Agricultural Beyartment Educational Department The Best Sheep for the Farmers.

The Keniucky Live Stock Record in speaking of the best breed of sheep

for farmers savs: The best sheep for a farmer to keep are those that yield the heaviest fleeces and the greatest number of pounds of meat. The scrub sheep will yield from three to six pounds of wool per head, while Marinos will range between ten and twenty pounds. and thoroughbred Cotswolds more. Why is it that farmers do not raise the sheep which will give these heavy fleaces? Then as to meat, the fine produce an enormous amount of flesh and do not eat any more than a scrub. But besides these facts, the fine sheen do not only yield larger fleeces per head, but the wool is of superior quality. The same is true of the the lowest. We believe that this applies flesh of fine sheep in comparison equally to all parts of the United States with scrubs.

Southdowns, for instance, are the the absurd system pursued in teaching finest mutton in the world, always commanding an extra price—a flesh spelled individually without any reference which princes desire-while the fleece to their application in sentences. Nov is medium. The Shropshire stand next in meat quality, and are next to Co'swold in fleeces. The profits of partial. During the whole school life of these breeds are very great in times of ordinary prosperity, and under all circumstances it is best for the farmer to breed them, because they pay better-the grand result which is the supreme object of the firmer-the highest possible remuneration for his

cap tal and labor. And all this concerning sheep true of fine breeds of cattle, horses. hogs and poultry. In the face of these undisputable facts the mass of the people should not handle serul stock, an i entertain an ignorant op, r position to fine breeds. There is one the scoplede not read papers devoted to livesto k interests, and are wholly ignorant of the vast progress that being made by the more intelligent ranges of farmers! There are sectionof Kentucky where the improved breeds of stock are almost unknown It is only a small number of men who are blive to it, and keep themselves the oughly posted in regard to the progress of agricultural science and the breeding of the best animals. while the masses remain in the old rate, following after the customs of " hardred years ago. If farmers would elayate, their realling and render it more remunerative, they must put the aselves in living connection with the intellectual spirit of the age.

. The Farmer.

Whenta farmer can so manage his farm as to make "both ends of the year meet," even if it be with the most rigid economy, he should be contented with his lot. If we take a survey of the business men of our villages and cities, we find that only three or four in a hundred reslize a competence for old age. Then imagine the unhappiness of those who, sooner orlater, failto suport themselves and anxieties that constantly produce par is and tortures that no farmer ever felt. These men may apparently lead pleasant lives, as the outside world cannot witness the emotions of a man who daily striins every finan cial nerve to meet his notes falling due at the bank. The time between one and three o'clock every day, in the city of New York, brings more anxiety to business men than all the farmers of the United States realize

in a life time No. furmers, your lot is not a hard one Your food may be plain, and the cuts of vour coats may not be afishionable as those of the merchantof the day; but when you lie upor your pillows your repose is sound and sweet. The horrors of protested notes seldom keep you awake at night; and in the morning, as you go around to leed your flocks and view your crops that have visibly grown while you were in the arms of Morpheus, you may take more real enjoyment of life in one hour than many city metchénts and manufacturers do gin a year. Our advice therefore, is, be not d scouraged. The times may now he lard's but you are promised "seed-time and harvest" to the end, and with hard (labor and judicious managen ent, you will come out in the

