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THOUGH BUSY SHOW SEASON ON HAND, FLOYD FOX GIVES A FEW GOOD WORDS

One of Our Most Successful Sheep Breeders and Exhibitors at the Coast Fairs. Tells Our Farmers to Keep Sheep, They Will Utilize the Waste-Offers Slogan, "A Few Sheep on Every Farm."

Editor Statesman will make a farmer more money In reply to your request for an than anything on the farm, for the article on sheep for your annual money invested.

Slogan, will say that I cannot re-After one has purchased his ply very strong, on account of the farm flock, he should beware of very busy show season on hand. scrub sires and purchase a good All indications show that the sire to head his flock, for a good

sheep business will be better this sire is the cheapest in price in the year for the breeding ewe and long run. mutton lamb end than last year. The Willamette valley is well

I was talking with an eastern Ore- adapted for sheep raising, producgon sheepman this morning. He ing a great quality of mutton, and told me that there was a big ewe a good quality of light shrinking shortage and that they wers going | wool.



same time not detract from the quality of the wool. I am not speaking of purebred sheep, but more especially of the common By selection of rams I don't mean that we should all raise fine wooled or all coarse wooled sheep, but blend the two

fleece a pound or two, and at the

together, depending upon what we have to start with, and more es pecially do away with rams that do not produce wool. This class of rams will always be numerous

until farmers cease to be afraid to castrate spring lambs. There is no sense in spending good money for rams and then permit a lot of

> cull lambs to sire the next year's crop. Too many sheep men wait for a favorable moon, or until the crops are in, or until the lambing season is over. By this time the lambs are perhaps too big; and

they decide to let them go. My experience has been that the best time is when the lamb is from one day to one week old and today is always better than tomorrow.

for fewer and better dogs. Last

spring I know of two very ordi-

sary dogs-now deceased-that

in 24 hours killed outright not

less than \$500 worth of sheep and

goats. The damage to the bal-

ance of the flocks in cripples, or-

phan lambs and loss of morale

would probably exceed twice that

ARE YOU GOOD YFARS

bandry is as old as time itself. It

years ago that the gentle Chaldean

shepherds saw the Star of Beth-

lehem that heralded the first glad

tidings of a Savior's birth, and in

after years the divine Man of

Still further back, six centuries,

and we find another framer of

history, who won a youthful rep-

utation as an honest, truthful and

sheep. Sold into slavery by his

of Rachael as she came with

her father's sheep. If it is an

you seek, read the story of Job.

the shepherd of 13,000 sheep. So

he book of Genesis four thousand

years before the birth of Christ,

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brothers, he later became the per head and a buck for \$10. The

was more than nineteen hundred

amount."

Silos, Etc., April 1 Fewer and Better Dogs. Legumes, April 8 "The Statesman's efforts for Asparagus, Etc., April 15 Grapes, Etc., April 22 more and better sheep should be Drug Garden, April 29 appreciated, and in this connection something might also be said

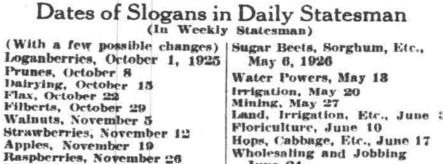
Mint, December B

Pears, December 31

Corn, January 14

Celery, January 21

Bces, February 18



June 24 incumbers, Etc., July 1 Beans, Etc., December 10 Hogs, July 8 Blackberries, December 17 Goats, July 15 Cherries, December 24 Schools, Etc., July 22 Sheep, July 29 Gooseberries, January 7, 1926 National Advertising, August 5 Seeds, Etc., August 12 Livestock, August 19 Spinach, Etc., January 28 Grain and Grain Products, Aug-Onions, Etc., February 4 ust 26 Potatoes, Etc., February 11 Manufactering, September 2 Automotive Industries, Sept. 9 Poultry and Pet Stock, Feb. 25 Woodworking, Etc., Sept. 16 City Beautiful, Etc., March 4 Great Cows, March 11 Paper Mills, Sept. 23, 1926 Paved Highways, March 18 Head Lettuce, March 25

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DID YOU KNOW That the Salem district is one of the best countries in the world for the raising of medium wool sheep; that every farm in this section ought to have some sheep; that they provide two crops a yearthe wool and the lambs; that besides this the sheep pay for their keep in rendering the lands free from weeds and in fertilizing it; that sheep breeding is carried on here with the minimum of cost and care, with green grass the year through; that the young man here who will get some land and some sheep will always have a bank account, and that the Willamette valley ought to become known as the home of pure bred sheep, as it is

A PLEA FOR MORE BOYS' AND GIRLS' LAMB CLUBS FOR THE SALEM DISTRICT The Club Members of the Salem District Have Some Advantages That Are Pointed Out by a Man Who Was a cels in several commercial varie

