

SHEEP HUSBANDRY.

EDITED BY JOHN MINTO.

To the Readers of the "Farmer."

In assuming the duties of editor in this department, I deem it proper to say to those who may have interest in the matter, that a desire to aid in the advancement of general agriculture, where that advancement may be influenced by sheep husbandry as an accessory, and to encourage its expansion in those portions of our State and adjoining States and Territories where general agriculture is inadmissible, are the chief motives for my again taking the responsibilities of the position, and to see sheep husbandry advance as a pursuit until it shall rank as second only to wheat production in western Oregon, and rank before it in all other portions of the State, will be my main compensation. To those whose interests are involved in this pursuit, as well as those who are seeking to embark labor or capital in it, a candid invitation is given to use this portion of the paper as a means of giving and receiving information.

PREPARE FOR WINTER.—We may have a mild winter, one in which sheep will require little or no artificial feeding. We have had many such—they are the rule in this climate—but then we may have such a winter as that of 1861-62, when the snow lay on the ground seven weeks. Would it not be wise to prepare for the worst we can reasonably expect, so that we may ward off the evil consequences of being unprepared?

Wool Prospects.—The New York Economist of Oct. 25th says: Respecting prices, there is no reliable market for wool. Wool is scarce, and no one not obliged will sell good property for unconvertible paper on long credit. Those who are compelled to meet maturing obligations, on the contrary, must sell for cash or convertible paper at the best prices obtainable, and to do this sacrifices have got to be made, and hence we hear of wools selling at prices below Philadelphia and Hartford at prices \$100. per pound lower than those current a month or five weeks since.

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After Many Years.

"O Mother, haste!" cried my little son,
"Pray, do not wait a minute;
Here is a letter from Grandma come,
And there's a picture in it."
My mother's face, such a calm, sweet look;
But, ah! so worn and faded;
The years have penciled their story there,
And pain each line has shaded.

Song of the Politician.

I want to be a granger,
And with the grangers stand—
A horay-fested farmer,
With a hay-stack in my hand.

The Weekly bulletin issued by the Secretary of the National Grange, at Washington, shows that there were operation on the 25th of October, throughout the United States, seven thousand and eighty subordinate Granges. There were organized since the 1st of January, 5,487. It is expected that the number of Granges organized this month will exceed 1,000. There are Granges in every State except Maine and Delaware.

THE MARKETS.

Commercial.

Wheat is quoted at \$2 per cental at Portland, and the Salem Mills now offer \$1.00 per bushel, but claim it is rather above the market. We publish elsewhere items of sales on the river in Polk county. There is very little wheat for sale in this county, most all the farmers having disposed of their crops. Gold quotations remain unchanged for some days past, and currency may be rated at 94 to 92 here in Salem. Times generally through this valley may be considered prosperous, and it is a rather remarkable fact that trade is reported better and money more abundant in the country towns than in Portland. The rise of the Willamette river to open navigation above here is much to be desired, as on the west side the wheat has generally been stored in river warehouses and farmers are impatiently waiting to have it shipped and receive their pay.

SALEM MARKET.

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various goods like flour, grain, and other commodities.

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