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FINEST MOHAIR GROWN.

Polk County Mohair Equal to the Purest Turkey.

WORTH 45 CENTS PER POUND.

A Big Boston House Would Take 100,000 Pounds at This Price.

Monmouth, Oregon,
June 23, 1902.

EDITOR ENTERPRISE:—Knowing that you are interested in the up-building of this section of Polk county I thought the following might be of interest to you, and also to the many readers of the ENTERPRISE.

Mr. John B. Stump, the well-known breeder of Angora goats and Cotswold sheep, has a flock of 200 full-blood Angora goats that he has spared no pains to bring to a high state of perfection.

This spring he sent samples of his mohair to the Oregon Agriculturist and Rural Northwest to be forwarded to the Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, of Boston, Mass. The following letter was received in reply:

Boston, Massachusetts,
May 19, 1902.

The Oregon Agriculturist and Rural Northwest, Portland, Or.

GENTLEMEN:—We have received from you a sample lot of mohair. The one fleece sample is extra long, well bred, white stock and would class as pure breed, equal to the best Turkey mohair, which is an exceptional thing to say of American mohair. This fleece is a little heavy in grease, so that in scouring it will shrink a little more than the average Turkey mohair. As to fineness of quality it is medium fine.

Regarding the balance of the sample lot the condition is extra good, average length, seven inches. It has all the characteristics of the purest Turkey mohair. It is soft, white, lustrous stock, strong in the staple, and elastic, and is free from noll. It is finer in fibre than the average Turkey mohair.

We are not comparing this with any other domestic hair; only with the best bred Turkey hair, and it is only by very careful selection out of a good many bales of the best Turkey that we could pick out a number of fleeces that would be as good as this sample lot of fleeces. If the climate and feed of Oregon will permit the goats, from which this mohair was taken, to retain the qualities which have been bred in them the result will surpass anything that we have yet seen in the way of American-bred Angoras.

We believe that we have already received or have on the way to us more than half of all the best American mohair that has been sheared this spring, and it has been very satisfactory to us to find so much improvement in quality in many of the large lots, and such exceptional success as we find in the sample lot you have just sent us, and in similar lots which we have received from other growers who have asked us for an expert opinion. The value of this mohair is 45 cents per pound. We would instantly close a trade for one hundred thousand pounds of the same quality at the same price.

Respectfully yours,

EDWARD P. BLISS,
President.

We believe that the above record is one of which not only Mr. Stump, but everyone interested in pure bred stock ought to be proud, and the price received should stimulate every stockman to improve his stock.

Yours respectfully,

A. J. SHIPLEY.



This grand prize-winning English Ram, Houlton's 1249—21,926, imported and owned by Thos. W. Brunk, Eola, Ore.

Lumber Industry at Pedee.

Special from Pedee.
The logging industry is being pushed with great energy in the mountains west of Pedee.

The Spaulding logging company has a large force employed at the head of the Luckamare, and P. J. Simpson is putting in 3,000,000 feet of logs on the same stream near Hoskins.

The Pedee Lumber Co's mill is now ready to start up, and will cut about 20,000 feet of lumber per day. The company is prepared to supply the trade with both rough and dressed lumber of the highest grade.

GRANGES MEET.

A Plan for Holding Sales Days Set on Foot.

Highland Grange entertained Polk County Pomona Grange in royal style on Saturday, June 28th. A sumptuous banquet was spread in the grove just north of the school house.

Pomona Grange was called to order by Master J. C. White at 1:30 P. M. Granges from different parts of the county were well represented. There were some very interesting and profitable discussions by the members on co-operation in buying and the benefits to be derived therefrom. It was thought that if the farmers could buy direct there would be a great saving in cutting out the middleman's profit, but it would seem that a much more important field for co-operative effort would be found in disposing of the products of the farm.