Boy Club Member-Some Marion County Boys Who ties of apples. Have Done Well With Sheep (The Salem district should have | bers are scarce. Good Prize Money more boys' and girls' clubs carry-

ing lamb and sheep projects; The state fair board has appromany more; scores and hundreds priated \$3,300 to be offered as of them. Homer C. Bray, a stud- prizes to livestock club members With the advantages at hand and ept of the Oregon Agricultural colcompetition in the sheep classes a lege, and a former club member, last year pointed out the advan- little slack, the opportunities for tages of lamb and sheep projects sleep club members in Marlon and Polk counties are great. However, for club members in the Salem only purebred stock of the highest district. His article is reprinted below. But since that time there quality will stand a chance to win, as the older club members have have been large additions to the the best sheep available. A proprize money offered by the Oreject should never be undertaken gon state fair board to club members. Both Eldon Fox and Lyle with a scrub purebred or grade. Rains, whom he mentioned, made From personal experience as a good winnings again at the 1925 club member the writer would

fair. Following is the Bray arlike to encourage club members to take a number of projects. Sheep club members should extend

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to other projects, so that their The ease with which sheep are knowledge of farm animals will produced and the comparatively not be limited. Club members who small cost of production make ave never raised sheep should them a most convenient and profgive them a trial, as the sheep itabel project for club members. project is one of the most inter-There is room on nearly every esting and educational club projfarm for at least a few sheep, and ects. they are easily cared for. Club members or prospective club Corvallis, Or., July 28, 1925. members will do well to carry a sheep project.

vantage over other club members in the state because they have easy

access to state fairs. This is a double advantage for livestock

club members, especially those

owning sheep, because less hand-

ling is required and the animals

Club members in Marion and

Polk counties have excellent op-

portunities to procure choice sheep

a flock of 20 registered Shrop-

shires worth, approximately \$1,-

are in better condition when they

reach the fairgrounds.

Salem is the center of the greatest corn district in the Pacific northwest.

Salem is the center of the best honey district in the United States.

Salem is the center of a great apple growing district, which ex-

Salem is the center of the best black raspberry district in this country. Red raspberries also do as well here as elsewhere in this country, or any other.

Salem, is the mint center of North America, producing the best peppermint oil in the world outside of parts of England and Syria, and the most to the acre.

The Salem district has produced nearly all the world record Jersey cows of all time. This is a great dairying country,

Salem is the center and starting point of the evergreen blackberry industry. This is the great pie berry of commerce.

All the great sweet cherries of commerce were originated in the Salem district, excepting the Napoleon or Royal Ann.

Salem is great pear center. Pears are more nearly immune from pests here than elsewhere in all the world.



HOMER C. BRAY.

ticle:)

Twin ewe Shropshire lambs, undefeated in the 1922 fair circuit. Exhibited by Floyd T. Fox, Silverton, Oregon.

FLOYD T. FOX.

Silvertion, Or., July 28, 1926.

(Mr. Fox, though a young man,

to keep their ewe lambs. They | Let this be our slogan: A few were bid as high as \$12 per head sheep on every farm. for fall delivered ewe lambs, and he said that breeding ewes will be higher, according to his viewpoint.

is a very successful sheep breeder. It is needless to go back over Just now he is handling about the same lines of past years in de-1400 head; though the number scribing why every farm should varies with the sales of lambs and have a farm flock, to those read- breeding stock. He has some ers who have sheep, but there are grade ewes, but his major operaso many who should be interested tions are with all registered Shropwho have had no experience with shire, Oxfords and Dorset sheep, sheep, and to those some benefit and he exhibits at all the fairs in may accrue.

both the northwest and California Sheep Utilize Waste fair eircuits. On Tuesday he sent Every farmer should have a a car load of sheep to be exhibited farm flock of sheep. The great at Vancouver, B. C. He has never thing is that they will utilize the axhibited at a fair at which he did Without doubt, every not carry away some ribbons. At waste. farm should have at least a few some fairs he carries away a good with him." sheep, to utilize the waste, and share of the ribbons, in his classwith a little extra care his sheep es .- Ed.)

