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FROZEN MUTTON.

The arguments of yesterday are obsolete, "let the dead past bury its dead." It is the living issue of today with all of its helps and hindrances, its probabilities, which should have the careful study and consideration of our statesmen. They must find the information to guide them in their legislative action in the statistics published by the authority of our own and other governments, but these must be studied in connection with the application in practical life of advanced scientific knowledge and improved mechanisms, or the law will be neither just nor satisfactory.

Transportation is no longer dependent upon the wind "which bloweth where it listeth," nor communication upon the irregular and irresponsible tramp steamship. In illustration: Time has been obliterated by that mysterious force—electricity—and through our arbitrary separation of today from yesterday on the 180th degree of longitude, the San Francisco merchant fills the order of his Australian correspondent the day before it is sent. And again: The writer was invited to partake on board a yacht in the harbor of Naples, of ice cream frozen in New York, and the cream had not only been carried across the Atlantic, but also twice through the Red Sea, twice across the torrid Indian Ocean, and was for sixty days at the wharves in Calcutta, before it was relished in Italy. Why should our legislators not take such things into consideration, when making laws for their constituents.

The combination of mechanism, chemistry and competition has been so perfected within a short time, as to have almost revolutionized the wool-growing industry of the world, and this has been done by providing a remunerative market for the surpluses of the immense flocks of the southern hemisphere. A few years since it was the practice of that section to keep sheep till "aged," then send them to the "boiling down works" where the mutton was used to fatten hogs, while the resultant mutton tallow and the wool-clips were sent to Europe. Today the mutton is not boiled, but frozen, and shipped to market, bringing the flock owner a return for the carcass which adds materially to the income from his flock, and

thus decreasing the cost to him of his wool-clip, and enabling him to come into closer, keener competition with the wool growers of the United States.

This business is still in its infancy, but it has grown and will grow by leaps and bounds. The colony of Victoria, Australia, in 1892 shipped 1,179,400 pounds; in 1895, 19,145,300 pounds. The first persistent, intelligent effort in this direction began in New Zealand in 1892, when it is estimated 3,000 carcasses of frozen mutton were shipped. Today, weekly lines of steamers from the Rio de la Platte, Africa, Australia and New Zealand, some, if not all, belonging to the Governments of those lands, are engaged in carrying frozen mutton.

The following table is taken from the "report of James J. Fenton, Esq., assistant Government statistic of Victoria," dated "Melbourne, 5th January, 1898."

Shipments of chilled and frozen mutton from the different colonies of Australia for 1898 was as follows:

Victoria, 19,145,300 lbs., valued at \$178,227; N. S. Wales, 68,935,768 lbs., valued at \$326,879; Queensland, 3,569,900 lbs., valued at \$43,688; S. Australia, 461,672 lbs., valued at \$5,706; W. Australia, 119,800 lbs., valued at \$1,280; N. Zealand, 119,312,704 lbs., valued at \$1,212,975, a total of 211,544,144, of a value of \$1,768,845.

All of this sum, amounting to \$8,844,225 has been added practically within the last four years, to the income of the wool growers of Australasia, and it is anything but a small matter as to its bearing upon the wool production of the balance of the world.

The total income from the flocks of Australasia in 1896—excepting the local consumption of mutton—is given in the following table, compiled from the same source as above.

Value wool exported.....20,919,235
Value skins exported.....1,883,207
Value tallow exported.....1,263,586
Value frozen mutton exported.....1,768,845

Total.....\$25,834,873
equal to \$129,174,365 in U. S. currency, and the amount received for frozen mutton is 6 and 8-10 per cent. of the total, or nearly eight cents per head for all of the sheep in Australasia.

By reference to the same statistical authority we learn these colonists produced 626,164,694 pounds of wool in that year, which was an average of 5-64-100 pounds per head of sheep, and thus we find our Australian friends are better prepared to meet competition with their wool, by nearly one and one-half cents per pound than they were four years ago.

Mr. Editor: I have used the statistics published by the colonies of Australia, because they are more full and complete than those of other countries, but the lessons the others carry for us are the same. The export of frozen mutton from the Argentine is greater relatively, than that of Australia, and the trade of Cape of Good Hope is growing rapidly. These are new conditions, and it will not do to ignore them, for one and one-half cents per pound is often the difference between failure and success. It is radically unjust to tell the wool grower he "has the same protection now he had three years ago, because he has the same law he

had then, and our mutton also finds a market." Whatever lessens the cost of production abroad increases the competition here—and water transportation as against land carriage will always win. Frozen mutton is a new condition and we should demand a revision of schedule K. in the present tariff law to meet it.

GEO. H. WALLACE.

Santa Fe, N. M., Sept. 25, 1898.

A GOOD MOVE.

