

ONCE BUCKAROO NOW IS RANCHER

**A. J. Harter Successful
Cattle Breeder**

**Stock Takes Many Prizes,
and Alfalfa Hay He
Raises Is Winner**

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On Friday the 13th, just 20 years ago last March, there came to the old Laidlaw community of pioneer Central Oregon a buckaroo from Adams county, Washington. This buckaroo, who transported his saddle and other riding equipment from Chumiko to the Deschutes country, did not carry out his plans of "migrating" to California from ranch to ranch, just to see the country.

Instead, he acquired 80 acres of bare act land northwest of the pres-

ent town of Tumalo—the Laidlaw of the pioneer days—and did the thing the majority of cowboys plan to do in later range dreams. He started ranching "on his own hook." This buckaroo of 1905 is A. J. (Joni) Harter, now recognized as one of the leading Shorthorn cattle breeders of the mid state country.

Many things can happen in 20 years, and many things have happened in that period in the Deschutes country, as recalled by Harter. Twenty years ago, the early day town of Laidlaw had an equal chance with Bend in the race for the metropolis of Central Oregon. "Bend went ahead because it had behind it a bunch of workers," Harter remonstrantly remarked as he went back to that pioneer time when his now green fields of alfalfa were covered with sagebrush and junipers.

Beginning Humble
For many years Harter continued to operate his ranch on a small scale, handling a small herd of range cattle. His original tract has been increased to 208 acres, 125 acres of which are now under cultivation and are irrigated. In 1919, Harter decided to specialize in purebred beef cattle, starting with a few dams and one herd sire. From this herd has developed a herd of purebred Shorthorns which last fall won premier recognition at the Pacific International Livestock exposition.

Certain that he had good animals, but fearing that they would not fare well when compared with other best cattle from many sections of the United States, Harter last fall was induced to take nine of his animals to the Portland exhibition. This small bunch of nine Shorthorns, virtually unknown in the northwest, brought to Central Oregon seven coveted ribbons, including a first prize.

Harter won first prize in the two year old Shorthorn class with his herd sire, Hercules' Landsdown's, now only 20 months of age. This two year old sire when on exhibit in Portland weighed 1,500 pounds. The



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Central Oregon Shorthorn raiser would have been satisfied with this one championship, but it was his honor to win two second class ribbons also. One of these ribbons was won by Augusta II, his foundation cow. Secret Flash also won a coveted prize, as did a number of the younger stock.

Herd Sire Favorite
The docile herd sire was a great favorite at the exposition and came in for much attention. This animal, whose pet name is "Shorty," was stationed near one of the main entrances to the stock pavilion and was seen by thousands of people. He won his ribbon in competition with some of the premier Shorthorn bulls of the country. This is spite of the fact that many pessimists predicted that Harter and his animals "would not get within the city limits" of Portland. Harter's Shorthorns are of the Augusta strain, known as the pure Scotch type of Shorthorns. Their pedigrees go back to the nobles of the Shorthorn world.

The exhibit of the Tumalo herd and several animals from the Redmond community at the Portland exposition last fall was made possible through the generosity of Bend and Redmond business men. It is explained by Harter. A subscription of \$150 was raised in Bend and Redmond to send a carload of stock to the exposition. This car also held a Holstein animal owned by Robert Blair of Redmond, which took a first prize in the three year old bull class.

Harter took his own hay with him to Portland to feed his show herd, and because he did this, he won another first prize—for alfalfa hay this time. Another bale of hay was needed in the hay exhibits, and W. T. McDonald, county agriculturalist, asked Harter to provide the bale. Without making any selection, and with no intention of competing for a prize, Harter removed a bale of hay from in front of his show herd and put it on exhibit. This alfalfa, grown on Harter's ranch, was awarded first prize.

Pasture Sheep Raised
Although primarily interested in the raising of purebred Shorthorns, Harter also cuts about 700 tons of hay each year. Part of this is placed on the market. Only sufficient vegetables are raised for home use.

Harter is not the only stock raiser on the Comanche registered Shorthorn ranch. Mrs. Harter vouches for this statement, and in proof she took her husband's interviewer across the Dayton road lane to a nearby field where 40 ewes and a 150 per cent increase of lambs were feeding. The care of these sheep is Mrs. Harter's hobby. She says the only phase of the business which is not pleasing to her is the sale of her many pet

Harter have no family.

Her interest in her farm flock does not cause Mrs. Harter to neglect the care of her new house. The house is lighted with a carbide automatic system—a system which is as handy as an electric light system. This system furnishes heat for cooking and ironing purposes. The Harter home has a large, newly kept turf frontage.

Appreciation to the business men of Bend for their cooperation in helping the Tumalo community and other communities of the county was expressed by Harter, who called his interviewers' attention to the modern telephone system, a four metallic circuit line, recently constructed from Tumalo to Bend. Residents of the Tumalo community now have direct connection with Bend. "A real live group of workers" is the manner in which Harter referred to members of the Bend Commercial club.

When first organized in 1894 the United States Golf association had a membership of only four clubs.

Gross Earnings Tax is Limited to State Trade

(U. P. Press Wire to The Bend Bulletin)
SALMON, Ore., June 19.—Attorney General Van Winkle today handed down an opinion holding that the gross earnings tax on public utilities can be applied only to receipts from intrastate business. The opinion stated to tax interstate business done on Oregon account would be contrary to the United States constitution. As a result the estimated receipts of the public service commission of \$38,000 a biennium, expected by proponents of the law will be cut to \$19,000.

Judge Coke Will Not Run For Governor, He Declares

PORTLAND, June 18.—In answer to a rumor that he might be a candidate for nomination for governor at the next election, Judge John S. Coke today said such was not his intention.

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J. D. DAVIDSON, Secretary.