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### THE SHEEP INDUSTRY

**A Paper on that Subject Read by John Marshall at the Farmer's Institute at Deford.**

The sheep industry has not had in this part of the state the attention it deserves. There has been in this part a good deal of haphazard grading and crossing, resulting in many cases in some very inferior flocks. In starting a flock a person should select his ewes from the breed he has a particular liking for, and at the same time keeping in view the financial side of the question. After he has selected his ewes, which need not be thoroughbreds unless he has decided to make a specialty of raising breeding stock.

But one thing he should be sure of, and that is, that he does not use a grade sire under any circumstances, but get a good thoroughbred one. He should begin with a good strong constitution with a good frame, with plenty of heart and lung room, and a good covering of wool over the greater part of his body and of an even quality. Sheep will pay for a good careful breeding as well if not better than any other stock, and for that reason more particular care should be given to the selection of the sire. The particular breed of the sire is a matter of choice and it would hardly be safe to indicate a preference. However I would say that he should be a good sheep of his kind, reaching the heavy weight atan early age. And by continuing the use of a good sire a flock of originally indifferent ewes would soon be graded up to a pretty fair level.

As to the question of profit, there is no doubt that a flock, large or small, managed with care and attention, will pay well. Indeed there is no branch in farming that at present prices which will give such a large and certain profit for the care required and capital invested. The sheep industry is one of the most profitable industries on the farm, when managed as it should be.

If the farmers of Tuscola would only feed and finish a greater number of their lambs, steers and heifers raised on their farms every year, instead of selling them off in the fall as the most of them do, to go into the hands of others to be finished. We would not hear so much grumbling of hard times. Winter feeding I consider the only true system to keep up the fertility of our farms and to realize the true value of the stock produced thereon.

Sheep do best on high lands and always will be found resting on the highest parts of the field, if not in the heat of the day, when of course they will be found in some shady nook if it can be got.

It will be found advantageous in summer to change the sheep from one field to another every two or three weeks, as the pasture will thus be kept clean and sweet. To our breeding ewes we do not feed a great many roots until close on to lambing time, when we commence to feed them about all they will eat with little chopped oats and corn sprinkled over the pulped roots and which the young lambs in a very short time learn to eat. The machine we use for cutting the roots pulps them and leaves them in splendid shape for receiving the chop, and which the young lambs by the time they are two or three weeks old are about as fond of as the old ewes. Our principal feed for the sheep during the winter months is clover, hay and oats with a mixture of corn, about one quarter and a few roots. We occasionally give them a feed of corn stalks cut and split. Should our roots give out we substitute bran in their place. For the fall pasture we generally have a field of rape to turn our lambs into as soon as they are weaned. It is advisable to have a field of pasture near by so that the lambs are not kept on the rape all the time, for if they are they are very apt to scour. It is also advisable to see that they get all the salt that they want and not to be allowed the free access to water while the rape is pretty tender. A great many sow their rape in drills but we prefer sowing it broadcast as there is not so much danger of the sheep getting down on their backs and not being able to get up as when sown in drills. It can be sowed at different times, but about the end of June I consider the best time to sow it, for if sown then it would be a good length about the time the lambs would be required to be weaned.

In order to make stock raising profitable it is necessary for the farmer to raise good well bred stock. Why is it that so many farmers persist in raising scrub stock? Does it pay? Has that five or six hundred pound yearling steer or that fifty pound lamb been profitable to you? Does he not bring a balance on the wrong side of

the ledger every year? He certainly does. It takes no more feed to raise a good animal than it does a poor one. The same amount of care and time is spent on the scrub that would be required on the well bred ones. And then again look at the difference of the price obtained when you come to sell. The one will bring fully a third more than the other.

Besides all this there is a pleasure and satisfaction in handling good stock that you do not get in handling the scrub. Financially the scrub is a failure. Then why persist in raising them? Why not turn over a new leaf? Why not make the farm profitable by raising the very best of horses, cattle, sheep and hogs. Select the breed or breeds to your liking and discard the scrub. Good stock always, I might say, gives a fair profit on the money invested, feed consumed and care given. Farmers should grade up, not down. Buy nothing but first-class males of some of the improved breeds and mark the improvement in your herds and flocks. You will then wonder why you were so foolish as to stand in the background for so many years, and to be classed with the old mossbacks, but just where you justly deserve to be classed. Look at the market reports for both cattle and sheep and see where the tops are selling, and compare them with the prices obtained for the scrub. That in itself should be enough to convince you that you have been making a big mistake. In conclusion would say select from your favorite breed and when selected do not keep them for the purpose of keeping down weeds on the summerfallow or on the roadside to be chased by every passing dog in summer or to eke out an existence around the straw stack in winter, for by so doing they will neither fill the pocket or please the eye.

