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THE AUSTRALIAN SHEEP.

Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars for a Ram.

Pendleton Republican. Although the material prosperity of the Australian colonies is based largely upon the richness and magnitude of their mineral resources, the pastoral and cognate industries still constitute, as in former years, the principal factor in the work of colonial advancement, and despite the occasional heavy losses from drought and other causes, the great pastoralists appear more energetic and enterprising than ever, sparing no cost in the improvement or for wool, says John Plummer's Australian correspondence. Before the existing increased and cheaper facilities for the export of Australian produce, colonial sheep farmers, as a rule, were content with the ordinary increase of their flocks, making quantity, rather than quality, their chief object. This policy has now become reversed, and the great ambition of the leading pastoralists is to produce the finest wool and mutton possible. To achieve this considerable sums are expended in the purchase of high class rams, some of the prices given being exceptionally high.

At the recent annual sheep fair in Sydney, 2410 sheep sold by a single agency company realized £27,103, the all-round price averaging £11 14 8 1/2, against £9 8 1/2 in the previous year. Several of the prices were somewhat sensational, a Tasmanian special stud ram, "The Admiral," being purchased by a New South Wales pastoralist for 1500 guineas. Another Tasmanian ram, "Pioneer," brought 900 guineas, the purchaser also being a New South Wales sheep farmer. Other prices ranged from 420 to 150 guineas. Of course a considerable proportion of the sheep were bought for Queensland, Victoria and other colonies, but the pick was secured for New South Wales. The "Admiral," which realized the top price, far higher than secured by many a favorite race horse, is a pure merino, coming from the best stock imported into Australia, and when last shorn gave 31 1/2 pounds of wool, with a 12-month's growth.

Considering the heavy losses sustained by New South Wales and other pastoralists during the last few years, the heavy sales and high prices realized at the recent Sydney sheep fair speak volumes. The colonial pastoralists are determined to maintain their position in the markets of the world, and to achieve this no expense is being spared. The New South Wales wools generally are among the finest known, but within the next few years they will have no superior. It may be mentioned that in New South Wales the principal breeds of sheep are the merino, Lincoln, Leicester, Downs and Romney Marsh, with crosses of the long-wooled breeds, chiefly with the merino. At the close of 1897 the estimated number of sheep in the colony was: Merino, 49,065,936; long-wools, 1,223,581; crossbreeds, 2,663,383. Total, 52,952,897.

According to Mr. Cogbin, the climate of New South Wales admits of a stock of all kinds being left in the open air, and there is little or no necessity for housing them during the winter months. The sheep are kept in paddocks or under the care of shepherds, though on some stations they are both shepherded and paddocked. The advantages of the paddocking system are now universally recognized in the colony; the country will carry one-third more sheep; the wool will be longer and sounder, and the fleeces, as a whole, one-third better; the feed will be cleaner and less liable to gross soil; the sheep will increase in size; they will live longer and continue longer profitable; they will be freer from footrot and other diseases; the expense of working the station will be less than a quarter of what it would be if the sheep were shepherded; and, finally, the owner will be able to devote the principal part of his time to improving his sheep, instead of spending it in attempting to manage a number of shepherds and hut-keepers.

Autopsy Fair. The district fair at Antelope is being very largely attended, and a fine lot of exhibits is reported. Wheeler county made a big raid on the premiums with Charlie Huntley of Pine creek, who took first prize for collection of fruits, first for two-year-old shorthorn bull, second for bull and two calves, and second in the double harness trotting race, with his team Dick and Hornet. Babe Mays was first in the trotting race with Babe and Nig. Dutch Mollie, one of the fastest horses on the coast, was first in the quarter dash, and a Fossil horse, Coe Barnard's Dewey, took second money. New Burgess got first prize for best "cow" horse, and Ernest Kinney second. —Fossil Journal.

Remarkable Rescue. Mrs. Michael Cortain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught a snake which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefited from the first dose. She continued its use and after taking 12 bottles, found herself sound and well, now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at E. J. Slocum's drugstore, large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

Story of a Slave. To be bound hand and foot is for years by the chains of disease the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been hopeless for five years that she could not turn over in bed again. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headaches, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a god-send to weak, sick, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cts. Sold by Slocum Drug Co.

British's Vast Preparations Not Alone For Beer War. New York, Oct. 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: "Everybody is asking why an immense body of reinforcement is going out when every bulletin of victory from Natal proves that a more moderate force would suffice. That is a mystery as dense as London's black fog." There is a glimmer of light from Paris, where it is rumored that the Russian troops will not occupy Herat prematurely with the amer's consent. Well-informed men were asserting last night that these vast preparations were not meant as a grand parade but were a wise precaution rendered necessary by the possibility that Russia would take advantage of the occasion and make another advance on western Afghanistan, where full control could be secured over Persia. With a British army corps on the ground in South Africa and in readiness for service in India or Afghanistan, these witnesses were ready to testify that Russia would not advance on Herat.

