

KEEP SHEEP ON FARM

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GET PROFIT WITH SMALL OUTLAY

Small Animal That Utilizes as Much Coarse Feed With as Little Attendant Labor—Lamb Farming Replenished The Farms of Michigan Which had Been Depleted by Wheat.

Too many farmers fail to appreciate the value of a flock of sheep on the average farm. It is nothing in the entire curriculum that returns the proportionate to the work that does a flock of sheep. It does not mean that a man can raise sheep to the exclusion of everything else, but he can keep them just as he can some cows and some hogs and other kinds of stock. It is a strange thing, but, nevertheless, a fact, that in going through the country past farm after farm you will see every domestic animal but sheep. The farmer never thinks of doing without cows, or horses, or pigs, and he ought to think about sheep.

Some important items which are heavily on the credit side of the sheep account are the labor cost and the large amount of manure. There is no animal that utilizes as much coarse feed of low value as little attendant labor as the sheep. Even in winter, they must be fed, a proportionately large number can be taken care of in less time than any other stock; while in summer they must be milked, the hogs fed, and the hogs fed, and sheep picks its living, raises its wool and grows a fleece while the farmer is tending to the rest of the stock. And wherever the sheep goes he enriches the land. Lamb farming that replenishes the farms of Michigan had been depleted by long years of wheat growing, and when as fertile and productive as virgin lands. Where you see a farm on which is a good-sized flock of sheep you see good crops, good buildings and other improvements, prosperous, progressive

Following the experience of a man who shows the value of sheep from other viewpoints, that he did any other farmer do. He says: "The way I happened to put a flock of sheep on my farm is going back and forth between my town and Dallas, I now have two adjoining farms, each with a good-sized flock of sheep on it; yet one was completely clean of weeds, and the other had the usual number. I had two pastures; one with ten acres growing and not a weed in it, while the other, in addition to the usual number, had more weeds than I could investigate, and found that farmers were first-class and knew how, but one flock of sheep on his place, the other had not. This is the thinking, and I decided to look into the matter. Some correspondence I purchased fourteen ewes and a ram from a dealer in the state, and experimenting with them. In eighteen months ago, I have forty head, and am to buy more.

It is said that the sheep is valuable on the farm for its use in destroying weeds, if not for the wool clip, but more than pay for the cost of feed during the months when there is no pasture; that sheep are able to keep them in company with nothing, and that the sheep is almost 100 per cent profitable.

Sheep, if treated kindly, are handled and more easily than either horses, cattle or pigs. With just a little effort, they can be taught to drive or to follow from lot to pasture, and to pasture. I think every farmer should have a small flock for the purpose of utilizing the waste in his place, cleaning his pastures of weeds and bushes,

and enriching the soil. And when you consider the two sources of profit—the sale of wool and the sale of lambs, at today's prices—it is clear that within a few years on most every farm there will be a bunch of sheep. "A farm of 100 acres, with 20 acres in pasture, will easily support 100 ewes. The profit in them is 100 per cent annually. A trial will prove to any doubtful farmer that a flock of sheep will average him from \$4 to \$7 per head annually." — Sheep Breeder.

The Oregon-Idaho Development Congress has come and gone. Prominent men have stood before Coos Bay audiences and told them truths about the wonderful resources of the vast empire lying east of us, have told them agrin the only half realized truths of the more wonderful resources of their own section.

The men who have been among us are men whose vision is not confined to any one section of the state but who embrace the entire state, from Dallas to Pilot Rock, from Ontario to Port Orford in their efforts. Men whose vision has not been blighted by looking upon the rainbows of failure and disappointment. These men are the broadest in our land possess a mark of intelligence that is of no small meaning. We must therefore take the opinions of these fellows as so much intelligence, backed up by sincere and honest beliefs. It cannot be that all are mistaken or have been illusioned by the Coos Bay fog. These men have been holding congresses. In the long stretch of territory between here and Boise. The idea had its conception in Coos Bay one year ago, and since the embryo was conceived meetings have been held monthly with an ever increasing interest. With the Coos Bay congress, an event of history, the round trip has been made.

ject; not in the least, but a conscientious and unflinching interest must be taken in all these things until the desired result is obtained.

We are therefore confirmed in our faith of Coos Bay and made to feel that the era of a better day is dawning, both for us and the great undeveloped country lying to the east of us. Here's to the men who have given their time and money in furthering the organization of the Coos Bay-Idaho Development Congress and the work it has undertaken. We are glad that the organization had its inception in Coos Bay and we are proud to have the first year's work end here. May the zeal of these men never falter and that Coos Bay may never feel that anything but good come from the influence of this great organization. — Coos Bay Harbor.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

(Portland Correspondence).

