

## The Flocks.

### PRESIDENT JUDD TALKS.

He Tells About the Wool Situation from an Eastern Standpoint.

President E. Y. Judd, of the Pendleton Wool Scouring & Packing company and the Pendleton Woolen Mills company has spent the past year in his home in Hartford, Conn., making frequent trips to the wool centers in the United States, going several times to Boston, and visiting London during the wool sales at that world's market. To an East-Oregonian representative President Judd spoke thus in his office at the scouring mill:

"The wool problem is very simply solved, so far as concerns the statement of causes which brought on the present stagnation, a stagnation which exists and temporarily puts an end to active buying of wool in primary markets such as Pendleton, The Dalles and other coast centers.

"When the house began to prepare the Dingley bill for handing over to the senate a clause now commonly known as the 'retroactive clause' was incorporated into the measure. This clause, the terms of which are familiar to all our readers, frightened people, but the senate committee very quickly indicated that the retroactive clause would receive no favor in the senate, and is now practically eliminated from the tariff discussion.

"During the first agitation over the tariff bill, a buying wave swept over the country based purely on the prospects for a tariff, and was thus a speculative movement in which buyers bought 'wool with the tariff on,' as the saying now goes. Prices went up to the figure which an actual tariff only would justify, and then the bottom dropped out and the present stagnation came on.

"However, everyone in the east looks

for a tariff bill being passed by July. It may be a not very satisfactory one, but some kind of a tariff bill will be passed at that time, nevertheless. It will probably be an 8 cent tariff on wool, and that will probably be a permanent tariff, or will be much more likely to be permanent than a higher tariff would be. Growers, importers, manufacturers and handlers all will hail the settlement of the tariff question and hope for a basis permanent enough to be figured on for consecutive seasons.

"This year with a tariff bill the growers will realize only a portion of the benefit, but by next year the full benefit should come. On January 1, 1893, there will be at least 400,000,000 pounds of wool on hand in the United States, within 50,000,000 or 25 per cent of a whole year's demand, the amount consumed in this country per annum being 450,000,000 approximately. Of this amount about one-fourth is imported. From this it can be seen that the normal wool market under the new tariff cannot be reached before 1899. The manufacturers have been quietly buying up all the wool during the early tariff agitation and since the assurance of a tariff victory last fall, and are in a position of independence which will continue for at least six months to come. But the new bill and assurance of a settled policy will bring things around all right."

### FLOCK NOTES.

The American Sheepbreeder predicts a red letter year for American sheep.

Robert Hamilton, Prosser, is dipping his sheep to clean them of the scab.

Speak for your rams early this year. There is going to be a shortage of breeding sires.

The champion sheep shearer hails from Australia. He has a record of

shearing 33,825 sheep in one season for which he received £338 or about \$1650.

It is said that the Dalles bank which recently closed had advanced money on 7,000 0.0 pounds of wool.

A. W. Rogers broke the record for the season last week at Sulphur creek, by shearing 171 sheep in one day.

Prices for breeding sheep are jumping up this year. Grade ewes are selling briskly and the supply is far below the demand.

The sheep shearing machine is superseding hand labor in Idaho and Wyoming. In some districts it is being used exclusively.

Don't turn the ewe lambs into mutton, no matter how strong the demand. The prospects are that much more will be realized by keeping them.

W. M. Darlington, of Chicago, writes that he will arrive in the Yakima valley about June 15 to buy lambs for eastern markets. The visits that Mr. Darlington makes out to this state are always of the most welcome sort, as he leaves thousands of dollars among our stockmen.

Frank Sinclair, who has been compelled to put the band of sheep he bought in Oregon early in the spring, under sixty days' quarantine before coming with them into Washington, will have fulfilled the conditions of the law by about June 1, and will cross over. He will winter-feed them in the Natchez valley.

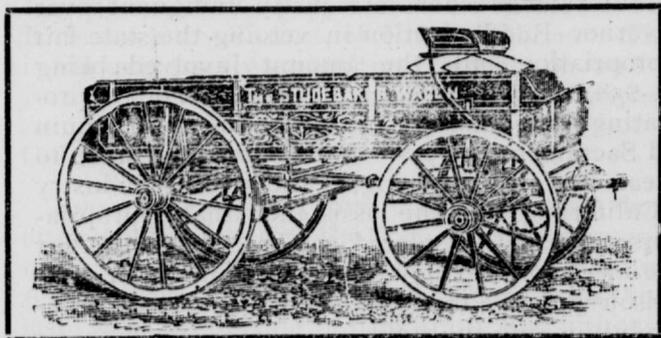
Jock Morgan, the noted pioneer of the lower Yakima, like all cattlemen, hates sheep. But Jock is doubly bitter against them, and the other day he told a reporter why. About 18 years ago he thought he would try the sheep business, and he sent down to Oregon for 400 head of breeding stock. "I run those sheep for two years on the range at a big

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