The great combinations in every branch of manufacture in the country are not formed for the purpose of buying, but for the purpose of selling, and the farmers are the only class of producers who are not realizing the advantages of concentrated and harmonious action in placing their goods on the market, and thus Pomona Grange thought best to appoint a committee, consisting of a number from each of the Granges in the county to make such arrangements as will be necessary for holding such sales and at such seasons of the year as will be of most benefit to our farmers, thus giving them a chance to offer at public sale what horses, cattle, or other stock they may have, and affording the buyers a chance to buy at much less expense (which comes out of the farmer's pocket).

The committee will be grateful for such suggestions as would aid in making a success of the venture.

The next Pomona Grange will be held with Dallas Grange at Bridgeport the second Saturday in October, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Rev. B. J. Kelly was confined to his home last Sunday with a severe cold on his lungs.

Preaching at the United Evangelical church at Buena Vista next Sunday at 11 A. M. by the pastor.

Will Remain 'Till September 1st

Dr. Darrin's Work is Piling Upon Him in Such Volume That He is Compelled to Prolong His Visit in Salem at Willamette Hotel.

Salem Statesman.

This eminent and far-famed specialist has met with such an immense volume of business since coming to Salem that he finds it absolutely necessary to prolong his visit to September 1st. It is a source of gratification to the doctor's friends to know that his skill is being so well and appreciably taxed. His patients are coming from all parts of Oregon, and in all cases a benefit or cure is effected. The doctor's skill is becoming so well known and his cured patrons so plentiful that his name has become a household treasure in hundreds of homes in this locality. Here are some of his cures:

Happy After Ten Years of Misery.

Mr. Editor: I can recommend Dr. Darrin's treatment. For eight or ten years I have been troubled with rheumatism in hip and back, also diabetes. Through Dr. Darrin's electrical and medical treatment I am cured of the rheumatism, and the diabetes is rapidly improving. Refer to me at Jefferson, Oregon.

J. W. PATE.

The writer knows Mr. Pate very well and is pleased to inform his many friends of his recovery, and knows the case must be a genuine one, as Mr. Pate is a man of good sense and sound judgment. He could not be induced to make such a statement unless he knew it to be true.

A Popular Young Man Cured.

Mr. Editor: For the past twelve years my son Charles has been more or less troubled with weak lungs, accompanied with a cough, every change of the weather made him worse. He also had marked symptoms of appendicitis, with great pain in his right side. Two months ago I put him under Dr. Darrin's treatment by electricity and medicines. He has gradually recovered until now I feel that his lung complications are cured. The pain in his side is so nearly gone that I think the cure will be complete in a short time. I am grateful to you for making known Dr. Darrin's presence in Salem, as well as to Dr. Darrin for curing my son. Refer your readers to me at 378 Marion street, Salem.

MRS. SAMUEL D. RAMP.

DALLAS HOSPITALITY.

The Independence Rebekahs Have a Jolly Time.

The Independence Rebekah Lodge accepted an invitation to visit the Dallas Lodge on Friday evening last. A special motor took them over, and on arriving at Dallas a committee met and escorted the visitors to their hall. Lodge was soon called to order and the regular form of work gone through with.

A very cordial welcome was extended to the visiting lodge in an address by Mrs. Metzger. Responses were made by several of the visitors. A delightful musical program was rendered, reflecting great credit on the Dallas people. The rooms were tastefully decorated in green wood fern and pink roses—the colors of the order. The crowning feature of the evening was an elaborate banquet. The visitors all had their appetites at hand and did ample justice to the many good things set before them.

It was near midnight when the Dallas lodge accompanied their friends to the motor and after much talking and singing the guests departed with many warm exclamations of having experienced a jolly good time.

The New Furniture Store.

I have been in the furniture and undertaking business for eleven years, nine of which were spent at Wausaukee, Wisconsin. I propose to carry in my new store at Independence a full line of Furniture, such as is found in all modern up-to-date furniture stores. I will also keep a good line of picture mouldings.

I carry a full stock of Undertaking Goods. Having taken a course at the Massachusetts College of Embalming, together with eleven years practical experience, enables me to do work second to none in this country. I am a member of the Wisconsin State Undertakers' Association. I have also a fine hearse in connection with this branch of the business.

