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## VALLEY FAIR

## HACKNEYS IN LEAD

Connecticut River Stock Farm  
Also Well RepresentedChauncey Smith's Good String from  
Wilmington—Several Brood Mares  
and Colts.

The mammoth tent containing the exhibit of rare interest from Dr. Seward Webb's Shelburne Farms was a horse fair in itself, and it was a new object lesson to many farmers of the views entertained by Dr. Webb in regard to breeding. The horses were late in arriving here. They came direct from the big Canadian fair at Ottawa, and were sidetracked many hours at Bellows Falls and other places. There were six hackney stallions, some imported and some bred at Shelburne Farms, and six pure bred hackney mares. In the imported stock were animals valued at thousands of dollars each. The large stallion Courier is the pride of the stables. Twenty-four of the animals were sired by hackney stallions out of Vermont Morgan mares. Dr. Webb believes that crossing in this way develops a high grade farm horse and road horse. Mares are taken to Shelburne Farms for breeding without charge, but Dr. Webb has an option for purchase on the colts up to six months old. Dr. Webb believes that the Vermont horses should be larger and stronger, and that the infusion of a heavier strain is needed.

The Connecticut River Stock Farm of Hatfield, Mass., has a notable exhibit of 12 head. At the head of the stud is the stallion Electrom, 2:22 1/4, sired by Chimes, dam by Mambrino King. Electrom is a handsome black charger, with white markings on his stands 16 hands high, weighs 1185 pounds, is large and well finished. He is a great sire of high class, speedy road horses. One pair of five year olds sired by him appeared in the driving classes. There were two attractive three-year-old mares, one dam by Daniel Boone, the other dam by Red Wilkes. The two-year-old stallion Electrom, Jr., dam Oriole, with a three year old record of 2:20 and trial in 2:13 1/4, is a beauty, large, good galloped and fast. Horsemen predict that he will eventually make a great record, and say that he would stand fittingly at the head of any breeding farm. Among others in this aggregation were the two-year-old stud Lorie Doane, dam by Belmont, Jr.; two-year-old filly, sired by Electrom, dam by Onward, Jr.; two-year-old gelding, dam by Patchen Wilkes, bred by B. B. Nelson of Lexington, Ky. He also had a two-year-old stallion by Clay Bell, dam by American Wilkes, grand dam by George Wilkes, Jr., a yearling filly of similar ancestry; a two-year-old filly by Clay Bell, dam by Panemake, Jr., and two driving horses by Clay Bell, Dummerston of Wilmington had with Mr. Smith's string a yearling filly by Clay Bell, dam by Pilot, bred by Victor.

J. Batchelder of Wallingford brought here three horses which will be exhibited at the Pan-American exposition as typical Vermonters, including a speedy one, a filly and two-year-old stallion. Three stallions which had many admirers were Charles D. Noyes's Alkamar, R. L. Lovell's Royal Alcantara from Springfield, Mass., and Alvaner, owned by E. F. Bass, the well-known driver and trainer of that city. Other creditable attractions were: Mare and colt, Dr. N. P. Wood, Northfield, Mass.; mare and colt, Charles Rapp, Mt. Vernon; mare and colt, W. F. Walker, Dummerston; mare and colt, C. E. Downer; mare and colt, B. A. Whittemore, Guilford Centre; filly, E. H. Miller, Dummerston; B. A. Whittemore; gelding, R. Bradley.

## The Driving Classes.

One of the prettiest sights of the entire fair was seen Thursday morning, when the gentlemen's driving class was called. Fourteen owners responded, with some of the most shapely, stylish and speedy animals to be found anywhere. It was difficult for the judges to pick the winners, but James Thayer of Manchester was finally given the blue ribbon, and Dr. J. S. Dutton of Brattleboro the second prize. There were only four entries for matched pairs, The Connecticut River Stock Farm, with a pair which is described elsewhere, took first money, and W. K. Ware of Chesterfield second.

Burglars gained an entrance into the general store of E. J. Kelley at Northfield, Mass., Tuesday night by prying open the front door, breaking two locks. They went through the money drawers, securing only \$6 in money. Nothing else was taken.

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## THE BIRDS.

