased a tract of land near the Willamette River, from the Eugene Water Company, on which to put his plant. It is the intention to have the creamery in operation by the first of March. There is now one small creamery in operation in Eugene, but it is believed that the increased interest in dairying on the part of the farmers in this vicinity will justify another creamery.

Farmers are endeavoring as fast as possible to get away from exclusive wheat farming, which prevailed for many years with great success, but is not the thing to do in the future. The creamery is being built on a tract of land for a single crop. Many of them are turning their attention to dairying, and the annual increase in the dairy product of Lane County is considerable. The increase would be greater except for the difficulty in securing good dairy cows. In a few years, at the present rate, farmers will have a good portion of their stock graded to milk strains, and the dairy business will be one of considerable importance.

SHEEPBUYERS AT HEPPNER

Advance Guard of Eastern Dealers Put in Appearance.

HEPPNER, Or., Dec. 25.—The advance guard of Eastern sheepbuyers arrived here yesterday. J. B. Smith, of Jamestown, N. D., who wants to buy 2500 ewes to ship to his home either now or after shearing.

Mr. Smith said there, a month ago, his band of ewes of mixed ages at \$1 per head. He has already offered \$4.50 for a band of extra good ewes on Butter Creek, but the owner of the flock desired a better price.

Morrow County has 300,000 head of sheep and 100,000 of them will be for sale at Heppner between now and Spring, mostly for delivery after shearing.

Prices on Spring sales for which contracts are expected to be made from now on, are expected to rule about the same as last year, which were from \$2.50 to \$3.00 for yearlings of mixed sexes, and as high as \$3 for straight ewes after shearing.

Joseph Hayes, who has made recent trips all over this great grazing region, says that while at present the sheep are pushing the sale of his sheep, still there are about 20,000 head here of yearlings that might be bought, with wool on, at \$1.50 per head, mixed, or at \$2.50, delivered at \$2.50, to be delivered after shearing. Most growers here are disposed to withhold the contracting of their yearlings until they can see how the market opens up. Late Spring Eastern buyers predicted that Morrow County sheepmen would be compelled to sell the equivalent of all their increase on account of lack of range. Instead of that prediction being verified, Morrow County sheepmen the past Fall bought and brought here from adjoining counties many thousands of sheep to eat up their surplus purchases.

Transactions in sheep here recently been very slow, but two occurred today. C. E. Farnsworth bought from C. A. Rhea 400 mixed lambs at \$3, delivered at once. William Barrett bought from Thomas Quaid 1400 mixed lambs, February delivery.

Morrow County Sheep

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Fred Sawyer sold some of his cattle at 4 cents per pound, live weight, delivery April 1, and William Wattenburger declined an offer to contract his steers at that figure.

The Fry-Brown Company, of Seattle, has just bought 400 tons of alfalfa hay on Butter Creek from D. Bowman, at \$4 a ton, and is feeding 140 head of cattle shipped in from Ontario.

CHRISTMAS AT OREGON CITY.

Nearly All Churches Held Services—Generally Observed.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 25.—Christmas at Chehalis has been a quiet day with an occasional fall of rain. Dozens of Chehalis and Lewis County people have been away at school or working in other parts of the state, and the holidays at home. Quiet family dinners and reunions have been the rule, and in Chehalis there will be two or three social events every night during the remainder of the week.

Library's Good Christmas Gift.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 25.—The Oregon City public school library received a valuable addition to its shelves today. "The Messages and Papers of the Presidents," complete in 10 volumes, bound in half morocco. The books were a Christmas present from Dr. W. E. Carli.

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