

THE REVIEW'S SPECIAL FARM NEWS DEPARTMENT

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Live News About Crawford County Farms and Farmers

IOWA WILL BE THERE

Entry lists for the International livestock exposition, to be held at Chicago November 30th to December 7th, indicate that Iowa is going to be there bigger than ever. With Iowa the biggest Aberdeen Angus state in the union, and having in past years won all the grand championships over all breeds that have come to this state in that breed, chief interest in this section hinges on the "Doddie" shows and sales.

Of course, the chief interest is in the Iowa State college exhibit of steers from America that institute has won four steer grand championships out of 16 shows with Angus steers, and the five they are sending to Chicago this year are expected to uphold Ames traditions. Other Iowa men showing fat steers in the single classes are B. Ivan Banks, Delmar Junction; S. S. Barton, Roscoe; Watson Davis, Castana; John H. Ritch, Lake City; Hess & Brown, Waterloo; Carl A. Rosenfeld, Kelley; Richard Seberling, Mitchellville.

The entry of E. P. Hall, of Illinois, feeder of four grand champion carlots of steers, is also of interest to Iowa as this steer, which won the grand championship at the Illinois centennial fair this year, is an Iowa Aberdeen Angus product from M. H. Donohoe's farm at Parnell. The University of California steers, from the Pacific coast, are also products of Iowa herds, the foundation having been bought of O. V. Battles, of Maquoketa.

In the Iowa list of breeding Aberdeen Angus are E. Acher & Ryan, Irwin; R. W. Frank, Jewick; Hartnell & Lang, Staceyville; Emery H. Lee, Avoca; Fred J. Roberts, Atlantic; J. Tudor & Son, Iowa City; Turner Bros., DeWitt, and Willow Lawn Farm, Inc., Waverly.

Practically every Aberdeen Angus breeder in this section will attend the big show at Chicago this year, as the annual meeting of the American association, the international show and the big combination sale are big "reconstruction events" they think they cannot afford to miss.

Old, antiquated methods are giving way to new ideas. It is interesting to note how some of our older fellows look upon new fangled methods. Arthur Goshorn, of Winterset, observes that corn is poorer in Macon county this year than in any year since its settlement, except in 1894 when it all burned up. With less corn than ever we had before, at a higher price, and with more hogs to feed, it is not an uncommon sight to see a herd of hogs in a field of corn "hogging it down." It looks wasteful. In a time when every grain of corn and every pound of pork is needed and needed as it was never needed before, this method of feeding looks worse than wasteful. It looks unpatriotic and sinful when there are children overseas starving for meat. A whole herd of hogs in a big field of \$1.25 corn, grunting through it, smashing it down and burying the ears in the mud. But the practical feeder will take a pencil and show you that it takes so many bushels of corn to produce so many pounds of pork. There are so many rows of corn in that field and so many bushels in that field. He will turn his herd of hogs into that field and when he takes it out you can not find any corn on the ground, or in the mud, or on the stalks. And he has produced more pounds of pork with that corn than you could have produced if you had fed the corn to the hogs in the feed lot. That's the new way. A lot of the best feeders in the county follow it. Shades of Agricola! We wonder what one of the farmers who broke up the prairie with oxen, planted it to sod corn, and next year planted the corn by hand, tilled it with a shovel plow and fed the corn to one cent hogs in a rail pen, would say if he could see a farmer putting in corn with a tractor, and when it was ripe, turning a bunch of uniformed Hampshire into it while he takes a big touring car and goes on a trip!

