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MEETING OF HOLSTEIN BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

Interesting Affair Well Attended—
Talks by Members—County
Fair Board Asked to
Change Item on
Premium
List.

Tuesday occurred the meeting of the Tillamook County Holstein Breeders' association at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. John Schildt, about three miles east of Tillamook, and a fair representation of the society was present.

Before lunch was served the members of the association made a tour of inspection of the ranch, looking over the well-kept dairy barn with its modern improvements, and also viewing the herd in the fields. Mr. Schildt has 70 acres of well improved land and is milking 32 cows. This ranch was at one time a portion of the Kunze homestead and was purchased by Mr. Schildt on time payments for \$21,000 less than eight years ago and today Mr. Schildt has his ranch all paid for, and if we were to judge would say that Mr. and Mrs. Schildt were in clover, so far as prosperity goes.

After returning from the fields we found that during our absence the ladies had been busy and our eyes viewed two long tables erected in the orchard laden with everything that could be thought of to tickle and ap-

pease the appetite of the assembly.

After lunch, Mr. Kunze, president of the society, called the meeting to order and Mr. Noise, secretary, made his report. Mr. Hathaway was then elected a member of the board of trustees.

The chair stated that the county had an agricultural council, comprised of one member from each agricultural organization and by unanimous vote Chas. Kunze was delegated to represent the Holstein association.

A lengthy discussion arose regarding the county fair board listing grade sires. The board of trustees was instructed to interview the fair board with a view of having them change the list giving the prize for a full blood calf.

Mr. Folk discussed the importance of a dairy sire. A good sire, said he, is the larger and more important part of the herd. Since the producing of large quantities of milk is not natural, but acquired, it is only by constantly selecting the best types that this achievement is retained or increased. To retain the milking qualities of a good grade herd at a uniform level, it is necessary to use a bull better bred than the cows. Endeavoring to save money in the purchase of a sire is not economical.

D. T. Werschkul was called upon to give his experience in the matter of changing from a common herd to that of blooded stock. He gave figures to show the great benefit derived from breeding up. He told of the time when he and his neighbors changed sires to improve their herd and what little, if any, effect it had in the way of improvement. That he soon conceived the idea that a full blood sire was necessary and he purchased at the Lewis & Clark fair a registered Holstein and proceeded to

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build up his herd. Since that time he has purchased three registered Holstein bulls and that the production of milk from their offspring has increased to a greater extent than could have been possible with the scrub herd.

Agriculturist Jones was present and who had been previously made an honorary member of the association, gave a chart talk on feeding which was both instructive and interesting.

At the close of the meeting everyone present voted thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Schildt for the hospitable manner in which they had been entertained.

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