# The Angora Goat Industry in the Willamette Valley

### Personal Experiences of Individual Growers and Facts Regarding Mohair to not know how much the mohair has brought me, for sometimes it has brought 21 cents and sometimes 32

was. Some have ventured to say that near Salem, having created a great the industry looks very encouraging it was 2400 years ago. There is pretty interest in Angoras throughout that strong evidence which goes to show that they were a distinctive breed into the Willamette valley by him in my neighbors said they got the best when Moses was leading the Israelites 1874 or '75. out of Egypt. Goats' hair was spun | According to Mr. George Houck, by the Israelites for curtains and other writing in the Oregon Agriculturist down to the Lewis and Clark Fair purposes for use in the temple. The and Rural Nomhwest (November 1, and got a go) medal. 19) of the artifice of Michael in de- to Oregon came from California about neighbors brought a buck from Wm. ceiving the messengers of Saul by 1867. The band, consisting of one placing an image in the bed in place hundred and fifteen a linear response to the same placing an image in the bed in place hundred and fifteen and interest and the same response to the sam of David and giving it a pillow of from the flock of Thomas Butterfield, I had been told that kids from full-goats' hair, is believed by Pennant to a former associate of William M. Langers brooks were hard to raise, but when efer to a pillow made of the Angora drum, the pioneer breeder, who first introduced Angora goats in California.

The city Angora, or Enguri, the capthe city of the vilayet of Angora, is tral, and he was one of the first, if the ancient Ancyra, and is located not the first, to introduce them into about 220 miles south by southeast from Constantinople. Angora was the from Constantinople. Angora was the seat of one of the earliest Christian seconds Angoras. Trere were 150 from some of the earliest I was inlished by the Apostle Paul. The proveach, and a pure-blooded buck and ince is mountainous to a considerable one pure-blooded ews. For these two extent and furrowed by deep valleys, he paid Mr. Butterfield \$1500, this beginning and the arrival and the content and furrowed by deep valleys. It is about 2900 feet above the level

reached its perfection. That the alti-tude, the soil, or the climate, or all Oregon. of them together had much influence in producing this fleece-bearing goat, is supported by strong evidence. Dr. John Bachman and the Encyclopedia Britannica both state that the fineness of the bair of the Angora goat may perhaps be ascribed to some peculiar-ity in the atmosphere, "for it is re-Davis importation from Turkey. Many markable that the cats, dogs, sheep other flocks have since been brought fleeces to pay for a \$20 buck. and other animals of the country are to a certain extent affected in the Harris, a later importer of Angoras same way as the goats." The same from Turkey, until today, as the outopinion was expressed by Captain come of forty years experience with Conolly, quoted by Southey (1848): this class of stock, the Oregon breed"It is remarkable that wherever these ers have developed a very fine type of goats exist the cats and greyhounds Angora goats—rugged, robust animals goats I bought some Shropshire sheep have long silky hair also—the cats of large size and densely covered with all over their ears and tails." These statements led Schreiner to the conclusion that the atmosphere is the chief factor.—By Geo. Fayette Thomp-year by intelligent breeding and pachief factor.—By Geo. Fayette Thompson, M. S., in "The Angora Goat," U. S. Dept. Agriculture, Bulletin 27.

The history of the Angora goat in

the United States dates from 1849 world and a source of pride to the (see Practical Angora Goat Raising, state. by C. P. Bailey & Sons). Dr. James We have today men who have B. Davis of Columbia, South Carolina, achieved a national reputation through was presented with nine choice animals by the Sultan of Turkey. The sultan had requested President Polk like Wm. Riddells & Sons, of Monto send a man to Turkey who undermouth, Oregon; U.S. Grant, of Dallas, early kids and I do not like them. stood the culture of cotton. Dr. Davis Oregon; J. B. Stump, of Monmouth, was appointed, and upon his return Oregon, and E. T. Na.yler, of Forest to America, as a courtesy, the sultan Grove, Oregon, are known from coast

Georgia, in 1854, secured most of good done by the exploitation of an and build up a fire and warm them. these goats, and in 1885 made an ex- industry that has added millions to hibit of their progeny at the New Or-leans World's Fair. These were fol-From the initial importation fifty

tations of 1873, the Hall & Harris of 1875, the Jenks in 1880, and the Bailey importation of 1893. In 1901 W. C. Bailey imported two bucks and two does from Asia Minor direct, and in 1901 Wm. Landrum imported two bucks and two does from South Africa, and Hoerley sars the sale of bucks has been a 1904 imported shout 180 head from south 180 head from ta 1904 imported about 130 head from source of profit to the owners, aside board on the ground and leave a 7-luch from the annual sales of the mohair, space for them to put their heads