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With over 80 of the 95 varieties recognized by the American Standard of excellence, and with the birds scoring well into the 90 marks, the poultry department distanced all of its old marks on quality. In numbers, 1600 specimens, the show was large enough to satisfy all. There have been more birds in some years, when single exhibitors have unloaded large collections of miscellaneous fowls, but never so satisfactory an exhibition as this one. This year birds came generally from men who are specialists in particular lines, and not from general breeders. The Barred Plymouth Rocks predominated, with 100 birds, followed by the White Wyandottes with 80, Buff Wyandottes 60, Light Brahmas 60, Golden Wyandottes 50, Silver Wyandottes 50, White Plymouth Rocks 50. The Hamburgs and the Spanish classes were also well represented, and W. E. Wheeler, secretary of the Worcester, Mass., Agricultural society sent here 200 Games and Game Bantams, 12 varieties of the larger and six of the smaller birds.

Arthur Davis of Warwick, Mass., had Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Wyandottes of particularly high grade. In the latter variety were to be seen 30 birds for which he refused an offer of \$175 at the Greenfield fair last week.

H. D. Hopkins of Montpelier brought his White Plymouth Rocks which won at the big show in Boston last winter. E. R. Perry & Son of North Charles-town, N. H., with White Wyandottes and Buff Plymouth Rocks and A. O. Preston of Concord with Single Comb Brown Leghorns were exhibitors who have good records in competition. E. P. Putnam of West Sutton, Mass., was a leader in the Spanish classes. Green Brothers of Leominster, Mass., were among the largest and best exhibitors with Partridge and Buff Cochins, Light and dark Brahmas and Black Minorcas.

There were fewer local exhibitors than in some years, but D. E. Tasker showed 23 Al Light Brahmas, and W. R. Pentland excellent Light Brahmas, Silver Spangled Hamburgs, and Homing pigeons; Charles Lang White Wyandottes, and Pierce Brothers a large collection of fancy pigeons.

Greenfield, Mass., has become a center of interest in the poultry industry, and that town was represented by many varieties of choice birds, among the principal owners being A. F. S. Lyons, F. E. Marsh, Dr. M. L. Severance, George E. Burnham, Robert Aldrich, E. W. Fish and C. G. Ensign.

A great variety of water fowls were shown by Wood & Freeman of Fitchburg, Mass., their ducks and geese being the pick from the large flocks on the lake near that city.

The Gates Lane Poultry Farm of Worcester brought large numbers of Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Wyandottes. G. W. Patterson of Chicopee Falls White Wyandottes, and H. W. Higgins of Orange, Mass., several pens of Buff Plymouth Rocks.

The exhibitor from the greatest distance was H. W. Bellows of Williamstown, Conn., with 16 pairs of very pretty fancy pigeons.

Only some of the leading exhibitors are included in this enumeration. The premium list is well worth studying to determine the general standing.

The poultry department was well arranged and classified. There is no division of the Valley Fair in which more painstaking work is done than in this one, and it is gratifying to be able to record that none shows better results of persistent and conscientious efforts.

## THE DOGS.

Evans Brothers of Townsend Added  
Very Materially with Their 11 Pure  
Bred English Setters.

The extremes of quality were found in the bench show. Evans Brothers of Townsend, proprietors of Maplehurst kennels, added very materially to this department with their 11 pure bred English setters of the famous Laverack and Llewellyn families. Evans Brothers have been winners of the bench shows at Rutland, Burlington, Providence and Danbury. Their stud dog, Evans's Pride, combines excellencies both for field trials and bench show. Their Albert's Bonnie is one of the purest bred Laveracks in America. Their Maplehurst Chief, 18 months old, will be shown in competition for the first time at the big New York bench show next winter. Their Belle of Maplehurst is generally recognized as the third best Llewellyn bitch in America, and has defeated many of the leading prize winners. The very young puppies, Maplehurst Eya and Maplehurst Mistress, will enter the lists at New York later.

