Across the sheep ranges could been seen rock cairns about the height of a man. Sheepherders' monuments, they were called, monuments to boredom. I would bet that most of those cairns were worked on before noon, before lunch could be eaten and the sheep laze to a waterhole.
mystery of lambs, most winsome of young, growing into mindless sheep
hospital bunch; dry band
running the cutting gate
wool tromper
wool on fence barbs
Dad could recognize individual sheep
lambs fatten on dry grass which produces hard fat
describe sheep wagon—like prairie schooner, canvas was light and easily seen
a country of hills everywhere, hills of all elevations and angles, yet never one you could get behind out of the wind
On the reservation, hours refused to budge, yet the days flew
WSS area ranchers now won't admit it, but band of sheep pulled many of them through hard times.
Sheepherders talking to their dogs, their horses, anything for voice to go into.
herders were a raveling of society, the fringe of
drink or distemper Rascals in paradise myth--men of
background, ruined by fate. Or the mysterious
Basques, with their puzzling language . . .
Trie to read a sheep's face, and you find there . . .
uncomprehending, ready to run off and kill itself
in its hurry
Ewes and lambs browsing, always browsing, the endless nibbles of dry grass firming them...
bedground
sheep forever trying to kill themselves; looking for new ways to kill themselves. One that was surefire was to lie down, scratch until they got too far onto their backs to be able to get up, and then die within minutes as the body gases bloated them.
tagging time (before lambing)
tin cans on circles of baling wire—"use those cans on 'em"
lambing apron?
lupine -- death camas -- loco weed
Lambing:

How many born today; a matter of pride, which Dad would report
the night man
sheep hooks
pens; panels
jug: "jug 'er over there." "She's fighting the jug."
painting numbers on lambs; small metal brands thick with paint; changing paint colors every thousand
feeding hay to ewes; straw bedding; bed 'em down
wriggle of lambs' tails
cottoncake--like candy for the sheep; Dad's "purrrrr"
Use cottoncake in dialogue
sheep get talked to
ewe can kick or balk; 100# of dead weight stubbornness
flightiness of lambs, racing to follow the 1st thing that moves
the gutwagon
filling water barrels with hose
incongruity of hard-swearing shed men making mothering talk to ewes
sheep remained a mystery to me, even though I knew them well: learned how to suckle lambs, to jacket a bum and rub the liver of the lead lamb to fool the ewe into smelling the orphas as her own.
when bands mix
ancient craft of herding sheep
the eternal sheep, surviving in their foolishness
mouthling livestock for age
the whole earth seems pregnant at lambing time,
the land beginning to bulge with green grass
the sun mothering the green grass
in their dim sheep's minds, the world is a carnival of terror. Perhaps in their stupidity they know what we do not, or cannot bear to know:
They spun and shied, acting out their sheep-fears and pulling us after them in a zigzag across the prairie.
Try to read a sheep's face, and you find only blinking
dumbness there—learning nothing, ready to run off and kill
itself in its hurry
sheep bumping sheep
Sheep drift, like a slow, slow cloud
prairie corrals: hoofs beat the ground into a bare spot, dark against the surrounding grass

—man c shearing
acting out their sheep-fears
splinting lamb's legs
Sheep: I could not see betting my life on anything as inconstant as sheep.
"I never could count sheep. For heaven's sakes...they go through a chute, and the lambs jump over the ewes, and the ewes jump over the lambs. When it's all done you look around and grab on a tree, because the whole damn country's going this way. (my note: woozy, swimming) So you ask the herder what he got, and you got a few off; 20 off. Don't tell him you got what he did, he knows damn well you're lying, because nobody can count sheep except a sheep herder...."
That was the pregnant question, right enough. The sheep seemed to be thriving as much as sheep ever thrive. But that wasn't to say that they wouldn't find a way in the next five minutes to drown themselves en masse in the North Fork. Ninian Duff had warned us of coyotes and bears, so we were grazing the sheep within sight of us all the time. Keeping them within sight meant walking, walking, walking. I would not say sheep are footloose; they are more like mindloose, absently following their noses as they nibble grass. If
lamb brands (if people could be numbered as lambs are...)
p. # cross-referenced from Gisborne "fire explosion" piece, filecard in Eng-Crk sources in Eng Crk big filebox:

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FR The Frontier, V. 10, p. 220: Chinese proverb--lambs have the grace to suckle kneeling.
counting the tails of docked lambs.
Pat Hoy herds sheep for Jick, in Jick's first years on Noon Creek ranch.