At the present time it is highly im- which averages about 150,000 pounds. probable that any more importations

However, as it is now generally ning in value well high quality as any there, we have

The Industry in the Northwest, The Angora goats of the Northwest are of a particularly good type, the foundation stock being the high-grade Angeras introduced fifty years ago. In 1872 or '73 Mr. Landrum exhibited a small flock of Angeras at the

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The Angora breed of goats originfollowing year brought an additional did not hardly average \$1 per fleece;
ated in the vilayet of Angora, in Asia ten animals for exhibition. His first but since the growers have organized Minor, but it is not known when this flock pastured in a brushy enclosure things are coming our way again, and section, a large sale flock was brought

These were brought here by A. Caning the highest price for two Angoras by an Oregon breeder at that time of

which there is any record. Mr. Cantral located mear Corvallis, Some of the older Angora breeders still remember when he made

into the state, notably that of John S.

tient care, combined with a knowledge of climate and local conditions, devel-oped a quality that is the envy of the

their interest and development of the resented him with the goats.

Col. Richard Peters, of Atlanta, tude of the public for the incalculable

1861, the Brown & Diehl 1861, and and broadened out until there is along about the first of April it is it was from some of these that the scarcely a county in the state in Orefamous flock of C. P. Bailey & Sons gon where they may not be found, and gives them a start so they catch up the state of Washington is taking Then followed the Eutichides importations of 1873, the Hall & Harris of her waste lands. Polk county, Ore-

can be made, as a royal decree pro-ranks well in importance with the hibits exports from Asia Minor and livestock pursuits of the state. Oregon prohibitive duty in South Africa of is second if not first in number of 486.65 has destroyed any hope of a Angora goats and production of mo-successful importation from that hair in the United States, the annual clip from its flocks of Angoras run- day and finally the bush gives it up ning in value well toward \$50,000, and dies for the lack of leaves. conceded that our flocks are of as while the value of their yearly in—
They eat thistles, dog-fennel, flag, ings, increased maintenance, etc., were high quality as any there, we have crease approximates \$400,000. More terms of a half dozen kinds, Oregon idly increasing number of students. nothing much to lose by these re-than half a million dollars of new strictions. wealth is added annually to the yield Oregon mohair ranks with the best in the eastern markets and commands. the highest market prices.

> A PRACTICAL FARMER'S EXPERI-ENCE WITH ANGORA GOATS.

> (Read by J. R. Sprimger, Holly, Oregon, at the first amnual meeting of the Northwest Angeora Goat Assn.) Possibly my experience has not differed from others in the same calling and may not offer sanything but that which is common property with you all, but, thinking that there may be some here at this convention who contemplate engaging in Angora husbandry, I have consented to read a paper on the subject.

In 1892 I settled on a homestead away up in the foothills in Linn county, about 1000 feet above sea level where the timber and brush were so thick that the only way I could look apples turned into cider on shares, out was skyward, and in many places. This in itself is of great benefit to

It was a pretty big undertaking to hew out a home at the age of forty.

I followed this plam to clear the land or several years, but made slow head.

The proprietors, Gregory & Burnett, for several years, but made slow headway, until I finally saw that the are genial gentlemen and take delight sprouts that came up were going to in showing their wares. They are smother out what grass I had sowed, ambitious to enlarge their business, and I was about to give up in disgust and it is certain that the plant will and sell to the first buyer, when two of my neighbors went over to Dallas in Polk county, Oregon, and bought time making sour kroution a large

I watched their work for that season and liked it. I then bought ten of the first kids that one man raised-five does and live wethers—for which I paid \$30, brought them home at weaning time and put them to work.

They and their processy have cleared at North Commercial and A streets. They and their progeny have cleared at North Commercial and A streets, over forty acres clean and I have part where every one is invited to inspect.

of that under cultivation and the rest is seeded to grass. They are now at work on the rest of the ninety acres I have cut and fenced.

