

MISCELLANEOUS.

PIERCE COUNTY FAIR.

The Annual Pierce County Fair is now a part of the history of that county. The rainy weather preceding it kept many from attending, and the farmers were not as well represented as they should have been.

The display in the different departments was on the whole very creditable. The exhibit in cattle was mostly Jersey, and some very fine animals were exhibited. Carlo of Belvedere was the magnet and carried off first prize in his class.

The Short Horns were represented by two entires, one bull one year old and one bull calf six months old, exhibited by Charles F. Elwell, of Novelty, King County. These were prize winners and were excellent specimens of the best breed of beef cattle.

L. K. Cogswell, of Chehalis, exhibited a herd of Red Polled cattle, which attracted much attention and were much admired.

Grey McL. Richards exhibited a Guernsey bull calf.

Charles F. Elwell, of Novelty, King County, had a very nice pair of Poland China pigs on exhibition, which were purchased from him during the fair by L. S. Barnard, of Olympia. Mr. Richards entered one pair of Chester Whites and they were prize winners.

The pen of Berkshires by D. M. Ross, of Puyallup, were excellent hogs.

Only one draft stallion was shown the Clyde Dutchman, owned by J. W. Brady, of Tacoma. As this animal is for sale, some Pierce County man should buy him and help make Pierce County horses the best in the state.

The household department, presided over by Mrs. D. C. Stam, was filled with the most tempting display of beautiful canned fruit, jellies, jams, etc., fully proving that the ladies of Pierce County know how to make the most of the bounteous yield that nature has given to Washington this year. The sight of the glass jars filled with their many colored juices was enough to tempt the most jaded appetite and to declare that the fabled Olympian nectar was naught in comparison. The array of bread and cake was simply immense; and one almost envied the judges their occupations of sampling the generous display. One cake that appeared especially attractive was one made by a little girl under fourteen years of age; an example or foretaste of what the woman can do. Take it all in all the household department was a splendid adjunct to the rest of the successful exhibition.

The Tacoma Woolen Mill Company gave visitors an opportunity to inspect a modern loom, and also had a creditable display of their manufactures. The Puyallup Box Factory, Capitol Box Factory and C. E. Phenicie & Bros., bee supply manufacturers, had exhibits particularly interesting to agriculturists. The manufacturers of Tacoma were well represented.

Among the fruit and vegetable exhibits the particularly noticeable ones were those of Daniel Faren, of Sumner; H. B. Benthein, of Puyallup; Dr. Allen, of Fox Island; J. F.

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Littoo, Sumner; Guthrie Bros., Fox Island; O. B. Roeder, Tacoma. There were many other exhibits of much merit, the names of the owners not being given.

The Northern Pacific exhibit of grain and grasses prepared by A. B. and Frank Leckerby, was an excellent one, showing as fine specimens as any state can produce and alone would prove to the observer that Washington can produce as good grass or grain, the two things necessary to the ranche and range, as any state in the Union.

The cacklers were all there and were the center of attraction. This exhibit was the most complete of any at the fair and much credit should be given Mr. Haddow and Mr. Collier for the fine showing made.

The Barred Plymouth Rocks were more numerous than any other and few fairs have a better exhibit. The Brown Leghorns were next as to numbers. All the leading breeds were represented.

That young Jersey bull belonging to C. A. Stokes, of Tacoma, was a good one.

W. W. Cole, of Christopher, had a lot of fine B. L. chickens at the fair and captured lots of prizes, and he deserved them.

The Shetland ponies shown by C. A. Stokes were good.

The Capitol Box Factory of Tacoma made a good exhibit of boxes, berry crates, fruit boxes, etc., and the egg cases they had were an attractive feature.

The ladies had fine exhibits in art articles, household department, and the many things that please the good farm wife. Later on we will have more to say on this line.

Mrs. L. A. Nelson, of Getchell, Wash., had a seed exhibit, and her seeds are home grown. Her exhibit of sweet peas was very fine. RANCHE AND RANGE wishes her success in this venture.

We expect in the near future to publish the list of awards.

Geo. Nolan had a good string of Jerseys.

Alford Anderson, of Tacoma, is a new breeder, but is getting some good stock.

C. W. Chamberlain, president of the Association, is a hustler.

The Washington Condensed Milk Factory had a fine display of their product. They have proven that as high a grade of condensed milk can be manufactured in this state as in any state of the Union. The label of the Washington Brand is a beautiful one, as there are seven different colors, all blended so that the face of the Father of Our Country stands out in bold relief.

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