

Stock Notes.

SALE OF A FLOCK OF COTSWOLDS.—Mr. J. L. Gibb, Compton, Canada, has sold Gen. P. C. Mattocks, Portland, Me., his flock of thoroughbred Cotswolds, one hundred and seven head, including a number of imported sheep from the best and most famous flocks of England.

Mr. JOHN L. GINN, Compton, Can., has just sold to the spirited and progressive breeder, Gen. C. P. Mattocks, Portland, Me., his entire flock of thoroughbred Cotswolds, one hundred and seven in all, including a number of imported sheep from the celebrated flocks of the famous English breeders, Messrs. Cole, Lane, Garne and Walker.

A NEW CATTLE DISEASE.—A nameless contagious disease has broken out among the cattle in Guilford township, Ill., and is rapidly spreading over the eastern portion of the country. The losses already reported are very large, and combined with the hog cholera, previously prevalent, will cause great financial distress among the stock farmers.

GREAT MORTALITY OF SHEEP IN AUSTRALIA.—An exchange says that a new sheep disease—dropsy, braxy, fluke, or whatever else it is, has arrived at a very early stage, and threatens to exterminate sheep on the seaboard of Victoria. On one large sheep run all the sheep have died. On a smaller run they die at the rate of 300 per diem, and it is painful to travel over the trod for the number of sheep lying dead on it. Several sections have been cleared out by the disease, and on one a number of pet sheep have succumbed to it. Young fat sheep die sooner than old crawlers, and in no two cases are the internal appearances of the dead sheep similar.

Short-horn Sales.

From the Country Gentleman we clip reports of the following sales:—

By Mrs. C. C. Parks, Waukegan, Ill., Nov. 15.

SHORT-HORN COWS AND HEIFERS.

Table listing various short-horn cows and heifers with their respective owners and prices. Includes entries like 'Fidger's Oxford 15th, Geo. Murray, Rivine, Wis.' and 'Oxford Bloom 2nd, W. R. Dodge, Waukegan'.

A number of lots were passed, and fourteen other cows or heifers were sold at less than \$200 each. The bull Fidger's Duke of Oxford was passed, and three young b. c. s. sold for \$63, \$69, and \$80 respectively.

SUMMARY.

Summary table for the Waukegan sale, showing totals for cows and heifers, calves, and head averages, with a total sale value of \$7,149.

Among purchasers of Berkshires were W. B. Dodge, Waukegan, John Justice, Mechanicsville, Iowa, and J. H. Kissinger & Co., Clarksville, Mo.

By J. R. Shelly and Davis Lowman, Dixter Park, Nov. 16.

SHORT-HORN COWS AND HEIFERS.

Table listing various short-horn cows and heifers with their respective owners and prices. Includes entries like 'Emma 3rd, J. H. Potts & Son, Jacksonville' and 'Victoria 5th, V. Aldrich, Tiskilwa'.

The last three on the catalogue were passed, and 21 were sold at prices below \$200 each. The bull 4th Duke of Springfield went to G. Vought, Dailyville, for \$350, and two others went for \$95 and \$60, respectively.

SUMMARY.

Summary table for the Dixter Park sale, showing totals for females, calves, and head averages, with a total sale value of \$12,935.

Of the above it will be remembered that seven were imported heifers, the property of D. Lowman, and Lowman & Smith, Toulon. The average on these seven by themselves, was \$348.57—less, it is said, than was expected, though the bidding for them was quite spirited.

By Mrs. W. R. Duncan, Towanda, Ill., Nov. 17.

SHORT-HORN COWS AND HEIFERS.

Table listing various short-horn cows and heifers with their respective owners and prices. Includes entries like 'Imp Maid of Thornhill, Nelson Jones, Towanda' and '2nd Maid of Thornhill, J. Chorn, Towanda'.

Eight other cows and heifers were sold at low prices, aggregating \$703 for the eight, and the bull Bolleville Duke to Nelson Jones for \$200.

SUMMARY.

Summary table for the Towanda sale, showing totals for cows and heifers, head averages, and total sale value of \$3,920.

J. T. Gommies' Sale, Paris, Ky.

On Court Day, December 4th, at Paris, Ky, five of the seven head offered of the Goodness family we thought brought fair prices, notwithstanding the complete paralysis of all branches of trade. The two Roan Duchess cows were offered with an upset bid on each, and were withdrawn. We give below purchasers and prices:

Table listing various short-horn cows and heifers with their respective owners and prices. Includes entries like 'Lady Goodness 4th, red, calved July 29, 1869, by Sockburn Duke' and 'Lady Goodness 7th, red, calved March 13, 1872, by Red Duke'.

