Agricultural.

In view of the growing interest manifested in sheep raising, in this and adjoining States, we propose to show, from time to time, in this column, the profits to be derived therefrom. The following intelligent views on the subject we copy from the "*Live Stock Journal*," an ably conducted publication issued at Starkville, Miss. It is high time our people were making preparations to render themselves self-sustaining, and we are happy to note they are doing so:

Sheep Husbandry in the Gulf States.

The little town of State Line, on the Mobile & Ohio Railroad, on the line of Alabama and Mississippi claims to have shipped in one year 60,000 lbs. of wool, worth $18,000. Other small towns and way-stations in the piney wood regions of Alabama and Mississippi, makes an equal good showing. A few years ago the sheep and wool interest of these two States was but little thought of, and received hardly any attention. How is it today?—Not only in Mississippi and Alabama, but in all the Gulf States, wherever you may go, the interest of sheep raising and wool growing is rapidly on the increase. The flocks of the South are not only increasing in numbers, but they are being graded up by the introduction of pure bred bucks. The demand for Merino bucks has been so great in the Gulf States that Tennessee has already about disposed of all her surplus stock, and flock-masters who cannot secure what they want in the South are turning their eyes towards Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio, and even the New England States, to make their selections. It is evident, from the facts before us, that our sheep men are more inclined to PICK THEIR SHEEP—not content to throw away their money upon the cheap culls from every flock that is offered for sale. Everywhere in the Gulf States sheep husbandry is being fostered and encouraged, and promises to be the source of great wealth to our people.

Then—just as soon as the supply of wool will justify it woolen mills will spring up and keep pace with the growth of sheep husbandry. We are glad to see men of means, intelligence, and influence in the Gulf States, starting their flocks of pure-bred sheep.—This augurs well for our beloved sunny Southland.

The Mississippi Mills, at Wesson, consume annually 4,500 bales of cotton and 400,000 pounds of wool, (Merino,) principally purchased in Texas. With the present rapid strides being made in sheep husbandry in this State there will soon be no necessity for owners of these Mills to go from home to purchase one pound of wool.

The almost unanimous verdict of the oldest and more intelligent sheep raisers is, that washing sheep is not only useless but barbarous. There is no profit to be derived from it.

Other Items.

The cheapest, best and only way for small farmers of limited means to improve their stock to advantage, is to purchase a pure-bred male. Whether it be hogs, sheep or cattle, a thoroughbred male should pay for himself in a very short time. A good Jersey or Short-horn bull, herd registered, and well adapted to the wants of the ordinary farmer—good for all practical purposes, can be purchased at from $100 to $150. His services, in a neighborhood were pure-bred males are scarce, would, in all probability, be eagerly sought after by the surrounding farmers, who would be willing to pay a reasonable sum for his use—say from $3 to $5 for each cow. If the bull is in good condition, and has the age upon him, he could be expected to attend from 40 to 60 or more cows in one season. It no longer pays, except under very unusual circumstances, to raise common stock of either hogs, sheep or cattle. A good milk or beef cow always demands a good price, and a sorry one is hard to dispose of to advantage, and very seldom pays for her keeping. This the farmers all over the South are beginning to understand, and hence the improvements going on in the native herds throughout the country. No farmer, a grade bull under any circumstances, when the services of a thoroughbred can be procured at a moderate price.

The first requisite of good and successful farming, is to prepare the ground well. Plow deep and pulverize thoroughly. To merely skim over the land with a sorry plow, and depend on the seasons to do the rest for the crop, is unwise, the result of ignorance or laziness—both a crime in these enlightened days of civilization. Those who take good care to prepare the ground well for the reception of seeds, are the men who hardly ever fail to make money farming.

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