cast victorious. ---- DISCOVERY OF FIRE. Fire the common scource of heat, of light and of-life, and the active principle of a multitude of industries, and of metallurgical industry in particular, is unon stionably one of the greatest cona benefit; it was in fact a giant stride things exists only to a limited extent in are se-sociability, the family, the sacstill produce from day to day. Hence | influential individuals; expensive schools on the stage! we can readily understand how is are built where there is no necessity for that fire has ever been and still is, them, in order to enhance tue value of among many nati as, the object of a property in the immediate vicinity, to s estal worship, (priests of Banl, provide work for friendly contractors, Ghibbers, Hindoo Brahmans, Roman places for impecunious relatives of direct panded. vestals, priestesses of the sun in Peru, ors; courses of study end even proetc. it and that it has often figured grammes are arranged to suit the notions in the religious and funeral rites of of certain classes as to nationality and renations most remote from one anoth- ligion. If the school is situated in a diser, both in time and space, as the trict where a goodly percentage of the pop-Chaldees, Hebrews, Greeks, Romans, ulation is German—then German must be Peruvians, Mexi ans, etc. But how taught and the teacher's salary cut down CR and when was this great discovery made, in the absence of which we can hardly conceive of the possibility of human arts or even of human existence? Did mon, as we are told in the next has a point of the possibility of Ladis and Conceive of the possibility of human arts or even of human existence? Did mon, as we are told duced, the teachet being glad to be reexistence? Did m n. as we are told duced, the teaches being glad to be rein the myths of India and Greece, tamed at any price. The people of the steal fire from heaven; or did he, as next district at once begin to think that other legends affirm, take advantage of spontaneous forest-fires, arising they are paying their teacher too much and the violent rubbing together of and the salary is cut down, no matter. dry branches under the action of the how good the teacher may be. All this is ious, even from the beginning, as to ple managing their own business. Local PLATED WARE, devise one of those simple and practical contrivances by means of which certain savage and half-civilized bug and a snare in practice. County tribes in our own time obtain the fire control, state control, or even national they need for their uses ?-Popular control, is preferable to local district con- YANKEE NOTIONS OF ALL Science Monthly.

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When fowls are supplied with the instruction and other shallow, stagnant change of food they require, they seleducational follie. Powerful side wheeldom peck off each other's feathers; ers are taking the place of the cumberbut if they once commence it is very hard to break them of such a habit. Pieces from the table are used with more profit to feed poultry than pipe. Lad they apply that valid.

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cholars enough for the training departnent be had without resorting to this rick. The normal school proper is an ORTHOGRAPHY. jually carious concern; it has few of the eatures of the normal school. It is es-At a recent examination of candidates entially a kind of hybrid high school, in for admission to the high school, in on rhich are taught with a certain number of the large cities of the United States high school studies a little of every about twenty-five words were given as test in orthography. The words were o tle nonsense which the graduates of hese concerns try to drum into the head average difficulty, and most of them mus f the unfortunate pupils. A normal have frequently come before the pupils in chiol should be what its name importsthe course of their reading; and yet wheel for the training of teachers, the strange to say, with the single exception drais-ion to which would be on examinaof arithmetic, the average in spelling was on, equally difficult with that which high school scholars pass on their gradua on, or it may be as difficult as that and that the chief cause will be found in which is required for admission to Harand or Yale College. Its professors and this particular branch. Words are to b achers, too, should be men and women f some standing as teachers, with the plarged ideas which come of comprehenthis is radically bad. In the first place ive scholarship, not tricky politici in such a system must in its very nature be who having "managed" to learn the ricks of the trade, "manage" to hold a pupil it is impossible that he could be heir places by allowing their pupils to able to commit to memory all the difficul: now very little of what they are being words in the language at the rate o aught and cover up "their tricks" by went; or twenty-five words per day, and laying the father while acting the hypoeven when so committed, it is not ofter rite. When we have such normal schools that they can be retained. Nor is it nehere will be less chance for enemies of essary that they should be, for, as alhe public school system to throw stones ducation should have some practical pur-