Electric With Suspicion. The magnitude of the movement against the two republics is evidently creating in Europe that Barley described as an atmosphere electric with suspicion. Those who are behind the scenes in European diplomacy at the present moment and are well aware of the intriguing now taking place between France and Russia and the intention, if possible, to take advantage of England's difficulties, very much doubt if the intrigues are checked by British successes in Natal and on the western border of the Transvaal and the Free State. The British government is perfectly informed of what is passing and has not hesitated to make very swift preparations, naval and otherwise. The French Mediterranean fleet of six battleships and several cruisers left for the Levant, where it has not shown itself for two years. This may or may not be connected with the scenes above noticed. Nothing would be easier than for the Russian Black sea fleet to join it, passing through the Dardanelles. The British channel squadron is moving to Gibraltar and ample convoy is being sent with the British troops. The authorities at the various English naval ports have been warned to be in readiness to go to sea and cruisers are now only waiting an order to mobilize. With the militia reserve called out and the militia embodied, never was the British nation more ready.

READY FOR ALL COMERS.

Ex-Governor W. P. Lord is Appointed Minister to Argentina.

Salem Statesman. Ex-Governor W. P. Lord, of this city, was yesterday appointed by President McKinley to be envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the Argentine Republic, at an annual salary of \$10,000. Ex-Governor Lord will accept the important position that has been tendered him.

There have been rumors current on Salem's streets for a number of days to the effect that such an appointment had been made, in fact a Portland paper made editorial mention of the appointment on Sunday, but the report was not officially confirmed until late yesterday afternoon. When seen early yesterday afternoon and before the complimentary message had been received ex-Governor Lord informed a Statesman reporter that the announcement of the appointment had been prematurely made, that the appointment would scarcely be made before the latter part of the week.

The appointment of ex-Governor Lord is a high compliment to the ability of Oregon's former chief executive. By his official career in military life, his many years faithful service in the supreme court and as Oregon's chief executive, he is in every way pre-eminently qualified for the important position to which he has been appointed. The position ranks next to the highest diplomatic offices, the salary for which is \$17,500. The office ranks with that of minister to Brazil, Italy or Spain and the expenses are not so great. Ex-Governor Lord was offered the ministry to Persia several weeks ago, but declined the appointment. Owing to the importance of the position, the secretary of the legation is named by the department of state.

Ex-Governor Lord and family will probably leave for his post of duty in about a month. Minister Lord will reside in Buenos Ayres, the capital of the Argentine Republic, a city of about 500,000 population. The following is the Associated Press dispatch received by the Statesman last evening, which confirms the appointment of Mr. Lord: WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Wm. P. Lord, of Oregon, has been appointed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to the Argentine Republic. Ex-Governor Lord will succeed William I. Buchanan, who has resigned his position as United States minister to Argentina, to take effect at the expiration of his leave of absence, to accept the position of director-general of the Pan American exposition. The salary of the minister is \$10,000 per annum.

CATTLE FOR MONTANA.

Over a Thousand Head Taken Out of Willamette Valley at One Time.

Three hundred calves were driven to Salem yesterday by T. G. and E. C. Richmond, who have a farm of 1300 acres four miles from Dallas, Polk county. The young calves were, however, first brought from the stock ranges in Tillamook county. They were taken to the stock pens near the Southern Pacific passenger depot and loaded in five large stock cars during the afternoon, when they were transported to Portland in a train consisting of 16 other cars of a similar kind in which were about 850 cattle brought from Eugene and Albany. The entire lot of cattle are consigned to D. Florer, at Craig, Multnomah county, it is supposed, will put them on to his feeding quarters to place them in condition for the market next spring. The Richardsons have sold and shipped about 700 head of calves so far this year, and have a few yet unsold. This cattle train left Salem yesterday just behind the northbound Shasta express, and while waiting at the depot created a good deal of attention on the part of those assembled there. The wonder is how many more such trains will be hauled over the Southern Pacific, as it seems as though there are very few cattle left in the Willamette state. —Statesman.

SUMPTER GOT FIRST PRIZE.

Beat Roseland, Republic and Other Towns at the Spokane Fair.

