

# GRADING UP CATTLE

### COL. WOOD SAYS WESTERN HERDS ARE IMPROVING.

Wade Herd One of the Best Collections Ever Brought Together in the Northwest—Effect of Better Breeding Will Soon Be Felt in the County—Quality Must Make up for Smaller Number.

Col. F. M. Woods of Lincoln, Nebraska, who had charge of the sale of the Wade cattle left this morning for the east where he has a number of cattle sales to attend.

Col. Wood is one of the best informed men in the United States on the subject of blooded cattle and makes a business of selling fine cattle. He has a circuit mapped out which it will take some time to travel around and in that time many herds of the best stock in the land will have changed hands.

Mr. Woods in speaking of the Wade cattle was enthusiastic in his praise and spoke good words for each number of the band. He said that it was seldom that such a number of fine cattle were found together in one place, and while the prices that were paid were fair they were not what the Colonel would like to have seen paid for the herd.

The stockmen of the western country, in the estimation of Mr. Woods, have not as yet come to realize the value and the usefulness of good cattle.

It has been but a short time since thousands of cattle roamed over the western hills. Little effort was made to grade up the cattle and all that was thought necessary was to put a little fat on them when it came time to ship them to the market. The large numbers did away with the necessity of a higher grade.

This time is now passed. Farms are taking the place of big ranges and the herds have no place to run. The cattle men are beginning to see as never before, the necessity of putting the best blood into their cattle and the sales of Saturday will have much to do with the increased standard of the Eastern Oregon cattle and the herds of the northwest. The time of the range cattle is passed and the blooded herds will soon be the rule rather than the exception.

In the east and in the middle west the same gradation has been going through. First the cattle were held for their numbers and not for their blood. Now it is the blood that counts. The small farm has raised the grade until now nearly every man who owns one cow knows that she has some illustrious ancestor. It is the quality that is sought after and not the quantity. While there are scrub cattle scattered among the farmers it is the tendency to get the best.

This condition will come, in fact it has come for there are some fine cattle through the west as can be found in the United States. But the day is here when everyone who owns cattle will try to have the best of whatever breed. Under those conditions each owner can realize a neat profit from a few cattle where in the past it took thousands of acres and a steer on each one to make the margin good.

### BRITAIN AT THE FAIR.

#### Three Million Dollars Will Be Spent on Her Exhibit.

London, March 14. — There are abundant indications that the apathy first shown by the British public in respect to the coming world's fair at St. Louis is fast vanishing, and there is now every prospect of the British empire being worthily represented. The first plans of the commission appointed by foreign office were made with the idea that all the work needed would be on a small scale. The first grant was \$150,000, to which another \$250,000 was added in the budget of the present financial year. It is now learned from a reliable source that these grants are to be so supplemented that an aggregate sum of about \$750,000 will be available. This will be the largest amount ever appropriated by Great Britain for participation in a foreign exhibition.

The British educational exhibit promises to be the most notable. Practically every educational body, the great schools, the universities, and the technical, military and naval

academies of the United Kingdom will be represented, as they never have been before, while public works and engineering will also be notable British exhibits.

### Arkansas Labor Organizes.

Little Rock, Ark., March 14. — At a meeting held here today preliminary steps were accomplished toward the formation of a state federation of labor to be affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. The local labor unions of Little Rock, Ft. Smith and a number of other cities of the state were represented at the meeting.

# HELP THE SHIPPER

### GROWING RAILWAY FACILITIES WESTERN DEVELOPMENT OUT.

#### Montana Stockman Gives Some Interesting Facts on Needs of the Western States—Railroads Must Increase Speed of Stock Trains and Give Shippers More Facilities for Handling Stock Cheaply.

"Unless western railroad managers are prepared to furnish adequate facilities for getting this stuff to market expeditiously and in good condition those who have been successful in the business will have no alternative but divert their capital and energy into other channels. They cannot continue in the business under the same conditions that existed during the shipping season of 1903. The greatest industry west of the Missouri is menaced, and the progress of that whole region threatened by the present state of affairs."

This statement was made by former United States T. C. Power, of Montana, to the Chicago Livestock World. Mr. Power is not an alarmist or a sensationalist. He is a successful live stock grower and a conservative business man. He made a midwinter trip from his northwestern home to Chicago to attend last week's conference between livestock and railroad interests here, and is waiting in the city to learn what the answer will be.

"Our people want to know something," he said. "The shipping season is drawing around and they dread repetition of last year's disabilities. We must have proper service if we are to grow cattle. The industry is menaced as it never was before."

"Montana has a great future but it cannot be worked out if hampered as at present. I am an earnest advocate of settlement. The big grazier, in my opinion, must make way for the little man as did the buffalo for the big herd. Montana settled by small ranchmen will market ten times the quantity of beef and mutton it does now. Its population will be increased five-fold, irrigation enterprise will greatly increase its producing capacity and it will provide homes for thousands of settlers. We have climate, soil and natural advantages, but without railroad facilities little progress can be made."

