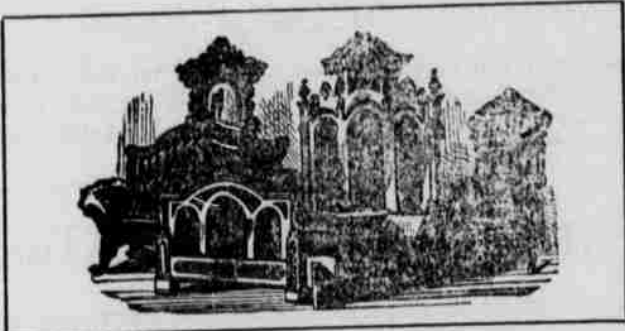


GOAT INDUSTRY IN POLK COUNTY

The subject of Angora goats is one of much interest to the people of Polk county on account of the prominent position which the county has assumed in the production of mohair. Polk is surpassed by only one other county in the United States in the value of that product. The one exception is Uvalde county, Texas, where nearly all of the prominent Texas breeders are located. There are several other counties in the United States which contain more Angoras than Polk, but in the Southern states the goats do not shear as heavy fleeces and the mohair is shorter, and on that account less valuable than that produced in the Northern states. Another reason why the northern grown mohair is the most valuable is the fact that a great many southern flocks have been built up by crossing the Angora with Mexican goats, while in Oregon we have only the Angora, and the first Angoras introduced into this state were as good as any in the country.

In the Southern states the goats are herded on the range in large flocks like sheep; but here the flocks are small, and they are kept not only for the mohair they produce, but also to keep down brush of all kinds. A great many people have the idea that goats will not live without brush, but our experience has shown that they will do well on almost any kind of feed, and the better the feed the larger the animal and the heavier the fleece produced. We feed our goats just the same as we do our sheep—run them on the clover and rape fields in summer, and feed clover or vetch hay in winter.

A good flock of goats should shear from 3½ to 4 lbs per head. This, of course, depends a good deal on how large a proportion of the flock is kids or wethers. Our own flock, which is almost entirely composed of does and kids, sheared an average of 4½ pounds per head this season. This does not include about 40 head which have been left until next fall. A good, well kept flock of about 2-3 does and 1-3 wethers should bring about \$2.50 to \$3 yearly. The mohair product should be worth on an average about \$1.25 per head, and at about 8 months old the doe kid should bring from \$2.50 to \$4 per head, and the wethers \$1.50



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to \$2.
This, of course refers to unregistered stock, the registered stock bringing much higher prices. Our bucks sell at an average of about \$20 per head and does about the same. There is of course a much greater range of values for the bucks than the does, the former ranging from \$15 up to \$100, the latter \$15 to \$40.

—Written especially for the Independence Enterprise by Wm. Riddell, one of the leading fine stock breeders of Polk county.

Polk County School Report
Report of the schools of Polk county for the month ending March 19, 1909.

Number of schools in session, 61.
Number of pupils remaining last month, 2347.
Number of new pupils registered during the month, 43.
Number of pupils leaving one school and entering another school, 58.
Number of pupils having been dropped and then readmitted, 183.
Total number registered during the month, 2631.
Number of pupils dropped during the month, 356.
Number of pupils remaining March 19th, 2276.
Number of pupils on register since beginning of school not registered in any other school, 2711.
Number of pupils that have been registered in some other school, 193.
Number of pupils over 4 and under 6, 31.
Number of pupils over 6 and under 9, 738.
Number of pupils over 9 and under 12, 731.
Number of pupils over 12 and under 14, 520.
Number of pupils over 14 and under 20, 691.
Total, 2711.
Number of days taught during the month, 18.
Whole number of days attendance, 41,256.
Whole number of days absence, 2,492.
Whole number of times late, 413.
Number of pupils neither absent nor tardy, 1,199.
Average number of pupils belonging, 2430.
Average daily attendance, 94.7.
Number of visits by parents, 91.
Number of visits by members of school board, 20.
The following schools are placed on the roll of honor for attendance having made a per cent of 95 or

more; Zena, Smithfield, Lewisville, Ballston, Monmouth, Perrydale, Goose-neck, Cochran, Rickreall, Oak Point, Elkins, Independence, Buell, Popcorn, Harmony, Upper Salt Creek, Etna, Greenwood, Fir Grove, Sunny Slope, Lone Star, McCoy, Teals, (100 per cent), Falls City, Mountain View, Rock Creek (100 per cent), Rogue River Valley.

