

Shortorns.

A paper read by Wm. Hall at the Stock Breeders' meeting.

MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE KANSAS COUNTY STOCK BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION:

When I promised to prepare something concerning Shortorns for this meeting I thought I had plenty of time for such work. But I found that each day had its burdens and tasks, and the time I had hoped for never came; so I fear that I shall be unable to treat the subject in an intelligent and careful manner as I should wish. What are the most profitable Shortorns for the average farmer? It has always seemed to me a wise arrangement that man should labor, to supply his physical, moral and intellectual needs. This well planned necessity existing, it becomes the careful, prudent man, to study his needs, his desires, his abilities, and as far as possible make a choice among the many pursuits or professions that present themselves for his consideration.

After having made a choice he should make every effort toward obtaining the information required to successfully and intelligently conduct said business. This is true in all professions, in all trades, in all mercantile ventures, and is just as true in all agricultural operations. A general and thorough knowledge on a variety of subjects is more necessary in advanced Agriculture than in any other pursuit in this country. Is a good practical education, thorough book training, wide observation general knowledge of men and business necessary to any or all of the professions, or other industries if made successful? In a greater degree it is necessary to the farmer if he would make the most of his chosen field of employment, as well as justice to himself and family. He should know enough of law, to avoid the courts; to make his own contracts intelligently, and know when such work is legally done. He should understand the laws of physiology and health and see that they are not abused, thereby saving the expense of the family physician in numerous instances. His moral health should need no repairs. He should be thoroughly posted on all matters pertaining to his business theoretically, and practically as fast as his experience and observation will warrant. He should know when to sow, when to reap and when to sell. All these qualifications the experienced farmer should have, and the beginner as many as possible. He must read, read, read, sift, compare, prove and disprove, make applicable to his own use that which is good for him and his farm. Mistakes will occur but the intelligent farmer will draw lessons of wisdom from mistakes. He should be a citizen in the fullest sense of the term.

I have mentioned some of the qualifications that every intelligent farmer should have. I believe the best thought of the country agrees upon this point: That no farmer should bend all his energies in any one specialty in farming if he wishes to make his farming operations pay from year to year, for time and investment. A mixed husbandry is advocated by the best writers and thinkers on agriculture. There is a general agreement among all thoughtful farmers that every well regulated farm should produce some grain, some hay, some roots, and different varieties of stock. The horse is a necessity. The cow, hog, sheep and hen equally as necessary. Upon this there seems to be no essential difference of opinion. In what proportion the distribution shall be made must be left to the tastes and good judgment of the party interested. How much wheat, how much corn, how much stock and of what kinds he shall raise will depend upon his soil, his nearness to market, his tastes and desires. The wheat he sows should be of that description best adapted to his soil, climate and market. His corn that will ripen in season and yield well. His oats should be of the best sorts (not Bohemian) that have proved well adapted to his locality, and so through the whole list of grains and vegetables. His tillage should be thorough and the land in as good condition as possible.

The stock he selects should be of the best of its kind, and his choices should depend upon his surroundings, his markets and desires. These suggestions are made with the idea that the farmer is a practical one and expects to make his living out of his investment, and not for those who have lately discovered how honorable farming has become, and how fascinating (at a distance) and who spend a good deal of time and breath in telling how much they squander annually for the good of the cause. It is not the Horace Greeley, Henry Ward Beecher style of farmers that we are to consider. The careful, thoughtful farmer after having made his selection, will see to it that his stock has that care and judgment in breeding and feeding that will most surely and speedily bring the greatest development. Good breeding, good feeding, good care, generous and gentle treatment are all essential to success. The scrub which in far too many instances disgraces the fields and barnyards of farmers in this and other countries should be banished from the land. It has no right or place on a well regulated and well conducted farm, or among the good stock of the country. If those who grow this kind of stock will keep a debt and credit account, of the cost of raising and the returns they bring when disposed of, the balance will be found on the wrong side of the ledger. No man can truthfully say, at the present time when nearly all classes of improved stock is so cheap, that he is unable to own them. If he keeps stock at all he cannot afford to own the common kinds for they are all sources of pecuniary loss; to say nothing of the humiliation of having them around. To the question or subject assigned me "The Shortorns for the average farmer." Without discussing the question of the superiority of the Shortorn or inferiority as compared with other well bred cattle, it may be expected that something will be said of the differences in the Shortorn tribe.

