

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

Sheep Raising in New Mexico.

A Kansas City newspaper says:—There arrived in that city last evening on the Atchinson, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad from Las Animas, Col., Senior Vincente, M. Baca, of Balen, New Mexico, one of the chosen few who owns the immense wealth of New Mexico, which is concentrated principally in its mines and vast herds of sheep.

"Have you any data at hand to show when sheep raising became one of the important industries of New Mexico?" "None at all. My father was engaged in it, and his father and grandfather before him. It has been a business of generations with us. It has changed in its character and the system of carrying it on as the trade has increased and new markets and new market facilities have been provided."

"To what extent are you engaged in sheep raising now?" "We estimate the number of our sheep to-day at 400,000 head, but this estimate is rather under than over the number."

"How do you manage so many sheep?" "We give out herds of from 500 to 1,000 sheep, we receive an annual dividend of 250 good wethers, selected by ourselves, and the fleece of 1,000 sheep. These fleeces average now about two and one-half pounds of wool."

"It has been my impression that a fleece of wool from your little Mexican sheep did not average more than a pound to a pound and a half."

"Such was the case a few years ago, before we introduced improved stock into our herds. But of late years we have spent large sums of money in introducing fine stock into New Mexico."

"Do your people in New Mexico still favor the fine wool or Spanish merinos as a cross for the improvement of your herds?"

"No, sir. We have turned our attention to the importation of the Cotswold breed from Canada. A cross of this large, hardy, long-wool animal with our small Mexican merino sheep produce a grade which cannot be beaten. Our fleeces, which were considered good at one and a half pounds four years ago are not good now if they do not weigh at least two and a quarter pounds. This is the result of judicious crossing with the long-wool sheep."

"As a sheep-raising region do you think that Colorado will ultimately rival New Mexico as a sheep-grazing country."

"No; Colorado has too long winters for profitable sheep raising there. In New Mexico we have only three months' winter. In Colorado their lambs die of cold in spring and the herds are lost in snow in winter. We find Colorado unadapted to sheep raising."

Mr. Baca closed his interview with the remark that he is now moving two herds of 10,000 head each of fat sheep to that and other eastern markets.

Sure Cure for Chicken Cholera.

We have received the following well-tried recipe for chicken cholera, from Mrs. H. P. Whiteman, of Merion Square, Montgomery county, and which has never yet failed:

Make half a pound of ordinary starch, and mix therewith three pounds of coarse bran. When well mixed feed to the fowls and they will recover rapidly. Bryn Mawr News.

The collars of coats become soiled very quickly from contact with hair, but chloroform will clean them very well without any bad odor. Potato starch water, made by grating potatoes into a little water and letting it settle, then pouring it off and rubbing it on with a sponge, will also take off the grease and spots.

To keep tins looking bright is a simple matter if boiling water is used. The teakettle and various articles of kitchen furniture will need frequent polishing. For tin, copper, steel and zinc, use kerosene and finely pulverized bristol brick. Wash in hot soap suds and polish with whiting.

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