

SHEEP RAISING PAYS.

When Properly Cared For They Are Valuable Farm Animals.

The principles of sheep husbandry must first be learned in order to be successful in the business and derive a profit, writes a correspondent of the American Cultivator. That sheep are valuable on a farm is certainly true. The fertility of any land which is run down can very quickly be built up again if sheep are placed upon it. For this reason the sheep has its proper name, the "golden hoof." It may be mentioned right here that sheep will never thrive and do well if kept on low, wet, marshy land. They will always improve the fertility of the land on which they are and by no means ever lower it.

It is an undisputed fact that the manure of sheep is much richer than



The Hampshire breed of sheep, which somewhat resembles the Shropshire, is increasing in popularity in this country. It has many points commending it as a farm breed. One of its strong characteristics is the rapid growth made by the lambs when young. Hampshire are the largest of the medium wool breeds. They are heavy animals and for grazing on rough land are perhaps not so well adapted as some of the lighter and more active breeds. The picture shows a prize winning Hampshire ram.

that of other live stock, with the exception of that of chickens. And furthermore, they themselves spread the manure more evenly on the land than any manure spreader can do that has as yet been invented. A good heavy crop of grain, corn or vegetables may be expected when a coat of sheep manure has been applied on the land.

Another advantage of keeping sheep is that they are very fond of weeds and will eat some of them in preference to good grass. Authorities claim that sheep will eat over 400 of the 700 different kinds of weeds which grow on our farms. Many times they will also eat the waste grass around fences and corners which is left by other stock.

It is a general complaint nowadays all over the country that competent labor is very scarce, but it must be said that at the time when the farmer is busiest with his plowing, seeding, cultivating and harvesting, his sheep will cause him the least amount of work, and thus may be called labor savers. If at this time they have enough grass to eat, good fresh water to drink and have access to salt at all times they will be fully satisfied.

A baby daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Closner of Estacada, Thursday morning, Jan. 14th. Mother and child are doing nicely.

Bill Underwood, Fred Bannister, Hugh Jones, Henry Fanton and Paul Morrow of Estacada left this week to work for the Bittner Plug & Shingle Co. on Clear Creek. W. A. Jones is in charge of getting the party safely to their destination.

Basketball Saturday

The Estacada High School basketball team, quietly crept back to their home town, after their contemplated capture of the Canby laurels. The local boys were defeated to the tune of 38 to 11 and had several excuses to offer, but undoubtedly the best one, was the superior playing of their antagonists.

The E. H. S. gang are far from discouraged and hope to win from Gresham next Saturday night, at the Estacada Pavilion. The game will be called at 7 o'clock sharp as the C. I. C. dance begins at 8:30. The dancers should take advantage of this chance to witness a good game before the dancing begins.

School Notes

Contributed

The High School Student Body held its regular monthly meeting last Friday and elected the following officers: Leroy Gard, President; Leona Gard, V. P.; Veneta Page, Secy.; Echo Wade, Treas.; Clyde Denny, Sergt. at Arms; Chester Womer, Yeli Ldr. and Eleanor Bewes, Asst.

The Adelpic Literary Society will render their last program of this semester, next Friday at 2:30 o'clock.

A special meeting of the Websterian Literary Society elected Earl Tracy, Pres.; Nellie Bonney V. P.; Gladys Townsend, Secy-Treas. and Chet Womer, Serg. at Arms.

The debaters will debate with Forest Grove at the school house Friday evening at 7:30. Show that you are interested by attending.

The regular meeting of the George Social and Commercial Club was held at the club house Saturday evening, Jan. 9th. After the usual business meeting, a short literary program was given, followed by an informal dance. The next meeting will be held the evening of January 30.

This is the annual meeting for the election of officers.

Mrs. H. V. Adix of Estacada, entertained fourteen of the young folks last Tuesday afternoon, in honor of the 10th. birthday of Victor Adix. Games were played and the delightful refreshments served by the hostess, ended a happy afternoon. In the evening a few of her friends, who had heard rumors of the delightful refreshments of the afternoon, called and completely devastated the bountiful supply which remained.

The Springwater Chorus is planning a "costume concert" for the near future. A new chapel organ will soon be installed.

Who's the Guy?

In the current issue of the Weekly News Bulletin, the following paragraph appears:—"Guy LaFollette is the new owner of the Crook County Journal at Prineville, Or".

This is undoubtedly the same Guy that used to edit the Progress and if so, the Crook County people are to be congratulated. At last report LaFollette was holding down the editorial chair of the Helena, Mont. Independent, but possibly this is merely a side line and he will hire someone else to run the new acquisition. LaFollette has a ranch at Crescent and intends to boom local values.

Union Meat Salesman Here

Not satisfied with merely paying out their money to the local farmers, the Union Meat Co. have sent out their representative, R. E. Crego, who is representing their Fertilizer and Animal Food Department. Mr. Crego will canvass this country with a view of educating the hog raisers to the use of animal fertilizers and especially the using of "tankage" for hog feeding. Inasmuch as this "tankage" is used by the leading swine raisers and is endorsed by experts, it is likely it will find a ready sale in this vicinity.

Priscillas Elect

A very interesting meeting of the Priscilla Club of Curriusville was held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Saling on Saturday, Jan. 9th.

A light luncheon was served at noon to about 25 officers, members and visitors.

The members added greatly to the pleasures of the afternoon by toasts, readings, fortune telling and singing.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Miss Ellen Erickson was re-elected president; Mrs. Gladys Hughes, vice president; Miss Minnie Steinman was re-elected secretary; Miss Edith Trowbridge, assistant secretary; Mrs. E. E. Saling, reporter and Mrs. H. H. Yount, toast mistress.

The Club will meet the first Saturday in Feb., at the home of Mr. Yount.

The Springwater Grange met last Saturday, electing the following set of officers: - Master, Lauren Tenny; Overseer, J. F. Moger; Lecturer, Mrs. J. F. Moger; Chaplain, Rev. C. F. Aue; Steward, J. C. Peterson; Pomona, Mrs. C. F. Aue; Flora, Mrs. Jas Shibley; Ceres, Mrs. Ed Closner; Treas., Ed Closner; Secy., Elva Shibley; Asst., Everet Shibley; and Mrs. Chas Folsom, Lady Asst.

R. B. Gibson of Eagle Creek recently sold to Buyer Lucke, a 425 lb. scw, which brought \$26 52 on the hoof at Estacada.

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