The real differences existing in the different families are not as great as many men would have us believe. Taking the block as the test by which beef animals are to be judged that Shortorn is best that furnishes the greatest amount of choice meat, in the least given time with the least expense. From this standpoint those animals which can show through their history and lineage the greatest results in this direction with a strong tendency to transmit these desirable qualities regularly and surely to their off-

spring are the most profitable and practical for the average farmer. These traits and characteristics are not confined to any particular family; hence the family name should have no particular bearing in the selections made for practical value.

A good combination of beef producing qualities from a variety of these so called families will in my judgement prove of much value. These families have (excepting a few) been bred so nearly in the same direction that the differences are mostly fanciful. If the farmer desires good milking Shortorns (and their number is legion) he must combine with his beef producing qualities the other natural characteristics of the tribe, its excellent milking abilities. And here let me say by way of parenthesis, that in no tribe of cattle known to man is there such a happy combination of these two necessary and desirable properties which make the best animal as the Shortorn. The fictitious value placed on fashionable or unfashionable pedigrees together with the general decline in all agricultural productions, has had much to do in discouraging breeders of the red, white and roan, and many have sold their herds of thoroughbreds and kept their grades because fashion had said that their ancestors must all have had an English Herd Book pedigree previous to their exportation. The American people are quite apt to follow fashion no matter what establishes it provided it seems likely to succeed. As applied to Shortorn breeding, it is well that every breeder should inform himself regarding it. The authority that proclaims Red Rose by Earnesty, Caroline by Dashwood and Daisy by Wild unfashionably bred because fashions they did not have a record in the English Herd Book, which I think had not attained any great prominence at the time of their exportation, also pays this high tribute to them, that they were three of the best Shortorns ever imported into the United States. No critic has ever cast a suspicion upon the purity of their breeding. To show how little a record in the earlier English Herd Book should affect us or our cattle here, I will relate a little history. The rule that governs the registration of their cattle is this, as I understand it: If a cow that has no record (I suppose she must be of Shortorn antecedents) is bred to a registered Shortorn bull, and her female progeny is also bred to a pure bred bull and so on to four or five crosses, then such offspring is eligible to record in the English Herd Book, and if imported into this country would come under the fashionable list. Now take an imported cow that was brought over a good many years since, and as a thoroughbred Shortorn, and though she may in her progeny have twenty crosses of the best of breeding, still by the rules of fashion she is boycotted, and the man with Healy in his hand says to his neighbor who feels disposed to buy a pure bred, good animal don't you touch her, she is unfashionably bred. Now can the practical farmer who wants the best beef and milk animal combined see any reason for discriminating against such good, well bred, practical cattle. And to the average farmer I am appealing. To the breeder who hopes and expects to furnish breeding stock to be used in what are called fancy strains of blood, I would say as the commercial value of the herd might be injured by such crosses, let them alone. But to the farmer who breeds cattle for the real value there is in them, both as to beef and milk, you will make no mistake in buying and breeding from these long established, good families of cattle. I would not be understood as saying that it is not desirable to have a herd of cattle free from anything that fancy might find fault with, but for the breeder to sacrifice good animals, purely bred, and pay for paper simply, when the cattle are no better and frequently not so good, is the height of nonsense and should be discouraged. The farmer must raise and breed that kind of stock that will pay for the investment made, or it is not a good one. Men may and should breed fancy and gilt edged pedigrees if they desire to, and have other resources to rely upon, but to the careful and prudent man this will not do.

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Judge Hooker and the Supreme Bench.

Charlotte Republican.

By unanimous and harmonious action the Republicans of Eaton county will present the name of Judge Frank A. Hooker as a candidate at the republican state convention for justice of the supreme court. It is, therefore, in order that we should briefly set forth for the information of the republicans throughout the state who do not enjoy his personal acquaintance, something of the history and character of our candidate.

Judge Hooker was born at Hartford, Connecticut, January 16, 1844, and hence is just in the prime of his physical and intellectual manhood. He graduated from the law department of the Michigan University in 1869 and was admitted to the bar at Ann Arbor upon his diploma the same year. Practiced his profession at Dayton, Ohio, a year and in 1870 became a permanent resident of Charlotte.

His merits and talents were quickly appreciated and secured for him early recognition. In the spring of 1871 he was elected county superintendent of schools, under the law that had been enacted by the legislature the session of the previous winter. The spring of 1879 he was elected a justice of the peace and for two or three years he was an active magistrate of this city, where he became very familiar with the civil and criminal practice, and gave evidence of those judicial qualities of him which in his later years have brought him such distinction upon the bench. He was elected prosecuting attorney in 1874 and served in that capacity four years, receiving further nomination.

