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IMPORTED STOCK FROM JERSEY

The Nelson and Stump Herd of Cattle From The Island of Jersey

By Alma T. McDonald.

Having traveled over 7000 miles and having spent over 53 days in transit, the herd of Island Jerseys being imported by Messrs. Nelson and Stump arrived at Independence with Ross Nelson in charge, Wednesday, June 8, not weary and emaciated with their long trip but looking as fresh and well conditioned as if they had only come in from across the river from summer pasture.

To get a first look at a real Island importation we journeyed down into Independence, and through the kindness of these gentlemen the Agriculturist is able to give some data respecting their long journey. The herd was picked and selected by Mr. W. R. Spann of Texas, the noted Jersey authority, judge and importer. Mr. Spann was chosen to judge the bull show on the Island while over there, a high compliment was paid by the Jersey Islanders to the Yankee brethren.

Mr. Spann had carte blanc orders in his selections and journeyed all over the Island, which is not large, to be sure, but contains more full blooded animals to the square mile than any other place in the world. And in his travels he visited practically all the large breeders there. Mr. Spann had also the advantage of having attended the semi-annual shows, and as a consequence it is no doubt that when he finally assembled the herd, consisting of 22 heifers and two bulls, he had the pick of the two-year-old stuff on the Island of Jersey.

In the herd are animals from such noted breeders as J. P. Romeril and J. W. Mallet, while a goodly number are from St. Helians and St. Peters, the heaviest exporting centers on the Island.

Thus it follows and it can truthfully be said that after they were once gotten together the gentlemen responsible for the enterprise felt very well satisfied with their labors and secure in the belief that theirs were a herd not surpassed by any that has ever been taken from the little Island kingdom.

To give some idea of the magnitude and difficulty of such an undertaking, we will follow the herd from the time it left the Island:

First, the official of the American Jersey Cattle Club stationed there affixed around the horns a chain and lock with a number. This number was also burned in the hoof, a record of this number was made and the key to the lock retained on the Island. From St. Helians they were transported across to St. George's channel to Southampton and thence by rail to Liverpool. Here they were taken aboard the Layland liner, the S. S. Iberian, and shipped to Boston, being 24 days on the voyage.

They landed at Boston, April 27th, and went immediately into quarantine at Littleton some 34 miles distant from Boston. Here they were retained for the regulation 30 days, and here Ross Nelson received them and started across the continent for the Pacific Coast.

A glance at the route traversed gives some idea of the travel entailed by such a journey.

At Littleton they were shipped over the Boston & Maine to Fitchburg, Mass., then over the Delaware & Hudson to Binghamton, N. Y., then followed the Lackawanna to Buffalo, the Nickel Plate to Chicago, through to which place they were put in the record time of seven hours; here they were picked up by the C. M. & St. P. and taken to Omaha and were then respectively handled by the Union Pacific, Oregon Short line, O. R. & N. to Portland, and finally by the Southern Pacific to Independence, where they arrived Wednesday, June 8, 1910. The condition of the herd spoke volumes for the handling they received in transit. For in looking them over one could scarcely have believed but that they had been browsing in this particular pasture since they were born. However, they had just completed a journey of over 7000 miles and been on the road nearly 60 days.

One is at once struck with one very noticeable feature, and that is, the extraordinary uniformity of the herd. One is led to believe that they must have belonged to one man, yet such is not the case. This feature seems to indicate that there is a general demand, and a universal idea of type over there which is followed more generally than it is here. At the same time if type is a hobby there, as it is here, there is evidence in this herd that the prime purpose is not overlooked, and that is milk production, for it is the general sentiment of all who have been favored with an inspection of the entire herd that they are unmistakably strong on all those points, considered essential for heavy records at the pail. These two features strike the observer at a glance and gives the herd an originality of appearance which is to say the least striking.

All the heifers are with calf with the exception of two, which dropped their calves on the road. One which was dropped at Boston died, and in a sense this was not unfortunate.

Mr. Spann, while on his tour through the Island, noted what he claims was the finest type of a Jersey cow he had ever seen.

He was later able to secure one of her calves. When the first calf died in quarantine, Mr. Spann assured Mr. Nelson that in view of the friendly feeling which had prevailed among all parties during the time they had worked together he wished to make him a present and so gave him this calf of his, which was his own favorite. Mr. Nelson appreciated this very highly and says that it is an indication of the high qualities of this gentleman as he found him. The other calf was born at Carlton, Oregon.

Auction Sale

There will be a public sale at the Willow Grove Farm, one-fourth mile east of Suver, commencing at 10 o'clock, on

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at which property as enumerated below will be sold to the highest bidder:

15 head of horses, including Coach, Lambert and Del Norte stock. 3 A-1 milch cows, 20 shoats, 7 brood sows, 30 sheep—high grade Cotswold.

Farm implements—1 Deering binder, Champion mower, hay rake, fanning mill, hack, buggy, harrow, cultivator plows, gang plow, blacksmithing outfit, harness, Giant grubber, wagon roadcart, hay fork and tacker, bicycle and household articles.

For particular description and terms of sale see posters.

There has been considerable rain fall in this section during the past week, and while it has not been heavy it has been sufficient to aid vegetation, and is a money maker for farmers and dairymen.

J. M. Westfall, who has been following his trade at Airlie and vicinity was home over Sunday and Monday, the weather not being favorable for painting during the fore part of the week. He has a couple of weeks work in that neighborhood yet.

These two are bulls which, with the two imported males, gives them quite a start in the bull line.

