

THE VERY BEST EVER.

The Eighth Annual Goat Show by Long Odds the Best Ever Held.

Friday night saw the closing of the most successful goat show ever held. Under the auspices of the Polk County Mohair association their annual goat show held yearly at Dallas has assumed mammoth proportions, until it has become of national and world wide reputation, and is easily recognized as probably the most important gathering of those prominent in this industry held in the world. So important is this meeting in the eyes of American breeders, that their national association voluntarily donated \$200 to be given in prizes for the registered animals. As stated last week the secretary of this association was here and this is what he says in part:

"I have visited all the goat shows on the American continent, and am frank to tell this association that I have never seen such an aggregation of fine goats as I have seen at this show. Not only is the aggregation the greatest, but I believe the quality and texture of the fiber is as good as the very best I have ever seen, and I am convinced that Oregon has the conditions to make it the greatest mohair-producing region in the world. The conditions here are superior to all other places, South Africa and Turkey not excepted. These conditions are: Even climate and abundance of forage, and with the same methods of breeding as used in Turkey will undoubtedly bring results beyond the wildest dream of the growers of Oregon."

The exhibit of poultry, hogs and sheep, while not as extensive as it should have been, was of excellent quality and brought forth much praise from all. If plans now under way mature, next year will find the association with its own buildings, ready to take care in good shape of all such exhibits, and in financial condition to offer prizes sufficient to guarantee an exhibit of all stock most creditable to the county. Such an undertaking should receive the hearty support of all breeders of every kind of stock, and all should do everything in their power to further the project, and thus advance the interests of Polk county in one of the best of advertising ways.

Some 170 goats were placed on exhibition, more by 50 than ever before.

On Thursday evening a mass meeting was held at the court house, largely attended despite the cold weather. Papers bearing on the industry were read by Hon. John W. Fulton, a portion of whose remarks are given above.

U. S. Grant read a paper, giving a view of the mohair industry from the manufacturers standpoint. Willis Ayres spoke on shearing, baling and marketing mohair. Many other letters and papers were read.

H. M. Williamson, secretary of the Oregon Agricultural Society, delivered an address before the meeting, saying, in part: "Buy the best breeding stock you can afford, and buy it of local breeders, so as to make it possible for them to go into the markets of the world and pay large sums of money for the best stock and bring it to your doors. Resolutions were passed thanking the American Angora Goat Association for its donation of \$200, the Sanford Mills Manufacturing Company for the donation of a \$65 buggy robe, the Polk county court for the donation of \$200, and the citizens of Dallas for liberal contributions.

There were 80 registered goats exhibit-

ed and 89 non-registered animals. The following are the prize winners at the goat show:

Registered Goats.

Doe kids born before March 15, 1906—First, second and third, Wm. Riddell & Sons, Monmouth.

Doe kids born after March 15, 1906—First and second, Wm. Riddell & Sons, Monmouth; third, W. A. Ayres, Dallas.

Doe, 1 year old—First, second and third, Wm. Riddell & Sons.

Doe, 2 years old—First, U. S. Grant, Dallas; second, W. A. Ayres, Dallas; third, W. J. Warfield, Alsea.

Doe, 3 years old—First, W. J. Warfield, Alsea; second, Wm. Riddell & Sons, Monmouth; third, W. A. Ayres, Dallas.

Doe, 4 years old and over—First, W. A. Ayres, Dallas; second, U. S. Grant, Dallas; third, E. L. Naylor, Forest Grove.

Buck kids born before March 15, 1906—First, Wm. Riddell & Sons, Monmouth; second, U. S. Grant, Dallas; third, Wm. Riddell & Sons, Monmouth.

Buck kids born after March 15, 1906—First, U. S. Grant, Dallas; second, U. S. Grant, Dallas; third, Wm. Riddell & Sons, Monmouth.