As a practicing attorney Judge Hooker took high rank at a bar noted as including several of the ablest legal minds in the state and was engaged in many important cases, including four murder trials. He was a thorough student and well versed in the principles of the law, prepared his cases with great care and painstaking research and conducted them in court with rare skill and ability. As a trial lawyer he was particularly strong in that he always commanded the respect of the court and jury because of his force of character and conclusive mastery.

In the spring of 1878 a vacancy having occurred in the judgeship of the fifth judicial circuit, owing to the resignation of Judge Van Zile, who had been appointed United States district attorney for Utah, Judge Hooker was appointed to fill the vacancy. In the fall of 1878, spring of 1881 and 1882 he was re-elected to the position by increased majorities.

During his eleven years' service upon the circuit bench Judge Hooker has won an enviable reputation as a conscientious, impartial and just judge. He has presided at some of the most important trials in the jurisprudence of the state, among which we will mention the Barnard murder trial, the notorious Pugsley case, the Carveth wife poisoning case and the famous Porritt litigation—all of which are familiar to well-informed attorneys. The rare judgment and firmness displayed by Judge Hooker in some of these more notable cases attracted the attention of the country. His prompt and decisive suppression of disorder in the Barnard trial was made the subject of a leading editorial in the Chicago Times, and the example was commended to Judge Cox, of Washington, who was then presiding at the Guiteau trial. Of his rulings and decisions in the Carveth case the Detroit Tribune declared that it was a most opportune reassurance to the people that Michigan courts were performing their legitimate duties with fairness and promptitude and as worthy of the highest commendation.

The fifth judicial circuit is the largest in population in the state presided over by one judge, but no citizen ever has cause to complain that he is deprived of his "day in court." The sessions of the court are always characterized by industry, economy and dignity. And the scales of justice are held at even pose by an incorruptible hand—and the rights of the humblest citizen weighs equal to those of the wealthy and the representatives of corporate power.

If nominated, Judge Hooker would in no wise discredit the bench that has been made illustrious by the erudition of such noted jurists as Cooley, Graves, Christianity and Campbell. Great jurists are not unlike distinguished soldiers and statesmen in that they are the development of conditions and opportunities, and we predict of Judge Hooker that if elevated to the supreme bench he would come to be recognized before his term had expired as being worthy to take rank among those learned and profound jurists who have conferred such lasting lustre upon the jurisprudence of our state.

FOR THE INAUGURAL BALL.

The Pension Building Court Will be Turned Into a Garden of Flowers.

The floral decoration at the Inauguration ball in Washington will be on a magnificent scale, and surpassing any effort in that line that has ever been made before. The decorations will cost \$5,000, which is a low figure, and the contract for the entire work has been awarded to Neal, the florist, of New York city.

The ball is to be given in the court yard of the Pension building, which is 316 feet long by 116 feet wide.

The ceiling of the hall is to be draped with laurel garlands six inches in diameter and 5,000 yards will be used. From the two end sections of the ceiling, on either side of the dome, floral balls will be suspended, each fifteen feet in diameter. These balls will be so arranged that they may be opened in the center by means of wires. When the inaugural march is begun and the presidents party is about to pass underneath, the balls will be opened and a great shower of cut flowers will fall and be strewn along the path. From the dome in the center of the ceiling a floral ship, thirty feet long, full rigged and of perfect model,

will be hung. On either side the words "Ship of State" will be worked in flowers. The eight large columns will be draped with laurel garlands interspersed with palm leaves, symbolic of the republican victory.

The four galleries are to be draped with garlands and smilax. The gallery column and gas fixtures will be decorated in the same way. The most unique and magnificent portion of the entire work will be found under the lower gallery. Here will be hung a number of floral panels, each ten feet long by five feet wide, representing the several departments of the United States government. To this feature Mr. Neal attributes his success in securing the contract. The navy department panel will bear a floral model of a man of war of the latest model. The words "Navy Department" will be worked in the panel in flowers, and across this inscription will be a floral pen. A huge cannon, cannon balls, crossed swords and a stack of guns will be worked in flowers on the surface of the war department panel. On the panel representing the treasury department will be a locked safe, two keys and a pen, all made of flowers of appropriate colors.