Miss Susan B. Wesselhoef of Brookline, Mass., exhibited a registered Irish terrier puppy of good quality, and Dr. W. F. Wesselhoef handsome registered Cocker Spaniels. William Howard, Roxbury Kipler's cochin, was an exhibitor of good cochin dogs, and W. O. Cooley of Brattleboro of a grayhound bitch. An Immense Great Dane, shown by Mrs. Fred Holbrook in a tent, was a cynosure for many eyes. Among other noteworthy dogs were D. G. Baker's pointer, one year old, from Guilford; David Clough's Boston terriers and G. W. Pierce's coon dog; Mrs. W. C. Matthews's Boston terrier bitch from Walpole, N. H.; Charles H. Clark's English foxhound and English setter; Wm. J. Pentland's Boston terrier bitch; A. H. Hines's Russian boar dog; A. W. Brigham's collies from Walpole, N. H.; Miss Lillian Clark's black and tan toy terrier from Westfield, Mass.; George Alderman's grayhound from South Vernon; Wm. A. Hall's dachshund from Bellows Falls.

The open pens and those in the new pavilion were filled with a heterogeneous conglomeration of dogs and curs, some bordering on but hardly reaching the line of excellence, some of mediocrity and others of positive badness. If the bench show is continued it would be a good plan to encourage the display of thoroughbreds and to discourage the exhibit of mixed breeds, particularly when the exhibitors have an eye single to the sale of their animals.

The father, brother and sister of Leon Czolgosz, who has been convicted of the assassination of President McKinley, were allowed to visit the prisoner in the jail at Buffalo Wednesday. He denied absolutely to them that anyone else was concerned in the plot to kill the President.

## HUNDREDS OF CATTLE

Representative Specimens of the  
Standard Breeds.Many of the Principal Prize Winners  
of the Leading New England and  
New York State Fairs.

The Valley Fair was started primarily as a cattle show, and it has always excelled in this particular. This year was no exception. The sheds were filled with hundreds of sleek animals, representative of all the standard breeds. In size, in symmetrical forms, in coloring and in other points quickly noted by cattle fanciers the specimens on exhibition showed their fine breeding. The pick of the blue ribbon winners of all the big fairs in New England and in New York state were here to win additional laurels. Cows designed for dairy purposes, cows giving an abundance of milk, cows which become beef of a superior quality and general purpose cows were described by the enthusiastic owners. It was noted that the Durhams were in evidence more than in former years, and this was taken to mean a revival of interest in this old-fashioned breed which was a favorite with the fathers.

## The Durhams.

Cottrell Brothers of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., new exhibitors here, with a record this season of five herd premiums at the five big New York state fairs, brought 14 thoroughbred Shorthorn Durhams of the Scotch Top and Bates strains, headed by the two-year-old bull, Roan Duke. Their cows, which are used exclusively for the dairy, test from 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 per cent of butter fat. George O. Taylor of Shelburne, Mass., had a herd of 10 Shorthorn Durhams which have won 34 first premiums. Honduras, his 5-year-old bull bred in Indiana from champion St. Valentine, dam from Gay Monarch, the World's Fair winner at Chicago in '93, tests the scale at 2400 pounds, and fills the eye in every respect. The 2-year-old bull, Gloucester Prince, was bred in Canada from Grand Sweep. Mr. Taylor praises the Durhams as general purpose cattle. He has one cow with a record of 17 pounds of butter in seven days, and another cow which in a 60-day test gave an average of 48 1/2 pounds of milk which tested 4 to 4 1/2 per cent of butter fat for the entire period.

George Fisher of Dummerston, one of the progressive young farmers, showed a thoroughbred Durham bull 14 months old and four cows bred from the Edward Ellis.

The Homestead Farm in Walpole, N. H., which has one of the oldest herds of Durhams in New England, exhibited two bulls weighing 2400 pounds each, a yoke of oxen and some younger stock. D. G. Baker of Guilford entered a herd of first class grade Durhams.

## The Devons.

W. H. Neal of Meredith, N. H., had a collection of 19 registered Devon animals, headed by Rob Roy, the 3-year-old bull never beaten in the show ring. He also had a 2-year-old bull, two bull calves and 15 cows and heifers. Mr. Neal believes in the Devons for milk, butter and beef. Mr. Neal and his father have been breeding Devons 30 years, and have added to stock which came originally from Harley Hall of East Burke, the blood of the best herds of the country.

Stockwell & Clifford of Sutton, Mass., came here direct from Buffalo with their Hereford prize-winners at the Pan-American exposition, where the competition was the strongest ever known in this country. Their herd was headed by Victor of Springfield, six years old and 1600 pounds, a yearling bull, a bull calf and 12 heifers and cows.

