

# GREAT HERD OF BLOODED SHORTHORNS

W. O. Minor Owns Finest Herd on the Pacific Coast

## MORROW COUNTY PRIZE WINNERS

Best Calf at the Chicago International Fat Stock Show Bred on Mountain Valley Stock Farm.

One of the big institutions of Morrow county which has been brought to the front rank by a liberal application of brains, enterprise and capital, is the Mountain Valley Stock Farm owned by W. O. Minor of Heppner.

Mr. Minor is as well known among Eastern stock men, as he is in Oregon, for he visits all the leading stock shows, both in the East and West and his blue ribbon trophies can be counted by the

better. They had been brought up on the same range and had precisely the same care as the "scrub" or ordinary range cattle. In making a shipment to Portland he picked out eight head of the best 4-year-old common cattle, and also, eight head of 3-year-old graded Shorthorns. His returns showed that the Shorthorn had averaged 42 pounds per head more in weight than the common cattle that were one year older.

### Oregon State Fair.

He next bought a bunch of the Mazurka cows of N. C. Maris. Mr. Minor decided to get a prize winning show herd. He purchased two out of H. F. Brown's show herd at Minneapolis. The next importation was purchased by N. C. Maris for Mr. Minor, in Indiana, from such breeders as Robbins & Son and a small lot from D. E. Saurer.

Following the purchase from Indiana, Mr. Minor purchased Collision of J. G. Robbins & Son, of Horace, Indiana. This great bull is now at the head of Mr. Minor's herd, and is the sire of Rolando, first premium winner at the International Fat Stock show at Chicago, last December.

In 1899, Mr. Minor bought Sassy Frantic, a beautiful heifer, which won first at the big show in Chicago.

At the same time for a companion for Sassy Frantic he bought Rosa O'Grady, mate and half sister of Ruberta, champion cow of America in 1901. For the two last named heifers Mr. Minor paid \$1000 each.

Of the great strain from which Ruberta comes, Mr. Minor is well supplied, owning five half sisters of the champion cow.

The same year he purchased Sallie

ber of cows that cost \$1000 and upwards and through whose veins flow the blood of Gay Monarch, St. Valentine, Royal Hero and other great strains.

Less than one month ago he returned from the International Fat Stock Show at Chicago, and brought back some more winners for his herd. The following clipping from the Heppner GAZETTE of December 18, 1902, tells the result of his visit:

"W. O. Minor, fine stock breeder and merchant, returned Monday evening, from Chicago and the East, where he has been attending the International Fat Stock show, and also looking over the finest show herds of Eastern and foreign bred Shorthorns to add to his already great herd.

"Mr. Minor's cattle, Rolando, the first prize winner at the big stock show, and the yearling heifer, Nellie that was shown last fall at the Western fairs, and Pride's Baron III, a 2 year-old, were shipped over the Oregon Short Line from Heppner to Chicago, on the 15th of November.

"With the great number of cattle from the best herds all over the United States, Canada, and Scotch and English bred animals, it is certainly gratifying to Oregon people to know that Rolando, bred on the Mountain Valley stock farm, in Morrow county, took first premium, and brought the highest price of any bull put up at public auction at the International Fat Stock Show."

"Rolando was purchased by E. W. Bowen, of Delphi, Indiana, a well known breeder, who will place this fine bull at the head of his great show herd. Mr. Bowen's herd is one of the finest in the United States, taking second premium at the big show.

"Rolando in the yearling class was an easy winner, prominently out-classing all competitors. His official weight was 1830 pounds in the show ring, only losing 20 pounds in shipment from Heppner to Chicago.

"Mr. Minor's visit was not only to show his fine stock, but to improve his show herd by adding some of the best blood that money could buy from the choicest stock in the world.

"In all he bought 10 head, six of the animals being show cattle, which cost \$6100. He purchased two show heifers, one bred in Kentucky, and the other in Indiana, both being inside of the money at the big show. For one of these fine heifers he paid \$1500.

"One of the cows, Stella, from the herd of N. P. Clark, St. Cloud, Minn., which Mr. Minor will bring out, took second premium last year in the 2-year-old class at the fat stock show.

"Mr. Minor's choice of the new herd purchased, is Orange Blossom, a yearling heifer bred by N. P. Clark. He considers this the best yearling heifer in America, and her purchase price was \$1500.

"Two of the yearling heifers are straight Scotch bred, and are very fine animals.

