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South Plains Club Boy Writes Of His Trip to England With The Winning Team in Judging

By Alva Debnam, Lamesa, Tex.—While engaged in club work I was fortunate enough to win a free trip to England to the Royal Agricultural Show and also a visit to some of the famous livestock sections of England and Scotland.

We left the United States June 15th, and after a pleasant eight days' journey we landed at Liverpool eager for a chance to see some English livestock of which we had heard so much.

We first visited the estate of the Duke of Westminster which is located near Chester. As no expense had been spared in the erection of the buildings and the maintenance of the estate, it was very beautiful. All thoughts of the beauty of the inanimate stone structures about us were forgotten, however, as we were taken to the livestock barns.

One of the things that impressed me while on this farm, as well as on all others that I later visited, was the permanent character of the buildings and consequently the low cost of upkeep.

The pastures appeared very green to us, but we were told that the country was suffering from a drought at the time.

We were shown some beautiful

Shorthorns of the dairy type which was the only type kept on this farm. We found that the breeding animals were very closely attended to while the show animals were not fitted for so long a time before the show as they are in the United States.

After leaving the Eton herd, our next stop was at the Royal Agricultural Show, where we spent several days. It is decidedly the largest show I had visited from the standpoint of the number of breeds of livestock exhibited. The show is moved every year, which doubtless detracts some from the extent and convenience of the exhibition barns.

At the Royal Show we found the exhibit of the Shorthorn cattle in both the dairy type and the beef type to be very strong in numbers. The older classes showed up remarkably well in the beef type, the Grand Champion cow and bull both coming from the aged classes. The cow was, I believe, the best Shorthorn female I had ever seen, while the Grand Champion bull would have ranked well with any we have in the United States.

I attended the Shorthorn Sale while at the Royal Show. It was put on by the Shorthorn Breeders Association and was very well attended though the selling was a trifle slow, due to the unwillingness of the purchaser to pay former high prices while the seller put a reserve on the animal that was out of proportion to the drop in prices of everything else. The practice of putting a reserve on the animals before a sale is one that I heartily approve of. The amount of the reserve is paid into the auctioneer before the sale and while it prevents the animal from selling for less than it is worth to the owner, it also does away with the temptation to resort to "buy bidding" which is fast becoming the ban of auction sales.

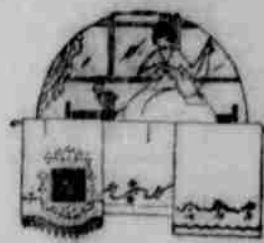
After several days on the continent we returned to England and had an opportunity to see some good livestock. The first livestock farm of note was the estate of Lord Rosinberry, which is under the management of Mr. Sinclair, who, by the way, judged at Chicago in 1908 and is very well known among American Shorthorn breeders. The Shorthorns were very typical and nearly all belonged to a few well known blood lines.

It was with real regret that we parted with Mr. Sinclair and we unanimously agreed that it had been a very pleasant afternoon well spent.

The last place, though not the least from the standpoint of interest, was



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a short stop at Aberdeen which is the center of one of the most important livestock regions of Scotland. Upon our arrival in Aberdeen we found a letter awaiting us from Mr. Webster, a nephew of the immortal Mr. Duffy, who is known as the king of Shorthorn breeders.

Following the instructions in the letter, we hired an automobile and after a pleasant ride were soon at the farm of Mr. Duffy where we were royally received.

While at his home our first stop at the farm was rewarded with the opportunity of seeing Cluny Proud Augustus and Balcanin White Eagle, two of Mr. Duffy's favorite bulls. The former was bought for \$16,000 and the latter for \$9,000. One peculiarity of Balcanin White Eagle is that although he is white his "pet" are almost invariably red.

We next visited the farms of Mr. James Durno of Uppermill and Mr. James Durno of Rothiebrishane. The former is well known as a judge of Shorthorn cattle at South American fairs while the latter often judges in the United States. The cattle were exceedingly good and at every place we visited they seemed to excel. They were practically all of the same several families, and many of the bulls we saw were Duffy bred. We found the most popular blood lines to be Noupapels, Violets, Lavenders, Buttercups, Broadhooks, Estells, Missies, Claras, Bessies, Mari-golds, and Goldies. We also saw the herd of Mr. Webster at whose home we were served with a very fine luncheon. Because of the lack of time, however, we did not get to visit two other places where we were expected.

We returned to Aberdeen sincerely sorry to leave the people who had received us so kindly and regretting that we had not allowed ourselves more time to be spent around Aberdeen.

I returned to the United States feeling that with close attention to pasture corps and careful attention to breeding stock we could breed and raise Shorthorn cattle that would equal or excel those of any country. With the more ideal climate and with more attention to animals used for foundation stock we would soon find it unnecessary to leave the United States for blood from which to breed our champions.

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Mrs. J. R. Dutton, of Comanche, is here visiting Mrs. Sam Cooper. Mrs. Dutton contemplated making Lubbock her home in the near future.

DEWEY CAMPBELL MAKES GOOD SCORE ON LOCAL LINKS

Dewey Campbell, now employed with Olim's Family Shop, played golf on the Club links while visiting a sister here, and made an average of fifty-one in seven evenings on the links.

Mr. Campbell had never played golf prior to his coming here, and his skill was developed in only a short time, as he played with ease and exactness the second and third evenings he was on the links.

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MIGHTIEST BATTLESHIP OF U. S. WILL BE SCRAPPED

Newport News, Va.—The super-dreadnaught West Virginia, the newest addition to the American navy and scheduled to grace the scrap pile within a few months under the reduction program, was successfully launched a few days ago at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. Miss Alice Mann of Bramwell, West Va., christened the ship as she glided from the ways.

The American naval reduction plan as presented to the arms conference provides for the scrapping of the West Virginia. If the American plan is agreed to the dreadnaught today about 65 per cent complete, will never be finished or plow the seas bearing the Stars and Stripes.

The West Virginia is one of the same class and power as the Maryland, soon to be commissioned. Somewhere among the government stores are eight 16 inch rifles made especially to fit her four gun pits. She would be able when completed to steam at almost 23 knots speed; she is built so as to be almost invulnerable to torpedo attacks; she carries a hull of the hardest armor ever rolled, so thick a man might walk on its upper edge where it protrudes beyond the skin of the ship well above the water line. No device that American genius of war experience has combined to produce has been omitted from the ship's fighting equipment.

The West Virginia's keel was laid in April, 1920, a year and seven months ago. As launched she measures 624 feet from stern to stern and is 97 feet wide in beam. Although her hull is practically complete and her main dock laid, she lacks equipment, much of her armor and her guns. In addition to her eight 16 inch rifles she would have had when completed, a second battery of fourteen 5 inch rifles would be carried with four

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M. E. Witt, Miss Maudie Denden and Mrs. M. M. Dupre left Wednesday to attend the State Teachers Association, at Dallas.

Mrs. and Mrs. Dupre were met at Dallas by their daughter, Miss Margaret, who is attending C. J. A. at Denton and Mrs. J. D. Holcomb, of Waco, and took Thanksgiving at Adolphus, arrangements having been made before they left here.

Postmaster Davis was here from Slide the first of the week.