KARL STEIWER FOR MORE AND BETTER SHEEP AND FOR FEWER AND BETTER DOGS foremost man in the Egyptian empire and saved his people in lambs and if Shropshires, which the time of famine. The short is are good breeders, they are more the time of famine. The shepherd of the priest of Midian led his

One of Our Most Successful Breeders and Dealers Believes came the great law giver upon Our Farmers Should Also Work for the Improvement of whose writings the law of every Their Flocks and Especially for an Increase in the Average Fleece-The Best of the Ewe Lambs Should a pretty love story, you wish, read Be Saved

example of steadfast character Karl Steiwer, of Jefferson, Ore-A Bad Practice "Last year many sheep own gon, one of the most successful of the sheep breeders and dealers ers kept some ewe lambs till on back through all the of the Salem district said in the spring, then the best ones found cycles of human history until in Slogan issue of 1924 that the their way to market. This partly sheep industry in the Willamette owing to the high prices prevailas we approach the family of our walley is more stable and more ing last spring and partly due to first parents we are told of his profitable than it is in eastern the shortage of funds to carry on sons that while Cain was a tiller Oregon (and he has had sheep in other farm enterprises. The re- of the soil Abel was a keeper of eastern Oregon); that a man with sult has been that the sheep, sheep. sheep can rent stubble fields in while not young last year, are just the Willamette valley and other a year older and no yearlings are grod sheep pasture, too, for available to take the places of

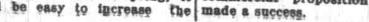
around 15 cents a sheep a month the inevitable loss. -and that this is cheaper than "Eastern and southern Oregon keeping eastern Oregon sheep have also been heavy lamb sellherders with all their expenses at ers, so there is no outside source \$80 a month salary for each herd- from which to increase our breed-

ing ewes. Since it follows that Last year, Mr. Steiwer wrote we must raise our own ewes, it the following for the annual sheep would seem to be a good business Slogan number: to try to improve them in some

"With wool from 40 to 50 cents particular. We have in the past per pound and lambs from 10 to given considerable attention to 14 cents per pound the past year the mutton lamb, because that has been very gratifying to most was where the profit lay.

sheep owners in the valley. Like Increase the Fleece previous years since 1921, sheep "Inasmuch as the next two or have been the best crop. In spite three years will see a large perof the high regard farmers have centage of our flocks replaced

for sheep, there is great danger with something younger, why not of a material decrease in flocks replace with a better wooled unless a larger percentage of this sheep? With more care in the year's and next year's ewe lamb selection of rams and the proper country where the filbert as a sown to clover, sowing the clover country. Oregon leads all the





particularly of the medium wool Henry Porter of Aumsville, Pioneer and one of the Successbreeds, as some of the foremost flocks on the coast are held in ful Breeders of Sheep in This Sectioon, Advises That these two counties. Every Farm Shoud Have Some Sheep—Give Your Boy Flock Built Up Quickly or Girl a Sheep or Two-An Example of Profits The possibilities of sheep as

Galilee took the sheep as the type of his people, the lamb as the H. C. Porter of Aumsville, pio- the next spring you will have a ter and more widely understood child he had loved. Going back neer and successful sheep breeder field of clover on which to paseleven hundred years we find in the Salem district, known fa- ture the flock during lambing David, the sweet singer of Israel, r iliarly as Henry Porter, and time. The sheep should be tak- animal, and ownership can well a keeper of his father's sheep, of looked up to by all his neighbors. whom this testimonial was given: in a former article in the Slogan en off the field early in April to be realized by the boy owning 'He is cunning in playing, a pages of The Statesman, gave the irsure a good crop of hay. Feed sheep, as a flock is quickly built mighty valiant man and a man of following example: them all the clover hay they need war; prudent in matters and a comely person; and the Lord is

are good breeders, they are more

likely to have 15 or more lambs.

Many of my ewes raised twins this

those 11 head of sheep will each

wool or more. Eight pounds each

market price would bring \$30.80.

In the fall the lambs should weigh

75 pounds each and if sold to the

butcher at 8 cents per pound

would bring for the 10 head \$60.

This added to the \$30.80, the

price obtained for the wool, would

make a total of \$90.80 for the or-

iginal \$80 invested by B. And the

fertility of his soil has been

strengthened instead of diminish-

"Suppose two neighbors with during the winter months, but farms of equal size have each laid would not advise the feeding of short time. Eldon Fox of Silverup a little money after harvesting cheat, oat, wheat or other coarse

their crops in the fall. A loans a hay as those varieties might friend \$50 at 8 per cent. At the end of 12 months he has a profit cause the sheep to have the stagcareful shepherd of his father's on his investment of \$6.40. B gers. sheep Sold min slavery by his takes \$80 and buys 16 ewes at \$7

A Lamentable Fact Lyle Rains of Salem is another "It is a lamentable fact that club member who has made an exlambs and if Shropshires, which owing to the high price of lambs cellent record with sheep. Lyle in the Portland market, many of our sheep raisers sell off their carly in 1924. They produced ton lambs were sold and the crease in the number of sheep on ewe lambs along with the others him four lambs. At the state fair breeding ewes do well on the the farms of the Salem trade dispeople out of bondage and be- Many of my ewes raised twins this as soon as they are large enough he won enough prizes to buy two dryer grass. Most of those who trict. But he is firmly convinced for the market, therefore making more pure bred ewes. He now has keep over lambs prepare by sowit difficult for one desiring to get a nice flock of 14 pure bred Shropcivilized nation of this and past those 11 head of sneep will each a start of sheep on the farm to find young ewes for sale. But do ful prize winners and flock owners might be cited. at 35 cents per pound-this year's not let this discourage you. Buy

up.