No doubt many of our readers remember the article I wrote during the month of July for this department in regard to Mrs. P. H. Sheridan and her chicken hatchery. The new building to house that 4,800 egg size incubator is nearing completion. The building is 12x27, two stories high. The first story is partly underground. Admittance to the building will be gained through the second story door, which may be reached by walking up a short hill. The basement, or first story wall is made of hollow tile brick. The room is seven feet and six inches high and about two feet of it is above ground. The second story room is six feet high. A stairway goes from one floor to the other. The inside of building but a brick chimney has been built on the outside of building and stoves may be placed in either floor if desired. The basement floor is made of cement. The plans for this building were secured from the company which makes the incubator and the building is supposed to be the last word in building construction for such a building. Drainage and ventilation have been looked after as well as plenty of light. The entire building on the inside will be painted white and I am sure it will be kept as clean as "spotless town." The incubator will be placed in the first floor room. It has arrived and will be set up as soon as the building is completed. It is a hot water machine and hard coal will be used for fuel. It is planned to start the incubator about the first of March. From that time on through the hatching season Mrs. Sheridan will not have much time to attend pink teas. This year she hatched about 3,000 chickens and next season that

number will be greatly increased. Those little chicks are hatched and shipped to all parts of the United States when only a few days old. Nothing but eggs from pure bred Barred Rock chickens are used and the large flock on the Sheridan farm contains nothing but the very choicest of the breed. Mrs. Sheridan said she supposed that next spring and summer she will receive many callers to look over the plant. I can guarantee that they will be welcome too. The farm is located about two miles north of Vail.

P. H. Sheridan told me last week that he believed he had paid more for his yearling male pig than has ever before been paid for a Chester White hog in northwestern Iowa. I drove out to the farm to see the new arrival and I believe Mr. Sheridan has a great animal. He is of the popular type of swine today sought after by all breeders, regardless of breed. He stands upon four sturdy legs that have plenty of length and bone. His body is large and he has great size for his age. He will no doubt make more than a thousand pound hog. He was purchased at private sale from A. G. Satre, of Stanhope. He is sired by Combination Defender, who won second prize last year at the great National swine show regardless of the fact that he was lame when shown. He is also the grandsire of the new herd boar John F. Holst, Jr. recently purchased. The owner of Combination Defender last year sold a number of his get for a total of \$17,000. This great sire is valued at \$10,000. Mr. Sheridan is to be congratulated upon being able to secure so valuable an animal for his herd. The community surrounding town of Vail has become famous as the pure bred swine hub of the universe, and Mr. Sheridan has just as good a herd of swine as any of his brother breeders.

Johns Bros., of Johnson county, Mo., own a steer, seven years old, whose weight is reported to be 3,810 pounds. He measures 9 feet and 5 inches around the chest and 9 feet around the flank.

All of our readers who are interested in Black Angus cattle should be interested in the announcement that Francis E. Bleakly, of Ida county, will sell seventeen registered Aberdeen Angus cattle that are just about as good a bunch of black beauties as you would care to see, and the kind that make a foundation as solid as Gibraltar. In the lot are six cows, four heifers, six calves—two bulls and four heifers—and a three year old bull that was first prize calf at the spring bull sale in Sioux City in 1916. There will also be sold a few high grade cattle, 5 head of horses and 71 high grade Duroc swine. Those needing anything in the line of farm machinery would find it profitable to attend this sale, for an extra good assortment of nearly new machinery will be sold. The sale will take place on the C. Bleakly farm, 10 miles east of Ida Grove, on Thursday, December 5th. I. L. Eells will cry the sale.

Doctors appreciate good roads. A. H. Jastram, secretary of the Plymouth County Medical society, has asked the newspapers of that county to make an appeal to the road druggers and to those who attend to the approaches to a condition as good as possible. The members of the Plymouth County Medical society are doing their utmost to stamp out disease in the community and the men who care for the roads can help very greatly by keeping the roads in good shape, so that we can make our calls speedily, says Dr. Jastram. Much valuable time is consumed by traveling over bad roads, and from a medical, as well as from every other standpoint, it is to the public interest that this matter should receive prompt attention.

Now don't think because you have not heard from J. S. Quist, your county agent, that he is asleep at the switch and not attending to his work. John has been a very sick man for several weeks, but I understand he will soon be back on the job. In the meantime if you have any corn to sell, or know of anyone who has, please call up the county agent's office at the Crawford county court house and communicate that fact to the young lady at the office. Miss McGuire informs me that many requests have reached the office from agents who are desirous of locating corn for their farmers. John Sampson Quist is a mighty fine young man and I am always pleased to assist him if I can. Would even make a trip to Alta for him. Hello John.