Oregon Products

Create Interes

I am not so anxious to destroy the brush now, for the goats bring me the easiest money I make. They work for nothing, largely board themselves the entire year, and return a handsome profit in kids and mohair.

brought 21 cents and sometimes 32 When it was low we pooled and then the buyers pooled and agreed

I started with pretty good goats, for

I saw that my neighbor got along as well as I did, I bought the buck when he was through with him, and I raised

Fearing my neighbor was getting the better of me, I thought I would go him one better, so I purchased some registered does. My neighbor has sold his goats, but not because l an exhibit at the Oregon state fair. got ahead, but on account of so much Most of the goats of the state of loss from coyotes. I also lost my first Oregon are descendants from this full-blood buck kid that way, but am Landrum stock, their record of breed- not discouraged, for it is the mohair ing being traceable through the Peters I am after principally, and I find that

I find that they eat everything that grows on my place and it takes from three to five years to kill out any kind of brush if the goats are confined to the one pasture,

A year or two after I got my first the air after leaves on the brush. My cows could not get along with the sheep, but did and are still doing well with the goats. I was sorry I could not keep sheep, as I value them highly for their wool and mutton.

I have sold over \$100 worth of mo-hair and goats this year and have 53 I have also had experience with early kids and I do not like them. I don't like to get out of a warm bed at one or two o'clock (and the colder, the more sure one is to have to get and go to the goat shed and bring in a half dozen half frozen kids

vetch and oats early in the fall, and medicine in Portland, with those born earlier.

I find that goats will not do well ette Vailey.

through to eat and so prevent waste. Angora husbandry in Oregon now They are a very clean animal and ranks well in importance with the will not eat anything that has been

They make about the same round every day and return home at night. They take a little from each bush each

grape, sal-al, buck brush, wild rose, (and they are the only animal or anyof Oregon farms from Angora goats, thing else that will kill the dewberry, time to get rid of your goats, and I will say in conclusion that any one with a patch of brush cannot afford to do without them.

> Experiences similar to the above ould be cited without number.

FARMERS CIDER WORKS. One of the leading industries of the city is the Farmer Cider works. This is the second year that it has been in operation, and during that time it has made a great amount of apple cider and vinegar. They run also on cus-tom trade; any one can have their the farmers, as they always have large amount of apples that would otherwise go to waste.

It is possible to buy cider and vin-

but I was home bungry. Therefore I slashed timber and brush and went to burning logs and stumps to clear a place to grow something upon which to live.

It is possible to buy cider and vinegar wholesale or retail. Their prices are the very lowest, considering the quality of their goods. The vinegar is the strongest and purest of any vinegar or the market today.

some Angora gosts and brought them scale. They expect soon to put in a

#### Create Interest At Land Shows

That the display of Oregon's specimen been added ruits, vegetables, grains and grasses orthern:

which closed a 22-day run last night, were shown to 250,000 people. listributed Oregon literature and pennants to all and had three half-hour periods every day on the lecture program, using stereopticons and moving pictures of Oregon activities. The of the state. For this reason vertised Portland as a meeting place next year.

"Yamhill county walnuts from Mc-Minnville, prunes and hops from Salem, Marion county, attracted a great amount of attention and comment.

"The Great Northern exhibit is be ing moved to St. Paul for the land show opening there. We are the only eastern exhibit campaign for years to

The message is signed by Fred W Graham, western industrial and immigration agent for the Great Northern, who has had personal charge of the exhibits at both the New York and Chicago shows, and who will continue n that capacity at St. Paul.

#### University of Oregon Fine School

The University of Oregon was established by an act of the state legis-lature, October 19, 1871, and located at Eugene. The first university building, Deady hall, was erected by the citizens of Lane county, and was presented to the board of regents in July, 1876. In September of the same year, the university opened its doors for the reception of students. first class was graduated in June, 1878, and numbered five members.

The organization of the University Oregon at present is a graduate school; a college of literature, science and the arts-including, in addition to nedicine, and a school of commerce; a college of engineering-including civil, electrical, railroad and chem-

Usual Degrees Given. past few years has marked the influx 455 Court street. of a new population into the Willamin the mud, but will get sore feet. If states and Middle West have sent their

The university campus acres of land, valued at \$500,000 all lying within the city limits of Eugene, in easy communication with the bustness and residence section by electric cars. The university couldings are ten in number, substantially constructed in the main of brick and stone.

Legislative assembly appropriations aggregating \$500,000 for new buildidly increasing number of students.

