

The Heppner Gazette

LIVESTOCK IN OREGON.

The Stock Industry is in a Prosperous Condition.

In a recent interview with a Portland paper, C. J. Millis, livestock agent of the O. R. & N., who makes a study of the stock industry, gave out the following:

"Speaking of the sheep industry," said Mr. Millis, "this has been one of the most prosperous years on record in Oregon. The crop of lambs, despite the blustering squalls and cold rains that visited our ranges about the beginning of our lambing season, was over 95 per cent this year. Other localities had as high an increase, but it was not saved. By an increase we mean the number of lambs that lived, to become available for future demands, and not the number dropped. On account of drought and short crops in the great feed producing central states, the shipments of sheep have been somewhat below the usual amount. As a result the ranges and markets at home are in a somewhat congested state. One of the unfortunate results of this condition is the conflict of stockmen on the ranges. If the Eastern movement of sheep had been as great as it generally is, and as great as the ranges of Oregon are prepared to furnish, very much, if not all of this unpleasantness on the ranges would have been avoided.

"A large movement of sheep has taken place in Oregon this year, that is an entirely new feature in the business. This is a movement of Northeastern Oregon sheep into the San Francisco markets. I have in mind one firm that has shipped 100 carloads of sheep to this market from the extreme eastern portion of the state. This has added a new impetus to the business in that

section, as it was an unexpected opening. Southern Oregon, Nevada and California have heretofore supplied this market.

"Altogether Oregon has shipped out this year, in round numbers, 500,000 sheep. This is only one half of what would have gone, had crop conditions in the Central states, where all of the feeding is done, not restricted the demand. Oregon lambs have topped the market in Chicago this fall, for this class of sheep. The total amount of sheep in the state is 4,250,000, on a conservative estimate.

"The wool market has been very spirited and the wool has moved rapidly. The practice of making sealed bids for the wool clip, by the various buyers, have added a new feature to our wool markets. Purchasers keep the prices up, in their rivalry for the output.

"Just now the horse is taking a rest. The lull in the business occasioned by the close of the Spanish and Boer wars has affected the movement of horses. There have been shipped out of Oregon this year 250 carloads, the principal movement being to the Omaha and Kansas City markets.

Oregon cattle have been sent into Montana, Dakota and Colorado during the early portion of the season. Later the beef shipments have been to Portland and Sound cities. The absence of packing houses and other permanent industries connected with the beef business, tend to cause Oregon cattle to be shipped out of the state. So far the shipments from the state, over the various lines, amount to 30,000 head, for this season, with the heavy feed yard shipments yet to go.

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