### PROF. WEAVER RESIGNS.

Our school circles were shaken from center to circumference last Tuesday when it was announced that Prof. Chas. S. Weaver was about to resign his position as superintendent of our city schools. The lady students wept and the young men were aroused and circulated a petition asking the school board not to accept Mr. Weaver's resignation. On Tuesday evening the board held their regular monthly meeting and as was expected Prof. Weaver stated that he for the following reasons desired to sever his connection with our schools. It seems there will be a vacancy in the St. Clair high school March 1st. Prof. Holloway the present superintendent will then sever his connection with the St. Clair schools and become editor of the Tuscola County Courier. The St. Clair school board through Mr. Holloway became cognizant that Cass City had a progressive superintendent and without any previous announcement made Mr. Weaver a very flattering proposition which he accepted provided he could secure his release from our schools. The board took the matter very seriously and it was only after a lengthy and thorough discussion that the board consented to release Mr. Weaver with the proviso that a suitable man be found to take his place. Mr. Weaver is a most careful and conscientious instructor going about all his work with a systematic thoroughness that is highly commendable and we all hoped that his services might be retained for an indefinite period. The CHRONICLE deplors the fact that he must leave our midst but at the same time extends hearty congratulations on account of the promotion which has come to him. It is hoped that an equally good man be secured to take his place.

### SEBEWAING WILL NOT GET IT.

The railroad agitation at Sebewaing has gone up in smoke, so we are informed from a reliable source. The M. C. people have finally declared that they had no desire of interfering with the Pere Marquette road at Sebewaing and hence the much talked of extension of the Caro branch will not materialize. However, it is quite likely that Sebewaing will secure a sugar factory. The citizens of that burg, with the farmers, have worked hard to bring a factory there, and there is hardly any doubt but what they will pull the project through.

It simply goes to show that if a town wants to get something, all hands must go to work, and work hard until they reach the goal for which they are striving.

### House For Sale.

A house and lot on Houghton St. east owned by H. S. Gamble. A very desirable location, good well cellar, and some fruit. For particulars and terms enquire of T. H. ANN.

### AT THE COUNCIL ROOMS

**This Week's Grist of Business Was Lively and of More Than Ordinary Importance.**

The village "dads" were just a trifle slow in making up a quorum on Monday evening, and hence it was rather past bedtime when they got through with their business. Several knotty questions were decided, one of which involved a complex mathematical problem which nearly swamped the entire municipal board. It was finally agreed to agree, and the matter was quickly settled. The present council has developed several strong characteristics, the one is economy and the other harmony.

The village has never had a more business like and economical administration than the present one. Beside meeting the regular village obligations the board has paid special village orders to the amount of nearly \$4,000 during the past year. Then there has existed the utmost cordiality between the members of the board. There has been differences of opinion and heated discussions, but the individual members have been careful so as not to create any dissensions or hurt each others feelings. This is as it should be.

At present the council are considering the advisability of introducing a fire alarm system which would greatly perfect our system of fire protection.

The most important item transacted was the adoption of a contract between Wm. N. Straube, the present efficient superintendent of the electric light and water works and the village of Cass City. Under this contract Mr. Straube is to have charge of the electric light and water works system as General Superintendent, as follows to wit:

To take charge of the Electric Light and Water Works Systems, of said party of the second part, as General Superintendent, and to be responsible for the successful daily performance or service of the same, the delay and interruptions caused by the elements, strikes, riots, fires, or accidents of the like, beyond his power to control, alone excepted; to superintend the extensions of all water mains, and all tapings of the same, for hydrants, service pipes and meters etc., and to see that the same is kept in good repair, and all to the approval and direction of the party of the second part, to carry out all orders issued by said party of the second part and to see that all such are carefully executed whether for either the Electric Light or Water Works systems; to do all outside and inside wiring and see that it is properly done, connected up and with all necessary fixtures, and as said second party may direct, and keep the same in good repair; to make itemized monthly reports to said second party, if it is so desired, of all materials and supplies used and the labor used and its costs; to pass upon and "O K" (when found correct) all bills and accounts that pertain to the departments that he is held responsible for and as directed; to make estimates of and requisitions for the amounts of all materials and supplies needed, as well as all labor needed for such work and for the successful keeping up and in operation of said plant; to make such other reports to said second party, as it may direct, in fact do all work incumbent upon the superintendent in such a position.

It is also further agreed, that said first party shall select his own assistants, who shall take their orders from him, to allow said first party sufficient extra help to properly keep up and in good repair said plants, or that may become necessary to properly install new work, without interfering with the daily services of the plants but all to the approval of the second party.

It is further mutually agreed between the parties hereto that the said second party is to furnish such supplies and materials as shall be necessary to properly keep up these plants, and for new work, that the said second party shall order to be done. That the said first party shall have two assistants (one engineer and one general helper at not to exceed \$40.00 per month, the second party fixing the amount of salary of each assistant.) Provided however, that the party of the second part may reserve the right to discharge any or all persons hired by said first party if in the judgment of a majority of the Village Council it is for the best interests of the Village to do so.

Length of Contract.—The length of this contract shall be for the period of one year from the date hereof.

Terms and Payments.—In consideration of his services the party of the first part is to receive Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) per year divided in twelve (12) equal payments, one of

each to be paid to said first party at the end of each month.

It is mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto that in case the party of the first part shall fail to perform his part of this contract, as herein specified, then and in such case the said Council may terminate and end this contract, provided however, that they shall give the said first party at least thirty days notice, and thereupon it shall become null and void and no longer binding on the second party.