"Three of the calves are plainly bred calves for range bulls."

"Wherever shown, Mr. Minor's cattle are very attractive. In speaking of an exhibition at Victoria, B. C., the Victoria Daily Colonist said:

"It is certainly putting it mildly to say that W. O. Minor's display of thoroughbred Shorthorn stock was the leading attraction of the Provincial Fair, not only among stock raisers and farmers, but all classes of citizens. Thousands of people visited them each day of the fair, and expressions of amazement were heard on every side. People who had attended most of the leading exhibitions of the older provinces declared that "they had yet to see the superior of this fine herd."

In the past six years at the leading Western fairs and in British Columbia, Mr. Minor has been awarded 14 sweepstakes, 80 first premiums, and 51 second premiums, not to say anything about numerous thirds that have been awarded.

Mr. Minor's herd of Shorthorns is the largest, most valuable and contains more of the blood of America's champions than any other herd on the Pacific Coast. His registered Shorthorns now number about 125 head. He also breeds fine Poland China hogs and Plymouth Rock chickens.

The Mountain Valley Stock Farm is an ideal breeding ranch of 1600 acres on Willow creek, adjoining the corporate limits of the city of Heppner. It is composed of hill and bottom lands, the hills producing the famous bunch grass. On the bottom land, Mr. Minor has 40 acres in alfalfa and will plant 40 acres more this year.

# ARBUCKLE MINES

## FLATTERING PROSPECTS IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS.

Development Work is Now in Progress to Determine Extent of the Field.

Morrow county's coal fields are believed to be of great extent. The discovery of coal in the Willow creek basin has added much interest to mining and prospecting for coal in Morrow county. A very promising prospect is what is known as the Arbutle mines situated in the Blue Mountains, in Morrow county, 25 miles southeast of Heppner.

In the month of August of last year, Geo. Swaggart and J. C. Wattenberger, while prospecting, discovered coal workings on Arbutle mountain.

The sandstone and other formations are similar to those in the Willow creek basin, and the associations are such as those found in the best coal fields. The prospects being very encouraging a number of coal claims were immediately filed upon, and on September 26, articles of incorporation of the Arbutle Coal & Transportation company were filed.

As soon as the company was properly organized, miners were put to work on three promising blossoms and three tunnels were started.

Miners are now engaged in development work and the tunnels are being run to ascertain the extent and location of the measures.

A contract was recently let for 150 feet of tunnel work on prospect No. 3, to a experienced Eastern coal miners. The good indications have given the company great faith in the proposition, and the extent of this field will be fully determined by development work.

This field joins the Heppner Railroad & Coal Company's property on the southeast, and on the east is the Clark Prospect mine.

The Arbutle property having very encouraging coal blossoms which gives promise of a valuable field, also has many natural advantages that are very desirable and will offer inducement for the rapid development and operation of coal mines in this district.

These claims are covered with an abundance of good timber, and are located so as to control the headwaters of Butter creek.

The question of the existence of coal in the Blue mountains is now settled beyond a doubt. The field is large and free from volcanic disturbance, leaving the seams unbroken. The Arbutle property, like that of the Heppner Railroad & Coal Company, is easy of access, surrounded with favorable conditions to warrant and make profitable, extensive operation.

The company is composed of well known and reliable citizens of Heppner. The officers of the company are: G. W. Swaggart, president; L. W. Kinney, secretary; W. L. Smith, treasurer.

Directors—G. W. Swaggart, C. C. Patterson, J. M. Kernan, P. M. Howard, T. A. Rhea.

Incorporators—J. M. Kernan, C. C. Patterson, Lewis Kinney, E. L. Fitzgerald.