Unsuccessful sheep club mem-

ARE BETTER THAN 100 PER CENT PROFIL

One Reason Is That They Thrive on What Would Largely Be Wasted Without Them-The Hot Days That Cul Down Our Wheat Yield This Season Did No Harm to the Sheep Industry-Registered Shropshires Considered Best for Our Section

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help, but we don't pay themthey pay us. The many showers means of profit are becoming betwe had this spring and early summer made the grain look as if fall by club members. It is chiefly the wheat would go 40 to 50 bushels Farm Advisor, First National ambition of ownership that fills : per acre, but in the late summer boy with the desire to raise an came a few hot days which caused Marion county has some excellent examples of how club memto divide the bushels for the two ton entered club work four years years. This leaves not even ago with two ewes. He now has

es and interest.

ing. I see no reason why the sheep Raise more sheep and cut down ; business should ever be overdone overhead. Our sheep are our hired | We have tried several breeds of sheep. We like the registered Shropshires the best by far. F. A. DOERFLER.

Bank, Salem.

Mr. Doerfler finds an annual inthe heads to not fill. The farm- above, is the club leader for the ers are now reporting that they First National Bank sheep club. are getting but from 14 to 20 This is the largest sheep club in bushels per acre on most of the the state. There are a number of farms. As many summer fallow- other sheep and lamb clubs in the ed the year before, one will have Salem district, but there are not nearly enough of them. They should be organized in every farm enough to pay the expenses to district in the Willamette valley. say nothing about two years tax- Mr. Doerfier contends, correctly, that a few sheep on every farm The sheepmen suffered no loss are a 100 per cent profit proposi-

on account of our late warm tion, for they thrive almost enweather, as by the time the grass that would otherwise go to waste. tirely upon the things on the farmbought three Shropshire ewes began to dry up most all the mut- Mr. Doerfler finds annual inthat the increase ought to be ing rape, alfalfa, sweet clover or much faster; that, in fact, the inshires. Other examples of success- even green corn has been one of dustry can scarcely be overdone our best summer green feeds. here; at least to the limit of pro-

As our population is gradually viding for the consumption of all increasing and the ranges deplet- waste on our farms,-Ed.)

a few old ewes, which you can find for sale at a reasonable price in most any flock, and you will be surprised to see how a small band

have a nice start of good young sheep. For the Boy or Girl

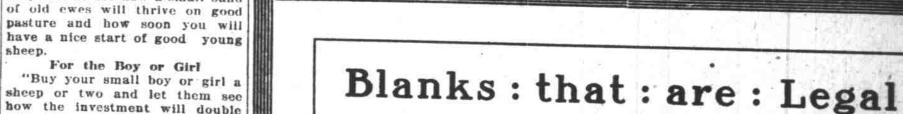
"Buy your small boy or girl a sheep or two and let them see how the investment will double and keep on doubling, and thereby instill into the lives of the boys and girls a love for farm life. "Agreeable to request I again Keep sheep—yes, keep more

Salem is the loganberry center of the world. The loganberry industry in a commercial way had its birth here.

not yet become a keeper of sheep, that can be kept on the farm, for ry country known. Oregon cans Salem is the greatest gooseberstate in the Union, mostly grown in this district.

Salem is the Oregon walnut cencenter of the North American care for. A field of summer fal- quality and command higher low sown to winter wheat will prices than the famous California

ter of the only district in this March this wheat field should be est strawberry district in this crop is saved for breeding pur- culling out of the offspring; it commercial proposition can be seed broadcast right on the grow- states in tonnage of strawberries



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ed, had he sold a crop raised from the land." I mention but a few of the **Expert Testimony** prominent characters of the past who have been associated with offered my testimony favoring the sheep." our favorite industry. To dwell raising of more sheep by the farupon all as found in sacred hismers of the Willamette valley. It tory alone would fill a volume, but what I have mentioned simis unnecessary for me at this time ply shows the sheep industry to to try and prove to the readers of be the most ancient and time- The Statesman that sheep are by honored of all, and if you have far the most profitable livestock

you are at the least calculation this fact has been thoroughly more gooseberries than any other demonstrated time and again. I A SHEEP BREEDER. would therefore urge farmers to keep more sheep. Keep sheep if you can keep only five head, but

Salem is the fine flax and linen keep as many as you can well

Salem is the filbert center of in the early spring during lambing the United States. It is the centime. In February or early make excellent pasture for sheep product.

