

## INTEREST TO SHEEP MEN

### Lake County Wool Receives Favor in the East--An Improved Method of Branding Sheep

The following letter to Bailey & Masingill the local wool merchants, from Geo. R. Colby, representative of Harding & Caverly, the Boston wool buyers, and who purchased the greater part of Lake county's clip last year, is of particular interest to the wool men of this county. Not only from the fact that Lake county wool is building up a reputation of its own upon merit alone, but because it tells how to improve the staple, so that the producer may reap the benefit of the highest market price.

Sheep men should read this letter and profit by the request in regard to branding sheep.

HARDING & CAVERLY

... WOOD ...

Boston, January 28, '04.  
Messrs Bailey & Masingill,  
Lakeview, Oregon.

Dear Sirs:

I have just returned from a visit to two manufacturers who are among the largest users of Lakeview wool, and both of whom are at present using some wools that were purchased in your section for them last season.

On the whole their criticism of the wool was a favorable one but they both found fault with the branding upon the fleeces as in most cases this branding was done with an insoluble paint, making it necessary for them in sorting the wool, to take that part of the fleece that has the brand mark and carefully cut off the painted tips. This not only entails a loss of weight but is a very slow, expensive process.

I wish that you would impress upon the wool growers the desirability of using a branding fluid free from this defect. I appreciate the necessity of the growers using, in branding the sheep, a preparation which will not wear or wash off, but I think there are several branding fluids on the market which are permanent and at the same time soluble in warm water, and as the interest of the growers and ourselves are mutual in having the Lakeview wools in an attractive and soluble condition I trust that you will use your influence with the growers to have this reform carried out as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,  
Geo. R. COLBY.

### Court House Burns.

The Crook county court house at Prineville was nearly destroyed by fire on Feb. 4th. The city of Prineville was also threatened for a time. The building was only saved by heroic effort. The cause of the fire is unknown. The structure was an old one, and similar to the one in Lakeview. The records are kept in vaults made of brick and cement and there was no loss. The Prineville Court house was built over 15 years ago and was constructed at the cost of between \$4000 and \$5000.

### A Cyclone Strikes Reno.

A cyclone struck East Reno the morning of Feb. 4 at 6:45, and destroyed considerable property, cutting a swath through the town. The Stone building, a structure 70 feet long, 24 feet wide and 22 feet high was torn from its foundation and the walls crushed together in an inextricable mass of broken timbers. The Wah Hoo Hotel was lifted from its foundation and carried to the eastward. It collapsed and is an utter ruin. The W. A. I. saloon was picked up and set back six inches from its previous position. Other structures were damaged. No one was injured.

## Additional Local

Be humane and keep your horses warm these cold days by keeping them well blanketed. Ahlstrom, the pioneer harness and saddle man has some warm blankets.

Mayor W. P. Heryford and F. P. Light returned Saturday from a weeks' visit to the Heryford Bro's. Chewaucan ranch. They report stock looking well in that valley.

There is no satisfying everybody, and to those who have been complaining of the mildness of the winter it is hoped that they will derive a great deal of satisfaction from the recent winter weather.

From the way Roosevelt clubs are being formed all over the U. S., and the way democrats are endorsing the acts of the President, there seems to be nothing to prevent his nomination and election. Lake county will roll up a big majority.

W. D. Woodcock became infatuated with Reno and her bright prospects and climate on a recent visit, and last Monday boarded the southern stage for that little city. Mr. Woodcock expects to go into business there, and will move his family over in the spring if it suits him.

Prof. Vallandigham will occupy the pulpit at the M. E. church next Sunday morning and evening in the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Stark, who is holding a series of meetings at the Bethel church south of New Pine Creek. The latter was in town yesterday and reports success in his meetings.

F. O. Bunting, accompanied by J. W. Tucker and Geo. M. Jones went to Paisley last Saturday. Mr. Jones returned to his home after several weeks' stay in Lakeview while under a physician's care, the abscess in his neck having sufficiently healed. Messrs. Bunting and Tucker went up on business, and to visit old friends.

