

POINTS ON SHEEP.

According to the statistics prepared by Mr J R Dodge of the agricultural department, the total number of sheep in the United States Jan. 1, 1891, was 43,431,136, valued at \$108,397,447. Jan. 1, 1890, the number of sheep in the United States was 44,336,062, valued at \$100,659,761. Thus it will be seen that a less number of sheep by about 1,000,000 in 1891 was worth \$8,000,000 more than the previous year.

Texas leads all the states in the union in the number of sheep, aggregating 4,490,272. Ohio comes next, with 4,061,897, followed by California with 3,712,310; New Mexico with 3,123,663; Michigan, 2,793,249; Oregon, 2,432,752; Montana, 2,089,337; Colorado, 1,819,569; Utah, 2,055,900; New York, 1,393,583; Pennsylvania, 1,039,502. Next in order are Missouri, with 898,650; Wisconsin, 889,910; Kentucky, 765,769; Illinois, 770,993; Indiana, 1,159,200; Maine is credited with 547,670 sheep; New Hampshire, 183,183; Vermont, 351,249; Massachusetts, 55,965; Rhode Island, 20,433; and Connecticut, 45,824. We note a slight gain during the year 1890 in the number of sheep in Maine and Rhode Island, while Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts show a very slight falling-off in number, but an increase in value.

The net decrease in the number of sheep Jan. 1, 1891 from 1890 shows a total of 904,936; net increase over 1889 is 832,057; the net decrease since 1884 shows the large total of 7,194,490 sheep. Thus in 1884 Texas had 7,956,275 sheep, while she now has 3,000,000 less. This heavy loss was chiefly due to the blizzards of 1886, which wiped out 2,000,000 of her sheep.

With a decrease in sheep from a year ago of 904,936, we shall have a decrease in the clip of 4,500,000 pounds. If we allow five pounds of wool to a sheep. Last year's clip was 276,000,000 pounds, according to the estimate of the agricultural bureau. This year's clip, therefore, must be set down at 271,500,000 pounds. Owing to the scarcity of wool, and the light stock in the principal markets, the clip, especially west of the Mississippi, is likely to be shorn early.

The decrease in the production will make it necessary to increase the importation, and as the duty on both wool and woolsens was largely increased, an extra and useless tax has been imposed upon the people in the name of protectionism, and that, too, without any compensating benefit to consumers.

WHY NOT.

The Boston Journal, whose editor is a blind zealot in the cause of protectionism says:

In three weeks from the present time we shall all be eating McKinley sugar, and we shall enjoy it the more because it will cost us 2 cents a pound less than we have been in the habit of paying. * * * Even the smallest child will realize the benefit of the change in an unexpected but most grateful tuckening of the coating of molasses upon his slice of bread, and if he knew what he was about, he would hymn the praises of McKinley.

Then if it be such a blessed thing to have untaxed sugar, why, in the name of all that is reasonable, did not McKinley give us some more of it? Why not give us free lumber, salt, coal, tin, binding twine, jute sacks for grain, etc. None of these protection papers answer this question except to say that we can not produce as much sugar in this country as we use. Very well, we do not produce as much wool nor woolen goods as we use therefore we should have free wool and woolens. We do not produce as much tin as we use, therefore we should have free tin. Yet these devotees of protectionism who gave us free sugar, because we do not produce all the country needs, gave us highly taxed wool, woolen goods and tin because we do not produce all the country needs in these lines. What logic. The truth is just this: McKinley sought to secure a purely sectional law and succeeded in doing it by taking away about all the "protection" the south had and increasing it in the east, north and west. But the legislation on the sugar tax was subjected to just such jugglery by McKinley in favor of the refiners as to enable "corners" and trusts to thrive and we predict that this long-looked-for sweetness will not materialize very soon.

It is estimated by the authorities at Washington that under the new tariff act providing bounties on sugar, the expenditure every year will be about \$8,000,000 for cane sugar, \$3,000,000 for beet sugar and \$875,000 for maple sugar. Louisiana planters will get the bulk of bounty, as they produce 400,000,000 pounds per year, against 15,000,000 pounds in Texas and 5,000,000 in Florida. There are 746 cane-sugar producing institutions in Louisiana, twenty in Texas and one in Florida.

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The republican congress did not care one hill of beans for what the people might say, and they saddled upon the future congresses legislation that will require appropriations exceeding the total taxable wealth of the United States in 1860. It was rule and ruin.

One of the curious products of Mexico is the jumping bean, a vegetable curiosity, whose freaks of acrobatic agility have never been fully explained by the scientists. They grow in pods, each pod containing three beans. Each segment is rounded on one side and A-shaped on the other, greenish yellow in color, and in circumference about the size of a large lead pencil. When placed on a table they roll over and skip about, sometimes actually jumping a good two inches. When held between the thumb and forefinger they are felt to beat as strongly as the throbbing of a strong man's pulse.

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DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between D C Cox, W A Cox and C H Hoberg, in the planing mill business in Albany, Oregon, under the firm name of Cox Bros & Co, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, the said C H Hoberg having purchased the entire right, title and interest of the said D C Cox and W A Cox, therein. C H Hoberg assumes all the obligations of the late firm, and all notes and accounts due said firm are payable to him. Dated Albany, Oregon, March 14, 1891. D C Cox, W A Cox, C H Hoberg.

NOTICE.

TO THE TAX-PAYERS OF LINN county: The delinquent tax roll must be returned to the clerk, April 1st 1891. All persons owing taxes are hereby notified to make payment immediately, for if taxes are not paid by that date they will be delinquent and I will be compelled to levy and sell property to collect the same, as the tax must be collected. Dated March 6, 1891. M. SCOTT, Sheriff and Tax Collector.

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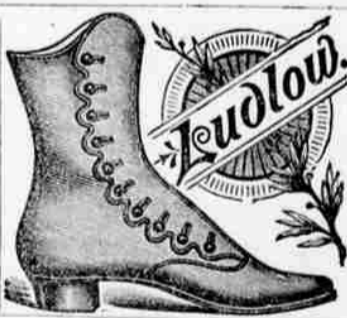
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