Bucks, 1 year old—First, U. S. Grant, Dallas; second, W. J. Warfield, Alsea; third, U. S. Grant, Dallas.

Bucks, 2 years old—First, F. S. Powell, Monmouth; second, W. A. Ayres, Dallas; third, J. I. Reasoner, Dallas.

Bucks, 3 years old—First, I. G. McBee, Dallas.

Bucks, 4 years old and over—First, B. C. Kenyon, Dallas.

Sweepstakes.

Best doe any age—First, William Riddell & Sons; second, U. S. Grant; third, William Riddell & Sons.

Best Buck any age—First, U. S. Grant; second, William Riddell & Sons; third, U. S. Grant.

U. S. Grant won the fine \$65 Mohair carriage robe, given by the Sanford Mills, of Sanford, Maine, for the best buck of any age on Sanford, the South African buck, one of the Horle importation.

Judges—L. D. Mulkey, McMinnville; G. T. Boothby, Monmouth; O. E. Focht, Ballston.

Non-Registered Angora Goats.

Doe kids born before March 15, 1906—First, L. A. Guthrie, Dallas; second, G. F. McBee, Dallas; third, L. A. Guthrie, Dallas.

Doe kids born after March 15, 1906—First, L. A. Guthrie, Dallas; second, V. Thompson, Dallas; third, Thomas Sullivan, Monmouth.

Doe, 1 year old—First, D. D. Peters,

Dallas; second and third, D. A. Guthrie, Dallas.

Doe, 2 years old—First and second, J. M. Card, Dallas; third, Mrs. W. J. Farley, Dallas.

Doe, 3 years old—First and second, L. A. Guthrie, Dallas; third, G. W. McBee, Dallas.

Doe, 4 years old and over—First Mrs. W. J. Farley, Dallas; second and third, L. A. Guthrie, Dallas.

Buck kids born before March 15, 1906—First, L. F. Wright, Dallas; second, J. M. Farley, Dallas; third G. W. McBee, Dallas.

Buck kids born after March 15, 1906—First, second and third, Thomas Sullivan, Monmouth.

Bucks, 2 years old—First, L. F. Wright, Dallas; second Thomas Sullivan, Monmouth, third, Morris Hughes, Dallas.

Bucks 3 years old—First, J. M. Farley, Dallas; second B. C. Kenyon, Dallas.

Sweepstakes.

Best doe any age—First, D. D. Peters, Dallas; second, Mrs. W. J. Farley, Dallas; third, L. A. Guthrie, Dallas.

Best buck any age—First, L. F. Wright, Dallas; second, J. M. Farley, Dallas; third, Thomas Sullivan, Monmouth.

Judges—E. L. Naylor, Forest Grove; M. M. Mickell, McMinnville; W. J. Warfield, Alsea.

Sheep Awards.

The awards on sheep were as follows: Non registered Cotswold, ewe lambs—First and second, W. D. Gilliam; third, J. M. Card.

Ram lambs—First, W. D. Gilliam; second and third, L. I. Bursell.

Registered Cotswolds, ram lambs—First, W. D. Gilliam; second W. M. Elliott.

Aged ewes—First, W. D. Gilliam. Judge, C. L. Hawley, of McCoy.

Award on Hogs.

Aged sows—First, Fred Koser; second, D. L. Keyt.

Yearling sow—First, Fred Koser; second, D. L. Keyt.

Boar pig, 10 weeks old—First, Koser; Sow, 10 weeks old—First, Koser. No competition.

Boar, 6 months old—First, and second, Keyt; sow, same, first and second, Keyt. No competition.

Aged boar—First, Keyt.

Chicken Awards.

Buff Orpington, cocks—First, J. E. Beezley; second, W. W. Ulrey; hens—First, Beezley; pullet—First and second, Ulrey.

Partridge Cochins, cock—First and second, J. H. Holman; pullet—First, J. H. Holman.

White Leghorns, pullet and cockerel—First and second, Mrs. W. H. Mack.