Impressed with the future of the Pacific Northwest in agriculture, delegates to the national convention of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations have returned home after holding a week's convention in Portland. Those in attendance expressed themselves as surprised at the manifest agricultural wealth here. The fertility of the soil and the progress made in agriculture aroused much comment. The visitors were enabled to see various parts of the state by special train as guests of the Portland Commercial Club. So highly pleased were they that the excursionists passed a resolution of thanks to their entertainers and spoke in very high terms of the country inspected. Since the visitors are hard-headed scientists who are not given to making unwarranted statements, their opinions of the Northwest and its future in agriculture may be taken seriously. These were nothing short of glowing. The fertile soil; the favorable climate; organization and intelligence of the farmers here and their successful methods, and rich opportunity for those who undertake agriculture in this favored section of the country, all were spoken of by the visitors. Their favorable opinion is certain to be productive of much good for these men are in touch with large numbers of farmers who are looking for new locations, as well as thousands of students who are studying scientific agriculture and who are on the lookout for good farm lands.

The Senate irrigation committee is in Portland this week inquiring into the conditions of irrigation in the Northwest. Arriving Tuesday morning, the visitors are expected to remain here a day, and sessions at which inquiries will be made will probably be held in the auditorium of the Commercial Club. While here the Senators will be entertained at a luncheon by the Commercial Club and taken about the city and surrounding country.

President Taft, who comes to Portland October 2, has been induced to cut out a golf game that had been planned for him here and make a public address so that his admirers here may have an opportunity to hear him speak. It was first arranged to have the big President kept somewhat in seclusion; appearing only at a banquet that could be attended by a limited number. It now appears that in addition to making a public address at the Armory on the afternoon of October 2, he will lay the cornerstone of the First Universalist church on the following day.

The coming visit of the President has been the cause of a new record being set for Oregon fruit. Some admirer has purchased two prize boxes of Winter Banana apples from a Hood River orchard, paying \$25 per box for them and will present them to the nation's executive. As the apples will run about 32 to the box, the buyer will spend about 75 cents for each apple, a price never before, so far as known, paid for Oregon apples. Of course the careful selection and packing of the fruit for shipment to the White House accounts for a large part of the almost fabulous price.

Activity in railroad construction on the Deschutes, however, is not confined entirely to the Hill forces, according to reports emanating from the Harriman offices. It is announced by local representatives of the Harriman system that the promoters of the Deschutes Railroad are equally active with the Hill people in the

work of actually building a railroad into long-neglected Central Oregon. Confident of possessing priority of rights on the lower river, the Harriman officials declare they are proceeding with construction work all along their surveyed lines, save only at such points as they prohibited from occupying by the injunction which was recently continued in favor of the Hill road by Judge Bean.

That in livestock as in other things it pays to produce the best is illustrated in the case of J. H. Gray & Son, of Prineville, one of the best known stockmen of the state, who sent a shipment of 20 fancy cows to Portland that sold in the local market at the unusual price of \$4.25 a hundred, 65 cents above the current top quotation on the sort of stock that has been coming to this market.

OREGON TRUNK MOVES

Court Decision Incentive for Line to Seek West Side Footing

LOWER RIVER SCENE OF ACTION

Right of Way Sought is Private Holdings—Title Due in a Fortnight—Rapid Construction of Deschutes Road Promised—Tact Understanding With Private Owners From First.

Assured by the recent decision of Judge Bean in the Federal Court that it has definite and superior rights on the Upper Deschutes River for the construction of a railroad into Central Oregon, the Oregon Trunk is now proceeding to establish what it considers an indisputable foothold on the lower river. According to Judge C. H. Carey, representing counsel for the Hill road, who returned yesterday from the Deschutes country, the Oregon Trunk expects within the next two weeks to acquire absolute title to a right of way over the first 12 miles of its projected road on the west side of the river says the Oregonian. This property is owned by private parties, Malcolm Moody, of The Dalles, being one of the principal owners.

"We are proceeding actively with preliminary construction work all along the survey of our projected road, beginning with a point about 12 miles above the mouth of the Deschutes and extending southerly for about 100 miles," said Judge Carey yesterday, "except at such points on the lower 40 miles of the river where the surveys for the two roads conflict. A determination of these rights awaits the determination of the courts. Our purpose is to construct a railroad into Central Oregon, and that is what we are proceeding to do. The road we have projected will be completed and placed in operation just as rapidly as men and money and the permission of the courts, covering disputed points, will permit.

"From the time we first projected a railroad survey up the Deschutes we had a tacit understanding with the owners of private property for the first 12 miles of the river that we would be granted permission to construct a road over that property. The granting of this right depended entirely on condition that we would not interfere with contemplated water-power development projects near the mouth of the river. The owners of this property are insisting that we build our road at a height sufficient to permit of the construction of a 140-foot dam and, while I am not authorized to make the announcement officially, it is more than probable that the terms of the pending right of ways we are to receive will provide for the construction of our road at such an elevation. When these details have finally been settled, which probably will be done within a fortnight, we will be in position to commence construction operations at the mouth of the river.