--he might be a column topic for Nelson: column abt sheepherders, monuments, etc. If so, use George Engler's info in his letter to me--in Eng Crk checking file?

--Sheepherders' names: Shorty McGorty and his son Young Shorty, in Bud Guthrie's Nov. 3 '83 letter to me in Writers' letters file; also Bud's info there abt every Scandinavian being called a Swede.

--Raw Bacon Slim

--run a classified in Montana Farmer-Stockman, asking for reminiscences of sheep'ers?
Little Sam (sheepherder or other character named as Little Dan Candea was)
Herman the German: possible name for sheepherder, in Nelson column on them?
George Engler on shepherders' monuments and boundaries in Livestock file
A sheepherder might talk to his dogs, his horse, anything for voice to go into.
Ira Perkins: There only were ever two great writers about sheep---King David(?) and Archer Gilfillan.

--we think of them as a crackbrained bunch (herdiers)

--a bachelor, with who knows what underskin currents
sheep

Merino "madness" of early 19th c. when "sheep became a force in the landscape."
--p. 108+, and his source notes, Staven Stoll, Larding the Lean Earth
sheepherder playing solitaire with old greasy cards
Sheep
706 - 1890 sheep prices
708 - Mammals predominated
702 - "As a rule, upon ranges of brands, it is either too warm or too cold to snow."
709 - 1700 loss to predators; 5 70 70 70 winter
710 - "lockmaster"
710 - cross breeding
710 - rams put < ewes 4-6 ugs, Nov/15.
711 - hand winter without shelter: "one experience of two kind usually satisfies shezpioneer."
- shed closed on 3 sides, open to south; robotic, brush roof.
712 - 40 tons hay for 1,000 sheep
712 - "only land owned ... may be 160 a.\]^ worth $150 - $10/acm
712 - selling cattle after winter
7/13 - shearing no later than July 10
- 7c/ head & board
- Board for wool; Chi for mutton
- 7c/ fleece cost.

7/14 - stock sheep $2.50 - 2.75; mutton sheep $3 - 3.50
- headers are, wage $40 x board
- table of investment & profit

7/15 - lists of advantages & dis-

7/16 - summary of how to raise sheep

7/17 - county summaries

7/18 - 1st sheep in front (?)

7/25 - #8 from sheep men
- 7/28: 1a. support a sheep
Virginia Paul - Sheep Ranching
Mont Mag of History, Apr 1951

"Beginning of Mont Sheep Industry"
- John T. Bishop, p. 5

p. 6 - cut up rope for twine to tie places
sheep prices, 1890's:

strong through '93 (McGregor, p. 73)

down '94-'96

recovery in '97 (to '93 prices; double '96 prices: McG, p. 79) on basis of tariff

Using the economics of the time, chronology could be:

'91-3, Angus works at his homestead

'93-5, he teaches at South Fork

'96, hard year economically; he meets Anna but has to summer in mtns with sheep.

'97, prices recuperate, Rob is expansive, brings Dair over; Angus and Dair marry in autumn '97

'98, Davie Erskine's accident, Dair's miscarriage that summer; another that winter.

'99, Varick is born (and thus is 65 when he retires from USFS in '64 in Eng Crk)
Bower, Godfrey  Wool Away: The Art & Techniques of Shearing
Not in UW
fleece barbers: sheep shearsers
lead sheep lured (of rewarded) with cottonseed cake (a.k.a. cotton cake).
Graham crackers can be used.
(Colden & Lee, p. 24)
Satellite
87 - had to fight, sheep all the way up there
Dell Stark, May 26 '39:

His mother keeps tally as the lambs are docked, but sits at a distance with her back turned "as she doesn't like to see the bloody operation."
— docking lambs; counting tails as tally
see Sunset *Phoenix* article in livestock file.

