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# COUNTY AGRICULTURALIST REVIEWS TRIP TO FAMOUS STOCK SHOW

By PAUL SPILLMAN

The first day of the Pacific International Stock show I met Andrew Blockland in the postoffice building in La Grande and both of us were surprised. Each wanted to know why the other was not at that particular moment attending the aforesaid show. Mr. Blockland explained that he was leaving that night and I assured him that I hoped to be able to attend the latter part of the week. Wednesday night I boarded the first mail westward bound, and about the first thing of note that occurred the following morning was that I bumped into Bruce Dennis. After passing the time of day, we confided in each other to the extent that both of us were going to Portland, Mr. Dennis on business, I to attend the show. Bruce said that he might attend the show also if time permitted, but since thinking the matter over, after considering that, I saw no more of our friend until we were both safe at home again. I did not specify which show.

The Imperial hotel in Portland is much the same to East Oregonians as Minnesota is to the average Swedish immigrant. It is the first place he goes to. Consequently, Thursday morning found me in the Imperial lobby looking for some of our Union county stockmen, and singularly enough Mr. Blockland was the first familiar face I noted, taking his ease in one of the large leather chairs. It did not take us long to discover that neither of us had as yet indulged in a "ham and," only they don't call it that at the Imperial, so we sauntered into the diningroom and proceeded to allay that vacant feeling under our vests. Now our farmers live the strenuous life at home. This time of year breakfast is over ere daylight, but it would surprise you to see the way our friends can come sauntering out of that dining room, puffing a big cigar about 9:30 a. m., as though it had always been thus. (Please note I have mentioned no names.)

After a long ride on crowded street cars, we finally arrived at the Stock Yards, and we hurried to the sale pavilion where the Shorthorn sale was about to begin. The crowd had already assembled and several animals were waiting to be led into the ring. Seats were at a premium and prospects along that line rather discouraging. We had climbed onto a platform behind the seats around the arena in hopes of being able to look over the crowd, but results were discouraging, considering the effort required to get even a peep into the ring. Shortly we noticed Tom Johnson and Warren Chandler going through the same performance close by, and if I am any judge, their results were no more encouraging. Finally we got together and decided to turn our attention toward locating vacant seats at the ringside, and sure enough there was one spot in the stand near the top that looked like it might accommodate the four of us, all we had to do was to get there. Well to make a long story short, after a considerable amount of climbing, crowding, puffing and blowing, we reached our destination and it was high time as by this time the sale was well under way. Naturally, the first thing we did was to try and locate the Shorthorn men from our own county, this being a Shorthorn sale. And sure enough there they were in a little group just opposite W. J. Townley, Donald Gale, G. W. Delay, Lon Davis, W. W. Green and J. W. Sherman, all from Union county. A bunch of Shorthorn fans hard to beat. And then when the good individuals were up, some one of those gentlemen would nod his head ever so slightly, and it was up to the other fellow to raise his bid anywhere from \$10 to \$50, if he wanted to own that particular animal, and in several cases the Union man nodded the last time, and the animal found a new home in the Grande Ronde valley. And remember that most any of us can nod our heads, but we can't do it to the tune of from \$300 to \$1320. When Diamond Gladys was in the ring and went to \$1000 we did not know until about that time that a Union county man was bidding, and to see her finally go at \$1320 and that it was W. J. Townley that made the last bid, we Union county onlookers certainly whooped it up for Union county, and though Mr. Blockland is a Hereford breeder, there was not one of us more pleased to see the good one come our way. It was a red letter day for Union county Shorthorn men and the way they bid them in told the Northwest that Union county was the coming Shorthorn breeding center of the Northwest. One Union county man bid up to \$800 on one individual and \$910 on another and didn't get either one, but he finally landed a good one at a good price. The roan cow purchased by W. W. Green was considered by competent judges to be one of the bargains of the sale. Most of us don't think we have a bargain unless we get it for 39 cents, but then we are not in the same class with the Shorthorn breeders. Green's bargain cost only \$825. And so, to the end of the day, spirited bidding went on in this arena, and when the day was

over a new chapter had been written in Shorthorn history in the Northwest.

That night the Union Stock Yards company gave a banquet at the Hotel Multnomah for the visiting stockmen. I attended, on the ground that I was acquainted with some of the aforesaid stockmen. Now, most of us have attended banquets but this was my first experience where I was one of 800 attending the same banquet at one and the same time. Speeches were made with O. M. Plummer as toastmaster, and some of the speakers probably would have considered "roastmaster" more appropriate the way he took flings at some of his friends. Governor Withycombe and Governor Lister of the State of Washington were two of the principal speakers of the evening. Governor Withycombe has been a stockman all his life. Governor Lister said that he felt perfectly at home at a meeting of stock growers, as he owns one Jersey cow himself. That consoled me somewhat, as I owned one myself at one time. In short, we enjoyed it all, only one of our men wondered what we would do if it took us two hours to eat each of our meals, and we concluded we would have to eat for a living.

Friday was spent looking over the various exhibits of cattle, both beef and dairy, horses, sheep and hogs in the way of pure breeds. In the fat and feeder classes only cattle and hogs were entered. In the fat and feeder classes of cattle in car lots five out of nine came from Union county, while in the carlot entries of hogs our county furnished four out of five cars entered. Grand champion car of feeders, grand champion car of fat hogs, besides numerous first and second prizes, were won on the other car entries. All speaking volumes for the type of stock kept on our average farms, as each lot showed good breeding, giving them uniformity of color, type and feeding ability. And, unless all signs fail, Union county is going to be the big end of the fat stock show in years to come, not only in car lot entries but in smaller and individual animal entries.

This year was the first time that provision has been made for horses at this show, and as I was viewing the horse exhibit I noticed a figure that looked somewhat familiar. Upon drifting down the line I found I was right. Albert Hunter was sizing them up a bit. Now, none of Albert's horses were to be seen, but I learned that through a mistake as to the date at which all pure-bred stock must be entered, Mr. Hunter was not permitted to show, though his horses were at Island City ready to be loaded when he received word that they could not be shown in competition, as they were not entered on time. Well, Albert was there anyway, and if his horses had been allowed to compete a goodly share of the premiums would have come our way. Horse dealers are finding out that if they have any thing in their barns that can compete with horses bred in Union county they will have to buy better animals than they ordinarily carry.

Up until Friday afternoon Union county provided people about the grounds a lot to talk about. That fancy heifer and Mr. Townley were the center of attraction, and then something happened that none of us were prepared for. It was all due to those Holstein men. They got excited about a yearling, black and white bull and bid him up to \$21,500, and then a lot of the interest drifted over to the Holstein camp and even Mr. Townley wanted to see what kind of a looking man would pay that price for a Holstein. But then we have the satisfaction of knowing that Union county furnished "the talk of the town," for about 26 hours, and the talk of the Shorthorn men for some years to come. While the bidding was on, on that black and white record-breaker, Charles Ogan, our Holstein breeder from Cove, sat on the top rail of the arena fence and did much the same as the rest of us, after the bidding passed the \$10,000 mark. He couldn't hardly believe what he saw and heard. Some of you may think you have heard and seen auctioneers talk and perform, but I have my serious doubts if you have seen the equal of the entertainment furnished after the \$10,000 mark was past. Of course, there ought to be a pretty fair little commission on a sale of that magnitude and most any of us would get enthusiastic under those conditions. We must remember that the calf offered for sale was of the "bluest blood" of the breed, whose ancestors had set world's records both as to production of milk and scale prices and the Holstein men undoubtedly felt that they were justified in paying the prices they paid. Our friend from the Cove held his seat during the excitement, and the next day bought a fine calf from the Bishop herd.

These are a few of the impressions still fresh on my mind of the late Pacific International, as I left Friday night for La Grande. And that there was much of interest to transpire Saturday, especially the Hereford sale, where a goodly number of

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this breed were to be sold to the highest bidder. I wanted to see our Union county men bid on these cattle and Mr. Blockland did bring home one of the best, a junior yearling that stood third at the Lewiston show this fall and was bred by Theissen of Sweetwater, Idaho.

There were no side shows, etc., on the grounds but the eating counters furnished a "free show" at noon each day. A big crowd around a much too small "hot dog" stand usually is the scene of more or less fun. I know I had finally worked my way up to the counter and had been waiting some half hour to take a chance on a 10-cent "hot dog," when a man that looked rather hungry but somewhat uncomfortable in such a crowd, whispered in my ear, "say, what are those hot dog, anyway?" I informed him that they were those sausages he saw bobbing up and down in a kettle of boiling water, but what they really were made of was a mystery to a lot more of us.

And then the Imperial lobby of an evening. Men of every walk of life, many of them having come a long way to see this annual show. Governors, bankers, grain farmers, professors from the various agricultural colleges, students, newspaper reporters, etc., were rubbing elbows with the livestock men of the Northwest. Governor Withycombe was in his glory shaking hands with old timers that used to call him Jim and are now proud to know him as their state executive. Everyone felt at home and many old friends had a little chat, seated in the large leather chairs, recalling by-gone days. Hugh McCall, D. S. Kent, Don Meyers, J. E. Reynolds, Leon Levy, John Minnick, Nathan Grey, are some of the Union county men seen enjoying the sights and renewing old acquaintances at this big annual event.

### COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS (Continued From Page Four)

W. L. Briggs, working roads	15.00
Manche O. Bennett, surveying state highway	164.19
R. H. Baldock, surveying state highway	53.13
H. McNamee, surveying state highway	55.79
Mrs. B. F. Cook, meals for surveyors	134.56
Mrs. C. A. Norden, lodging for surveyors	55.80
Manche O. Bennett, expense surveyors	128.99
F. A. Eames, dragging roads	12.50
E. O. Light & Power Co., damage to power line	17.00
Grande Ronde Lbr. Co., lumber Hamilton's Garage, repairs auto truck	2.45
F. S. Johnson, dragging roads	164.41
Standard Oil Co., supplies	8.00
Union Hdwe. Co., supplies	8.50
Union Hdwe. Co., supplies	25.50

County Court proceedings December Term, 1916:

In re monthly report of County Treasurer. Approved.

In re monthly statement of County Clerk of Seal Bounty warrants issued. Approved.

In re monthly allowance to various indigent persons. County Clerk directed to issue warrants on General Fund as follows: Alfred Banks \$5.00; Susan Enole \$10.00; Margaret A. Goodwin \$7.50; Catherine Herman \$7.50; Amelia Hilderbrandt \$12.50; T. M. Hughey \$15.00; Carrie Jackson \$10.00; Millie McLachen \$10.00; Almida McCurry \$7.50; Esther Powers \$7.50; Ellen Palmer \$10.00; D. W. Souder \$15.00; Clara Serles \$10.00; Mrs. J. O. Sage \$10.00; Samuel Sisson \$10.00; J. F. Williams \$12.50; Mrs. Robt. Wilkinson \$5.00.

In re application of A. C. Cook for county aid. Application granted and

clerk directed to issue warrant monthly for \$6.00 until further orders of the court.

In re application to have Cove made part of Road District. Upon advice of District Attorney, application denied.

In re application of M. J. Duffey for rebate of taxes. Application granted and Clerk directed to issue warrant on General Fund in sum of \$73.43.

In re proposed county road petitioned for by W. H. Glenn. Continued for the term.

In re proposed county road petitioned for by Hans Westenskow et al. Continued for the term.

In re proposed county road petitioned for by Albert Olson et al. Continued for the term.

In re proposed county road petitioned for by Powder Land & Irrigation Co. et al. Continued for the term.

In re proposed county road vacation petitioned for by W. J. Case et al. Denied upon recommendation of District Attorney.

In re application of Evans & Dustin for Warehouse License. Application granted and bond approved.

In re petition of J. W. Barger et al to open county road. Continued for the term.

In re budget for the year 1917. Budget as advertised adopted except item of \$10,000 for special road eliminated and item of new roads increased to \$22,355.

In re application of Willis Swank et al for damages. Upon advice of District Attorney, application denied.

In re approval of bonds of County Officials. Bonds approved.

In re quarterly payment for farm extension work. Clerk directed to draw warrant on general fund of county in sum of \$495.00 payable to C. L. Hawley, Secretary Board of Regents O. A. C.

In re appointment of a Truant officer of School District No. 8. T. J. Pearce of North Powder appointed.

In re assessment of timber for fire patrol. County Assessor directed to extend levy of one and 2-10 cents per acre upon 1916 tax roll.

In re Special School levies. County Assessor directed to extend special school taxes as follows: Dist. 32 one mill; Dist. 36 one-half mill; Dist. 61 three mills; Dist. 69 two mills; Dist. 35 one mill; Dist. 48 two and 8-10 mills; Dist. 64 two and one-half mills.

In re tax levy for 1916. Made and adopted as follows:	
	Mills
General Fund	5.71
School Fund	2.11
High School Fund	.54
Library Fund	.03
Indigent Soldiers Fund	.05
State Fund	2.76

Total 11.2  
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In re report of County Agriculturalist on Exhibit to State Fair. Report approved and money returned \$86.95 turned over to County Treasurer.

Drs. Darland, over Putman's.—Adv.

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estate and that said Court has set Tuesday the 2nd day of January, 1917, at 2 o'clock P. M. at the County court room in La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing said report and all objections thereto.

MINNIE SCHWABE,  
Administratrix.

12-2, 9, 16, 23, 30.