se, it is absurd to force a child to learn to spell words which he will never use. The only practical plan to pursue in this matter is that in vogue in the schools of Europe. Here spelling is taught princionly by dictation. From the first day supreme reason for this. The mass of that a pupil enters school, he is taught to ve to every word that occurs in his leson. First he copies his whole lesson. s he advances in his studies, the sentenes containing the most difficult words re read by the teacher and copied by the adde n into a book kept for that puro e. The time usually spent in this ex- amount of their sularies; yet it is possible reise is no more than twenty minutes, or for a school board to exist, whose memabout the same time usually spent in this bers knowing not what to do to exercise country in writing twenty single words their infhority in a legitimate manner, The exercises are examined in the even- may not have the sense to do nothing, but ng by the teachers, all mis-spelled words must perds back at the salaries of teachwe : line drawn through them and we lors. We do not begrudge such all the the student familiar with the orthography breach of trust to curtail the salaries of of the nost difficult words in common use | teach is in a well-established system, especially if these teachers are of longone also teaches him their application. The smaller words become so familiar standing in the schools, and have assum. hat there is scarcely a failure in spelling, ed financial and family burdens, with the

n writing, can scarcely be over-estimated. to its duties. Professional teaching should The plan now followed in the United give its professors vested gights in its states was that which prevailed in Eng- emoluments-rights not to be outraged at and some six years ago, at which time the whim of a reactionist, or through the he list of candidates for positions in the wiles of aldemagogue. livil burvice who failed in orthography vas so large as to evoke considerable comment. An examination into the sub-school matters are more observable in the fundies respect; bly—the cares and sect revealed the fact that the mistakes neighborhood of large cities than elseoccurred in the spelling of ordinary where. A few real estate speculators words, and the result of the investigation purchase a couple of hundred acres of was the adoption of the plan we have de- barren land, divide it into corner lots, cribed. If the schoolmasters throughout cell it Goodville, build a botel, a few the United States would only give the houses, which, having peopled with a few olan a trial, we feel assured that it would dependents, they think it high time to be found to work well. The system of build an expensive school-house, to enspelling words in t e abstract need not be: hance the value of their real estate, for wholly abandoned, but may be profitably these speculators, like politicians, know ombined with the dictation method, how deeply the people are interested in schoolinasters who went into e stasies educational matters. The burden of taxover spelling-matches a few years ago, ation falls on the industrious people of

linguage and the construction of senten- work, and being compensated for it in a

will not sneer at any system which may the surrounding district, who, being well

end to keep up the fun-if the occasion; satisfied with their pretentious school building, are apt to visit the shit of the bould again present itself. suburban "Scadders" upon the public Dependent of the public school system school system. The evil does not stop re apt to be very emphatic when allud- here, but is still further aggravated by ing to the assaults made on the public the employment as teacher of some poor chool system. We see no reason for un- but pretentions friend of the speculators, lue emphasis; it is better that criticisms, who is far better adapted to selling cheap should be made, that the faults of the jeweiry, or conducting oro de auctioneerystem may be pointed out and corrected. ing concerns, than to teaching reading, That the system is faulty and imperfect, writing, arithmetic, decent habits or good not one of its defenders will gainsay, but manuers. n tead of admitting this, its infatuated friends only point to its many excellen- In a certain large city where less than ares. If told that the schools are not five l-undred candid ites were admitted to

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coadasted as economically as they might the high school last year, eight hundred and can be-the friends of the school sys- were admitted this year. What was the e n think that a reduction of the teach-cause of the remarkable increase in the ers' salaries is sought. This is not the number of successful applicants? The wise. Where the schools are not econom- hard times would militate against such an ally conducted, it is because the direct- increase of numbers. There iching could or, trustees, or superintendents are not not so suddenly jump into superlative closen for their honesty, intelligence or efficiency. Nor is the enthusiasm of our apacity, but through local influence and Centennial year sufficient to account for party spirit, and, we regret to say it, very the phenomenon. The truth is that at frequently on account of national or reli- the beginning of the school year "Oral gious prejudices. Can it be expected that Instruction" was abolished, and pupils the teachers employed and indorsed by were allowed to concentrate their minds quests achieved by man over nature, men so selected will be persons of experi- upon the solid text-book studies, with the The discovery of fire was more than ence, skill or knowledge? This state of cheering results above stated. large cities, bus we make bold to say that Ax AWFUL warning to lady teachers

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