The Rebekahs entertained the Odd Fellows and their families last Friday night. A short farce followed by games and dancing, was the program. Candies, nuts, and apples furnished the refreshments. A horde of small and newly grown children were present, and they were entertained with the bean bag game. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Henry Blackwell, a well-to-do cattleman of Burns, accompanied by Jess Ferguson arrived in Lakeview last week. Jeff Parish the popular foreman for Geo. Mapes in Warner valley, met Mr. Blackwell here, and yesterday completed a deal whereby the latter sells to Mapes 700 beef steers from yearlings up, to be delivered in Warner in the spring. The price was not learned.

Harry Hazleton, the mechanic who has been employed by E. Lauer & Sons for the past year or so, will leave for Los Angeles this week. He will be accompanied by his wife, who has been in poor health for some time, and who hopes to be benefited by the change. If the climate suits Mr. and Mrs. Hazleton, they will in all probability make that place their home.

Mrs. Maybrick, the American woman who was convicted of murder in England and sentenced to death for poisoning her husband in 1889, has been released from prison but is closely guarded in some private institution until her hair grows out again, which will be in July. After her sentence the whole American nation became so worked up over the possible hanging of a woman that the English authorities commuted her sentence to life imprisonment. Lately the new king has been imported persistently until he ordered her release on special license.

Nickel-in-the-slot machines which were tolerated in Ashland by the last administration at the rate of \$5 per month per machine have been put under the ban by the new administration, which passed a rigid ordinance prohibiting their operation in the city says the Tidings. During the past year the owners of 13 machines have contributed \$5 per month each to the city in the way of a license fee.

In addition to having a fine band of sheep, Mr. Gerber has the distinction of having the two tallest herders take his sheep to Montague that ever left this part of Oregon says the Klamath Falls Express. The McCall Bros. are giants. Claude McCall stands 6 feet 4 1/2 inches and his brother, Irve, stands 6 feet 7 inches. The combined length of both is nearly 13 feet. Mr. Gerber says there is no danger but what they can look ahead for forage.

Harry and Loren Bailey and F. O. Ahlstrom had a varied experience on their camping expedition to Dog lake last week. A big snow storm came while they were there, and their anxiety for bear and other big game soon faded. While they were hoping for a rescuing party, one came just in time to save them, as their last piece of bacon and pan of flour had been exhausted. Chas. Tracey went over to the lake from his Drews valley ranch with a team and broke a road so the boys could walk out. Their tales of hardship would equal some of those who first went to Klondyke.

J. L. Yadin and son Lynn arrived here from Klamath Falls Friday, and have been settling up affairs on the Western Stage line. Mr. Yadin has formed a partnership with P. H. Idol, and together they have extended their line from Klamath Falls to Pokegema, they have purchased the boats on Klamath river and will carry the mail, etc., to Keno, and from there four-horse stock is running to Pokegema--22 miles. Freight has been reduced one cent from the railroad over their line. Mr. Idol has charge of the railroad end of the line, and promises to carefully look after all business that comes this way.

Recent withdrawals of agricultural land in Modoc county by the government for irrigation purposes, have included the towns of Alturas and Adin. Reservoir sites are to be established in close proximity to these towns, which leads the Lassen Advocate to say: "But wouldn't it be a great accomplishment for this beneficent government to drown out Adin, and make of Alturas the Venice of the north in order that the Sacramento valley may bloom and blossom (?) and be protected from flood. Wouldn't it be gorgeous to behold Brothers Sloss and Thompson chasing down the elusive local in their gondolas, and butting into each other at the crossings? The contemplation of the possibilities is too much for us. Oh! why wasn't Susanville located in some muddy flat? and why, oh why doesn't the Susan river flow into the Sacramento."

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One night last week toward the early hours of morning, the lights on J. A. Anthony's electric light system began flickering and finally went out. Continued investigation since has failed to reveal the cause, and all of the electricians are puzzled. Only one theory has been advanced to explain the phenomena. The first snow storm last week was some what damp, and the snow stuck to everything it came in contact with, and as night came on it grew colder, and a coating of ice was formed everywhere. The bare copper wire running from Anthony's plant at New Pine Creek to Lakeview, a distance of about 17 miles, is thought to have a bad splice some place, and as the damp snow clung to the wire it acted as a conductor, and as the ice formed it reversed the situation, and acted as a complete insulator, thus practically cutting the wire in two. This is a good problem for students to figure out.

### An Offering of Love.

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