

## Correspondence.

WEST JORDAN, Oct. 2nd, 1899.  
 Editor Deseret News:—Sir,—As there is an increased interest being felt in sheep-raising in this Territory, and as the D. A. and M. Society has offered such liberal premiums on sheep, I thought I would write a few lines upon the subject and give my views upon the breeds that are best adapted to our climate and feed, for wool and mutton. I will speak on these points from my past experience.

We have had imported into the Territory the Leicester, Cotswold, Southdown, Spanish and French Merino bucks. The Leicester and the Cotswold are the heaviest mutton sheep; the Southdown is the best quality of mutton, but the wool is too light, dry and harsh for this Territory and climate. The Spanish Merino has the finest wool, but, like the Southdown, its wool and frame are not adapted to this mountain climate. Its wool is too dry and harsh, and its frame is too light and feeble.

The question then arises which breed will answer the best? My experience says take the French Merino buck, with his heavy, robust frame and fine, heavy fleece of wool with plenty of gum in it, which is a protection against the burning rays of the summer sun as well as the chilling winds of winter storms, and cross this buck with the Leicester or Cotswold ewe, and you have got the best sheep for wool, mutton and the climate that has yet been bred in this Territory. The lamb will grow large healthy sheep, with a fine heavy fleece of wool. I have got a three-quarter blood French Merino buck that sheared thirteen pounds of fine wool. Take these bucks and cross them with the Leicester or Cotswold ewe and you have got the sheep, with the size, quality and quantity of wool that no other sheep will produce in the Territory; neither is there any other that will stand the climate like them, and their wool is worth one-fourth more to the pound than the common wool produced here. Then, I say, it is quite an object to breed from the French Merino buck, if you can obtain one-third more wool, and it is worth one-fourth more to the pound, and you have got mutton as well as wool.

Since writing the above I have passed through several flocks of sheep in this county, and have also seen the Society's sheep, bought in the States, and I am fully convinced of the truth of my statement.

Yours, etc.,  
 JOSEPH HARKER.

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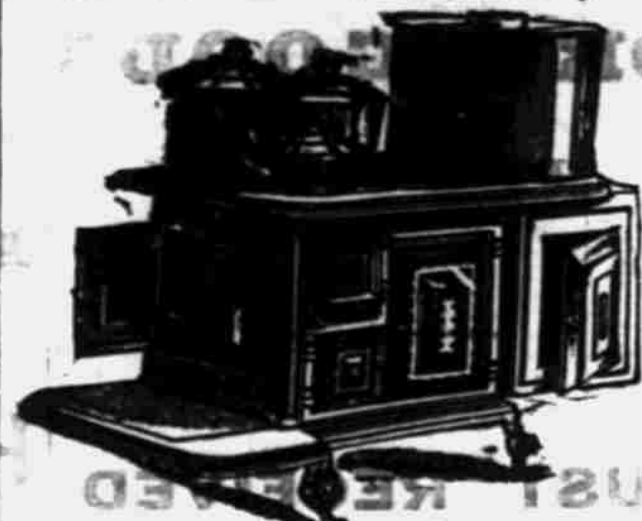
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