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PEOPLE WHO APPRECIATE NORTHERN RANCH CATTLE MAKE GOOD FEEDERS

Those Who Do Not Want the World for Nothing and Grumble if the Fences Are Not Painted

The following item, concerning the editor of this paper and the two publications issued from the press of the Herald Publishing Company, appeared in the St. Joseph Stock Yards Daily Journal, at top of first page, a few weeks ago:

hibits were made in the feeder show John W. Thomas, editor of the Nebraska Stockman and the Alliance Herald, both published at Alliance, in the northwestern part of Nebraska, has been at the St. Joseph yards the past few days, soliciting advertising and other material for a special issue of the two papers boosting the St. Joseph Stocker and Feeder show which will be held here in September. Both publications have a wide circulation among stockmen in the Nebraska sand hills from which section a number of prize-winning exhibits were made in the feeder show last fall. Mr. Thomas is one of the wide-awake newspaper men of northwest Nebraska and particularly well known in live stock circles.

It is a pleasure to re-print the above, for two or three reasons. We get tired of seeing our name in our own publications and like to see it get into somebody else's occasionally. Then we think the St. Joseph Stock Yards Daily Journal is one of the most interesting of the many live stock market papers.

We have been encouraging the stocker and feeder show proposition in general because we believe it is a good thing for the ranchmen who have superior stuff to sell from year to year, as well as for the live stock markets putting them on.

It is a joy to boost for the St. Joseph Stocker and Feeder Show in particular for several reasons, one of which is that the men connected with that market are a bunch of royal fellows and appreciate the work of the newspaper man who really works and does things worth while.

We know of not another single paper that has proclaimed the good qualities of Nebraska ranch cattle as feeder stuff as have the Nebraska Stockman and The Alliance Herald, but we are glad to see the matter being taken up by some of the leading farm papers.

The following article appeared in the Twentieth Century Farmer a few weeks ago under the head, "Range Cattle as Feeders." While there are some statements in it that need to be corrected somewhat and others that could be improved by being modified the article, as a whole, is a start in the right direction, and as such we commend it:

Range Cattle as Feeders

There was a time that the range steer was looked upon with some degree of prejudice, some suspicion that he could not do as well in the feed yard as the native-bred steer. It was argued that his wild life on the range had keyed him up to such a tension of excitability and nervousness that he would never get down to the quiet that is necessary in order to lay on flesh rapidly. Then his hide, covered all over with brand marks of all characters, made him exceedingly undesirable from a leather point of view. This burned skin of the steer was a terrible handicap in his sale as a feeder. Gradually the range steer proved his ability to go into the feed yard and eat corn and hay to advantage, compared with any other steer, no matter under what conditions produced.

The range steer has for the last twenty years been a very desirable and much sought after bovine for the feed lot in the corn-belt district. The new conditions of corn, hay and leisure that the feed yard introduced seemed to overcome all fear, and his appetite only was consulted. These range steers almost from the start showed such astonishing gains that all prejudice was soon removed.

Change in Characteristics

The range steer of today, however, is a very different animal from the range steer of twenty and thirty years ago. The feeder now sends in his order to his commission firm at the market centers where these cattle congregate and receives a well-bred, high-grade animal that compares favorably with the best native stock of the country. These range cattle have passed through the improvement process that has been steadily at work during all this time and they are distinctly a type easily traceable to one or the other of the popular beef breeds of cattle.

The carlot exhibits of range cattle to be seen each year at the Kansas City Royal and the Denver Live Stock Show are a good illustration of the improvement that has been going on throughout the range cattle district in the beef quality of these cattle. Scores of carloads of steers and heifers of Shorthorn, Hereford, Angus and Galloway breeding are each year to be seen at these big shows and admired for their uniformity and good feeding qualities. The decision universally is, "The range steers are good enough for me."