Erection of the new buildings, how-ever, was delayed by the filing of referendum petitions on the appropriacommonly called wild blackberry), erendum petitions on the appropria-chinkapu, hazel, alder, elder, vine-tions, unless the petitions shall be maple, horehound and catnip, and in fact any living shrub or tree and grass will grow up with them. The fact tures. If this latter should be the is that when the brush is gone it is case, the money will, it is believed,

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The university library, which in reality is a laboratory for the whole institution, contains something over 26,000 bound volumes, in addition to several thousand unbound volumes Products of Oregon exhibited by the and periodicals. Four years ago the Great Northern Railway at the big board of regents made a fixed approland shows in New York and Chicago priation of \$10,000 annually for the were moved to St. Paul, to the big purchase of new books, and during Northwestern Land Products show, that period some 18,000 volumes have

Studies Largely Elective. has attracted favorable attention to The requirements for admission to the state is attesed by he following the freshman class of the university elegram received from Chicago by comprise the completion of the usual George H. Smitton, assistant general four years' state high school course. freight agent in Portland for the Great One hundred and twenty semester hours of college work, in addition to "Oregon products in the Great eight hours of physical training are orthern exhibit at the land show, required for graduation. The work of the university is very largely elec-

We tive, pen- The aim of the board of regents and of the administration of the University of Oregon is to make the institution of service to all the people large card furnished by the Portland summer school was organized, in or-Elks was conspicuously displayed in der that the teaching force and equipour booth, where it was greatly admired by visiting Elks and widely adat the service of the teachers of the state who are unable to attend during the regular sessions. A step of still greater importance has been the or-ganization of the correspondence study department, which in effect throws out the walls of the institution

to the furthest limits of the state. Thousands of dollars annually have been sent out of the state to corres railroad exhibiting here that goes to pondence schools, a considerble part the St. Paul land show also. Good of which the university planned to results are sure to follow this wide save to the people of Oregon. Practically free instruction is now offered by correspondence in a large number of subjects, including civil engineering, mathematics, history, botany, English literature, physics economics, school administration, management, art of teaching etc. Since the organization of the school of correspondence several thousand students have enrolled and taken the

#### W. J. PORTER—PAINTS, WALL PAPER, ETC.

One of the leading business houses of the city is the paint and wall paper house of W. J. Porter. Mr. Porter is a good business man and a genial gentleman and deserves the prosperity that he enjoys.

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and build up a fire and warm them.

I have an improved method for school; a school of education; a summer school; a school of music; a school of music; a school of money towards its upbuilding. He is always willing to spend time and ways with due regard to the rights of money towards its upbuilding. He is always willing to spend time and our citizens who are employed in hazing large kids without their being of law in Portland, and a school of a hustler who exerts an influence on the different business interests of the limb are endangered through the negcity, and towards the progress of the The growth of the institution the community. His store is located at proper safeguards. Mr. Hoff has been try, and thinks it might be endurable

J. P. VEATCH-CONTRACTOR.

Salemites have more recently awakened to the fact that properly constructed cement sidewalks. driveways, etc., not only add every materially to the general beauty of the city as a whole, but also add much more than their cost to the value of property, the result being that a large been done during the past year or of people. The season is quite long, two with much more contemplated for as they are packers of strawberries, next season. As an indication that he blackberries, loganberries, pears, is regarded as the foremost contractor peaches, cherries, prunes and apples. next season. As an indication that he blackberries, loganderries, pears, is regarded as the foremost contractor in that line it may be mentioned that the name of J. P. Veatch appears on more sidewalks in the city than that of any other man engaged in that business. For many years past he base following the general conhas been following the general contracting business, but more recently is located at High and Trade streets. has specialized on cement work of all it is one of the most complete and kinds, including sidewalks, curbing up-to-date plants in the Northwest

### be available early in 1912, when the board of regents will proceed with the plans, since the additional equip-Money Rapidly in Poultry Raising

How well I can remember only a fowls, so that today they not only sew years back when the farmers have the benefit of higher prices, but

Now I am often asked the question.
"Will it may to raise chickens and pay
\$1.00 per bushel for wheat?" and I
say that in 1900 I only sold two incu-

will bring him at least \$12,00. compare this with the \$2.50 per dozen interest in poultry. Feed can not be and wheat at 40 cents, and you will produced elsewhere any cheaper than see that you can make money and pay it can be here. Any of our soil here \$1.00 per bushel for wheat, it is a conceded fact that you can put a there is no better green feed for pound of meat on a chicken cheaper fowls. If the farmer would devote han on a beef or a hog.

8 to 10 cents per dozen, in trade, for eggs; while today eggs are worth 25 cents, or more, per dozen, and you do not have to take it in trade, but your

cash is cheerfully ready for you.

