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GOSSIP

Last week W. L. Hawkshaw & Son, of Glanworth, shipped a very choice carload of Shropshire ewes to the West, and also report having made some recent sales of Tamworth pigs. They offer six young sows ready to breed now.

Mr. F. W. Taylor, breeder of Ayrshire cattle, Wellman's Corners, Ont., writes:—Last spring I exchanged my stock bull, Douglas of Loudoun, for Dewey No. 10419, bred by Wm. Stewart & Son, Menie; sired by Dainty Lad No. 2245; gr. sire Silver King (imp.) No. 1128; dam Mayflower—1098. Most of my next spring calves will be sired by him. I sold two yearling bulls to A. T. Donald, Burnbrae; 1 yearling bull to Urbane Heath, Harold P. O.; 1 yearling bull to Richard Ballie, Harold P. O.; 1 bull calf to John Thamesford, Ont.; 1 bull calf to Mr. Clement, Rawdon; 2 heifer calves to John Reid, Carsonville, Michigan, U. S.; and others.

Henry Stevens & Sons, Lacons, N. Y., write:—Sales at Brookside continue good. We have been breeding Holstein-Friesians for 23 years and sales were never better than this fall. Milk, butter and cheese have been bringing good prices, and there appears to be a better feeling among breeders and dairymen than for some years past. The victories our breed have won in competitive Fair Ground butter tests all over the U. S. and in Canada demonstrate year by year the value of our breed, not only as milk producers, but also butter producers as well. One of the most important sales we have made of late was the young bull, Brookside Hengerveld Paul, to Henry Wisler, of Columbia, Pa. This bull is a son of Netherland Hengerveld. It will undoubtedly be remembered by most of your readers that this cow made more butter in her week's official test than any cow ever yet officially tested, viz. 26.66 lbs. Her milk averaged during the week of this test 3.92 per cent. butter-fat. Mr. Wisler's herd contains about 40 head, many of them exceptionally well bred animals. Among the number is a daughter of our great cow, Helena Burke. It will be remembered that Helena Burke won the seven-day butter test open to all breeds at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition in 1898 after travelling thousands of miles and being exhibited at five State Fairs before the test commenced. Her official test is 25.45 lbs. of butter in seven days, 98½ lbs. of milk in one day, and 634½ lbs. in seven days, which is the largest week's milk record made by any cow in an official test.

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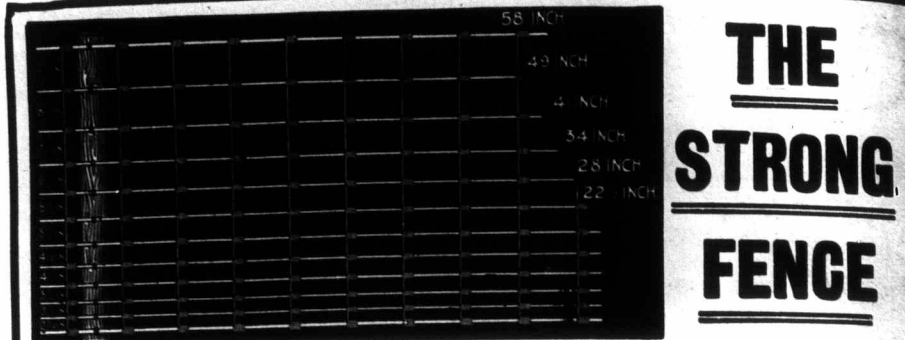
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