Algot Lindgren is located near Kirton and like a number of our farmers in that locality planted a few acres of popcorn. Mr. Lindgren had only a five acre field but he received a total of \$455.80 for it. He contracted early in the season for three and a half cents

per pound. Those who did not contract this year made much more for their crop. Five cents per pound was paid for popcorn last week. While Mr. Lindgren had a good yield of popcorn his field corn also turned out well. His yield from forty-two acres was an average of fifty bushels to the acre. There are others in that vicinity who have reported a yield of fifty bushels to the acre and some have even better than that.

The Ida Grove Pioneer says that heavier scales are now needed since so many farmers have purchased auto trucks to haul their grain and livestock to market. The five ton scales were all right in days of horse drawn wagons alone, but when a farm truck weighing a ton or two with a load of grain weighing as much more rolls upon the scales, practically the bulk of the weight comes upon the back wheels and is transmitted to one local elevator man says he has already found out that his old scales have cost him the price of several bushels of grain, through improper functioning of the scales under farm truck loads.

During the past year our farmers have been keeping books and will be prepared to furnish an income report on short notice. The time for making out such a report is drawing near.



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PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned having decided to quit farming and move to town, will offer for sale at public auction on his farm 3 miles south and 3 miles west of Schleswig, 4 miles east of Ricketts, 9 miles northeast of Charter Oak on

Monday, December 2, 1918

Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described property:

4 Head of Horses and Mules

Consisting of 1 bay mare 9 years old, weight 1100; 1 black horse 8 years old, weight 1300; and a span of mules, 7 and 8 years old, weight 2500.

23 Head of Cattle

Consisting of 8 milch cows, some fresh and some fresh soon; 1 bull 2 years old and 14 head of calves.

40 Head of Brood Sows and 1 Boar

Machinery

Deering binder, 6 foot cut; John Deere corn planter with 80 rods of wire; Hoosier seed-er; 2 corn plows, one walking and one riding; John Deere hay rake; 20 foot drag with wagon; new Deering mower; McCormick mow-er, 6 foot cut; Dain hay loader; John Deere corn disc; pulverizer; 2 16 inch walking plow; John Deere extension corn elevator with horse power; 16 inch John Deere riding plow; Litchfield manure spreader; 2 wagons; top buggy; carriage; hay rack; hand corn sheller; fanning mill; DeLaval cream separator; 2 sets work harness; 2 sets fly nets; new hard coal stove, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

14 Dozen Chickens Free Lunch at Noon

TERMS

Sums of \$10 and under, cash; on sums over that amount a credit of one year's time will be given on good bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest. No property removed from premises until settled for.

MARTIN C. MILLER

COLS. F. D. REINKING and C. ERNE, Auctioneers. THEO. ROHWER, Clerk

-PUBLIC SALE-

Having been called into the U. S. service, I will close out the following property at Public Auction on the C. Bleakly farm in Silver Creek township, 10 miles northeast of Ida Grove, 7 miles southeast of Galva and one-quarter mile west of Silver Creek Center, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., on

Thursday, December 5

5 Head of Good Horses

Consisting of one bay gelding, 7 years old, weight 1400; one gray mare, 12 years old, weight 1500; one gray gelding, 10 years old, weight 1500; one black mare, 18 years old, weight 1400; one gray mare, 5 years old, weight 1800.

20 Head of Cattle Offered

Comprising 17 head of registered Aberdeen-Angus, 6 cows, 4 two-year-old heifers, 6 calves, 2 bulls and 4 heifers; 1 three-year-old bull, first prize calf at the Spring Bull Sale in Sioux City, 1916.

I had especially picked these cattle for foundation stock and they should suit the most critical buyer.

One grade calf, one yearling steer, one extra good milch cow.

71 Head High Grade Duroc Jersey Hogs

Consisting of 37 barrows and 34 sows.

Farm Machinery, Implements, Etc.

