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From New Mexico.

Editor American Sheep Breeder.

This present year promises to be the banner year with the sheepmen of the Pecos Valley. Every condition is favorable. Feed, water, weather and all seem to have combined this season to swell the bank account of the sheepmen, both large and small, and repay them for former years of losses, anxiety and hard, illrequited labor in less favored districts. In addition to the fact that their losses during the winter were so small as hardly to be worthy of mention, being less than 1 per cent. with the majority of the herds, the lambing season has opened with the brightest outlook. One hundred per cent is actually a small average, and with many flocks it has reached 160. Twins and triplets appear to have been the rule on many ranges, especially where sheep had been placed on alfalfa during the early spring.

The wool clip has been large and the product is clean and free from burrs. It has already commenced coming in, and the warehouses are rapidly filling up.

During the past six months it is estimated that fully 80,000 sheep have been driven from the Rio Grande county to the Pecos Valley ranges. It is a noteworthy fact that 200 miles south of the valley the losses from exposure in fact they equaled fully the loss noted in the extreme northern part of the territory.

During the past three months a large number of sheep have come into southwestern Texas across the Rio Grande river some in the regular way, by payment of the import duty, and others crossing the river in the "dark of the moon." These Mexican importations have for many years been more or less of a drawback to sheep breeders both in the Rio Grande country and in the Pecos Valley. The animals are generally small and scrawney and require three times the amount of feed to prepare them for market that is necessary for the larger and better bred sheep of Texas and New Mexico.

The town of Eddy, which is the center of the sheep growing interests of the Pecos Valley, is seriously considering the advisability of changing its name to "Carlsbad," after a large mineral spring in the neighborhood, now well known in medical circles for its curative properties, which strongly resemble those of the great Carlsbad spring in Prussia after which it was named.

Chicago markets this year will without doubt receive a great many shipments of market lambs fattened on the beet pulp from the sugar factory, as a large number of sheepmen contemplate going into the feeding business. In the event of their doing so, Pecos Valley will become a warm competitor of Fort Collins, Colo., in the production of spring lambs. A low estimate of the number that will be fed here this fall is 12,000. Argus.

SHEEP OUTLOOK IN PECOS VALLEY.

Editor American Sheep Breeder.

It is estimated that there are now over 200,000 sheep on the open ranges of the Pecos Valley and about 12,000 more on the alfalfa pastures for which the sheepmen pay $5 per acre. Although last winter was a particularly severe one for the valley, the loss of sheep did not amount to over one per cent and in many localities even less than that. During last year's run of the beet sugar factory here about 5,000 lambs were fed on the pulp and so successful was the experiment that this year over 10,000 head will be shipped from the factory's pens. The beet pulp appears to impart a delicate flavor to the meat that renders it more palatable than that of corn fed animals. The pulp sells for 25 cents a ton. It is also a good cattle feed and takes the place of cotton seed in the valley as far as practicable. Sheep to the south of Eddy in the Rio Grande country wintered as well as those on the Pecos, but the outlook for summer is hardly as bright, as the country bordering on the Rio Grande is suffering from lack of water this season. For this reason many herds are being moved northward on the Pecos. The Chicago market will unquestionably catch the wool clip of the Pecos river this year, as there have been several representatives of Chicago houses in the Pecos Valley this season. N. Y. Z.

There is not a single word of truth in either of the above communications. In the first place this is the most severe season known to the oldest sheep men. Mr. Byrne, who came here in July, 1886, says no season in his recollection has ever approached this in loss to sheep men. Instead of one per cent the loss will average the valley over about ten per cent. Feed, water and weather this season seem to have combined to diminish the bank account of the sheep man instead of to swell it. Will Matheson out of 2,100 lost 270. Henry Robb out of about 2,550 lost 550. Jno. Byrne, when he dipped Dec. 1898, had 4,967. This spring he sheared 4,474. He had 2,600 ewe and saved 1,700 lambs. Harvey & Horton had about 3,000. This spring their total flock numbered 1,100. This is one per cent with a vengeance. No flock in this territory ever produced 100 lambs to the 100 ews. Mr. Crawford put 4,000 ews on a fine alfalfa patch and by pampering and high feed raised about 95 per cent. The wool clip was about two-thirds of the usual spring clip. The losses here were greater than either north or south. As for the old lie about the spring all know what that is. The beet pulp has lost sheep feeders money every time they monkeyed with it.

