

Portland Livestock Show Success

THE Fourth Annual Pacific International Livestock Exposition, held at North Portland December 7-12, was an excellent success, notwithstanding the fact that all the breeding classes had been eliminated on account of the feeling among the breeders in regard to the foot and mouth disease. It may have been possible, though, that as a result the fat classes come in for a greater share of interest.

This year's entries in the fat classes were much greater than in any previous year, making it the largest exhibition of market animals ever held in the West.

Cattle Exhibit Excels.

The cattle carlot exhibit was wonderful, the Herefords predominating, Short Horns following, one load of Angus was also shown. This year beside the fat carlots were shown carlots of feeders.

In quality the exhibit was much ahead of all previous exhibitions. The grand champion carlot went to Edward Coles, of Haines, Or., who has carried off this honor for the past three years. Mr. Coles was presented with a gold medal by the association in recognition of the achievement.

In the single steer class the grand champion was awarded to the University of Idaho on "George," a grade Angus weighing 1650 pounds.

Hogs.

The hog exhibit was truly a beautiful one to any hog fancier. Carload after carload was shown by keen competitors. H. C. Anderson, Parma, Idaho, won first prize in the light hogs and Elgin Forwarding Company, Joseph, Or., won first on carlots of heavy hogs. The judge was certainly put to the test in selecting these carloads from such a large offering of quality. It takes art to finish hogs such as these.

The sheep show was not as large as the cattle or hog show, but was good as regards quality. Byron Vandecar, of Haines, Or., was winner of first prize and champion honors.

Student Judging Contest.

Perhaps the closest and one of the best educational features of the show each year is the students' judging contest. These contests are held under strict rules and are very keenly contested by the boys from the various colleges. Results this year were as follows:

	Points
Washington	2512
Idaho	2429
California	2234
Oregon	2091

Auction Sales.

The first auction sale—Wednesday—was given over to the sale of exhibited stock in the cattle, hog and sheep classes, both single animals and carlots. Idaho's grand champion steer, "George," was first to the block and was finally sold to the Union Meat Company at 24 cents per pound. Edward Coles' grand champion carlot of steers were sold at 10.20c to the Union Meat Company.

The Harriman Club, 1000 strong, made this their special day and spent the afternoon in inspecting the stock. Many prominent officials of the road were in attendance.

The most successful Short Horn sale ever held at the yards was conducted Thursday. Such prominent breeders as Minor, Brown, Dunn, Cornett and Chalmers contributed to the offerings. Clifton King, owned by Frank Brown, was sold for \$900; Roan Beauty, also one of Frank Brown's animals, went at \$700; while Dunn's Roan Victor went at \$600.

The hog sale Thursday, Friday and Saturday was not as well patronized as was hoped, but occasional good prices were realized.

The Holstein sale Friday and Saturday was an unusually large one. Some 14 consignors representing the most prominent herds in the West placed some of their best animals under the hammer. The firm of Gue, Hughes, Linbarger & Eddies were the auctioneers, the prices obtained being good.

Hugh Nisbet's young bull of splendid breeding, Segis Riverside Pontiac, brought \$1025. This bull gives promise of being one of the great bulls of the breed. Another high sale was Marks' yearling, Mozte Fobes, which brought an even \$1000. This was one of the best attended and most interesting sales of the whole week.

The last sale held was a Hereford, the first to be held in North Portland. While this herd was not fitted for show, the stock sold was good and brought fair prices. M. D. Whalen, of Woodland, Wash., was the consignee.

Banquet Given.

Each year it is the custom of the Portland Union Stock Yards Com-

pany to give the exhibitors, leading stockmen and others prominently interested in livestock a banquet. This year's banquet was held at the Imperial Hotel with covers for 300. O. M. Plummer was toastmaster and kept up, by his singular wit, the interest of the diners until the finish. Those who responded were D. O. Lively, who came from San Francisco; W. H. Daughtrey, president of the Portland Union Stock Yards Company; C. C. Colt, president of the Union Meat Company; E. E. Flood, president of the Northwest Livestock Association; President Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural College; A. H. Averill, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce; H. D. Ramsdell, president of the Portland Commercial Club; Jack Splawn, Mayor of North Yakima, and R. D. Hetzel, director of the extension department of O. A. C.

If anyone thinks that the Holstein breeders are not strong in numbers, he should have been at the banquet of the Oregon Holstein Breeders' Club, held at the Imperial. Prominent breeders spoke. E. M. Hastings, of New York, was in attendance at the banquet and sale.

Attendance during the week was 50,000 and the management has expressed its gratification at both the large attendance and the excellence of the show.

The dates selected for next year's show follow the closing of the livestock exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, December 6-11, inclusive.

Eastern Man's System of Harvesting Corn for Silo

FOR several years we have harvested a portion of our silage corn and filled one silo and a part of another when the ears were in the early glazing stage; leaving the rest of the crop to nearly mature before harvesting the most of the ears and putting the stalks into the silos.

I prefer to husk a portion of the ears, but many times when other farm work claims our immediate attention it hardly pays to go to the extra labor and expense of husking, grinding and feeding the grain separately. As a rule, we harvest a few hundred bushels of ears from the field to feed our fattening hogs.

I have watched results very closely while feeding silage prepared both ways and find that changing from one kind to the other makes no noticeable difference in the milk yields of the cows. It is my judgment that it pays to harvest a portion of the ear corn before filling the silos, that is, if the potato and apple crops are not demanding our immediate attention. Farmers in many parts of the country where Summer dairying is practiced have been slow to accept the "Gospel of Silage"; however, a trip through some of the dairy communities in New York and Western Pennsylvania shows that many new silos have been erected during the past two years.

These dairy farmers have kept their cows during the Winter without expecting them to yield a heavy flow of milk and consequently have not fed according to approved dairy ideas. A change is gradually taking place and these men are turning to real dairy farming. This naturally means that they will quickly come to depend upon silage and that the silo will soon become as common as the hay barn upon these farms.

Such a condition is logical. It seems strange what process of reasoning would lead a man to use high-priced hay for wintering his dairy cows when double the amount of good feed can be produced on an acre of corn. Not only are some of these farmers wasting money by feeding high-priced hay, but they are neglecting to cultivate their land sufficiently to obtain good crops of hay. The silo not only furnishes an abundance of good roughage, but the feeding of good silage along with hay, increases the feeding value of the hay more than one-third.—W. Milton Kelly, New York.

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