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RAISING SPRING LAMBS IN WESTERN OREGON

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., May 17.—Raising spring lambs is well adapted to the climatic conditions of Western Oregon and does not require great capital or special skill, according to Prof. E. L. Potter, head of the Oregon Agricultural College Animal Husbandry department. The industry also fits in with approved crop rotations and is valuable in building up depleted soil. Neither is it in immediate danger of being overdone.

The industry may be made profitable on farms where hay, grain, clover, vetch and rape are grown. Much the same conditions are required for this industry as for dairying except that it need not have the same accessibility to market and that some range land may be used. It is just as profitable as ordinary dairying, although it may not pay so large a profit as dairying conducted in the most approved manner.

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was recently constructed at the College at a total cost of \$25. It accommodates about fifty sheep but does not provide storage room for hay.

The most profitable time for growing a good, cheap lamb in Western Oregon is March, April, May and June. The best results are generally obtained by pasturing the lambs or sown pasturage. It is necessary to have several fields in order that each kind may be utilized in its proper season. It is also necessary to have a special pasture to be used for finishing.

Ordinarily no grain need be used but it may occasionally be fed with profit when it is very cheap or when mutton is high. The grain should be fed in creep so that the lambs may get the grain while the ewes are kept from it.

The grain should be about one half a pound a day which by extra feeding and care may be increased to nearly one pound.

LIBRARY NOTES.

The people of Bandon are cordially invited to call at the Library and inspect the generous donation of Prof. Richards. There are books of music books about music and about composers and musicians, stories like "The First Violin," a metronome and musical games.

Other friends of the Library have added to our fiction list: "The Plunderers," "Their Yesterdays," "The Net," "Otherwise Phyllis," "The Woman in the Question," "The Purchase Price," "Two Gentlemen of Gotham," and "Mettle of the Pasture."

For the juveniles, Florence Smith has given "A Voyage at Anchor," and Mrs. West gave "Jack's Ward" and "Shifting for Himself," also "Cast Up By the Tide" and "Golden Gates" for the fiction shelves.

Until our new skylight is in place we are inviting readers to sit at our south windows. We shall soon have a better light than before our east windows were closed.

LIBRARIAN.

ORIGIN OF THE PEARL.

The Ancients Thought It Was a Drop of Dew From Heaven.

No record exists or even tradition as to the discovery of the first pearl. The mystery of its origin has doubtless contributed in no small degree to render it the prime favorite that it has ever been in the eyes of the orientals.

From time immemorial the nations of antiquity have used the pearl to decorate their persons and adorn their temples and we find many curious beliefs existing as to its origin. The one most prevalent in Piny's time was that pearls were formed from the dew of heaven, falling into the open shells at breeding time, and it was in allusion to this pretty conceit that a noble Venetian lady named Corrado had a gold medal struck (bearing the date 1629) on the reverse side of which is an open shell receiving the drops of dew from heaven which form into pearls as they fall. The motto was "Rore divino" (by the divine dew).

In these more practical but less poetic days the generally accepted theory is that some foreign substance, possibly even a grain of sand, having by accident entered the shell of the oyster, a certain amount of irritation is induced which causes the exudation of a pearly secretion (known as nacre), and this effectually covers up the intruder, and also that with the growth of the oyster the pearl increases in size.

The pearl, unlike all other gems, requires no assistance from man to enhance its value, or from art to add one iota to its perfect loveliness.—National Magazine.

WEED PESTS OF OREGON AND THEIR ERADICATION.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Ore., May 18.—Sheep sorrel is spreading rapidly over large areas and because of the large number of seeds formed on each plant bids fair to become a serious weed pest in Oregon, writes E. P. Walls, of the Agricultural College Botany and Plant Pathology department, in the Pacific Homestead. "Weeds may be objectionable because of their poisonous qualities and on account of the crowding out more valuable plants. Sorrel seed is said by some writers to be poisonous when eaten in large quantities by horses, but the plant can hardly be called poisonous. In addition to spreading by seed the plant has large root stocks that live in the ground from year to year, which send up shoots every few inches. The leaves are stalked, have ear-like appendages at the base, and are somewhat shaped like an Indian arrow-head. Flowers are of two kinds, pollen bearing and seed bearing, and seeds very small. They are found in clover and many kinds of grass seed, which they resemble so closely that

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their presence is hardly discovered until after seeding. The chief injury of the plant is in crowding out crop plants. Clean cultivation and liming the soil will eradicate the plant. The cultivation should include plowing the stubble to throw the root stocks to the surface, keeping the surface free from the pest during the summer, and growing a cultivated crop the next year. Liming the soil will stimulate the crop plants making them outgrow the sour sorrel, and thus curtail the number of weed seed matured."

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