

East Oregonian

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1903.

FOR SMALLER SHEEP HERDS

IMPOSSIBLE TO GET SUFFICIENT RANGE.

Influx of Immigration Into State is Affecting the Pasture Fields and Country is Rapidly Being Settled—Water Extremely Scarce Throughout the Country—Streams Lower Than for Years.

Charles Cunningham is in the midst of his sheep campaign for this season. The breeding time is now here and already, thus far, Mr. Cunningham has sold over 2,000 head of his thoroughbred bucks to the growers of the country, 1,100 of which have gone to Umatilla county sheepmen.

The sales have extended from here to Montana and the season is not as yet more than begun. Mr. Cunningham has altogether over 3,500 head of Rambouillet bucks which he has on the market.

The sheepmen of the country are having a hard time to get water for their flocks. Water is scarce at this time than it has ever been and the wells and streams are lower. What is the matter is not known, but it is said to the fact that it has been so long since there was any rain in any quantity.

The pasture on the other hand is good, but badly in need of rain to make it last. As the ground is becoming drier the growth is checked and unless there is a good rain in a short time the sheep will get ahead of the pasture. But while the pasture is good it is not enough for the number of sheep in the country. The country is overstocked and the men will have to feed earlier than they usually do, owing to the fact that the range area is too small for the number of sheep.

One of the things that the sheepmen of the county should learn, and that at his earliest opportunity, is that the days of the big flocks are past and the sheepraisers of the future will have to raise his standard and cut the numbers of his holdings. There is not room in the country for the sheep that are now in it and certainly the conditions will not allow of the vast increase bound to come in the natural course of breeding. So the only practical remedy that will work to the benefit of the raisers is that they keep the best grade of sheep on the market and run just what they can take good care of on the range.

The influx of immigration into this part of the state, though it is small, will so cut up the range that the summering of large flocks will be one of the question and the same condition will apply to the winter range.

But few men in the country can afford to hold many thousands of acres changing the grades as fast as they can get rid of the old range stock that has overrun the country in the past.

Each progressive man is putting new blood into his flocks and in a short time Umatilla county will not only be one of the great sheep centers of the Northwest, but it will be the home of the thoroughbred, the stock that is in demand.

HE HAS BIG RANCH ON SNAKE RIVER.

He Owns Over 5,000 Head of Rambouillet Sheep and is Purchasing 50 Head of Blooded Bucks From Charles Cunningham—Will Make Specialty of Fine Stock.

Frank Frazier, of this city, has returned from a three weeks' trip to his ranch on the Snake river, south of Huntington, which he, in company with William Slusher, is stocking with sheep. The firm now has over 5,000 head of Rambouillet sheep on their ranch and Mr. Frazier has been there looking after the business of the firm. While absent he assisted in building a ranch house on the place and in getting things in running order. He has recently had a head of blooded bucks of Charles Cunningham, of this city, which he will run with his flocks on the ranch. The firm will make a specialty of fine stock and will go into the business extensively in that part of the country.

TO WINTER QUARTERS.

Joe Connelly Moves His Sheep From the Mountains.

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