ACCIDENT AT BALLSTON.

Peter Nairn Fell Against Boiler of Engine and Was Frightfully Burned.

An appalling accident, of which Peter Nairn was the victim, occurred at Ballston Tuesday morning. The young man, who is about 22 years of age, was working with a steam wood-sawing outfit on his father's farm at that place, and had climbed on top of the engine to do some oiling, when his clothing caught in the moving machinery and he was thrown violently forward into dangerous proximity to the rapidly revolving fly-wheel. Every stitch of clothing was stripped from his body in an instant, and to save himself from being torn to pieces he grasped the smoke-stack with both hands. This threw his naked body against the boiler, and rendered him absolutely unable to help himself. The steam was shut off as quickly as possible and he was extricated from his awful position, not however until he had been fearfully burned about his side and hip. The flesh for a space of about twelve inches in length was literally cooked, and his hands were frightfully burned from coming in contact with the smoke-stack. He was otherwise seriously burned and bruised. A physician was summoned from Amity and everything possible done to alleviate his suffering. At a late hour yesterday afternoon the young man was still alive, and a slight hope is entertained of his recovery.—Observer.

A number of the railroad boys went down to Rocky Point the other Sunday, took some giant powder along and blasted out several superb specimens of fossils. From a geological standpoint every foot of territory abounds in interest to the student.

BODY NOT IDENTIFIED.

Man Supposed to Have Been Bell Proves to be Another.

PROBABLY ALWAYS REMAIN MYSTERY.

Coroner's Inquest Produces No Evidence and Could Throw No Light on Matters.

The coroner's inquest, held over the body found Thursday in the American Bottom, a few miles south of here, resulted in practically no new light being shed on the mystery. Nothing but portions of a human skeleton, covered with particles of cloth, was discovered. The place where the bones were found is under water throughout the wet season, though it is farmed in the summer time. The lower jaw was found about 200 feet farther down the river, and it is by this part of the anatomy an identification was hoped for. The teeth were small, crowded and well preserved, with the exception of two teeth adjoining each other, which were missing. Particles of clothes worn by the man would indicate a blue uniform, and the theory that the man was the son of Captain Bell was generally conceded by the member of Coroner Wood's jury.

What bones of the body could be collected together were brought to town by the coroner, and it was hoped to communicate with Captain Bell, running on the steamer Pomona, and ascertain if he could identify them. Captain Bell, however, had stopped off at McMinnville, and it will be a day or so before he can have the opportunity of viewing the remains.

Sunday morning, however, Chris Bell, a brother of the supposed dead man, accompanied by a friend named Ferrell, came up from Portland, were taken to the office of J. D. Irvine, where the bones were stored away, and permitted to examine them. Both men were positive that the remains were not of young Bell. In the first place, Bell never wore a shoe over a No. 5, while the shoe found was easily a number 7. The lower jaw of the dead man had teeth very uneven, while both men testified that Bell's teeth were even, very small, and had many fillings. The bones would indicate a tall erect man; Bell was about five feet and very stooped. The blue uniform was the only thing in common.

Who, or how the body came where it was, seems to be destined a mystery. And the most mysterious part of it is that this is the third body to be found within a radius of a few miles during the past three years, and the identity of each seems to be destined to forever remain a secret. In the other two instances evidence of violent death—by suicide or murder—was easily ascertainable. In this instance there is no hope of ever ascertaining even the method by which the man met his death.

Demand for Normal Graduates.

The State Normal School at Monmouth reports that the demand for its graduates during the past year has been much beyond the supply.

Graduation from the Normal practically assures a place worth from \$40 to \$100 per month. The students take the State examinations during the regular course and are easily able to pass on all subjects required for State papers before graduation.

The School has a well equipped Training Department consisting of a Nine grade town School and a typical country School.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Clodfelter, of Corvallis were Independence visitors the first of the week.