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## PREFERS SHORT-HORNS

C. A. Saunders of Manilla Writes Regarding Choice Of Breeds.

### PARTIAL TO THE SHORT-HORNS

The Following Article Is Taken From The Manilla Times. Mr Saunders Is Well Known To Many Cattle Men.

Being very much impressed with Mr. Miller's article in a recent issue of the Farmer and Breeder, wherein he tells why he prefers the Pooled Angus cattle, and tells it so straight and right to the point, I feel the "spirit" moves me to attempt to tell why I prefer Shorthorn cattle to all other breeds. Not wishing to say any thing detrimental to any other breed or any man's choice, I just wish to tell, as best I can my reasons for my choice of beef cattle. I have enjoyed Mr Miller's article thoroughly. He has given many substantial and historical facts, and I doubt not has owned more Shorthorns than the writer ever did or ever will.

I will not attempt to improve on Mr. Miller's article, as I could not; if I would but will just give a short sketch of my own experience in the pure bred cattle business.

The first registered cow I bought was a Hereford. I was needing a family milch cow and bought her at a sale as the auctioneer and owner said she was an excellent family cow. After she was knocked off to me I went into the barn to view my bargain, and felt of her udder, when she quickly landed me at the other side of the barn. Well, I had all the family cow I wanted of that kind, so I hunted up the man who had bid against me and let him have the cow for \$5 less than I paid for her, and thought that bit of experience cheap. That was my first and last Hereford. I suppose I was green and didn't know a good thing, but I had all of that breed I ever wanted; yet I know they are not all like that one. I have seen some grand specimens of the breed, but do not feel competent to describe them.

Some time after I bought a number of Shorthorn cows, I suppose I always had cleaning that way, for I always admired the reds, whites and roans, and was well satisfied with them. Some months later I had a chance to buy an entire herd of 88 head of registered Angus cattle, which I got at a very reasonable price. They were good individuals, but very wild. I soon found they had no use for a man on foot. If one appeared it took another on horseback to get him out of the way or overtake the cow. The winter being mild, we often smelled rubber, and would see one of the boys coming at a breakneck speed, with a Black Beauty in hot pursuit, each trying to reach the fence first; so I decided I would have to sacrifice my herd of beauties. I got acquainted with quite a number of Angus cattlemen, and a grand and noble lot of men they are, too. One famous Iowa breeder of "Black Beauties" came to look at a bunch of the calves, I was telling him how they were very wild and feared I could never tame them, but he said: "Now, look here, no matter what any one tells you about the Angus cattle being wild, don't you believe it, even if you never get these calves tamed. Remember the breed is not wild." I told him all right, even when I couldn't understand that doctrine. At last I found a few buyers in Nebraska, where they have few fences and large ranges; so I sold them the entire herd and felt I should return thanks that I still owned some "gentle Shorthorns." I have handled quite a number and am more pleased with the breed each season. I find them very gentle, good milkers and the best of beef producers. The Shorthorns may not produce as many market toppers as the Angus do, but certainly do produce the kind of beef that brings top prices every day of the week and every week in the year. We do not claim the smoothness or excessive fat of some other beef breeds, nor do we contribute such a large per cent to the manufacture of oleomargarine. But the Shorthorn breeders have always done and always will claim the breed contributes largely to the dairy interests of the United States or any other country where the Shorthorn grows.

In the same issue that contained Mr. Miller's article was one from Prof. Curtis, with a few statistics on the dairy production of the United States for one year alone is 31,000,000,000 pounds of skim milk and 5000,000,000 of butter and cheese. Do beef breeders realize the vast importance of that branch of cattle industry? And I wonder how large a percent of the entire income per year does the Angus breed contribute. If one should judge by their show herds, we would suppose it was a very small per cent, and the breed that produces a large per cent of the dairy product of our country does not need the "market toppers" to win them a place on the world's records as both beef and butter makers. I would like to ask why it is that the Angus cattle breeders as a rule, when out with their show herds, have a large number of red nurse cows, but why not have them of the same breed (if they are milkers)? I will agree with Mr. Miller that the prime steer of three years is a thing of the past, or should be. We can have them prime, weighing from 1,800 to 2,000 pounds, at from 18 to 20 months old, and why feed a steer and risk him six months or a year for a few hundred pounds, when a younger one can take his place and make a more rapid gain? The sooner the judges at our big shows judge according to age, as well as for individual excellence, the better for all breed of beef cattle. Was not Shamrock, the Angus champion, three years and a few months old when he won the championship and weighed but 1,800 pounds. I honestly believe a Shorthorn of that age under such conditions, would have weighed 2,400 pounds. But we don't keep them that long—they get too big, I would like to ask why we put so much interest in prizes and championships? I know it is a great thing to say: "My kind of (if not my) cattle won some prizes," and perhaps "My particular breed of cattle produced the champion beef at one of our great national or international live stock exhibitions." It is a great honor to the breed that wins, and breeders of winning cattle can be justly proud of the animals that add so many laurels to their crown. But how small an item all prizes combined for a whole year are compared to the entire beef production of our country for one year. The breed that produces the "prime Scots" or rather, the Christmas market year after year, have much to boast of, and we give "all honor to whom honor is due," although I believe 99 per cent of the prime beef cattle credited to the Angus breed are a cross on Shorthorns, which helps to give them their finish.

Few, if any, ever were or could be recorded in their herd books. Even the famous Shamrock came up out of a feed lot, black in color, but no one knows how many crosses of the various breeds he represented. In my estimation there is one breed of cattle better for the Angus and that is the Shorthorn. If for no other reason, I very much prefer the loose hide covered with red, white or roan hair to one with black hair. I think variety is one of the spices of life, and I do not want my herd to remind me of a bunch of crows, just as near alike and as hard to get up to, and it is hard to distinguish between them, as they don't even have horns on which to count the wrinkles, and I wonder if there are not some cows that are old enough to have wrinkles on their horns (if they had horns) with no calves to their credit, not even dead ones, and some have dead ones to their credit because there was no nurse cow handy, and real young calves need milk; therefore I prefer the breed that produces both beef and milk, and, as a matter of fact, butter. It is with pleasure I note Mr. Miller expects to ride in the band wagon and wish to suggest you must hustle right along after getting a seat or you may be overtaken by a white Shorthorn and get routed from your place of honor in the not distant future. "So keep a going."

### Jack Dalton's Start in Life.

Manson Democrat: Eleven years ago last Sunday the Boss laid aside his overalls, plow shoes, straw hat, red bandana and one-strap galluses, donned his soft clothes and came to Manson to rescue the Democrat from its ignominious death and startle the world with his wonderful newspaper ability, which was acquired, nurtured and developed at the head waters of the Hell Slough. He saved the sheet, but the world still sleeps in blissful ignorance of the startling that she was supposed to have coming to her eleven years ago. Funny how a fellow will drift away from the dear old farm, thinking the world needs just such a lobster as himself to fill some long felt want, or to get a softer snap than plowing corn or making hay, but he will and the drifting period usually comes along about the time he is not really fit for anything but real heavy farm work. That period is sometimes the great turning point in a man's life, however. Sometimes he begins a career that ends in congress or the president's chair, sometimes in the penitentiary and sometimes in a newspaper office. It begins to look now as if our career would end in a newspaper office, but the chances for the other places are not all lost yet by any means, though it is mighty hard for a democrat to get most anything in Iowa. We believe some of these republican judges would begrudge him a penitentiary sentence if it was a short one.

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