"Twenty miles an hour, in my opinion, is a reasonable rate of speed to require for the movement of livestock between Montana loading points and Chicago. This includes all stops, saves those at feeding points. And if we cannot get assurance that our stuff will be moved with that degree of celerity the sooner we convert our livestock holdings into cash and put it into other channels the better it will be for us."

"As far as the weather is concerned, we have had no cause for complaint in Montana this winter. While the east has been buried in a succession of blizzards, the Montana range has enjoyed exceptionally favorable conditions and losses have so far amounted to practically nothing."

### JAPAN A GOOD BUYER.

#### Uses an Enormous Amount of American Products.

During each of the last five years the United States has purchased more of the products of Japan than any other country, and more than all of Europe, yet British India and Great Britain each sell more to Japan than does the United States.

During 1903, however, the imports from the United States increased 13 per cent, as compared with 1901, while those from most European countries fell off. The United States continues to surpass all other countries in furnishing Japanese importations of electric light apparatus or instruments, electric motors, fire engines and pumps, flour, sole leather, kerosene oil, lubricating oil, paraffin wax, cardboard, leaf tobacco, timber other than teak, bicycles and electric light wire.

The exportation of flour by the United States to Japan is threatened by Canada. The Dominion people are making a strong effort to increase their trade in the East, and, at the Osaka exposition, now open, the Canadians are spoken of as having the largest and best exhibit of any of the foreign countries. They are striving especially to advertise the merits of Canadian flour.

As a result it is reported that several large orders have already been received for that product. The United States has been furnishing from 95 to 99 per cent of all the flour imported into Japan, and last year this commodity ranked third in value among the imports from the United States, raw ginned cotton being the first and kerosene oil the second.

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The city is being extensively billed and advertised for the appearance on March 22 at the Frazer of Richards & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels.

The managers have wisely discarded all the old worn-out features, no more will we hear "Almighty Dollar" or "Jennie" and "The Turkey Feast," which should have been shelved long ago, no more will we see a person trying to get a laugh by removing twenty vests.

The personnel of the organization is made up of bright young men of talent, the only ones retained from last season being Kraton, the marvelous Hoop Controller, Simpson & Pittman, musical experts, Dudley & Kelly, Clarence Powell and the tough "Jim Jackson," who will this year make a visit to the "Polley Shops."

The new features are "Boomsky" in illusions, the Three Toney's, acrobats, Cooper and his walking and talking figures and six of the highest salaried singers ever with a minstrel show, and at least a dozen new comedians, prominent among which is Emmett Davis, Bunk Campbell and Chas. Scott.

The company carries two big bands under the direction of Frank Claremont.

## JAPAN'S STRICT MILITARY TRAINING

Of all the marvelous military organizations there is nothing of which the military authorities of Japan are prouder than the military college at Tokio.

This institution, although comparatively young, is complete and thorough and has turned out a large number of very excellent officers. Its courses of study and its methods are modeled somewhat after those of West Point, and the instructors are all men of unusual ability and standing in the army.

The students in the academy are all selected from the ranks of the army. Conscription is, of course, the rule in Japan, and every man is supposed to serve for a certain length of time in the army.

Young men of the higher social classes who desire commissions are allowed to enter the academy after they have finished their term of service in the ranks, provided they have attained a prescribed efficiency in their studies as common soldiers. If they pass through the course and attain the high average required of all students they are commissioned in the army.

While they are in the academy the students will remain enlisted men and wear the uniforms of the arm of the service and the corps of the regiment from which they entered. The discipline in the academy is very strict and the course of study is very difficult.

Therefore only the very best of the students ever reach commissions. The courses of study include not only all the technical branches of the profession for which the students are being fitted, but the other studies required for a liberal education, including several modern languages, one of them being English.

After graduation these students are assigned to the various arms of the service and regiments and are given the rank of ensign, which, by the way, does not in any way correspond with the rank bearing the same name in our navy.

This rank carries only a provisional commission and the holder of it is obliged to again show his fitness for the profession by doing as well in the practical side of the work as he has before done in the theoretical. If he passes this test he is regularly commissioned as sub-lieutenant, which corresponds with the rank of second lieutenant in the United States army.

His next promotion is to upper-lieutenant and from that on he passes through grades which correspond exactly to those in the United States army, until he reaches the grade of general, one rank higher than lieutenant general, the highest rank which now exists in the United States army. Above that there is the rank of field marshal, but that is purely honorary.

Japan has an army of more than 200,000 men and it is officered almost entirely by graduates of this school, or by men who have obtained their training in foreign military schools. The officers as a whole are as competent and good soldiers as the men under them, and that is saying a great deal.

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