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### GOSSIP.

W. F. Bowen, Neponset, Ill., sold a carload of grade Shorthorn cattle at Chicago last week, weighing 1,400 lbs. each, at \$5.95 per 100 lbs. Mr. Bowen says he bought no fancy feeds, and feels sure that good breeding is more than half of it.

Col. William S. King, of Minneapolis, died at his home in that city last month. His name is familiar to many of the older breeders of Shorthorn cattle as one who played an important part back in the seventies as a breeder and a successful exhibitor of Shorthorns in the leading shows in the Western States.

The rules relating to the clipping of sheep competing for prizes at the Paris Exhibition require that the sheep, except in the case of Merinos, must be clipped bare within 15 days of the exhibition, with the exception of a tuft of wool to be left full length behind the left shoulder.

R. & S. Nicholson, Sylvan, Ont., have purchased, to head their herd of Shorthorns, the imported Clipper bull, Chief of Stars (72215), imported in 1899 by Arthur Johnston, Greenwood, and illustrated in the Xmas number of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

The executive committee of the American Shropshire Association, Richard Gibson, Dr. G. Howard Davidson and Mortimer Levering,

met in Chicago recently, and voted to appropriate \$800 to be offered in special prizes for Shropshires at the International Live Stock Show to be held in Chicago, Dec. 1st to 8th.

The big "Dobie steer" has been shipped from Texas to the Universal Exhibition to be held at Paris, France, this year. He is 9 years old, has horns that measure 9 feet 7 inches from tip to tip, and weighs between 1,600 and 1,700 lbs. He was bought in a bunch on the Mexican border in 1894.

In this issue, Mr. J. A. James, Nilestown, Ont., offers an exceptional bargain in calves from his excellent herd of 30 registered Ayrshire cows. Mr. James has a cheese and butter factory on his farm, where the milk from his herd is made up, so that unless a cow does really good work at the pail she cannot live in Mr. James' herd. The calves offered are all sired by Norman McLeod—1594—from imported parentage in the herd of W. W. Ballantyne, Stratford, Ont. Mr. James has recently made a valuable addition to his herd, in three fine cows and a yearling bull, from Caldwell Bros. Briery Banks herd. The bull is Briery Banks Osborne, a grandson of the world-famous Nelly Osborne. We might also add that the price of calves mentioned in the advertisement includes the cost of registration, which Mr. James attends to himself.