

The Union Stock Show—Better This Year Than Ever and One of the Best in the State

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The recent Union Stock show has not a pace that definitely established in the minds of a number of people from outside points that this show is one of the big stock shows of the state, and in many respects is not duplicated in the state at the present time.

Tractor-enthusiasts may be interested to know that the draft horse show was larger than a year ago, and the quality of horses shown was fully up to the highest standard that this county has established for draft horses. In fact there are indications that another year will see a larger exhibit of heavy draft horses than was seen this year. The light boned horse classes were not as large as a year ago, but the quality has not been allowed to deteriorate. In the Shetland classes the Levy entries were as well groomed and presented in as good shape as though they were going to meet the hottest competition.

Shorthorn Classes Strong
We have heard much of late that we are establishing a Shorthorn center in this section. Our recent Shorthorn sale further strengthened that claim, but the array of Shorthorn cattle which were to be found upon the grounds at Union has brought definitely to many Union county people the conviction that we have a great Shorthorn center in this section. Other beef breeds were represented by a very nice show herd of Herefords from Baker county and three head of polled Herefords from Union county. The largest string of Holsteins that have ever been shown at the Union show were much in evidence this year. Ayrshire cattle made their first appearance this year. Ed Meyersick's Brown Swiss were again to be found on the grounds, but no Jerseys were entered.

Interest in Hogs and Sheep
In the hog division there were entries of Chester Whites, Durocs and Poland Chinas, which indicates a growing interest in the hog business over previous shows.

The sheep division found entries of length of Cotswolds, Shropshire, Hampshire and Dorsets, which further indicates that farm flocks are receiving somewhat more attention than in the past.

Spectators Well Pleased
The program furnished each afternoon for the grand stand was of a high quality each day and this is a feature that outsiders appreciate—that is, something doing every minute. There are no long waits between acts. This feature, in fact, is one of the most difficult to carry out in putting on a show of this kind, and speaks worlds for the management of the show. The holding of the cattle parade for the grand stand is a very desirable feature and the announcing from the judging stand of the owners of the herds adds much to the value of the parade. The regular parade, which was held just before the program on the track, also is much to be desired both from the standpoint of the exhibitors and those who come to see the stock. In other words the Union show is one of quality throughout.

Close Judging of Horses
The draft horse show developed some very keen competition, particularly in the grade drafter classes—mare or gelding four years or over, in which Albert Hunter took the first three places; but the entire entries were those of quality. Floyd McKennon had some entries that crowded Hunter's horses in this class. All the other entries in this same class were also of high quality. In the other grade classes the first places were won by horses belonging to W. R. Ledbetter and J. E. Reynolds, and second place by C. C. Conrad. Mr. Conrad winning second in three of the classes excepting the colt class. It will be interesting to note that in the colt class the Willis Moss entry again won first—in fact, entries by Mr. Moss have been winning this class consistently for a number of years. In the registered draft team classes W. R. Ledbetter won with a flashy pair of Shire horses while in the general purpose Tip and Dash, a beautiful pair of greys belonging to Floyd McKennon, again were awarded the blue ribbon. In the non-registered draft team section Mr. Floyd McKennon and Mr. A. R. Hunter again were hot competitors, as they were also in the four in hand non-registered draft team, but the Hunter entries were a little too strong for the McKennon horses. The competition was very close, however, the animals entered being very uniform throughout.

Hunter's Horses Champion
In the Percheron classes David Moss, of North Bend, again came out with the best of the show. The Hunter entries were also very strong in the other classes. The competition was very close, however, the animals entered being very uniform throughout.

well distributed among the various exhibitors consisting of the Eastern Oregon Experiment station, Albert Hunter and Willis Moss. The champion stallion award was finally made to A. R. Hunter with his horse, Salem. In the Percheron mare classes the Eastern Oregon Experiment station was a strong competitor and finally won the championship over the entries of Willis Moss and Mr. Hunter. In the Clydesdales awards were well distributed among exhibitors in the stallion classes, while in the mare classes all the awards went to J. E. Reynolds. The champion stallion was Chief Bender belonging to Ledbetter and McKennon. In the Shire classes W. R. Ledbetter was without competition, but his entries were of high quality and well fitted. In the light District No. 28

boned classes the entries were not heavy, though awards were quite evenly divided between H. W. B. Smith of Union and J. A. Parsons of Montana. In the registered saddle horse class G. S. Levy carried away the greater portion of the ribbons. Robt. Withycombe, of Union, however, made a very good showing with his entries. The showman's prize was won this year by Elmer Conrad with the horse, Salem, owned by Albert Hunter.

Shorthorn Entries Heavy
In the Shorthorn division, in which there were over a hundred entries, competition was keen throughout. Besides local exhibitors W. G. Cordinier, of Walla Walla and W. O. Cummings, of Mt. Vernon, had herds entered. There were twelve exhibitors in all. Some of the classes had as high as fifteen animals in a class. Awards were quite evenly distributed and the exhibitors feel that the Union show is one of the hardest at which to get into the first place of any of the shows held in the northwest. With a possible exception of the Pacific International it is doubtful if there will be another assembly of Shorthorn cattle as equal this year in the state. Aside from the numerous entries the fact must be taken into consideration that all the cattle were well fitted and a credit to the show.

Baker Herefords Alone
There was but one herd entered in the Herford classes and that was made by Herbert Chandler, of Baker. Nevertheless, they were well fitted and were a very nice herd and attracted much interest. Mr. Chandler would appreciate showing at this fair much more if he would have some competition in the class. The first showing of Polled Herefords was made this year by Willis Phillips of Union. This breed of cattle is a new one locally and receives much attention from those interested in polled cattle.