The business men of the west side held a meeting at the office of Veeder & Veeder, on the plaza, last evening, for the purpose of devising plans for preventing the spread of smallpox and of using every effort to prevent the introduction of the disease into the town of Las Vegas. A committee consisting of A. B. Smith, Cecilio Rosenwald, Max Nordhaus, Myer Friedman and J. D. W. Veeder was appointed to wait upon the Board of County Commissioners at 10 o'clock this morning, to ask for their co-operation in preparing for proper conveniences for the sick, in case of enforcing the quarantine laws, such as appointing nurses and physicians to look after the sick. J. M. Cunningham, H. W. Kelly and F. A. Manzanarez were appointed as the committee of East Las Vegas citizens to use their efforts in receiving the co-operation of the citizens of the east side.

DEMOCRATIC PRECINCT MEETING.

At the Democratic convention for precinct 29, East Las Vegas, held in the City Hall, last evening, to elect delegates to Democratic county convention, Robt. K. M. Callen was called to chair and C. W. Allen was elected secretary.

The following sixteen delegates, to have eight votes, were elected: Democio Tatroja, Patricio Gonzales, Antonio Salazar, J. K. Martin, H. P. Brown, M. K. Morris, W. B. Bunker, C. W. Allen, Felix Martinez, Robt. K. M. Callen, W. A. Givens, Geo. F. Gould, John Pace, Charles Farnum, B. F. McGuire, R. C. Larimore.

UNEQUALLED OPENING.

"The Normal school opened yesterday with ninety-two pupils, all of whom except six are in the Normal proper, the six being in the preparatory. All the classes, freshman, sophomore, junior and senior, are well filled as is the post-graduate department. The attention of the Lordsburg Liberal is called to this fact.

THE OPTIC has been informed that this is the largest opening among all the state institutions located between Illinois and California; and Las Vegas justly has cause to be proud. No doubt the enrollment will pass the 100 mark during the present week, and run largely ahead before the high water mark shall be reached.

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Santa Fe
Route

Santa Fe Time Table.

WEST BOUND.

No. 1 Pass. arrive 12:55 p. m. Dep. 1:10 p. m.
No. 17 Pass. arrive 3:05 p. m. " 3:50 p. m.
No. 35 Freight " " 7:35 a. m.

EAST BOUND.

No. 22 Pass. arrive 12:55 a. m. Dep. 1:00 a. m.
No. 2 Pass. arrive 4 a. m. Dep. 4:05 a. m.
No. 34 Freight " " 7:30 a. m.
No. 22 1/2 Denver train; No. 1 is California and No. 17 the Mexico train.

Santa Fe branch trains connect with Nos. 1, 2, 17 and 22.

HOT SPRINGS BRANCH.

Ly Las Vegas 9:00 a. m. Ar Hot Springs 9:30 a. m.
Ly Las Vegas 11:00 a. m. Ar Hot Springs 11:30 a. m.
Ly Las Vegas 1:10 p. m. Ar Hot Springs 1:40 p. m.
Ly Las Vegas 3:30 p. m. Ar Hot Springs 4:00 p. m.
Ly Las Vegas 5:00 p. m. Ar Hot Springs 5:30 p. m.
Ly Hot Springs 9:30 a. m. Ar Las Vegas 10:10 a. m.
Ly Hot Springs 12:15 p. m. Ar Las Vegas 12:45 p. m.
Ly Hot Springs 3:10 p. m. Ar Las Vegas 3:40 p. m.
Ly Hot Springs 4:10 p. m. Ar Las Vegas 4:40 p. m.
Ly Hot Springs 5:30 p. m. Ar Las Vegas 6:00 p. m.

Nos. 1 and 2, Pacific and Atlantic express, have Pullman palace drawing-room cars, tourist sleeping cars and coaches between Chicago and Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco, and No. 17 and 22 have Pullman palace cars and coaches between Chicago and the City of Mexico. Round trip tickets to points not over 150 miles at 10 per cent reduction.

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CHAS. F. JONES,
Agent Las Vegas, N. M.

PROF. ASHLEY'S PICTURE.

As there was an item in THE OPTIC some days ago concerning the picture of Prof. Ashley, which hung in the hall of the Academy, the following note has been handed in that all parties interested may know what disposition has been made of the picture.

December 13th, 1896.

Prof. Wood, Dear Sir:—Please let Mr. H. Risch have the picture of Prof. Ashley hanging in the Academy building, and oblige Yours

W. R. Tipton.

The picture was delivered as requested in the note.

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Nothing is more remarkable about the Omaha exposition than the fact that, notwithstanding the war so largely drew away attention, the entire debt of the exposition has been lifted and there remains in the treasury about \$20,000. This is the only instance on record where such an enterprise has seen its way to a profitable result so soon after its inauguration.