

## "BULLION FOURTH" BRINGS IN \$9,500 AT HEREFORD DISPERSION SALE

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The dispersion sale of Polled Hereford cattle at the Renner stock farm, near Hartford City, Ind., on March 28, was an impressive and historic occasion. It marked the passing of the oldest and perhaps the most widely known herd of its class in the entire world, and the friends of the strain will regret that this Mecca of Hereford breeders is no longer a going concern.

The Renner stock farm lies a few miles out of Hartford City, and consists of upward of 500 acres of well-kept land, lying almost as level as a floor. It is doubtful if any amount of money would have tempted the owner, Benjamin Johnson of Richmond, to have scattered his herd across the United States, but for the weight of years. This farm has been a possession of pride as well as a source of profit during the many years it has been the Mecca to which Hereford fanciers have traveled from all parts of this continent to see and to buy. The buildings are commodious but not overly ornate; they are well fitted for the purposes designed; substantial and comfortable, such as any progressive stock grower or enterprising farmer can duplicate on suitable scale. The numerous tenant buildings on the place are real homes in which natural gas and electricity are among the conveniences. Visitors to the Renner farm will remember the fine horses which also once added fame to this breeding plant, but horse lore has no part in today's story.

**Polled Hereford History.**  
In stating that the Johnson herd of Polled Herefords was said to be the oldest in the world, we do not mean that it was the first or "foundation" herd of the hornless Whiteface line.

bought in 1903, weighed 2,400 pounds when fully matured.

### Bullion Fourth Brings \$9,500

At the dispersion sale of the Masson Boyd Canadian herd, at the cattle show at Chicago in 1914, the most promising young bull in the exhibit was bought for the Renner farm. This was "Bullion, 4th," which brought the then record price of \$2,025, as a two-year-old. This same animal was sold for \$9,500 as a seven-year-old on March 28. The men who bought him not only obtained a famous sire but also secured a great national advertisement. Looked at from these twin angles, "Bullion 4th" would look cheap at twice the money. In such cases, you know, the more fashionably high the price paid the cheaper and better the bargain. In this instance the glory goes to W. A. Wilkey & Co., of Sullivan, Indiana, who depleted their bank balance \$9,500 but carried off enough "Bullion" to doubtless more than replace the money in little time.

Col. Fred Reppert, of Decatur, Ind., was the auctioneer who sold Bullion 4th to A. C. Clippinger, superintendent of the Renner farm, at the dispersion sale in Chicago, in 1914. Col. Reppert also sold Bullion 4th for the second time, on March 28, and sent him to a new home in Indiana, as auctioneer at the Johnson sale. B. O. Gammon, the clerk of the sale, is a son of the original American breeder of Polled Herefords, and is now the secretary of the Breeders' Association, with headquarters at Des Moines, Ia. Mr. Gammon and Col. Reppert talked interestingly in a reminiscent vein, before the opening of the sale.

### The Trip to Hartford City

The writer was one of a party of six to attend the sale from this vicinity. The roads were in good con-

sidered the enclosure. This permitted the bringing in of the animals at one corner to front the sale stand and to make their exit at the opposite side of the arena. Bullion 4th and a few of his sons and daughters were first paraded for admiration and the sale was on, the pride and head of the great herd going first under the hammer. There were seventy-three head on offer, and the sale netted \$66,230, or an average of about \$931 per head.

The excitement became tense when "Bullion" stood alone in the ring and the "crier" briefly sang his praises. "What am I offered, gentlemen?" was answered by a shout, \$5,000, then \$6,000, then \$7,000 inside of three seconds. The price then went to \$7,500, and next to \$8,000, at which point the auctioneer called on Warren McCray, owner of "Perfection Fairfax," to tell a little story with a moral in relation to the purchase of good bulls and the effect of getting the best, whatever the price. At the conclusion of Mr. McCray's remarks the bidding was resumed and the price of \$9,500 quickly reached. Col. Reppert was evidently anxious to make it at least an even \$10,000, but after some "argument" awarded Bullion 4th to W. A. Wilkey & Co., of Sullivan, Indiana. A bull costing \$2,025 as a two-year-old, and which, after "paying his way" for five years, sells at a profit of \$7,475 was assuredly a good investment.

It is worth while to note that "Bullion 24," Number 70 in the catalog, and not quite two years old, was started at \$1,000 and was knocked down to William Hagemann, of Mount Vernon, Ind., at \$1,500. Though listed away back in the catalog, he was second to sell as we recall. "Standard Bullion," the third on offer, and a two-year-old, was bid in by the Roosevelt Livestock association at Salt Lake, Utah at \$600. "Bullion Fairfax" was next to go and his new owner, John Kincaid, of Leesburg, Va., paid \$925 for this two-year-old. "Ion Repeater," aged 11 months, looked like \$1,000 to E. W. Vandewater, of Orien-

## A DOLMAN IS THE WRAP FOR SPRING



When one looks at the many dolmans and capes this year it seems surprising that they have not always been a popular style.

Enough has been said to give the reader an idea of the character of the stock and of the general run of prices paid. The sale ran upwards of \$66,000 and the average on the seventy-three head sold was around \$931, as previously noted. Men came long distances to buy, as the Johnson herd of Polled Herefords is known all over America, and have representatives in nearly all the states. This is also true as to the original Standard (horned) Herefords, for which this farm was first noted. Among the heaviest buyers present were: W. A. Wilkey & Co. Sullivan, Ind.; F. A. Stinson, Huntington, Ind.; F. O. Hagemann, Mt. Vernon, Ind.; Wm. Hagemann, Mt. Vernon, Ind.; Overton Harris, of Harris, Mo.; Warren T. McCray, Kentland, Ind.; William Galloway, Waterloo, Iowa; Ed. Stine & Son, Stronghurst, Ill.; H. W. Vaughan, Stronghurst, Ill., and Frank Bieth of Joliet, Ill. These were the most persistent bidders but at that a lot of stock got away from them and is now in transit to several states. The Roosevelt Livestock association at Salt Lake City, for instance, paid \$1,250 for "Lou Consort" and her calf, and picked up quite a lot of cattle for shipment to the City of Saints. Alabama and Idaho also secured some good ones and odd animals were billed out of Hartford, or rather from the station at Renner, on Saturday to several states.

And so passed the Johnson herd of Polled Herefords from the Indiana landscape. They have found new homes amid strange scenes, where the individual members will be well cared for and will add history to that already recorded in Polled Hereford Herd Book annals in America.

The Renner sale on Friday was a notable event, as the closing chapter of a great livestock story. It was followed on Saturday, 29th, by the "First Annual" sale of the same class of cattle by J. E. Green, at Muncie, Ind. Mr. Green, who as superintendent at Renner, helped in the establishment of the herd now dispersed, went into breeding the same strain, for himself, a number of years ago, since which time the Johnson herd has been in the care and keeping of A. C. Clippinger, the present superintendent, who also plans to locate on his own land at an early date.

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The portals for army recruiting were thrown wide open Monday when the Indianapolis office, through Major Recruiter Thomas F. Ryan, announced to Sergeant Wright of the Richmond recruiting office, 537 Main street, that the central office has received a telegram from the war department authorizing the enlistment of 50,000 men for overseas duty in France and in Italy.

Men enlisting in several branches of service are guaranteed overseas service. These men will replace the men that are at present doing service in foreign countries until the treaty of peace is signed.

## Telegraph Rate Increase Goes into Effect April 1

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Increase of 20 per cent in domestic telegraph rates, effective April 1, has been announced by Postmaster General Burleson. The increase was agreed upon at a meeting of the federal wire board and was made necessary, Mr. