



TO OUR READERS.

We have lost many thousand dollars by the credit system, and must do business hereafter on a cash basis.

SHEEP AND WOOL IN OREGON.

History of Importing and Breeding Sheep, and of Wool Growing in Oregon. With its Present Status.

been less and less interest manifested here in the best long-wooled families, as flocks of them once held by Corneilus of Washington, Baker of Yamhill, and Keys of Benton, have disappeared.

quently are successful, many, and perhaps most, are merely making a living. Others are slowly failing of success at all, as they cannot adapt themselves to the occupation; but out of all this will come knowledge with experience; the men and the flocks are growing that will make this Northwest Coast region one of the first wool-growing, and, ultimately, one of the first wool-manufacturing portions of the earth.

CATTLE IN OREGON.

Historical Sketch and Account of the Cattle Business at the Present Time.

Lane county bull, "Duke," referred to above, and from one of them I purchased from the governor a bull calf. I bred him until I needed a change. I then purchased from Mr. Geer the imported bull, "Grand Admiral."

LETTER FROM TURNER.

MARION Co., Or., Dec., 24, 1880. Editor Willamette Farmer: The good people of this burg, indulge in a Christmas tree festival to-night, under the auspices of the Sunday school association, and this appears to be all of a publicly festive nature which Christmas brings us.