The following schools were placed on the roll of honor for not having had any tardies: Smithfield, Bridge Port, Lewisville, Brush College, Buena Vista, Upper Salt Creek, Enterprise, Fir Grove, Concord, Teals, Rock Creek Mistletoe.

H. C. Seymour,
School Superintendent of Polk County, Oregon.

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AND RESIDENCES**

53 acres 1½ miles from Albany, 27 acres in apples, best varieties, also young orchard. Splendid improvements. Rolling land. Price \$9000. Terms: \$2000 down, balance at 6 per cent interest.

102 acres, mile from Independence, well fenced and with best of improvements. All but 15 acres in cultivation. Good buildings and out-buildings. One of the good places near the town. \$100 an acre.

102 acres 1 mile from Buena Vista. Orchard of 100 trees of best varieties. 45 acres in cultivation. Good improvements. Price \$3800.

324 acres 4 miles from Monmouth, 1½ from railroad; 160 acres in cultivation. Good improvements. A good buy. Price \$8000.

40 acres 3 miles from Independence. All in cultivation and in crop. A home for a poor man. Price \$1900.

277 acres 10 miles from Independence 150 acres in cultivation. This is another of the good buys. Will sell at \$32.50 an acre.

33½ acres bottom land near Independence. Best land there is and for sale at \$3600.

28 acres joining city limits and a snap for some poor man. All in cultivation. \$3000.

160 acres 3 miles from Lincoln in Polk county. A good piece of land at \$33.50 an acre.

600 acres 4 miles from Dallas; 50 of it in cultivation. The best deal in Polk county. Will sell now for \$20 an acre.

235 acres, almost all in cultivation at \$40 an acre.

44 acres mostly in cultivation. 6½ miles from Independence. \$3200 or will sell ½ with buildings for \$1650.

75 acres, 50 in cultivation; 10 in timber; young orchard. A good buy at \$40 an acre.

50 acres, 40 in cultivation, good house and barn. 7 miles from Albany. A good buy. \$80 an acre.

82 acres, 30 in cultivation. 5 acres of best varieties apples in bearing. Very rich land. \$75 an acre.

8 acres, 3 miles from Independence, all in cultivation, fenced. Some fruit trees. Slightly rolling. Fine fruit tract. Price \$50 an acre.

20 acres, about 4 miles from Independence; \$600 barn and well; fenced with woven wire; rich sandy loam soil 18 feet deep; ten acres in walnuts and peaches 3 years old; worth \$250 an acre. Price \$125 an acre.

47 acres; about 20 acres in cultivation. House, barn and family orchard; 16 acres hops and hop house. Five miles from Independence. Bargain. Good crop will pay for place. Price \$2650. Terms.

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20 acres, 3½ miles from town; nearly all in cultivation; soil very rich. Five-room house, barn and family orchard; 2½ acres timber. Price \$2500. Terms.

38 acres, 15 in cultivation, balance in timber and pasture; rich garden land; young orchard in bearing, grapes and small fruit; house, barn and other outbuildings; on county road and rural route; between Albany and Independence. Price \$80 an acre.

170 odd acres bottom land for sale at \$10,500. Investigate this.

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CITY PROPERTY

If you are looking for anything in the line of residences or farms you can find something to suit you in the list. Ask to see property not included in this list.

Good house and barn and 2 acres to sell at \$550.

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A good buy for \$1000.

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8-room house, with closets, 14x20 barn, chicken house, carriage house work shop, wood house, fruit trees and small fruits. Improvements are worth as much as is asked for place. About a half acre. Price \$1000

Tract 90x200 feet in Independence, house 14x22, chicken corral, hen house, wood shed; fenced. 400 strawberries, some raspberries, loganberries, gooseberries, pie plant, etc. A good buy. Price \$450.

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10-room house and 2 lots with other improvements. A swell home for \$1500.

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An acre of land and good six room house with best of improvements; A good home for \$850.

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