## The Holsteins.

The handsome black and white Holsteins were very largely represented. Fifteen head of the thoroughbreds came from the herd of the prominent breeder, D. H. Goodell of Antrim, N. H. The 3-year-old bull, Count Mechtchil de Paul, first prize winner at the New England fair, the New Hampshire state fair and other exhibitions last year, tests the scale at 2400 pounds.

There were three 3-year-old heifers that won without a break last season. All of the cows gave an appearance of carrying a great weight of milk in their udders, and one was pointed out that after being milked seven months gave 32 pounds of milk which tested 4 1/2 to 5 per cent butter fat.

Another remarkable herd of 30 animals, all thoroughbreds, came from the Brattleboro Retreat, being entered for exhibition only. A. Ingraham of Guilford had a thoroughbred Holstein bull and two yearling heifers and two heifer calves, grades.

## The Guernseys.

A veteran breeder of Guernseys, who knows all the characteristics of the breed, and whose prizes on his pets in recent years aggregate thousands of dollars, is J. B. Palmer of Jewett City, Conn., who showed nearly 20 choice animals.

The exhibit included a thoroughbred Guernsey bull three years old out of Mr. Buckley's herd in Valley Falls, N. Y., and 13 grade cows and heifers and one grade Jersey cow.

## The Jerseys.

The fine types of Jerseys from the Guilford Springs farm were fitting representatives of this butter-producing breed. The herd of 17 animals were headed by the bull Lord Hugo Sigal, three years old, and another younger bull was Briarcliffe Blow. Eleven grade Jersey cows and heifers were exhibited by E. H. Akley of Vernon. Mr. Akley's grades have more than a local reputation and they were heard from in the butter test.

A. A. Dunklee of Vernon, who picked a prize of \$75 in the butter test last year, had reason to be proud of his 14 grade Jerseys this year.

Normandy and Ayrshire Breeds.

Fourteen Normandy cattle, nearly all imported from France last season, represented the Forest Park Farm of Brandon. The 3-year-old bull, Chuck, was bred by Chester W. Chapin of Chicopee, Mass., but the 2-year-old bull, Kansas, was imported. The Normandy cattle were but little known in Brattleboro a few years ago but have attracted great attention through the exhibits of the Forest Park Farm at several fairs. It is claimed that they are excellent for dairy, of hardy constitutions, docile dispositions, and combine the milk and beef qualities essential to a farmer's cow. They are of large size, weighing from 1600 to 2000 pounds at maturity. The Forest Park Farm also breeds standard Ayrshires, and a yearling bull, Drew's Best, and three calves of this variety were shown.

Robert W. Blood of Dummerston is a young farmer who is making a success of breeding Normandy cattle. He bought four years ago at the Valley Fair a bull calf from the Forest Park Farm display. This calf, Lord Bismarck, is now an immense, handsome creature, weighing 2500 pounds. Mr. Blood also showed this year a younger bull, yearling bull, cow and four months' calf, thoroughbreds, and two heifers, two yearlings and two calves, grades.

## The Leviathans.

The giants in the cattle tribe were found in the pens of C. E. Breck & Son of Claremont, N. H., and E. I. Benson of Woodstock. Breck & Son had Hereford, Durham and Ayrshire oxen and steers, with one single pair weighing 4650 pounds. Mr. Benson had six pair of Durhams and six yoke of Herefords. One pair of Durhams weighed 4300, and a pair of three-year-olds 4100 pounds, and every one in ten yoke weighed over a ton each.

## THE SWINE.

First and foremost in the exhibit of swine were the Berkshires owned by Bradley Newell of Rowe, Mass., formerly of Jacksonville, who won fame a few years ago as a healer, and who is now the leading breeder of Berkshires in New England, with the possible exception of the Hood Farm. Mr. Newell laid the foundation of his herd by purchases from the Hood farm. Mr. Newell raises from 300 to 400 swine a year, and during the past season has made shipments into 19 states and Canada. Twenty-seven animals were included in his display here. His 2-year-old boar, Benjamin Longfellow, weighs 600 pounds, is not fat, but stands unusually high, and is the longest boar in America, exceeding the Vanderbilt prize-winner by four inches in length. He will eventually make the biggest boar ever raised. Mr. Newell's King Phillip, from imported stock, has never been beaten. His pigs have never been beaten in competition. Mascot, a yearling boar, weighed 600 pounds. The sow Royal Beauty will score as near 100 points as any animal ever shown. Before coming to Brattleboro Mr. Newell won all of the first and second prizes on Berkshires offered at the Vermont state fair and the fairs in Cambridge, N. Y., and Greenfield. His Lady Lee combines qualities of King Lee, World's Fair winner in the open sweepstakes for all breeds, and of Columbia's Duke, never beaten, who brought at auction \$1200, the largest sum ever paid for a boar. Mr. Newell's Berkshires included a variety of different ages. His animals are given a free range in pastures, and as a result show a finish not to be found in animals confined to pens.

