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SHEEP CONDITIONS GOOD.

At the recent meeting of Oregon State Board of Sheep Commissioners, Secretary Smythe reported that prices for wool and mutton are better than for some time; that there are approximately 2,700,000 sheep in Oregon; that the wool crop will aggregate between 17,000,000 and 18,000,000 pounds; that the fleeces from the shearing now in progress are of good quality, unbroken and above the average of previous years; that lambing is in progress in Eastern Oregon and about finished in The Willamette Valley, and that the outlook for these is big and the percentage greater than last year. The state has been carefully inspected by both Federal and state officials and upon the showing made by them, the State Board issued a proclamation declaring the annual dipping for 1909 is not necessary.

The same condition prevails in this State. Sheep shearing is now pretty well finished and the sheared flocks have been started mountainward in search of green feed. Generally speaking, the spring clip of wool is of good quality and the prices offered from 18 to 21 cents is considered so satisfactory that many dealers have disposed of their clips. A considerable amount of wool is stored in local warehouses. The fine quality of the clip is attributed to the fact that sheep fared well during the winter.

M. D. Wisdom, Editor of this journal, has accepted the position of Superintendent of the live stock department at the Alaska Yukon fair in Seattle and is now in the field after exhibits. He has hopes of making this the largest live stock show ever held in the west. His varied acquaintances throughout the country with livestock breeders and exhibitors and his reputation for fair dealing and systematic methods of conducting a show of this kind, renders him a most suitable person for the position.—Rural Spirit.

S. S. Young of Pomeroy, Wash., sold 30 pigs 8 months old that weighed 6,100, a little over 200 pounds apiece, at 7 cents, getting \$427 for the bunch. The hog looms up large as an element of value to the farmers of the Pacific Northwest.

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LIVE STOCK AT SPOKANE FAIR.

John L. Smith and Professor W. T. McDonald will have charge of the livestock department at the Interstate fair this fall.

Professor McDonald who is connected with the Washington State College, at Pullman, has recently returned from Portland and other points in the Willamette valley, where he selected some stock for the College farm, and states that considerable interest is being manifested in the Spokane fair by stockmen of that section. It is expected that many will arrange to bring their herds for the Interstate fair in spite of the conflict in dates between Spokane and Portland.

Owing to the stockmen arranging to show in Spokane as one of the regular stops from the East to the A.-Y.-P. the Interstate fair this year will have one of the best stock exhibits in its history.

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R. G. Lyle, a Pullman farmer has a small flock of sheep and reports a remarkable birth record this season. He has 120 head of sheep, of which 115 are ewes and these have 150 lambs, making an increase of 130 per cent. Mr. Lyle says sheep pay better than any other kind of stock. They live largely on what would be wasted in the spring, summer and fall and in the winter he feeds them alfalfa hay.

Colonel William Duling and William Bishop, the Garfield "cattle kings" purchased a trainload of cows and calves at Vale, Oregon. There are in the lot between 400 and 500 head. These cattle go to Whitman county to be turned out on the big farm of Duling, Bishop, Johnson and Lemon, at Winona, where they will be fattened for the Spokane, Portland and Seattle markets. Duling and Bishop recently sold a trainload of fat steers, which brought them in cash \$19,000.

WHAT IS AXLE GREASE WORTH

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