



A BAND OF SHEEP NEAR HEPPNER.

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OREGON is the premier wool-producing state of the Union. The fleece of the Oregon sheep commands a premium on almost every market. From the earliest period of Oregon's development sheep raising has ranked among its foremost industries. The hills and mountain slopes of Eastern Oregon always have been the principal wool producers of the state. The territory around Heppner produces a heavy annual clip of highest-grade wool. Many farmers have large flocks of sheep. Although the gradual encroachment of the settler is confining the grazing ground to narrowing limits, the industry is established on a firm and substantial basis and long will continue to be one of the chief wealth producers of the state. In recent years Oregon sheepmen have given careful attention to the mutton as well as to the wool. This now promises a new source of revenue. Oregon now is the home of more than 2,000,000 sheep and the annual wool clip brings nearly \$3,000,000 into the state.