

THE RANCH.

STOCK ECONOMICS.

Nevada cattlemen are beginning to ship cattle quite freely, despite the low stage of the market. A dispatch from Reno dated the 14th announced that on that date twenty-three cars of cattle and three cars of mutton sheep were shipped west. On the same train were shipped nine cars of cattle and seven of sheep bought in southern Nevada. Another train was expected through the same evening from Lovelocks, consisting of thirty cars of cattle which had been fed in that vicinity. Two thousand head have already been shipped from there, with 4,000 yet on hand. All were destined for the California markets.

"It is an easy thing," says the Rural World, "to win the affections of intelligence. An apple, a potato, a few lumps of sugar given from the hand now and then will cause the horse to prick up his ears at the sound of the master's footstep, not with fear, but with a low, whinnying note of pleasure. The confidence of the noble beast thus gained will lead him to obey the slightest tone of voice or indication of the bit. Horses are made gentle by kindness. They believe in the master they love, and his voice will calm them in a moment of fear or induce them to struggle forward even when overladen, and when a whip would be sure to bring them to a stubborn standstill."

It is suggested that in the present scarce condition of the sheep industry the Southern states drop out of watermelons and into sheep, and stock up with mutton breeds.

Sheep losses in Colorado this winter have been very light, not over 2 per cent.

Pomeroy people are proposing to hold a show of stallions on April 14. An excellent idea and one that should be adopted in other localities. Local interest in stock exhibitions point to general interest in a state fair.

WASHINGTON FARM PAPERS.

Post-Intelligencer.

NEW CASTLE, March 14, 1894.

TO THE EDITOR: Is there a 'farm' or 'stock' journal published in this state? If so, where?

[THE RANCH, published weekly at North Yakima, is the best agricultural paper in the state. The Northwest Horticulturist, published monthly, is an excellent paper, but does not cover the whole field of agriculture. Freeman's Farmer is published weekly at Anacortes, and the Farmer is published monthly at Sprague.]

The moral aspect of the potato is seldom dwelt upon, but today we came across the following by Smith & Jones, of Buena Vista, in the Oregonian: "Ask the inmates of the asylums and prisons what brought them there, and not one in a thousand will say potatoes. Given a

hoe, a boy and a potato patch, and there is employment, which is the great clamor of to-day. This is also a solution of the other great question, 'what shall we do with our boys?' So potatoes are a good thing, as they never made any one drunk nor encouraged the cigarette, morphine or opium habit, nor murdered anybody, nor created gamblers nor cultivated idleness."

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