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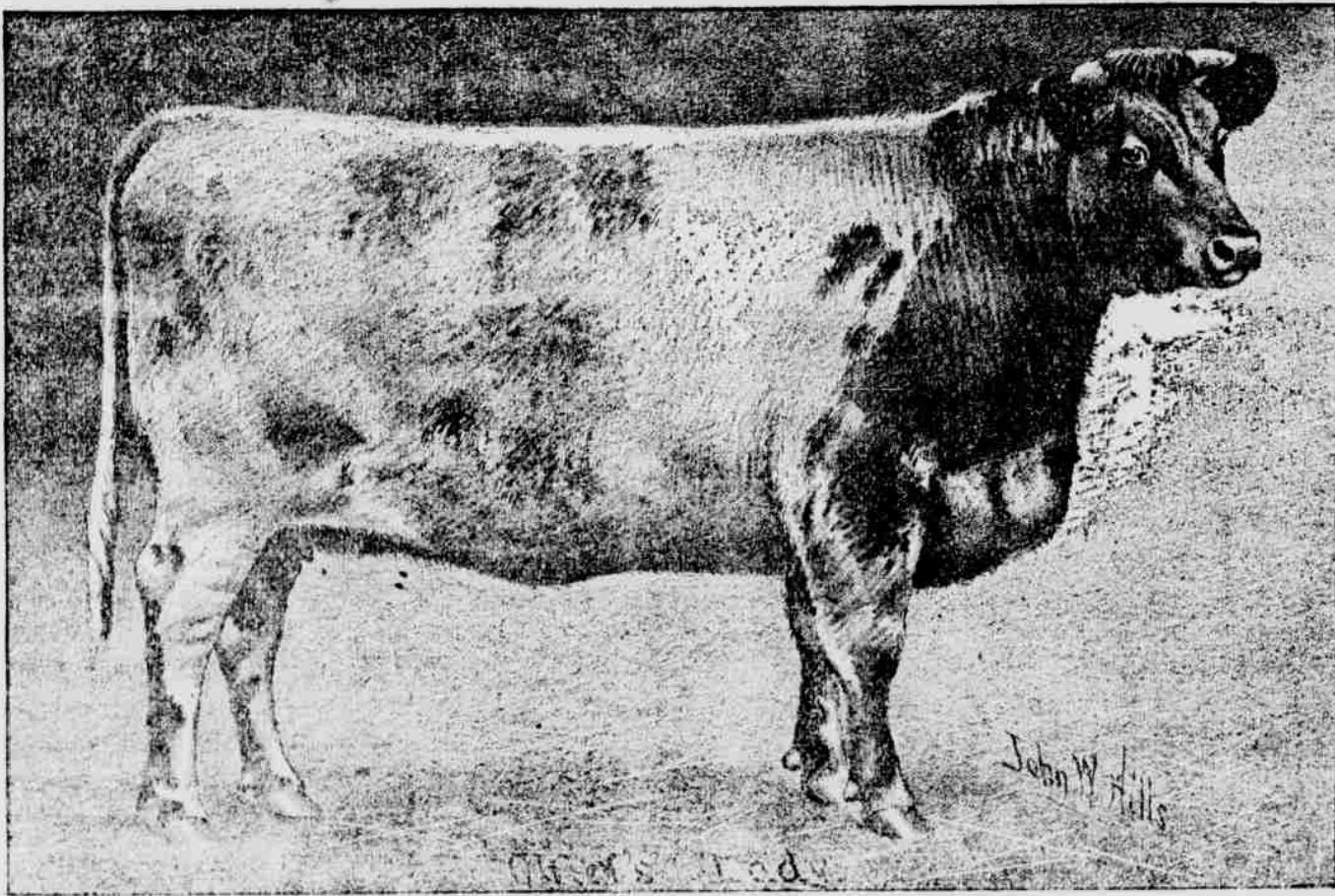
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Chief's Lady, winner of four firsts and one second in Eastern circuit as a 2-year-old.

score. In keeping up his show herd of Shorthorn cattle, he is continually adding to his stock, buying only the sweepstake and prize winners, from the best herds in the United States.