The postoffice panel will bear a mail pouch with letters "U. S. M." worked on it, and a huge envelope, with cancelled two-cent stamp and a postoffice stamp showing the date "March 4, 1889." The envelope will be addressed to "President Harrison, Washington, D. C." One panel will serve to represent the state and judiciary departments. It will bear a desk, on which will be placed an open law book, a roll of parchment and a quill pen. On the department of the interior's panel will be the stump of a tree, with an ax imbedded in it. Also a plow and a wheat sheaf.

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Found Dead.

Last evening a person giving the name of G. R. Thompson registered at Hunt's hotel and desired to be called in time to take the 12 p. m. train for Chicago. Being unable to awaken, the room was entered by means of the transom over the door, when the gentleman was found to be dead. He was advertising agent for Sulphur Bitters, which had been sold extensively. The coroner returned a verdict of death from heart disease. —Cin. Commercial.

Probate Order.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, ss. County of Shiawassee, ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee held at the Probate office in the City of Corunna on Wednesday the 15th day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty nine. Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate. On reading and filing the petition, duly verified, of Samuel J. Conklin, praying that said petition and some other suitable person be appointed administrator of the estate of said deceased. Thereupon it is ordered, That Wednesday the 15th day of February next at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said petition, and that the heirs at law of said deceased and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court then to be held at the Probate office in the city of Corunna and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered, That said petitioner give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Times, a newspaper printed and published in the county of Shiawassee, Michigan, successive weeks, previous to said day of hearing. (A true copy.) MATTHEW BUSH, Judge of Probate.

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PATETTE, Mo., Jan. 9.—This town was thrown into a state of intense excitement Saturday morning over a fearful tragedy. About 10 o'clock Flora, the 16-year-old daughter of William Rohr, shot Mrs. E. J. Johnson through the back. She then turned and shot herself through the head. The weapon used was a Colt's revolver. The girl died instantly, and the old lady will die. The girl and Miller Johnson, a son of Mrs. Johnson, were sweethearts, and the mother quarreled with the girl and tried to break off the engagement. Friday night the lovers met clandestinely, but Saturday morning Mrs. Johnson learned of it, and called to the girl, who lived in an adjoining house. The girl headed the summons and, anticipating a quarrel, took her father's revolver with her.

DIABOLICAL WHITE-CAP OUTRAGE.

A Respectable Married Woman Brutally Whipped in Her Husband's Presence.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 9.—A special to The Journal from Monroe county, Indiana, says that Mrs. Lou Wright, a married woman, who lives quietly with her husband in the vicinity of Bryant's creek, was dragged out of her house at a late hour Tuesday night by a number of masked men and brutally beaten with limbs of trees. Six men stood guard over her husband while the others administered the whipping. The woman had previously received threatening letters from unknown parties, the contents of which was traceable to some ill gossip about her character previous to her marriage.

Killed While Shooting at a Mark.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Jan. 9.—Frank Allen, Frank Foote and William Myers were shooting at a mark in Allen's back-yard Sunday. Allen had just placed a tin can for a target and told Myers to fire, which he did. The tin can fell, as also did Allen with a bullet in his neck, which severed the spinal cord, causing death in a few minutes. Foote also had a rifle in his hand at the time, which was found empty when Allen had fallen, and whether Myers or Foote fired the fatal shot is not known. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death. Allen was 53 years of age and leaves a wife almost dead with consumption and several small children.

Suicide of a Wealthy Man.

HOBOKEN, N. J., Jan. 9.—Mr. Charles L. Rubsamen, a retired Wall street banker and broker, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head at his home 418 Grand street Tuesday. He died almost instantly. Mr. Rubsamen was reputed to be worth \$250,000 and was formerly a member of the firm of Marks & Co., bankers and brokers, on Wall street, and was a member of the stock exchange. He was 61 years of age and was a native of Frankfort-on-the-Main. For the past few days he has been laboring under temporary aberration of the mind and feared he would come to harm.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The World says a powerful company of capitalists, already organized, with millions of dollars behind it, has proposed to the government a plan to defend the entrance to harbors by forcing petroleum to the surface of the water through pipes laid at the bottom for that purpose and igniting it with burning bombs, thus creating a sea of fire, through which an enemy's fleet must pass. The World devotes a column to a description of this new mode of warfare, and states that an experiment will soon be made to demonstrate the practicability of the plan.

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