Iberian Marquias, the herd bull, was dropped December 26, 1908. He is a solid color with black tongue and switch. His Island number is 4429 (Marquis Jim C), and was bred by J. P. Romeril of St. Peters. The other is Croydon (P S 4424 H C) Bred J. W. Mallet, of St. Lawrence; solid color, black tongue and switch, and was dropped March 24, 1909. In the herd is a number of the Oakland family, which has made the C. I. Hood herd famous.

While in the East Mr. Nelson visited several of the big dairy farms, among them being the C. I. Hood farm. He says that they have in his opinion not many advantages over the Western man. Labor does not give them the bother it does here. This was his first trip East, and while he enjoyed it greatly, he was glad to get back to the old Willamette.

Since arriving, the herd has received large numbers of visitors, among them Saturday being J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner. He was most favorably impressed.

The herd is owned jointly by Ross Nelson, and J. W. Stump of Monmouth, the two sharing expenses and dividing the herd equally.

Mr. Stump is too well known to need an introduction through these columns. He has had full-blooded Jerseys for a number of years, and with this importation he will be placed along with Mr. Ross Nelson in the front ranks among the Pacific Coast breeders.

This is not only the first time that this herd will be heard from.—Oregon Agriculturist.

Monmouth Heights.

William Mack is erecting a new barn for John Holman.

Mrs. E. Clark made a business trip to Falls City Monday.

James Goodman is working on the roads near McCoy this week.

A. J. Shipley and children are visiting relatives at Brownsville.

Miss Bessie Sullivan of Talmage visited with her grandmother, Mrs. E. Clark Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence McCaleb and two children visited relatives in Monmouth two days of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Bosley were guests of their daughter, Mrs. Frona Howsman of Monmouth Thursday.

Grandpa Foster and daughter, Mrs. Archie Parker of Monmouth were out here Sunday to see Mrs. E. Fishback, who is sick.

Mrs. Herman Wunder and daughter Minnie who have been cooking at Krebs hop yard for some time returned home Thursday.

Geo. Bennett, who has been to Canada and North Dakota, looking for a location returned last week and is better satisfied with old Oregon.

Meeting of Class

The monthly meeting of the Golden Rule Bible Class of the Christian Sunday School was held at the home of Mrs. V. F. Daniel on Tuesday evening. It was an enjoyable affair. Among those present were Messrs. Cole, Haley, Wood, Meeker, Jones, Cornwell, Parker, Ostrom, P. O. Powell and their wives, Mesdames Hyde, Price, Burt, Elkins, Dalton, Whitney, Simpson, Newman, McKinney, Waller Ellis, Quisenberry, Howell; Misses Jackson, Newman, Foster, Butler, Cameron, Wood; Messrs. Ira Powell, Wolverton, Leonard, and Rurton Arant.

The evening was very pleasantly spent in conversation and enjoying the very excellent program which follows:

Scripture Quotations, by class; Song, Emma Parker; Recitation, Mrs. Haley; Instrumental Solo, Burton Arant; Song, Perry Powell; Recitation, Mrs. Daniel; Instrumental Solo, Burton Arant; Class Song, by class.

Messrs. Powell and Arant were each encored and responded with selection which were well received.

After the program refreshments of delicious ice cream and cake were served.

The guests departed at a late hour feeling that it was good to have been present.

Edward W. Tubbs, a cornet player, traveling with Arnold's dog and pony show, was run over by a street car at Albany last Monday afternoon, and seriously injured. He had one arm broken above the wrist and the other above the elbow; one leg was fractured below the knee, and one shoulder dislocated besides other injuries. The accident happened while Mr. Tubbs was playing in a street parade. The noise of the band and his attention to his music prevented him from hearing the warning sound of the gong.

INDEPENDENCE NEWS BUDGET

From Our Regular Correspondent.

DAILY HAPPENINGS IN OUR SISTER CITY

Scan This Column For News of Importance From the Riverside.

Mrs. P. M. Kirkland returned Friday from Portland.

Jim Huntley is building a large barn on his farm north of town.

Miss Ethel Eakin, of Cottage Grove, is visiting Miss Mabel Ellis this week.

G. A. Wilcox is the owner of a fine new automobile. Mr. Wilcox is quite sick at present.

Mr. Adams, of Missouri, is here visiting his daughters, Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Bullock.

Mrs. Lorin Wann, of La Cross, Wash., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

Harold Fitchard returned Friday from Los Angeles, California, to visit his brother, Tom Fitchard.

Mrs. Scroggs and her daughter Myrtle, former residents of this place, were the guests of Mrs. Hodge last Sunday.

Mrs. Ward and her daughter, Mrs. Lehman, of McMinnville, are visiting the former's son, Eugene Ward, of this city.

John Robbins is building a fine large barn and a new house on his farm north of town, which he purchased from Eph Young.

Horst Bros. are putting up a large building on their hop farm north of town, for their hop-picking machine, which will be put into use this fall.

Miss Mary Whitney spent a few days of last week visiting her brother, Al Whitney, of this city. Miss Whitney was on her way home to Eugene.

Mrs. O. A. Kreamer and two daughters and Rev. Thompson and family will leave this week for Turner, where they will camp during the Christian convention.

Some one tried two different nights of last week to break into the homes of Lem Baker and Layton Smith. The uninvited guest was frightened away both times, however.

Mr. Eldridge has just completed the working over of the creamery at a cost of about \$4000. A concrete floor, a large refrigerator, and a store room and boiler shed have been added.

C. W. Brooks' fine herd of cattle north of town were condemned last week by the state stock inspector, and were taken to Portland to be disposed of. One cow, a bull and some yearlings is all that remains.

The Shady Lane Picnic, near Suver, which took place last Saturday was largely attended and an excellent time is reported by those attending. A splendid program was arranged for the occasion, and an excellent address was delivered by President Kerr of the O. A. C. There was a considerable number of persons attended from Monmouth and vicinity.