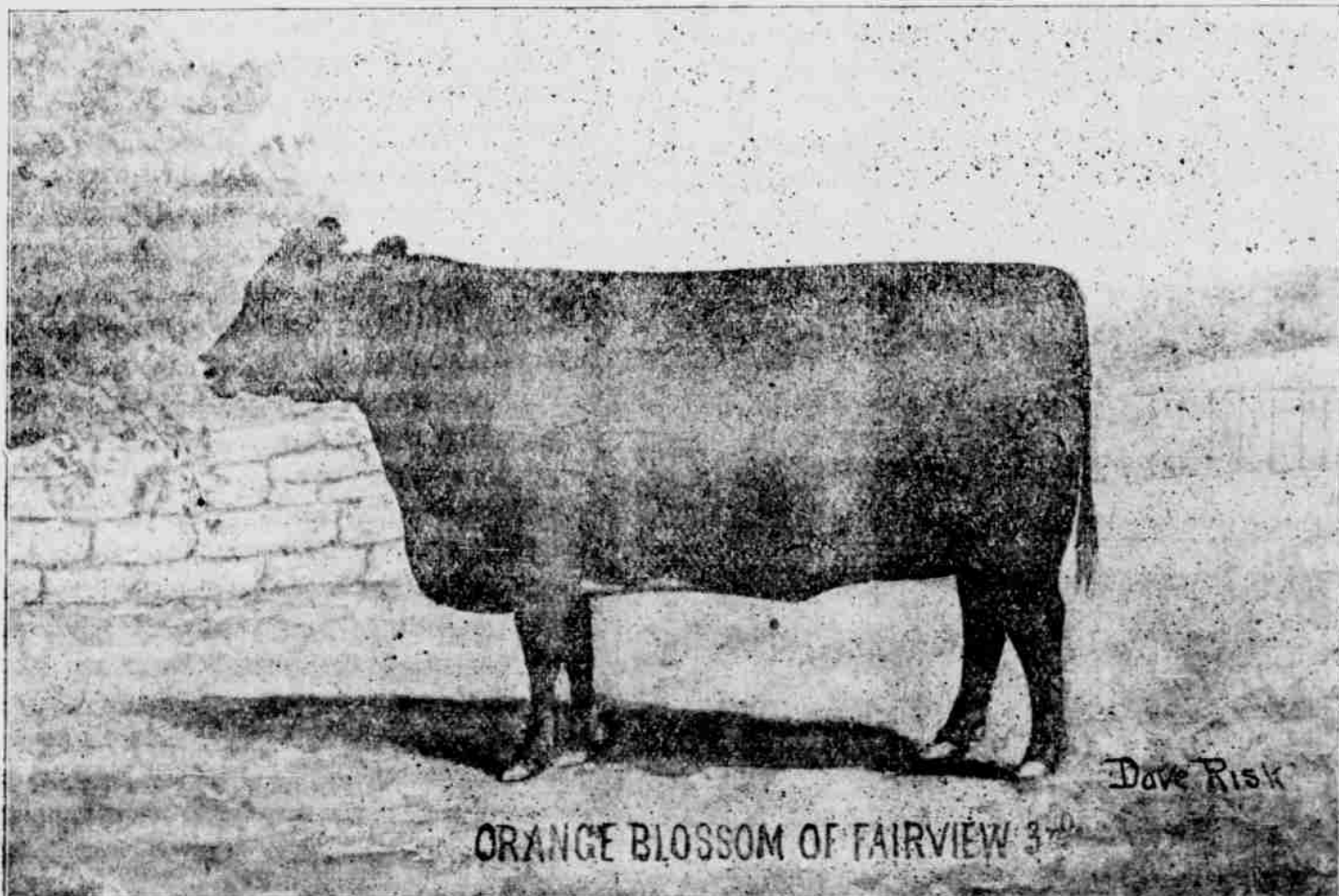
Mr. Minor is a great lover of fine stock and he buys only the highest type of the best bred animals. From close and careful observation, he is an expert judge.

This practical illustration convinced Mr. Minor as to the difference between pure bred and common stock.

He immediately commenced to dispose of his common stock, and replaced the bulls with registered Shorthorns for his range stock. From the very start he bought only the best, which required careful buying over a large territory. I,

Girl, the champion cow of America in '99. This great sweepstake winner is too well known to require introduction. She is spoken of by the leading Eastern stock journals as the queen of the American show yards. For Sallie Girl Mr. Minor paid \$1700.

Another grand specimen of the Shorthorn breed purchased by Mr. Minor



Orange Blossom, of Fairview 3d, one of the finest Shorthorn yearling heifers in America. Purchase price \$1500.

From years of collecting and careful breeding he has now one of the finest herds of show Shorthorn in America.

From boyhood he has been engaged in cattle raising.

About eight years ago among Mr. Minor's range cattle were some graded Shorthorns, of three-quarter blood or

being so much trouble and expense to procure the kind of cattle that he wanted, he decided to buy a few choice cows and start a herd of his own.

The first winners were purchased from the Ladd herd, Grandiflora and Grandifame, weighing 1700 and 2000 pounds each. These cows were winners at the

was Roan Marble, a half sister and niece of the great Sallie Girl. Roan Marble's superior breeding is proven by the fact that from Collision she raised a calf for which Mr. Minor refused \$1200.

From various sources Mr. Minor has been adding the best blood to his herd that money could buy. He has a num-