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SHEEP AND WOOL-GOATS AND MO-HAIR.

The wool season has arrived again and it is very natural to revert to the great importannual revenue therefrom at the present time. At the State census taken in 1875 the 530,000 and the wool clip of that year at a gentle of all domestic animals. trifle less than two million pounds. With now be very nearly a million and the wool clip of the present year considerably over three million pounds.

The climate of all the Columbia river region is excellently adapted to sheep husbandry. It was supposed that wool from injured by the prevalence of alkali in the soil, but manufacturers who have used it repost favorably, and the present year the price offered for Eastern wool is not so strongly in contrast with that paid for wool from the Willamette valley. It is estimated that a fine grade of sheep will pay at least a dollar a head, one year with another, over cost of keeping. If the increase will pay all expense, (which it will generally more than do) then the wool is profit. Improved sheep yield fleeces weighing from 6 to 7 pounds and the profit on them can be easily estimated.

Of course too extravagant expectations must not be entertained, it is enough to know that sheep husbandry is a very profitable branch of State production taken with all its disadvantages of danger from scab or disease. Ta-re are careful and successful breefers employed raising pure blooded stock to keep up improvement and as a valuable sur p costs no more to keep than the poorest grade it is not necessary to enlarge on the advantage of maintaining continual improvement.

In the rich farming districts of the Willamette valley farmers cannot afford to keep, as of old, large bands of sheep the land being so valuable for wheat culture, but the value of sheep is so great for fertilizing the soil and especially for cleaning as well as earlehing summer fallow, that every wheat farm must have enough sheep to accomplish this result to be fully successful. As a consequence of this the farmers of the Willamette valley will be apt to keep small but choice flocks of sheep and use care to improve them so as to realise the best quality of wool coupled with the heaviest fleeces. This system carefully pursued for a number of years will tend to improve the breed of sheep and the character of wool through the whole said the character of wool through the whole said. The Willamette valley can and should become the experimental ground for the sheep husbandry of the whole State. A man who owns thousands of sheep has not the opportunity for careful experiment that is afforded the owner of a well improved form in this valley, with fields to change than to stubble and support fallow, as well one we have received sufficient evidence that the opportunity for careful experiment that them to, stubble and summer-failow, as well se ordinary pastures, and shelter from storm. It is then possible for many experiments in crossing breeds and improving wool to be tested by Willamette farmers, and it is very necessary that such tests should be made. The success of the Merino sheep is established, but it may be also shown that a heavier-bodied, long-wooled sheep will yield more profitable fleece and furnish better mutton. The circular recently sent to Oregon from Justice Bateman & Co. of Philadelphia, well known and reliable commission merchants in the wool trade, set sforth the excellent reputation gained for Oregon wools at the Centennial; shows the superior value of combing wools that are so easily produced in Oregon, and intimates that there will be strong competition among Philadelphia manufactories for our wool.

Our climate and other conditions are favorable to wool-growing and it is of the grea est importance that we establish by sufficient tests what sheep we can raise with the greatest ease and least expense to yield the most great bargain to a cash ruret aser. For terms satisfactory results. Mr. Minto and others and other information finquire of S. A. in this violetty have had great success with Clarke, at the FARMER office, Sciem, Merinos; Mr. Wilkins, of Lone county, has Naw Oxfordshires; others have Cotswoid and to icesters, but what we should scertain beyond question is; what breed or cross of these breads will give us best results f.r wool, both for weight of thece and reputwien abroad? As it is, our wool far outrank - that of California and yields excellent returns, but it we can add to those returns by care in breeding improved stock, that must still be done.

The Angera goat and mobair lately come in for a share of attention. There is a ; reat extent of this valley, and through all West ern Oregon and Washington, where brush I sais are unproductive and where the wild hip grows, displacing the grasses. This region is the patural home of the goat. It wife assist in subdaing the brush and will subsist on the wild flag and brush in preference to the choicest grass that grows. This can be demonstrated in the pasture of Mr. J J. Shaw, cleas to the p nitentiary. The good to said to turnish an article of meat preterred to muston, and its fisees, or the mobate, when efa felr goade, weighs 3 to 5 pannds profession to the tring the rate we have June 8, 157ml

sake of the profit to be found in the fleece, The demand for mobair is said to be permahave brush land (and there are millions of acres in the valleys and foot-hills and on the

Salem that the owner expects will average at least \$2.50 per head for each fleece. We confess that we have always taken the stories told about goats and the profits of goat raising with many grains of allowance, until the experience of those engaged in breeding them warrants the conclusion that they possess great value both for subduing brush lands and for the value of their mohair. One great advantage seems to be possessed by the goat in common with the mule, in not ance of sheep husbandry as a business and being subject to disease. The goat is a estimate its growth and the value of the healthy creature, long lived and not afflicted with many-if any-of the ills other flesh is heir to, and though troublesome where number of sheep in the State was given as fences are not good, it is the most doclle and

two successful years since that time and the relates to the sale and disposal of our wool usual increase, the number of sheep should and mobair, for the time is at hand when Oregon mohair will be largely for safe Buyers come here to get our wool and take it East and sell for a profit. If we could buil. our staples of all sorts and offer large lots for sale it undoubtedly would be to our advar tage. It is to our advantage as a people to Eastern Oregon and Washington would be ship our wools on consignment to some good house at the best wool market and have it sold for our account to the best advantage. Mr. Wilkins shipped his wool to advantage last year and proposes to do so again as he received satisfactory results. Such being the case every man could afford to let a portion of his clip go East to test the advisability of shipment on wool-growers account, and if successful it would be only reasonable to continue direct wool shipments in the future.

Squirrels and Gophers.

There is really great devastation committed in the farming districts by squirreis who eat the growing stalks of wheat and or's and afterwards destroy large quantities of the ripening grain, and also by the burrowing L. & E. HIRSCH, gophers that work underground. The aggregate of losses by these pests would astonish our readers if it could be arrived at. Now is the time to destroy them, before they find fresh grain so tempting that they will refuse poison. As soon as this rainy weather ceases every man who suffers from this cause should lose no time in putting out poison. Some prepare mixtures for themselves but not hardly as safe and effectual as that offered for sale. We hear good reports from Hodge's Squirrel and Gopher Poison, and have row tried it successfully curselves for two years on the worst kind of equirrelinfested ground. It surprises many that they do not find the dead squirrels and they perhaps doubt its efficacy on that account. We never found but one dead aquirrel where we must have killed bundreds. They died in their holes, as was shown by the presence of blue flies going in and out, as well as by the fact that no farther depreda-

use it report audden death to all animals that eat it. We have received for trial a can of it from Messes. T. A. Davis & Co., and intend to make use of it as soon as the rains the other is also good. Wheat will be worth money next fall and is worth saving to count into co'n.

OUTRAGE.—à correspondent writes us that, while old Mr. Adams and wife who live in the hills ten miles south of Salem, are probably on their death beds, some persons came with a ragman, stuff-d with straw, and hung it on the porch of the house. This act greatly troubled the old people, and neighbors think it was done as a reflection on their son, Jesse Adams, who has charge of them. The care of the old people, and expense of medical attendance has come very herd on Mr. Jesse Adams, and has crippled his means, as we happen to know, and this act was cruel and no doubt uncalled for.

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