Spokane, Oct. 14.—Oregon has much reason to be gratified at the result of awards made by the judges of mineral exhibits at the Spokane exposition. Competing with the great districts of British Columbia, Washington, Idaho and Montana, the ore of Sumter district, in Eastern Oregon, were given first prize by the committee on awards. The display of minerals at Spokane this year was by far the most elaborate and complete of any yet made in the northwest, and that a district so recently brought into prominence should easily take first honors in this great exhibit is regarded as remarkable. The prize-winning exhibit was in charge of Paul E. Poindexter, of Sumpter. Several Sumpter properties have been taken over recently by Spokane capitalists, and companies are being formed here for their development. Spokane enterprises and capital are reaching out over the great mineral regions of the northwest, regardless of state or international boundary lines.

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Although the "Scotch collie dog," as he is so often called, has for many generations been one of the favorite varieties of the canine race, his fondest admirers of 50 years ago could scarcely have expected him to have achieved the popularity which he possesses at the present time and has held for some 20 years or more, says the Victoria Daily Colonist. He shares with the sprightly fox terrier the distinction of being the favorite dog of the people of the latter part of the 10th century. The St. Bernard has his admirers, so has the fox hound, but as neither is so suitable as a companion—the one on account of his size, the other for a variety of reasons—the collie and fox terrier are likely to retain their good reputation for many years to come. The word collie is derived from the Anglo Saxon "col," black, so the black-faced sheep of the north came to be called "colleys," and the dog that drove or preceded them came to be a collie dog. In due course the word "dog" was dropped, so by easy transformation, "colley"—grown out of use as applied to his sheep—was adopted as a euphonious word for a variety of the dogs, and so remains to this day. Bowick, the great wood engraver, calls this dog the "colly." But before Bowick gave us his charming illustrations of the sheep dog or "shepherd's bond," "Casis pastoralis" was held in esteem, and in the 16th century daily described by Dr. Caius, who wrote: "Our shepherd's dog is not large, and vast, and big, but of an indifferent stature and growth, because it has to deal with the bloodthirsty wolfe, since there be none in England. * * * This dog, either at the hearing of his master's voice or at the wagging of his fist, or at his shrill and hoarse whistling and hissing, bringeth the wandering wethers and stray sheep into the selfsame place where the master's will and work is to have them, whereby the shepherd reapeth the benefit, namely, that with little labor and no toil of moving his feet, he may rule and guide his flock according to his own desire, either to have them go forward or stand still, or to draw backward, or to turn this way, or take that way. For it is not in England as it is in France, as it is in Flanders, as it is in Syria, as it is in Tartary, where the sheep follow the shepherd, for here in our country the shepherd followeth the sheep, and sometimes the straying sheep, where no dog runs before them, nor goeth about or beside them, gather themselves into a flock, when they hear the shepherd whistle, for fear of the dog (as I imagine) remembering that if unreasoning creatures may be reported to have memory, the dog commonly runneth out at his master's warrant, which is his whistle. This have we oftentimes marked when we have taken our journey from town to town; when we have heard a shepherd whistle we have reined in our horse and stood still a pace to see the proof and trial of this matter. Furthermore, with the dog doth the shepherd take the sheep to slaughter, and to be healed if they be sick, and no hurt or harm is done by the dogs to the simple creatures." The above is one of the oldest records of the working of sheep dogs, and it is interesting because it almost corresponds with their duty at the present day. There is no doubt that the collie or sheep dog is one of the most useful of the canine race, and within the last quarter of a century he has been made ornamental. The general appearance is that of a little, active dog, of pleasing outline, exhibiting strength, speed and intelligence. The head is long, covered with short, soft hair, skull flat, moderately wide between ears, and tapering at nose, which is black; mouth a bit over-shot; eyes of fair size, not prominent, placed rather wide apart, almond-shaped and placed obliquely, and shade of brown, the darker the better; ears small, covered with short, soft hair, carried semi-erect when at attention, at other times thrown back; neck long, arched and muscular; chest deep and narrow in front, but wide behind shoulders; back short and level; shoulders oblique; loins rather long, slightly arched and powerful; forelegs straight and muscular; hindlegs sinewy; hindquarters drooping slightly, very long from hips to hocks; stifles well bent, hip bones rather wide and ragged; pasterns long, springy and lighter in bone than rest of leg, soles well padded; toes arched and compact, laid moderately long, carried low when quiet, gaily when excited; coat—an important point—abundant, except on head and legs; the outer coat straight, hard and rather stiff; inner coat soft, furry and very dense; trill very abundant; hair on tail very profuse and on hips long and bushy; color immaterial; weight, 40 to 60 pounds; height, 21 to 24 inches. Defects: Domed skull; high-peaked occipital boss; heavy pendulous ears; full, soft eyes; heavy; feathered legs; short tail.

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