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Valley Fair Better Than Ever

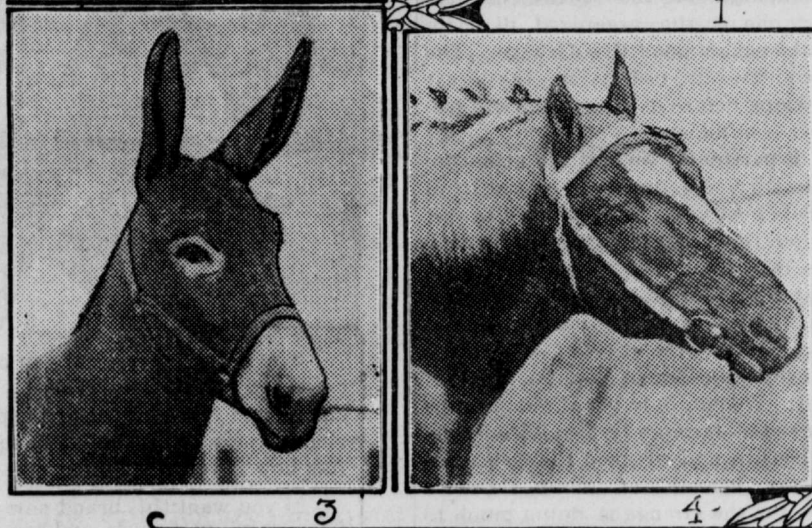
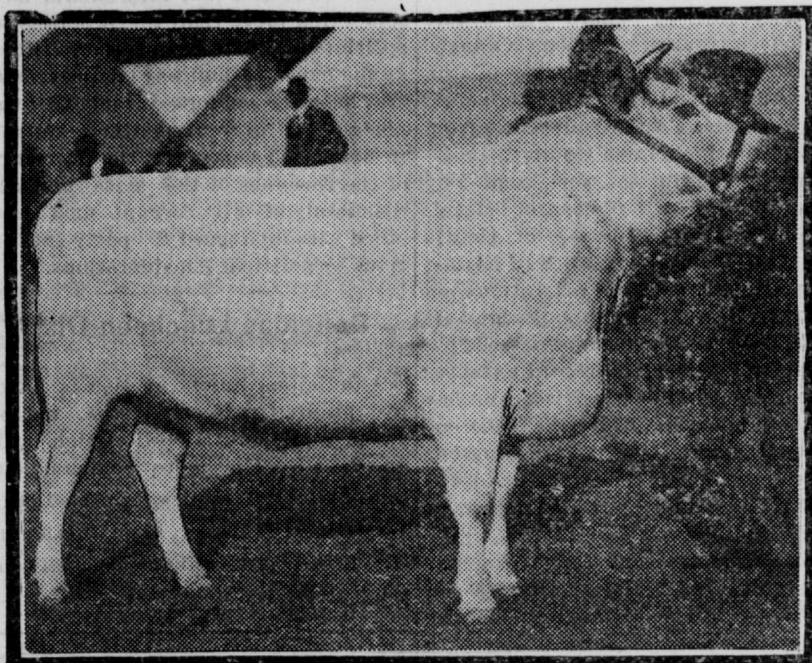
The Valley Fair at Puyallup, held since our last issue, scored a big success. In spite of the fact that the people of Western Washington have been going to fairs all summer they did not forget the one at Puyallup.