Lambing:
The day drop.
The night drop.
The drop band.
The bunch herder.

Let's go ahead and kick these out (of the lambing shed) onto grass.

Hammer-headed ewe.

That old rip (refering to ewe)

Bum lambs being fed on other ewes in lamb'g shed.

Head 'em!

Yearlings easy to wrangle in shearing pens, but sheep who've been thru the process are leery.
gadder: wandering ewe (Gilfillan, p. 113)

or: gadabout ewe
Sleep
- mooning up: or shade up (at midday)
Va. Paul
p.74- pic of 2000 sheep of Joe Hodgins being trailed across top
of Grand Coulee dam, 1946, on way to Okanogan entry.
sheep

drop - picker: gut wagon druf?
The sheep were broadcast...
--Jick and Stanley write down what herders want (see example list in McGregor photocopies in Shoestring livestock file). Make point that herders wanted to see it written down.
sheep pile-ups
(Golden Fleece, 170+)
Uses of wool sack: mattress, saddle blanket, meat sack, irrigation dam
sheep's habit of wandering from bedgins at night
Lupine, death camas, larkspur, loco weed

"Golden Fleece, 1754"

p. 176 - One spring lost 76 sheep to death camas...
carrying panels: both persons need to be on same side, or their effort contends.
Earl Perkins' story of heading off a chronically quitting herder by telling he already was fired, P had just come to get him: possibly adapt to a scene of dialogue where the herder is nonplussed—"What the hell do you mean, fired? I never been fired in my life!"—and herder and rancher go back and forth until firing and quitting are mutually withdrawn.
from Ira Perkins:

Pa'hookaville: Reservation site near their sheep range
Branch harder during lambing
- Helen Boys?
Herder Jimmy Hall wd vault ditches by using his sheep hook (when herding lamb bunches)  
(Hunolt, 168 on Sh'line rec'r)
--in winter, sheepwagons placed near high hill or cut bank for protection.
(p. 17, Annals of Wyo, v. 2, #1, 1924)
--first sheep in Wyoming, 1876

p. 223, Annals of Wyo, v. 3 #3, Jan. 1926
a lamb down on its knees to suck.
another phrase for tin dogs: Mexican bells

- Play them a tune on those " "
Dell Stark diary, June 7, 1940

my pets: the sheep he's herding
Bygone

1885—shearing 1st of July on Sullivan ranch,
then trailed sheep to range at Big Badger Cave on H.T. Butte;
3 bands, o 2000 each. Shipped at Browning.
Bygone
225 - pic of steering crew, inc. John Mutchett
There never was any mutton or lamb in our house or in Hans and Fritz meat market because of the sharp feelings of cattle owners toward the sheep owners, who were said to be ruining the range wherever the sheep grazed.
Teton County history file 1/2
- Sheep first into Teton Co. in 1878 by Char. Scoppin, Chas Gray, & O. G. Cooper
To skin a sheep open, lay it on its back, open the crotch... rip it down the belly from vent to point of nose; use care not to run knife too deep or muscular wall will be open and the guts come right out in your face...not rip down the inside of both front legs to the center opening and remove the pelt by pulling and either cutting or tearing membrane joining hide to flesh; cut off just back of the ears.
check on overgrazing by sheep: is it possible to graze sheep in the Two country without lasting damage to (native) grasses?

—Elliott Marks' source: former UMont forestry dean, Arnie Bolle
(see Elliott's letter in Choteau file)
lunger sheep, who tottered after the band.

someone like Dad in last years would call himself a lunger.
Sweetman
36 - quiet country
(col. see: sheep straying)
Sweetman

— bed ground
Satellite
81- advanced band; earliest lambs
bed, sheep down
"old top end of sheep" (Sheela, B 465)

— "tail end" — 125 old caves
sheep

- counting them onto forest: then a pole V coral?
  (sheep come out as if from bottom of funnel)
Sheep

- 1 black market sheep/hundred
Sheep

- herder will lay coat on ground, dog will stay c. coat (5 sheep)
steep
-
herder should be with herd @ dawn
sleep

