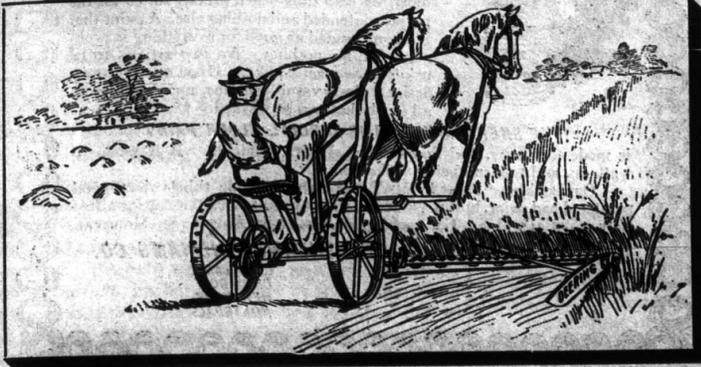


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### GOSSIP.

In writing to advertisers, mention the "Farmer's Advocate."

There is a rapidly increasing sheep industry in the Southern States.

At the dispersion of the herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle owned by Samuel Kimmel, Falls City, Neb., on April 22, an average of \$110 was secured despite the fact that many young calves sold separate from their dams. The top price was \$250.

Mr. Sharpe Butterfield, the expert poultry judge, has removed from Windsor to London, Ont., where he is now living. Mr. Butterfield has a continental reputation as an all-round judge of poultry, and makes the circuit of the principal poultry shows in America annually.

We are indebted to Superintendent McKerron for a copy of the 1896 report of the Farmers' Institutes of the State of Wisconsin. It contains some 275 closely printed pages of carefully selected matter, the addresses of Institute workers, and discussions following on a great variety of subjects.

A Shorthorn sale was held by T. J. Ryan & Son, Selby Co., Iowa, on the 27th April. The cattle were of Cruickshank and Bates families, and sold for the following averages: 9 bulls, \$121; 22 females, \$101; total average, \$107. The top price received was \$28 for both machines of Harrington—a red heifer thirteen months old.

Col. J. B. Thomas, Governor of the National Military Home, Dayton, O., was fined for using oleo in the home in violation of the law of Ohio. Judge Taft of the United States Supreme Court in a habeas corpus proceeding dismissed the case against Thomas on the ground that the State has no jurisdiction within the limits of the premises owned by the Government.

J. C. Lyons, of Lucknow Poultry Yards, writes us a short description of his poultry yards, in which he states that they were established in 1890, and since that time his birds have taken over 500 prizes at leading shows in Ontario. Besides orders being booked for shipment after September 1st, eggs are now being sold from the following pens: Light Brahmas, Buff Cochins, Red Caps, White and Brown Leghorns, and S. L. Wyandottes, Pyle Game, Bantam Rocks, Houdans, and Pekin Ducks. All the above eggs are from high scoring stock.

Vol. VII of the American Cotswold Record has been sent us by the Secretaries, Geo. Harding & Son, Waukesha, Wis. It contains the pedigree of 4,324 Cotswold sheep, numbering from 8581 to 12905. The President of the Association is Mr. John C. Snell, Snelgrove, Ont., and its two Canadian Vice-Presidents are Messrs. Jas. Russell, Richmond Hill, Ont., and David McCrae, Guelph, Ont. A large number of the registered sheep are owned by Canadians. The book is of first-class paper and binding, and the pedigrees are very conveniently arranged. Each pedigree takes up one line across two opposite pages, ruled off into columns headed as follows: Record No., sex, private ear mark, by whom bred, date of birth, present owner, sire and record number, dam and record number. This is a plan which any breeder could easily adopt for his private records.

J. Yull & Sons, Carleton Place, Ont.,—"Our stock wintered remarkably well, and the demand for Ayrshires has been better than for the last few years. In the month of April we sold the young bull Ely Meadowside—2064—to Mr. Wm. Burdon, Quyon, Quebec; heifer calf, Minnie Ha Ha, to Mr. T. G. Robinson, Saint St. Marie, Ont.; yearling bull, Hector Meadowside—2116—to J. A. Harris, Tramore, Ont.; Robert Meadowside 2151 sold to Mr. Thomas Kidd, Lanark, Ont.; Dalkeith Meadowside—2174—to Mr. A. D. Stewart, Dalkeith, Ont.; one bull calf and one heifer calf to Mr. Robert Burgess, Norwood, Ont.; one bull calf to John Brooknridge, Westwood, Ont.; one aged bull, Farmer's Boy—1706, and one young cow, Minnie M. We have a fine lot of Berkshires ready to ship, just waiting for orders, and a nice lot of Shropshire lambs should suit the trade well this fall."

The May Report Ontario Bureau of Industry has the following on Live Stock:—"Taking a general survey of the field live stock may be said to have come through the winter in good condition. Horses are perhaps a little thin, but apart from odd cases of 'distemper' they have been almost completely free from disease. Cattle have also done well, although in the desire to husband fodder some of the animals were allowed to get too lean. Two or three cases of disease were complained of, but these were evidently due to local conditions. Sheep generally are in excellent condition, and lambs are abundant. Some cases of scab, however, were reported from York and Victoria, and elsewhere one or two complaints of a different ailment. Swine have not done as well as usual. Many litters have been lost. In Essex and other Lake Erie counties there was an outbreak of hog cholera, and importations from that district led to other cases appearing in parts of Lambton, Middlesex, Oxford and York. Prompt measures were taken to stamp out the disease."

Mr. James Dorrance, Seaford, Ont., when remitting for his advertisement, expresses great satisfaction with the business done as a result of advertising in the FARMER'S ADVOCATE. He reports having sold since last fall 21 Berkshire sows and 10 Berkshire boars for breeding purposes. He has also added to his herd two sows and a boar from the World's Fair winning herd of James Riley, Thorn- town, Ind. Mr. Dorrance's herd is headed by the grand stock boar, King Lee 4141, by Baron Lee 4th, bred by N. H. Gentry, Sedalia, Mo. He is now to be assisted by the new importation from Indiana. The brood sows are Cherry Blossom, winner of second prize at Toronto in 1896 under two years; Honey Belle, from imported Shapely, owned by Geo. Green, Lady Rosehill; and the sow that won second place in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Stratford under six months old. Mr. Dorrance writes also that his herd won last autumn the pen prize at the Great Northwestern Fair, against very strong competition, over all breeds and sweepstakes for best sow on the ground, and that since 1894 his herd has won over eighty prizes.

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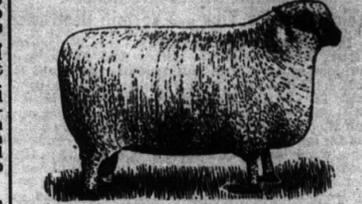
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