Australia.

SHORTHORNS IN AUSTRALIA.—From Australia we learn that the third annual sale of Mr. Todhunter's pure Short-horn bulls took place on the 26th of August at Wambiana, where the herd has been located the last twenty-five years. The attendance was very good. The first lot put up was nine splendid white cows (barren). They were started at 10 guineas, and quickly ran up to 31 guineas each, for which they were knocked down to Mr. C. S. Kirby. Then a commencement was made with the bulls, a beautiful silky-skinned twelve-months-old calf, own brother to Mr. Robert Lowe's Butterfly Duke, by Third Duke of Butterflies, being the first offered. He was commenced at 50 guineas, and after some exciting bidding knocked down to Mr. W. Ostler, of Collic, for 156 guineas. The next bull, a neat level roan, fell to Mr. Orbell for 60 guineas; and the third, a light silky roan, to Mr. Hill for 50 guineas. No. 4, the "plum" of the lot, a red and white bull by Third Duke, almost perfect, and worth 500 guineas of any man's money, went to Mr. Frank Lord, of Ganoo, for 150 guineas. The next bull fell to Mr. Prout, of Queensland, for 65 guineas; and No. 6, a beautiful level roan, was a gift to Messrs. Reaford of Warren. The next two were bargains for Mr. Bird and Mr. Barden, at 37 and 39 guineas; and No. 9, a lengthy light roan, fell to Mr. Kirby for 105 guineas. These nine bulls made an average of 90 guineas, scarcely half their value. Nine more lots by Third Duke of Butterflies, made 21 to 60 guineas; 168 animals sold made a total of \$4,925, 11s, or an average all round of within a few shillings of £30 per head.—North British Agriculturist.

Correspondence.

BARBERRY SEEDS.—Reader, Ingersoll.—Barberry seeds may be started in nursery rows, and, at the age of one or two years, be transplanted to the hedge row, or the seed may be drilled in where the hedge is grown. In this last case it is best to open a good furrow and scatter the seed well over the bottom of this, so that the row of plants may be eight or ten inches in width. Cover with fine soil. If not thick enough, cut back to the ground during the next fall or winter, and they will thicken up. The cost, place of purchase, &c., may be learned through any seedsman.

THE DAMP CLOUDY WEATHER of the past few weeks will have had the effect of clothing our meadows and pastures with probably the last growth of the season, and a few greedy farmers will be found foolish enough to graze it to the very last. Nothing can be more suicidal, as any one at all observant must very well know. A heavy matting of grass during winter is a necessary protective to the roots of the plants, and on the protection thus afforded will largely depend the state and prospects of the crop in early spring. Let any farmer who has been in the habit of close pasturing his fields in late autumn, adopt the method this season of allowing his fields to present a bosom of from three to twelve inches in height of compact growth to the winter's blasts and we guarantee a radical cure of the old habit.

Miscellaneous.

Patrons of Husbandry.

The following Granges have been constituted since our last issue:—

- List of newly constituted granges including: 631 AVONMORE—John McLaughlin, Master, Avonmore, D. McDermid, Secretary, Avonmore. 632 CAMERON.—Thomas Biezzard, Master, Villiers, John H. Cameron, Secretary, Westwood. 633 COCHESTER.—John Smith, Master, Comber, Geo. Smith, Secretary, Comber. 634 SELWYN.—F. J. Bell, Master, Selwyn, W. C. Manning, Secretary, Selwyn. 635 GRANTHAM.—Charles Stewart, Master, St. Catharines, Thomas Keyes, Secretary, St. Catharines. 636 HARCOURT.—George McCallum, Master, Lorne, John McFaden, Secretary, Lorne. 637 CENTRE.—Robert Forest, Master, Newry Station, John G. Robertson, Secretary, Newry Station.

The effect of the greatest triumph in medicine can be only transitory whilst man persists in the gratification of vicious and pernicious habits; and—

Strength to subdue the passions is the best guarantee of mental vigor, and of becoming a strong and long-lived man.

There are very explicit directions on this point accompanying Fellows Hypophosphites, for, however quickly a patient may recover and approach towards robust health, he must abolish the habit and practices which induced the disease, and which may tend to hopeless irrecov-

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