- snotty noses
Adams - Wm. Wals

p. 351 - wool-blind: wool grown over ship's eyes
p. 352 - woolies (sheep)
  - wool tie: ties sacks after shearing
  - wool trampler: tramps fleeces into sacks

Watts - Die
p. 294 - sheeps-off: grass eaten due to roots, useless to cattle

Adams

Wagon tender
Phillips note in handbook:

"Lambs in prime condition weigh 65# light to 76# top when turned off range, average 5# shrinkage range to Chicago market, and as high as 9# in late shipments."
"On mtn trails & shepherders," Travel, Nov. 45
86: 20-5

- from pic captions:
  - camp tender or camp-Jack
  - many lambs bruise feet during trailing
  *- snow-bands must be crossed in early morn or crust will soften under sharp hooves
Lamb will follow the first thing it sees move (after it wakes up): a person, a car, even a dog...
Satérvâ
63—sheep hole up on water in heat of day—
"either lie down or stand amid in bunches"
"doglike, they open the mouths & pant rapidly"
stay on water until after 3 o'clock
Saturne

45 - lost sheep to poison in wet June (1940)

"wet grass & weeds... poison sheep"
Saturday
96 - steep climb going on steep hill
Sutherland

164 - Lambs are bought 51 pound after 12 hrs cool feed or water.
bedground
The Hamer sheepdogs were approximately border collies. Jim Hamer liked to and meanness breed some size into them, on the theory that they'd be better matches for coyotes that way... It seemed, though, that the judgment got bred out of them, and the Hamer shepherders tended to be in bad humor whenever you rode up, the dog having lopped a couple hundred head of sheep off the far end of the band and scattered them into the timber...
Monta-a-a-na (as in sheep's baaa)
wrapping the lead around the tail end
bum lambs—McCs have some? Adair have some?
Dell Stark diary, April 10

Had to warm up a lamb or two in the oven...
Canvas (or sack) - covered water jug at shearing (or haying)

p. 148f., Golden fleece – description of shearing time
work the sheep: count them, or move them
Saturn

32 - cut-back lambs: too small to sell; butchered without at 6 a yr old
dogged the foolishness out of them.
From George Gligoria, Sheridan banker:

His father counted sheep not with the full hand extended, but with first two fingers; and he sometimes counted by fives.
- counting procedure: start w/ ten pebbles in r. hand, transfer 1 x 10 left for each 100 m.
As hard as Scotch Heaven labored, as thoroughly as we could contrive, (the economic world stayed ahead of them) our efforts were at the mercy of ruthlessly low prices for wool and lambs.
bunch breaker

took off at a jig trot
mouthing the ewes

(possible Angus-Rob scene)
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THE REMINISCENCES OF Robert Maudslay (UTex, 1951)
Saturn
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Sheep—Montana

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Shepherd's Empire

Towre, Cla. W.

(Corn SW)
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This was sheep ranching — Virginia Paul
(Superior pic)
According to Dode, sheep and the humans who had anything to do with them could have taught Job true affliction.

— use of Canada Dot's?

By now I was ready to agree with Dode Withrow that
Jick *aw* at Canada Dan's: the bunched-up herding was not going to thrill Mac...
add concern about overgrazing—"Too early and too many" as Mac calls it.
in "Sheep Trailing from Oregon to Wyoming" file, WPA--EYING HISTORY reprint of article in Miss. Valley Hist. Rev., March 1942, Vol. XXVIII, #4 journal of 1882 drive of 3 bands (20,000) from Pendleton, Or., to Laramie
Wool Growth

C. M. U. Ryder, M. L. (1968)
(N. of Cape, 1846)

Shrewsbury Cape
C. C. & V. Llandaff, Wm.

Montana Cafe

1866
63c, 3
5—small-scale economy of village; little money
26—poor young men became shepherds
Around the Town—Choteau Xmas 1907

pic of "wool in the sack"—4 wagons loaded w/ wooolsacks, hitched together end-to-end, 11-12 sacks/wagon. Single hitch, 7 teams of horses. Wagons: high wheels behind, abt twice height of front wheels. Long reins from driver to 2nd team.