It is further mutually agreed by and between the parties hereto that in case the said party of the first part shall desire to terminate and end this contract, he may do so by giving the written notice thereof to the Village Council, at least thirty days before such termination. Signed and Sealed the day and year first above written.

### A PROGRESSIVE MINISTER.

The Rev. G. J. Kirm M. A. Ph. D. Presiding Elder of Flint District of the Evangelical church, will hold his last quarterly meeting at the Evangelical church for this conference year over Sunday Feb. 17th. This reminds us that Dr. Kirm has recently published a book entitled "Religion a Rational Demand." So much has been said and written on the subject of religion in its various aspects to mankind that it might appear almost useless in these days to add anything to the sum total of human knowledge on the matter. Yet there is an unspeakable fascination about the subject which lures investigators to attempt to bring out new phases of the influence which Christian religion brings to bear upon the human soul. Dr. Kirm is a thorough investigator of scientific truth and in his book he brings out the uncontroversial fact in a very comprehensive manner that "religion does not consist in a formal submission to the demands of a temporal institution but in the dynamic relation of the soul to its God."

We are sure that Mr. Kirm's many Cass City friends will rejoice over his marked success which is crowning his conscientious efforts as a student and preacher.

### THE REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

To the Republican Electors of Tuscola County:

A Republican County Convention for the County of Tuscola is hereby called to meet at the Court House, in Caro, on

TUESDAY THE 10TH OF FEB., 1901, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for County Commissioner of Schools, and also for the purpose of electing fifteen delegates to attend the State Convention called to be held at Grand Rapids February 28th, 1901, and transacting other business as may come before the convention.

Every township will be entitled to one delegate for every 50 of the total vote cast for Governor at the last general election, and one additional for every fraction of 50 votes not less than 25.

The several townships on this basis are entitled to delegates as follows:

Akron	8	Indianfields	13
Almer	5	Juniata	5
Arbela	7	Kingston	5
Columbia	7	Koylton	5
Denmark	9	Millington	9
Dayton	5	Novesta	4
Elkland	9	Tuscola	7
Ellington	4	Vassar	13
Elmwood	7	Wells	4
Fremont	8	Watertown	4
Fairgrove	8	Wisner	2
Gifford	4		
Total			154

N. M. Richardson, C. C. Curtis, H. S. Wickware, W. J. Ingersoll, David Buhl.

Republican County Committee, Dated Caro, Mich., February 5, 1901.

### A NEW FIRM.

Bicycle riders will be interested to learn that J. D. Schenck has sold his bicycle business to Messrs. A. L. Johnson and J. C. Sealey, who have leased the old postoffice building on Seegar street, where they will conduct an up-to-date bicycle business. They will increase the facilities for repairing and manufacturing wheels and also have a choice stock of the best made bicycles constantly on hand. The boys are hustlers and there is no doubt as to their ability of conducting a first-class business.

### DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Landon & Klump have by mutual consent dissolved partnership. Fredrick Klump will pay all debts and collect all bills due the firm.

DICK S. LANDON, FREDERICK KLUMP.

### TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT.

The twenty-second annual report of the Secretary of State relative to farms and farm products presents some interesting figures. For the benefit of our readers who are interested in agricultural developments we glean the following items: In 1900 Huron county had 3,960 farmers of which 2,691 raised sheep. This county has 31,779 sheep. Sanilac county had 4,782 farmers; 2,350 of these raised sheep. This county has 37,747 sheep. Tuscola county had 3,742 farmers; 1,835 owned sheep and the county had 36,593 sheep.

The average prices paid in the three counties for farm products:

Huron—Wheat 62c; corn 34c; oats 24c; hay \$7.71; cattle \$3.67; hogs \$3.51; dressed pork \$4.50.

Sanilac—Wheat 63c; corn 37c; oats 94c; hay \$7.52; cattle \$3.54; hogs \$3.47; dressed pork \$4.51.

Tuscola—Wheat 63c; corn 34c; oats 25c; hay \$7.94; cattle \$3.89; hogs \$3.70; dressed pork \$4.78.

ron 695,275, Sanilac 353,331 and Tuscola 360,720 bushels. Number of bushels of potatoes produced: Huron 388,287, Sanilac 317,744 and Tuscola 573,950 bushels.

Number of bushels of apples grown: Huron 32,847, Sanilac 94,324 and Tuscola 111,513.

At a convention held at Cass City Feb. 2nd, between the different schools of the Thumb, it was decided that the Second Annual Field Day Meet would be held in Cass City, June 7, 1901. Messrs. LaBounty and Crawford of North Branch, Scully and Swain of Bad Axe, and Schenck and Morrison of Cass City were the representatives of their respective schools. Clarence Scully of Bad Axe was chosen permanent chairman and S. H. Schenck of Cass City, corresponding secretary.

### Farm For Sale.

Consisting of two hundred and six acres; 80 acres under cultivation; good house, two large barns, good orchard, 130 acres seeded to timothy and clover. For sale, cheap and on easy terms. Enquire of E. B. LANDON.