It is a pity the territorial legislature did not locate the veterin school at Eddy. It would be turned to its fullest capacity here in a short time, and that without an effort.

The estimate of 20,000 tons of sugar beets sent from here to the Dallas News is undoubtedly made by parties who know nothing of the beet prospects. It is impossible at present to estimate the coming beet crop, though it is hoped we may have 10,000 tons, which is doubtful.

The Oliver Lee case is attracting considerable interest because of the fact of the cold blooded and barbarious butchery it seeks to unearth. If Oliver Lee murdered Fountain and his boy Lee should be tortured for all eternity and even that would be too good. On the other hand if the parties are innocent they should receive the protection of the law.

The continued dry spell brings to mind the fact that it is to the interest of small stock men along the river and in east of the sand hills to keep cattle scattered so as to utilize all the grass, for if the cattle drift to the river for water and the dry spell continues cow men will be compelled to strain the water through the hair of dead cattle before they can get a drink. Even with this serious condition staring us in the face, some drift fences are being taken down.

Lessons in Health for Men and Women.

The Ladies' Home Journal is looking after the physical as well as the mental well-being of its readers, beginning in the June issue a department which it calls "Five-Minute Talks on Good Health." This department is edited and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Warman, authorities on physical education, who will explain how easy a matter it is to have good health through the proper exercise of the muscular forces of the body.

Improvements on the P. V.

The Pecos Valley & Northeastern railway is building a new depot, office building, stock yards, sand bins, etc., at Pecos City, Tex. The same company is also building a combination general office and freight and passenger station for the Pecos & Northern Texas railway at Amarillo, Texas. Improvements along the P. V. & N. E. line include new 100-car capacity stock pens, 12 miles north of Roswell, at Eddy and at State Line, N. M., and 150 car capacity pens at Portales, N. M.—El Paso Graphic.

Mayor Murray herewith publishes a call for a mass meeting of citizens to be held at the court house Tuesday evening, June 6th, to consider ways and means for a proper observance of the 4th of July. All citizens are earnestly requested to attend the meeting and help get up a rousing celebration. The fire department has signified its readiness to take part in the matter and as a department will assist in every way possible. Cowmen are especially invited to attend the meeting as it is intended that the cowboy's part of the celebration will be very elaborate.

Sunday, June . will be observed as decoration day by the Odd Fellows of Eddy. The members will assemble in the lodge room at 2 p. m. From there they will go to the cemetery and decorate the graves of members of the the order.

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Thomas Hobson, by next friend, vs. Henry Sweet, et al. No. 35. | In assumpsit by attachment.

Notice is hereby given that,

Whereas, in and by the terms of an execution venditioni exponas issued from said court in the above styled cause on the 3rd day of May A. D. 1899, which came to my hands on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1899, I am advised that a judgment was rendered in said cause in favor of said plaintiff and against the defendants therein, Henry Sweet and Henrietta Sweet, on the 22nd day of November, A. D. 1897, for the sum of $262.20 damages and costs, amounting to $18.65 as taxes and legal interest thereon from that date and that at the same time a judgment sustaining certain attachment proceedings was rendered in favor of said plaintiff and,

Whereas, I am commanded by the said writ to sell all of the interests of the said Henry Sweet and Henrietta Sweet in and to certain real estate situated in Eddy county, New Mexico, and better described as the sw ¼ of sec. 25, and the n½w¼ of sec. 28 of twp. 21 s, r. 26e, being in all 240 acres of land, being the same land which was attached by the then sheriff of Eddy county under the original writ of attachment issued in said cause.

Now therefore in accordance with the directions of said execution venditioni exponas I will offer for sale at public auction all of the interests of the said Henry Sweet and Henrietta Sweet, either or both of them, which they now have in and to the said 240 acres of land above described, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the satisfaction of said judgment, amounting to $262.20 damages, $18.65 costs and $180.40 interest thereon to the day of sale and the costs of executing the said writ to be taxed, at the south front door of the court house at the town of Eddy, in Eddy county, territory of New Mexico, on Monday, the 8th day of June, A. D. 1899, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.

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