

### HAULING WOOL NEAR HEPPNER, OREGON.

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IN Central and Eastern Oregon, where vast stretches of open range remain unbroken by cultivated farms, the wool industry is considered of great importance. On the ranches under private ownership, and over public lands and forest reserves, great flocks of sheep graze, guarded by herdsmen who live the most solitary lives imaginable. At the close of the shearing season the wool is hauled to the nearest railroad town, often scores of miles away. One of the largest of these wool centers is Heppner, in Morrow County, where wool shipments last season amounted to 2,000,000 pounds. Oregon ranks among the leading wool-producing states. The annual clip averages nearly 20,000,000 pounds. In 1913 the yield, the lowest of recent years, was 16,300,000 pounds, valued at \$2,080,000.