Poultry shows a few years ago were compartively unknown, but it is different today. The poultry shows are ooked forward to with great interest by the average poultryman. In visiting the poultry shows you will see as fine poultry as is raised in any. state in the union, and a great many of our farmers are taking a pride in producing standard poultry, and find that it eggs alone in the United States than pays much better than when they raised the common "dunghill" fowl. The climatic conditions positively While we yet find a few people that can not be excelled for raising poulinsist on simply "keeping chickens" try, as we do not have the extreme and follow the old methods and use heat, or cold weather. Modern methany rooster that will cause the eggs ods of caring for chickens will get to be fertile, the majority of farmers are following better methods and have not necessarily more expensive." They keep a much better grade of good returns from the start.

would bring in a dozen chickens and of better methods and stock, as well sell them for \$2.50 per dozen and take Not only are the returns greater, but their pay in groceries or other mer-chandise. Wheat at that time was a uniform lot of fowls than in a lot worth only 40c per bushel. that contained a sprinkle of all the

For instance, today a farmer brings bators in this county, while this year in a dozen Plymouth Rock heas that I have sold 62 This alone would show Now that the farmers are taking a greater one-quarter acre to his kale crop, he At the time you were selling hens could have plenty of green feed the for \$2.50 per dozen, you were getting year around. Our soil will produce good alfalfa and clover, which is also

an excellent feed for chick ens. A great many of our farmers are now making good money on poultry, If the farmer would pay as much attention to his poultry as he does to his other stock and see that they are properly housed and fed, he would reap a good profit off of one dollar wheat.

Few people realize the importance of this industry, yet it is a fact that there are more dollars paid out for

the maximum results here.

The poultry business does not rebuildings and coops better adapted, yet as most other lines, and you can reap

tanks, etc. Mr. Veatch may be seen regarding work in his line at 828 Marion treet or appointments made by telephoning Main 608.

0. P. HOFF.

Of the men responsible for adminstration of the laws of the state of Oregon there is none more deserving of the complete confidence and high regard of our people generally than co. P. Hoff, the genial and exceptionally efficient, state labor commissioner. Undoubtedly the best illustic Manager C. L. Dick about the advantages offered by the Salem Fruit for fruit growers. a year ago for the third term to serve for another, four years. He will con-tinue to enforce the labor laws of the Mr. Porter is a Salem booster and state with entire impartiality, but allimb are endangered through the neg- refers to western Oregon. He con-lect of employers to make use of demns the whole Pacific coast couna resident of Oregon for many years, and when first elected was a resident of Portland. He is known, however, throughout the state, and is one of

the most popular state officials. He owes his election to no clique or set of men; instead, he owes his reelection to the splendid record he made while in office.

SALEM FRUIT UNION.

A fruit growers union is of immense benefit to the farmer, but also to the handling is far more satisfactory, and ception in February, 1903, and during he three years of its existence has demonstrated beyond all reason of doubt that through concerted effort they are able to realize far greater success along these lines.

To Salem, the prune industry is one of great magnitude, the Salem Fruit union alone distributes a large number of cars to all the leading cities of the east, and every year the business grows. This year being an especially bright one.

The manager is Mr. C. L. Dick. He has been its manager since the organ-Ization.

The name Salem Fruit union on oxes proves they are as represented -hanest goods and honest prices will keep most all business off the shoars. Another feature of the Salem Fruit union is that during season they furamount of work of this nature has nish employment to a large number of people. The season is quite long,

The plant of the Salem Fruit union

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oundations, cellars, floors, septic today. Their buildings are large and commodious, giving every convenience to the proper handling of fruits. The plant is clean and sankary in every particular.

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This was a very successful year for the union, shipping 85 cars of fruit

LOCAL MAN REPLIES. Editor Daily News, St. Paul, Minn. Dear Sir-I must differ from your Calgary correspondent so far as he to live here if we only had the wholesome laws of Canada. They may have some good laws there, but I am too good an American to admit that our system of government is inferior to theirs, or that we have amy less moral

people anywhere in the United States than they have in Canada. I located in western Oregon May 25, 1911, and have had all the work ! wanted and am well satisfied. I find the people honest and accommodating -possibly not as good as in Canada-but doing the best they know how community, to the farmer in that the as they are nearly all Eastern people. What would change the character of a far better price is realized; to the all these people who have in the past community as the money stays here.

The Salem Fruit union had its constates? My observation is the people here have more privilegs and enjoy-ments and are as sober and as moral and virtuous as anywhere in the United States. You will not see as welldressed and prosperous looking people anywhere as you will right here in

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