GOOD STOCK DISPLAY—CATTLE

The cattle department was greatly superior to that of any former year. The Association had but seventy-eight stalls in this department, but found it necessary this year to find barn room for one hundred and nineteen head, every one of which was an excellent animal in its class. In fact, the poultry department, the cattle department and the horse department showed more A.-Y.-P. blue ribbon winners than could have possibly been assembled under any other conditions. A. P. Stockwell of Aberdeen, had just purchased ten head of the prize winning Ayrshires that were shipped out from Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, to be exhibited at the A.-Y.-P. fair. The herd of Guernseys owned and exhibited by D. H. Looney of Jefferson, Oregon, came in competition with the eastern herds of Guernseys exhibited in Seattle, and carried off a large majority of the prizes. The same can be said of the Harry West herd of Jerseys. The Dutch Belt cattle shipped from California to be shown at Portland and Seattle, were indeed great attractions. While this stock has not made an outstanding record as milk producers, yet as a dual purpose stock they are about as good as can be found. The Black Galloway cattle were a novelty to many of the valley people, and particularly so with their "Sunday clothes" on. It was highly interesting to thousands of visitors at the fair to see the grooms fix up the long, black, glossy hair of the Galloway cattle. The same might be said of some of the Short Horns exhibited by Mr. Dunn of North Yakima. The Red Poles exhibited by Mr. Porter of Halsey, Oregon, were winners in their class in Seattle. While the beef breeds do not appeal very strongly to the average Western farmer, the Ayrshires, Guernseys, Jerseys and Black Belts are what are needed in this country to produce not only high class milk and butter, but to help keep up our farms.

Never has such a splendid showing

PRIZE WINNERS AT THE A.-Y.-P. EXPOSITION



1—First prize heifer, beef cattle class, Lancaster Bud, owned by Carpenter & Ross, Mansfield, Ohio.

3—Missouri Jack, owned by L. M. Emerson, Bowling Green, Mo.

4—Belgian stallion Annibal, owned by A. C. Ruby, Portland, first prize winner at Brussels, Belgium, and at Portland and Salem.

of horses been made at the fair as this year. The pick of the big exhibits at Seattle was made for this fair and the care exercised in the selection was readily apparent. A stroll up and down the long rows of stalls was nothing short of a revelation—not only to the lover of dumb animals but to the more critical eye as well.

Probably the J. C. Mason string of six high bred, five gaited horses

from Spokane, attracted the most attention in the horse department. The animals attracted widespread attention in Seattle. Chief of the bunch is Cyclone, a snappy looking stallion that landed first prize at the St. Louis exposition, the \$100 trophy at Seattle and first prize there in the five-gaited stallion class. Another very interesting showing was the family of six sleek black Percherons, consisting of

the mother and five colts, running from four years old down to the tiny "baby." The string belongs to Oscar Christopher, of Christopher, Wash.

For the children the exhibit of G. H. Simpson, of Wheaton, Ill., consisting of 23 smart looking Shetland ponies, was a premier attraction. A crowd of admiring men and women was almost constantly in attendance about the little fellows.

A. C. Ruby of Portland, showed a fine looking bunch of stallions. Nearly all were imported. The big, good-natured English shire stallion, to the average person, was the star of the collection.

There were also some mules.

The showing of the valley ranches, although limited, was very commendable.

VEGETABLE AND FRUIT EXHIBIT

Space will not permit enough being said in behalf of the fruit, vegetable and floral department. This department in 1908 was pronounced complete and impossible of improvement, but everybody who attended knows that the record was this year eclipsed. Superintendent Henry Huff of the vegetable department, Superintendent E. S. Ridge of the fruit department and Superintendent John Yant of the floral department, with their able assistants, had the most attractive exhibits at the fair. Many visitors from eastern states spent hours at a time among these exhibits.

The exhibit of the Western Washington Experiment Station was complete in every way. And not only was it attractive, but was of great value along educational lines. Prof. Lawrence and his bright, estimable wife certainly know how to please the eye. This exhibit alone was more than worth the price of admission to the fair.

VASHON ISLAND A WINNER

A great victory was won for Vashon Island when first premium was secured for the best community exhibit of fruit. Six other communities—Sumner, North Puyallup, Long Branch, Glen Cove, Bay Island and Fern Hill—competed for the same prize. The Island's exhibit caught the admiration of everybody and when the judges came along and gave the fruit expert examination and compared it with the

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