Dr. Phy Pays \$600 for Cow
Dr. Phy, of Hot Lake, made the largest showing of dairy cattle on the grounds. In fact, the showing of Holstein cattle was the largest that has ever been made locally. Aside from the Hot Lake consignment, Frank McKennon entered four head, but shortly after they were brought upon the grounds Dr. Phy purchased one of the aged cows of Mr. McKennon for \$600.00. This cow was later placed as Grand Champion female of the breed. This

Holsteins made a very creditable showing and as there is an increasing interest in dairying, they received much favorable comment. The Ayrshires are a new breed for this section and are receiving their first attention from dairymen around Union. These cattle are owned by W. W. Stevens, Fred Rater and Whit Lankford, all of Union. The progress of this breed is being watched with much interest. Ed Meyersick had promised faithfully that he was not coming to the Union Stock show with his Brown Swiss. He was too busy to come, but the morning of the show Ed was there with his cattle—in fact he couldn't keep away from the Union Stock show, for his Brown Swiss are becoming a part of the exhibition. Ed and his rugged cattle are always the center of much attention.

New Exhibition of Hogs
Arch Conley has been pioneering it at the Union Show in the hog division. This year he had some competition. C. C. Conrad of Imbler entered a herd against those of Mr. Conley and awards were evenly divided among the two entries. S. A. Hempe, of Union, made his first showing of Durocs and although he had no competition his stuff was in good shape and it is hoped he will show again. Frank Bidwell, of Union, showed a very nice Poland China gilt, Frank is strong on hogs and is always ready to make an entry in the Union show. The Experiment station had a nice lot of pigs on self feeders to demonstrate some of their feeding methods.

Horned Dorset Sheep a Novelty
In the sheep classes Lincoln were well represented by the entries of E. H. Bell of Cove. Mr. Bell has been showing this breed for the past two years and will probably come back stronger than ever next year. W. L. Evans of Union made the only entry of Cotswolds and they were a nice, growthy lot. Shropshire entries were confined to several lambs, these being entered by Hallie Carns, a lad who should be encouraged in his efforts along this line. Horned Dorset sheep were a novelty in this section. Dr. Phy entered a flock of these sheep which probably are the first of the breed that were ever seen in the county.

Quality as well as numbers was without a doubt the outstanding feature in the livestock exhibits. No other show in this state shows better fitted entries throughout than we have seen at Union in the past year. That the public appreciates the standard set for this show is evident from the fact that there was the largest attendance this year that the show has ever enjoyed. Judge Trowbridge, who passed on the entries this year, paid the exhibitors a very high compliment when he stated that he had never seen a group of men in keen competition as they do here and after the show sit on the same dry goods box, smoke a cigar together and discuss the happenings of the day.

When Mr. McKennon Lost his "Goat"
Albert Hunter captured and exhibited with much pride Floyd McKennon's "goat." Said "goat" was captured in the battle royal

between these two gentlemen when their entries met in the grade drafter classes.

Floyd McKennon broke into the hog game by exhibiting and parading what he maintains to be a new breed of hogs introduced by A. R. Hunter, of Island City, a well known horse breeder of Union county.

Following is a list of the awards in the various departments of the Union Live Stock Show, June 11, 12, and 13, as shown by the books of the association:

(Note—Names of prize winners are designated in the order of their location, first name getting first prize, the second name second prize, and so on.)

HORSES.
Thoroughbreds, Registered.
Stallion, four and over—Rightful

Heir, Right McGinnis, by H. W. B. Smith, Union, Oregon.

Stallion, three and under four—Coffee John, Big Snort, Mack O'Day, by J. A. Parsons, Montana.

Mare, four and over—Montana Bell and Lida Mack, by J. A. Parsons, Morgan.

Stallion, four or over—Black Dandy, by J. A. McCarthy, La Grande, Oregon.

Standard Bred, Registered.
Mare, three and under four—Daphne W, by G. S. Levy, La Grande.

New-Standard Thotters.
Mare or Gelding, four or over—Tempest, by E. O. McGoldrick, Imbler, Oregon.

Registered Saddle Horse.
Stallion, four or over—Calloway King 2nd, by G. S. Levy, La Grande.

Stallion two and under three—Red

Cloud, by G. S. Levy.
Champion Stallion—Calloway King 2nd, by G. S. Levy.

Mare, four or over—Loretta, by Robert Withycombe, Union.

Filly, under one year—Umatilla Maid, by Robert Withycombe.

Three-Gaited Saddle, Non-Registered.
Sunrise, by Dan Clark, Portland Ore.; Morgan Velox, by Mrs. L. G. Terry, La Grande; Poppy, by Mrs. Lewis, Bidler, Union, Ore.

Mare or Gelding, under one year—Lady Amber, by Elmo Terry, La Grande.

Clydesdales, Registered.
Stallion, four or over—Chief Bender, Ledbetter & McKennon, Alsea, Ore.

Stallion, three and under four—McGregor's Pride, Ray Norval, Summer-

ville, Ore.

Stallion two and under three—Coburg's 2nd, by W. R. Ledbetter.

Stallion, one and under two—King Edward, Bruce, by J. E. Reynolds, La Grande.

Champion Stallion—Chief Bender.

Mare, one and under two—Lady Jean, by J. E. Reynolds.

Filly, under one year—Ellen, Belle, Bonnie, by J. E. Reynolds.

Champion mare—Lady Jean, English Shire.

Stallion, four and over—Wilson Idol, by W. R. Ledbetter.

Champion Stallion—Wilson Idol.

Mare, four and over—Osco Flower, May Flower, Osco Princess, by W. R. Ledbetter.

Champion mare—Osco Flower.

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