John Deere wagon, triple box, Studebaker running gears with triple box, Lansing wagon, triple box; hay rack and truck, Great Western 50 bu. manure spreader, Acme binder, Hercules 11-foot seeder with grass seed attachment, 9-foot Defiance disc harrow, 20-foot iron lever harrow, Emerson gang, Emerson sulky, 14-inch walking plow, John Deere 6-shovel cultivator, Janesville 4-shovel cultivator, Jenny Lind 4-shovel cultivator, Avery cultivator, 2 Janesville disc cultivators, Janesville corn planter with 160 rods wire, King & Hamilton portable grain elevator, Turney oscillating bob-sled, 6-horse Z. Fairbanks Morse engine good as new; 60-gal. Ideal hog waterer, tank heater, hog oiler, spring wagon. The above machinery is practically new. One stack of upland prairie hay. Some clover hay in barn. Four sets work harness, 4 sets fly nets, pitch forks, shovels and other articles. Two dozen Rhode Island Red Rose combed roosters.

TERMS: All sums of \$10 and under, cash. All sums over that amount one year's time will be given on approved notes bearing 8 per cent interest. No property removed until settled for.

Free Lunch Served at Noon by Andy Trimble

Francis E. Bleakly

I. L. EELLS, Auctioneer

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I. E. BAUMGARDNER, Clerk

CLOSING OUT PUBLIC SALE

As I have rented my farm and intend to quit farming, I will offer for sale at public auction on my place in section 35 Stockholm township, 6 miles northwest of Vail, 6 miles north-east of Deloit and 3 miles south of Boyer, beginning at 10 o'clock on

Tuesday, December 3

13 Head of Horses to be Sold

Black mare 10 years old, weight 1350; brown mare 10 years old, in foal, weight 1325; sorrel mare coming 6, weight 1400; black mare, in foal, coming 7, weight 1400; grey gelding 11 years old, weight 1250; bay gelding 11 years old, weight 1200; bay gelding 9 years old, weight 1150; bay mare, in foal, 8 years old, weight 1300; grey horse 14 years old, weight 1000; span of mules coming 3, weight 2100; in on grey horse coming 3, weight 1050; 2 mare colts coming 2; horse colt coming 2; one Shetland pony.

55 Head Cattle in the Offering

20 head of cows, some fresh and some will be fresh soon; 12 head of coming 2 year old steers; 7 coming 2 year old heifers; 12 head of spring calves; 3 fall calves; registered Short-horn bull coming 3.

75 Head of Shoats. 8 Sows with fall litter

100 ewes bred to pure bred Shropshire rams, due to lamb first days of April; 2 pure bred Shropshire rams.

Farm Machinery

Oliver sulky plow; 14 inch Emerson gang plow, just new; 14 inch and a 16 inch walking plows; 4 section flexible harrow; Blue Star corn planter and 80 rods of wire; Sterling seed-er with grass seed attachment; 2 riding cultivators, one See-Saw and one John Deere; Avery walking cultivator; Janesville disc cultivator; McCormick mower; Moline rake; Junior stacker and 2 bucks; 36 foot Sandwich elevator, power and jack; corn chopper; 4 horse disc; hand sheller; bob-sled; 3 lumber wagons; single seated top buggy; Nisco spreader; hay slings with Myers universal attachment; DeLaval separator; galvanized water tank and dipping tank; tank heater; grind stone; Fuller & Johnson pump; engine and jack; dehorning chute; spray pump; 3 sets of work harness; set of buggy harness; 500 bushels of Kershin oats; about 15 bushels of Reid's Yellow Dent seed corn; 10 dozen Rhode Island Red chickens.

Household Furniture

Round 8 foot dining table; square 12 foot dining table; 2 sets of dining room chairs; Her-rick refrigerator; leather couch; kitchen cabinet; cupboard; new 4 burner oil stove; 2 bedsteads; commode; dresser; child's folding bed.

Usual Terms of Sale Will be Given. Free Lunch at Noon

WM. HILL, Proprietor

MALONE BROS. Auctioneers.

W. A. MAGUIRE, Clerk