"For the present we are directing our efforts towards the construction of wagon roads leading to the canyon at desirable points in the first 12 miles. These undoubtedly will be completed by the time the questions of right of way are adjusted.

"We are in earnest in our determination to build a railroad into Central Oregon. Such a road will be constructed just as rapidly as men and money will enable us to do it. We promise the people of Oregon to give them a demonstration of railroad building such as will surpass all previous records in the history of the West."

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TOP PRICE FOR COWS.

There were 20 cows in the lot, and they averaged 1020 pounds in weight. They were all well-bred and well-finished Herefords, a breed that Mr. Gray has been raising for years on his Crook county ranch. The cows were consigned to the Gould Commission Company, of this city, and bought by L. Zimmerman for the S. & S. Company. The price paid for these heaves is said to be the highest ever paid for cows here at this time of the year, and it shows what can be expected in this market if shippers will send in the best.

Aside from this sale of fancy stock there were no developments of importance in the cattle trade. Receipts of cattle, as well as other stock, were fairly large, but there was the usual heavy percentage of medium to common offerings. The best sold readily at the top prices quoted for some time and there was a good general demand for quality beef material.—Telegram.

Waverly Happenings.

Oregon resources are to be subject for competitive articles written by the school children of the state. Prizes will be awarded for the best treatise, and arrangements will be made to have the winning articles given to the broadest possible publicity. Chairman J. N. Teal of the Conservation Commission, which is the official body of the state looking to conservation of resources, has decided to offer prizes for such articles.

Full details have not been worked out, as the departure is just being given serious thought. As soon as Mr. Teal can arrange with the conservation commission to have proper announcements made, so that the matter will go before all of the school children of the state, the exact prizes will be named, and the conditions under which the offer is made will be published.

Forests will be the main idea of the work. Thoughtful men, and especially the members of the Conservation Commission and the Conservation Association, are impressed with the tremendous wealth contained in Oregon's forests, and the necessity of having the state realize its asset, and so organize policies that the greatest and most permanent results may be achieved in handling forests. The children will be urged to the most careful study of forests of Oregon, forest uses, conservation and protection from fire. By enlisting their study the attention of their elders will be directed

Oren Thompson and family left Monday for Eugene, Portland, and Seattle to attend the fair.

The Misses Haarstrich visited Burns Saturday.

C. B. Smith is constructing a barn for Oren Thompson.

A. F. B. George and two men whose names I have not learned, were at Haarstrich's, Thursday.

Mr. Davey visited Burns Monday. He has been sick since his return from the city.

Mr. Laborance visited at Haarstrich's, Friday.

Robert Grant has his house, which is 14 by 28, nearly completed.

D. A. Brakeman, accompanied by his two sons who have just arrived from Pennsylvania, returned to Waverly, Thursday with a load of dry goods.

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to the fame thought. This is the ultimate end of the conservation workers. No campaign is being waged to attract the attention of the outside investor for he as a rule is fully informed on the latent wealth of this state. All efforts will be directed to citizen of Oregon, who is necessarily steward of local resources, with the hope of impressing him with the immensity of his charge and the results assured when resources are intelligently husbanded.

For the children of the lower grade schools the subjects will be simple, and so couched as to excite their fancy. College and high schools students will be given more advanced phases of conservation work to treat, including transportation problems. Attention of 168,000 Oregon pupils will be called to the work at the same time, giving all outside ones the same opportunity as the 25,400 attending the Portland schools.

Sales of Color Harmony.

Much sound advice on the buying of rugs is contained in an article in the WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION for September. In regard to color it says: "A floor should be the lowest or darkest tone in a room, then the walls, and the ceiling the lightest or highest. This is the natural way and the safest to follow as a general rule. It gives a feeling of firmness and solidity to the floor, whereas, if the color is reversed, and the floor is lighter than the ceiling, one feels that the ceiling is coming down on one's head and that dodging is the only way to escape a blow. The floor should support the walls in color as well as in fact, but care must be taken not to make the mistake of thinking that strength of color is obtrusiveness of color. Strength of color in the right place will make the scheme of decoration a successful and satisfying one, but obtrusiveness of color will make a hopeless failure of it.

"The chief color of the rug should be the chief color of the walls—not necessarily the same tone, but harmonizing tones of the same shade. If the walls are a soft yellow, a rug with different shades of brown, and to give the needed note of contrast, dull soft red and blues, would look well in the room. This kind of rug would also go well with green or blue walls. The proportion of the different colors in a rug may make or mar it for one's special use. In choosing a rug it is best to have a feeling of one predominant color, with the other colors adding the snap that contrast gives, and forming a harmonious and delightful whole."

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