Pure-Bred Bulls Used

It is a matter of blood and breeding, and the herds that have had the advantage of the good pure-bred bulls are now showing in quality of stock the gain they are entitled to. Cattle from the far-out districts of the western states present as good quality as most of those near by. The demand for good, high-class bulls for the range should not cease, and no better lesson can be taught the range cattle man than a visit to these big shows, where the carload exhibit of range cattle is made a special feature, where his own kind of production is being put before the public in such a strong and forceful demonstration.

It is here that he sees just what is being done by the careless breeders, and has at the same time an opportunity to compare this with the work of the more careful and painstaking breeder. The difference between the well-bred range cattle and the poorer quality is as distinctly noticeable as the difference between the best pure-bred bull and the less desirable. Quality is what counts with the producer of meat animals today, just as results are what count with the business man in the operation of his trade today.

Carlots at Fairs

State fairs and big live stock shows from all over the country should give more attention to carlot exhibits of feeder and fat cattle. Pay larger premiums and make classes open to the world; solicit and encourage outside exhibits to come to your fairs. No better classification could be added to the state fair for the farmer patrons than the carlot feeder division. Have yards and pens for this class of exhibits where they can be seen, and facilities for selling at public auction. It should and would result in an excellent training for the pure-bred bull raiser who is planning to get some of this class of business in supplying the steer-raising districts of country with breeding bulls. The day of the grade or scrub bull has practically passed. The demand is for the pure-bred bulls. From present indications all over the country the day of grade sires is rapidly passing out and a few more seasons of good cattle prices will see the end of grade sires.

When the Modern "Bridal"

Bridal as meaning a feast to celebrate a wedding is really a bit old, also being the term formerly used to indicate any festival in England.

Election Pathos

Another pathetic little feature of everyday life is the way nine-tenths of our supposedly thinking men will work themselves up to the point where they believe that it makes all the difference in the world which of two mediocre candidates is elected.—Ohio State Journal.

PLENTY CORN FOR FEEDING

Extreme Hot and Dry Weather Did Little Damage, Except Locally, in Northern Corn Belt

Aanchmen watch with a good deal of interest the reports of crop conditions in the farming country of Nebraska and farther east to see how the corn will turn out. A good demand for range cattle for feeders means a better price for them on the markets than if there is a weak demand from feeders in the corn belt.

During the extremely hot and dry weather of July there was considerable anxiety for the corn crop. In some localities it was ruined, but these localities are comparatively small in the northern corn belt. The indications are now that there will be more good, sound corn in Nebraska and Iowa this year than last, with a lot of good corn in the other states south and east.

Following is an extract from a Nebraska crop report of the Burlington railroad, issued about the middle of this month:

Showers were pretty nearly general during the week, with a maximum of three inches of rainfall at Orleans on the McCook division. Soil is in generally fair condition. On the uplands in places on the Wymore and McCook divisions more rain fall would be very acceptable. Soil is in most unsatisfactory condition of any place in this district at the time of making this report, on the Concordia branch of the Wymore division.

There is very little to complain of as to condition of corn on the Omaha division. The north end of the Schuyler line was somewhat damaged and estimates by Schuyler and Wahoo have brought down the general average of the division. The present general condition on the Omaha division probably indicates 90 to 95 per cent of a full crop.

On the Lincoln division conditions are also very satisfactory and the estimate of present condition at 78 per cent is conservative.

On Wymore division there are a number of localities where corn was seriously damaged and the very low estimates made by stations in such localities bring the average for the division perhaps a little lower than it should be. In the vicinity of Superior rain came too late to benefit the early corn, and there has not been enough rain on the Concordia branch to put the ground in fair shape.

On the McCook division the corn as a whole is not as badly damaged as we had reason to fear it might be when my last report was made. The general estimate of condition averaged this week is 69 per cent. Danbury on the St. Francis branch reports corn a total loss. Agent at Beaver City estimates 6 bushels per acre. Agent at Ayr, on the Hastings-Red Cloud line, estimates 35 bushels per acre. Estimates at other stations run from 8 to 30 bushels per acre. I think the average of 69 per cent is a fair estimate for McCook division.

A fair general average for Nebraska district, based on a full crop, present conditions and favorable weather from now on would be 75 per cent of corn crop.

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