

THE FLOCKS.

Visited the Sheepmen.

E. W. Eyanson of the Seattle Woolen Mill Company spent several days recently among the wool growers of Eastern Washington. He says the sheepmen are feeling pretty good over the outlook for the industry. His mill uses a great deal of home-grown wool, and as it is manufacturing first-class goods, is worthy hearty support by our people.

Mr. Eyanson says that he was pleased to note while on his recent visit among Eastern Washington flockmasters that there was an eager demand for Rambouillet and merino rams to put at the head of their bands. He thinks that in the Rambouillet will be found a very fine animal for the Northwest range. The Delaine merino is also destined to be a money maker.

In the Sheepmen's Favor.

Some two months since the attorney general directed United States District Attorney Murphy to discontinue proceedings in the cases of the parties arrested last year for trespassing on the Cascade reserve by driving and pasturing sheep thereon until legislation pending was completed. The law in regard to the protection of forest reserves having been changed so that it appeared useless to proceed with the cases, Assistant United States Attorney Schnabel yesterday forwarded to the attorney general a recommendation that all cases pending against sheepmen for trespass on the Cascade reserve be discontinued. This will no doubt be agreeable news to the following parties, who are defendants in such suits: Tygh Valley Land and Live Stock Company, J. H. Sherar, John Karlin, A. S. and D. H. Roberts, William Wiley, E. A. Griffin, Thomas Haines, William Gilhosreca, Charles B. Dow, Alex Thompson, W. E. Hunt. The cases will without doubt be dismissed in accordance with the recommendation.

It is stated there are nearly 1,000,000 pounds of wool left in Hepner warehouses because of a difference between the buyer and seller of a cent a pound. The bulk of it is wool from the John Day River section.

French Merino v. Rambouillets.

I am frequently confronted with the assertion that the French Merino and Rambouillet are distinct breeds and types of sheep, to which I am always prompt to enter a denial. Am I correct?—F. A. Young, Oregon.

(You are right, Mr. Young. The French Merino is characterized as such because he owes his present type and character to the French breeders in whose hands he has been evolved from the old Spanish Merino within the last 110 years. The name Rambouillet, as applied to the French Merino in recent years, is the name of the French Government farm or experimental station where the development of the French Merino began in 1786, and where it has been most successfully carried forward ever since. The name California Merino could be applied to the French sheep with quite as much propriety as Rambouillet, for this breed has dominated that part of the Pacific slope for nearly 50 years. There is but one breed of French Merinos and it matters little which of the two prevailing names is applied to it.—Ed.)—American Sheep Breeder.

Marketing Prunes.

The Farmers' Market Company of the Dalles, which has been operating for Eastern houses at the Dalles, Ore., has been paying the growers there 35 cents per box for Italian prunes. At this price the growers realized \$280 per car for their prunes, took no chance upon loss by shipment or fall in the market, and have been getting their money as soon as fruit has been accepted at the car. While it may be possible to realize better prices than this by consigning fruit, still there is a possibility of loss. This method of marketing the fruit of Oregon and Washington, it is predicted, will ere long be generally established. Eastern buyers will come here and buy direct, so that the grower will know just what he is to realize upon his product as soon as it is loaded on board the cars.

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