

GOSSIP.

A Toronto clergyman lately astonished his congregation by announcing: "My friends, we will worship our close (clothes) by singing the 225th hymn." The unconscious wisdom of his remark created amusement among those who awoke in time to hear it.

At the Kelso ram sale in Scotland last month, Lord Polwarth's rams sold for an average price of £25 10s., the highest price obtained being £160, paid by Mr. Little, of New Zealand, who also bought the H. & A. S. first-prize winner, bred by Mr. David Hume, Barrelwell, Brechin, for £95. Mr. Hume's average was £30 11s.

If there is one class of stock more than another that this year claims the attention of all classes of farmers, it is sheep. Sheep, like other things, increase in their money-making power in proportion to the improvement in the flock. From now till December, this country should echo with the footfalls of men looking for the best rams procurable to use on their flocks for next year's lamb crop. Every one, of course, should decide upon his favorite breed, but for Shropshires just notice the announcement of John Miller & Sons, Brougham, and don't hesitate to write them for particulars. They are old, experienced breeders, and always try to give satisfaction.

At the annual auction sale of Lincoln rams, held in the city of Lincoln, England, Sept. 2nd, the total average of prices beat all previous records: 126 rams selling for an average of £28, or \$140, as compared with an average last year of £18 5s. The chief feature of the sale this year was the high prices realized by Mr. C. E. Howard, of Nocton Rise, whose six rams made an average of £125, or \$625, each. Mr. Howard is a young breeder, who took over his father's flock last year. The highest price of the day, 306 guineas, \$1,575, was paid by Messrs. S. E. Dean & Sons, Dowsby, for one of Mr. Howard's rams. Messrs. R. & W. Wright, Nocton Heath, obtained the second highest average; their eight rams averaging £86 4s. Messrs. Dean & Sons made the third highest average, namely, £26 10s., for 24 head. The lowest average for one breeder's contribution was £8 8s.

JUDGES FOR ST. LOUIS.

Although unofficially announced, the following judges have been selected, and will be confirmed by the World's Fair officials: Shropshires, Prof. C. F. Curtiss, Ames, Ia.; Oxford, B. F. Miller, Flint, Mich.; Southdowns, W. T. Potts, Chicago; Cheviots, J. H. Skinner, Lafayette, Ind.; Leicesters, John Marshall, Cass City, Mich.; Lincolns, A. A. Arnold, Galesburg, Wis.; Cotswolds, J. Hal, Woodford, Kentucky; Hampshires, I. J. Hiller, West Bay City, Mich.; Dorsets, J. C. Duncan, Lewiston, N. Y. Judging of breeding classes commences Wednesday, October 5th, and will be continued daily till October 13th. Fat sheep will be judged, commencing Oct. 11th, and concluding October 13th.

DRAFT BLOOD BEGETS SPEED.

It has been discovered that the horse that sired the dam of this season's fast pacer, Hazel Patch 2:05½, was sired by an imported Clydesdale stallion, out of a mare called Thoroughbred. Of course his speed at the pace and his ability to carry it a race of heats will be credited to his alleged inheritance of Thoroughbred blood by the few who worship at the shrine of Diomed. As Hazel Patch is not the only fast performer having a draft horse strain, what's the matter with trying new infusions of that blood to produce fast trotters and pacers? If a half-bred draft mare has produced a pacer with a record of 2:05½, perhaps another strain of it might result in a world beater. Or, why not try a mixture of draft and Thoroughbred blood, leaving the trotting blood out entirely? Inasmuch as trotting blood is regarded as of so little value by some, this mixture ought to solve the problem of breeding fast trotters and pacers without the use of the blood of such plebeian trotters as Electioneer, George Wilkes, and other trotting-bred horses whose families have attained some little prominence on the turf.—[Horse World.]

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Attention is directed to the announcement in the advertisement on another page of the dispersion sale on October 26th of the entire herd of 35 Shorthorn cattle belonging to the estate of the late T. E. Perkins, at Fairlie Stock Farm, near Petrolia, Ont. There are in the offering a number of imported Scotch-bred cattle, including the imported bull, Prince Fragrance, while nearly all the animals have in their pedigrees many top crosses of high-class Scotch-bred bulls. See the advertisement; note the Gossip regarding these cattle in last week's "Farmer's Advocate," page 1322; send for the catalogue, and plan to attend the sale, which will be one of the most attractive events of the kind in this country for some time.

An important auction sale of registered Shorthorn cattle is that advertised by Mr. Robert Moorhouse, of Cairo, Ont., to take place on Thursday, October 20th, at his farm, near Bothwell Station, G. T. R., when his entire herd of 33 head will be dispersed. The herd has been carefully bred for a good many years for both beef and dairy purposes, the cows being of heavy milking families, which feed kindly and put on flesh rapidly when dry. They are of the dual-purpose kind, which are not so plentiful as could be desired. The sire of most of the younger things is imported Palermo =36074=, bred by Mr. Longmore, of Rettie, Banffshire, and imported by Messrs. Cargill. Many of the cows are in calf to this sire. The imported bull Masterpiece =28870=, a Kinellar Claret, previously used in the herd, is the sire of a number of the breeding cows. There are a number of young bulls that will soon be old enough for service, and these will be especially suitable to use in general-purpose herds. This is a good opportunity to secure useful cattle at the buyer's own price.

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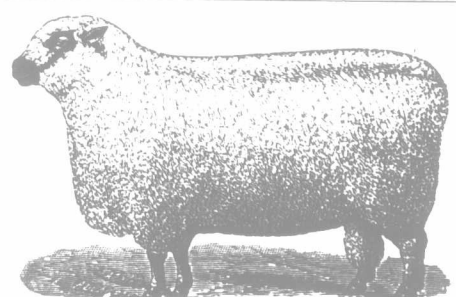
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