T. O. Taylor, Sanborn, N. H., contributed a novelty, his Jersey Reds. The W. P. Richardson company was represented with a Berkshire sow with litter, Chester White sow with litter, a Poland China boar, a fat Chester White sow and a fat Berkshire hog, thoroughbred. The Chester Whites owned by the Brattleboro Retreat are also shown. H. G. Barber of Guilford exhibited a good Berkshire sow and pigs.

## THE SHEEP.

More and better was the verdict of all who examined the sheep department. Practically all of the fine and coarse wool breeds, as well as those raised for mutton and for exhibition purposes, were to be found. Every pen in sheep row was filled, a total of an even 200 animals being seen. J. B. Palmer of Jewett City, Conn., had pens of Southdowns, Hampshire Downs, Horned Dorsets, Merinos, Lincoln shires and Cashmires, the latter having very long and silky fleeces. B. B. Morrill of Stanstead, P. Q., had 40 or more animals, including Southdowns, Hampshire Downs, Oxford Downs, Shropshire Downs, Cotswolds and Leesters. W. S. Webb's Shelburne Farms sent some of the most famous strains of Southdowns and Hampshire Downs in the country including a buck of the latter breed which weighed 350 pounds. Among the other large exhibitors were C. P. Breck & Son of Claremont, with 24 Shropshires, H. H. Neal of Meredith, N. H., with 15 Southdowns, Cottrell Brothers of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., with nine Southdowns and three Shropshires, square, blocky, low-down, typical specimens. The veteran W. W. Ball of Winchester had a three-year-old grade Shropshire buck weighing 320 pounds, another buck and two good does. D. S. Pratt of Brattleboro entered his flock of thoroughbred Southdowns for exhibition only, and an exceptionally good lot of grade Southdowns were exhibited by J. G. Stafford of Brattleboro. The men who have made the rounds of the big fairs stated that no exhibition of sheep has been seen in New England this year equal to the one here.

## The Brattleboro Retreat.

The Valley Fair is fortunate in being able to depend each year upon such a large and meritorious display in several departments as the Brattleboro Retreat is always ready to furnish. This year the Retreat added to the various departments 20 thoroughbred Holstein cattle, pens of English Berkshire and imported Ohio Chester swine, three pairs of Hereford steers and calves, pens of Angora goats. Mr. Roel, the Retreat gardener, invariably arranges a display which is a leading feature in Agricultural hall. Mr. Pierce, the Retreat farmer, always brings from the Retreat menagerie innovations in the bench show, and this year he selected Belgians hares, Angora rabbits, Southern possums and a pair of blue jays, the latter being bought by him in Nebraska.

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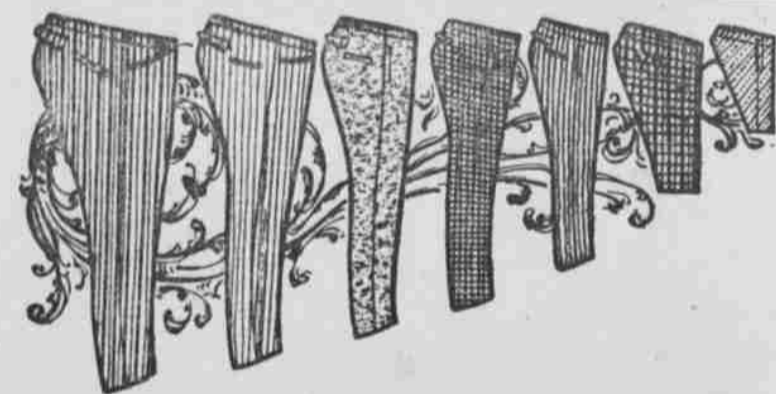
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