Brown Leghorn, cocks—First, J. W. Robinson; second, N. H. Wilcox; hens—First and second, N. H. Wilcox; pullets—First and second, D. L. Keyt; cockerels—First, second and third, H. L. Fenlon.

Boston Brown Leghorns—First, second and third on hens, pullets, cocks and cockerels, D. L. Keyt.

White Cochins—First on cocks and second on hens, Ray & Stoner; first on hens, Boydston; pullets, first, second, third, Boydston.

White Rocks—First on cocks and first and second on pullets, J. M. Farley.

White Wyndottes, cockerels and hens—First and second, J. C. Stingley; pullets, and cocks, first and second, J. Boydston.

Buff Cochins, hens and cockerels—First and second, D. L. Keyt.

Norwood Warhorse, cocks and hens—First, C. P. Cromwell.

Irish Greys, cocks and hens—First, C. P. Cromwell.

THOSE MONTHLY SALES.

The projectors of the monthly auction sales are now going to put a straight stop to Polk county as to whether these sales shall be continued or not. They were originated with the idea of giving the farmer at small cost a chance to thoroughly advertise what ever he might have for sale. It was not started with the idea of making much more than expenses out of it, but for the main reason that it was a satisfactory way of exchanging and is an acknowledged convenience elsewhere. Three sales have occurred so far, each a little better than the preceding one, but still not up to what they should be, those having stock for sale seeming leary of the proposition, and not caring to list their stock. Without stock for sale, such an auction cannot be made a success. The stuff offered by merchants is well enough, but the amount realized is not enough to pay expenses. Now it will be left with our farmers to say whether the monthly sales shall be continued. On the last Saturday in January, the usual sale will be held. If enough stock is offered to make it desirable to continue, well and good, and another sale will be given. If not, this will be the last sale given, as the promoters have too much to attend to otherwise to give their time to it when sufficient interest in helping to keep it up is not taken. If you want the sales continued, let Mr. Fenton know what you have for sale, and have it advertised free of charge in the Itemizer and Observer during the next two weeks. A fee of 5 per cent is charged, which covers both the advertising and auctioning. Enough has been said. Shall we keep the sales going?

INDEPENDENCE.

Courtesy West Side.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Morrison left several days visit in Portland, Wednesday.

A deal was recently made whereby Craven & Moore and A. Gross become owners of the lots between the Cooper corner and the Mattison block. Craven & Moore purchased the north lot and Mr. Gross the south lot, the building on which are now occupied by the respective firms. The lots were purchased by George W. Henkle, of Corvallis, who owned them for a number of years.

Peter Kurre returned yesterday from Portland where he had been in attendance at the annual meeting of the state horticultural society. Mr. Kurre reports a very interesting meeting throughout the entire three days' session of the society. The attendance was something over 400 which shows the great interest in the work the society is doing and the wonderful development that is taking place in horticultural lines in the state.

I. M. Butler, his daughter, Bessie, and Helen Cooper who has made her home with them for several years, are making preparations to depart for California where they expect to remain for a year or more. Mr. Butler's health has not been good since his wife's death in June and it is anticipated the California trip will be beneficial. They will visit in San Francisco for awhile and then proceed to Southern California. They expect to depart within the next two weeks.

George Woodard and family left Friday morning for Dallas, Polk county, where he goes to work for the Lassell Bros., who have bought 160 acres of land within a half mile of that city, and will set the whole track to prunes the coming spring.—Albany Herald.

Subscription Contest

To begin January 1, 1907

To close April 1, 1907

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\$35 Chicago Typewriter.

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Renewals count the same as new subscriptions. The receipt tells the number of votes.

The person getting the greatest number of votes by April 1st gets the Piano; the second the Sewing Machine; the third the Typewriter; the fourth the Rifle.

Start Now and get a bunch of votes to turn in on January 1st. Other prizes may be added.

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