

GREAT MONTANA BREEDING PLANT OF THE CATLIN L. AND L. CO.



View of Some of the Registered and High-Grade Cows in Meadvo Chief's Pasture.

The men who have maintained a fixed idea of progress in cattle breeding and who have never wavered when the industry seemed to drag, have been the successful men in all states. There have been times in Montana when it seemed discouraging to continue the work of improvement in our herds, and when the cattle product was at a low ebb in the markets of the world. But there are a few men in this state who never wavered from their plan of progress, and who are today showing by their success that there is always and will ever be a demand for the best. Whenever a market is overstocked it is with the "ordinary" class of products. In such a market the product that rises above the "ordinary" is saleable. To produce the better class of cattle was the motto of the Catlin Land and Livestock Company, of White Sulphur Springs, and ever since the establishment of their big breeding plant in 1891 that policy has been rigidly adhered to.

It is no exaggeration to say that the labors of this company, and the diffusion of the blood brought into Montana, through the state herds, has had a great influence and is accountable for the notable and satisfactory betterment of many of our stock herds.

We all know that in the stock business, to a greater extent than in any other, the living examples rather than the propounding of a theory, teach the lessons of breeding. When we see the fruits of the good blood planted in this state by men who are earnest, careful and attentive to every detail, we know that they are right in practice as well as in theory, and the most skeptical man admits the results that are visibly attained.

The sires from the Catlin herd, that have been placed on the ranges and stock herds of this state, have left their impress by an improved beef product; this blood has given greater scale, blockings, better shape and better quality to the beef product. They have returned the purchase price time and again to many buyers, and there is no longer any cattleman who will attempt to argue that it pays to breed "scrub" cattle. He knows differently, for he has seen the results and reaped the benefits of his investments in improved sires.

It will interest our readers to know of the great sires at the head of the Catlin herds. As a herd header Mead-

avo Chief 70025 probably stands the peer of any whiteface in Montana. He combines the blood of Hesiod Second 40679 with that of Beau Real 11055, and Imp. Tregrehan 6203. He is a bull of great scale and breadth, and is the ideal beef type. He is used on registered and high grade cows and has 35 selected matrons in his pasture.

Another grand good bull is Des Moines 3d 73255, a grandson of Anxiety 3d 7857. His progeny are proving extra good stock and his sons are proving of great utility and value in the herds of that state. He is the build of a sire that proves ideal in improving our native herds. He is a fine type of the Hereford, showing individuality and distinct quality. Des Moines 3d has about 45 cows in his pasture.

Osborne 111317, sired by Imp Weston Stamp 76073, is a fine young bull and is being used on about forty head of 15-16ths two-year-old daughters of Meadvo Chief, Des Moines and Silver Prince. The calves from this pasture will grade 31-32ds Hereford, with the balance of the blood Shorthorn, and are sure to compare favorably with registered stock. Osborne is also being used on a few registered heifers, the mating being on good blood lines.

Silver Prince 76706 is a very low

and blocky bull and is being used largely on the high-grade cows bought of Geo. H. Adams, of Creston, Colo. Silver Prince, with three other fine registered bulls have over 100 head of selected 7-8ths to 15-16ths cows in their pasture.

Extra care is exercised in the separation of the Catlin Herefords as to grades. The various classes are kept in separate and secure pastures, with accurate records as to breeding. The young stock is marked in three separate ways to avoid the possibility of error, eartags, horn brand and tattoo ear numbers being used. The branding of registered stock is unique, the brand being placed on the brisket, immediately under the right fore leg, where it is not objectionable.

Probably the most satisfactory feature of this big breeding plant at this time is the ability to furnish the stockmen of the Northwest just what they want, whether it be a registered animal, combining the famous blood lines of the Hereford world, or a high-grade animal from the great bulls of the ranch on selected high-grade cows. The blood in the grade cows is that of the best strain of Shorthorn, and the crossing of good families in these two great beef breeds gives a product that is ideal for the range and farm herds

of this state. In other words, if the seeker of blood for his herds feels that he cannot go to the price of pure-bred registered stock he can find in the Catlin herd individuals of either sex which are but 1-16th or 1-32d removed from the pure-bred. This gives the Catlin company the ability to handle all classes of trade that desire beef breeding stock.

At the present time the Catlin company has forty head of registered cows and heifers over one year old. These Herefords are strong in the blood of Anxiety 4th 9904, and the young stock from this herd, sired by Meadvo Chief and Des Moines 3d compare favorably with the very best animals in the eastern herds.

They also have 250 or more high-grade Hereford cows and heifers over 15-16ths Hereford; also a number of full-blood unrecorded cows. The older cows in this herd were bought in Iowa, Illinois and Colorado, and have been bred to Meadvo Chief, Des Moines and Silver Prince. The young stock from this herd compares with good registered stock, and the young bulls are in great demand all over the state.

Where the value of blood has been fully exemplified and the statement proved that it will pay any breeder of market steers to run good sires is in one department of the Catlin company's operations. They have a large herd of grade Shorthorn and half-blood Hereford cows on which they have been using registered bulls, selling the steer calves at weaning time, reserving only a few of the very choicest bulls for range herds. This calf product has shown the value of blood in the quality and price that is readily paid by buyers.

That such a breeding establishment is receiving the support and patronage of Montana's stockmen is fully shown by the sales of the past few years, and the satisfaction given by the Catlin stock wherever sent, has been a matter of some pride to the Catlins. Their business is growing steadily, and the confidence enjoyed by them presages a continued career of usefulness to the great livestock interests of the state. The company's ability to supply the needs of the farm and range trade in any lots desired is also a satisfactory feature of their growing business.

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Meadvo Chief 70025, One of the Catlins' Great Herd Bulls.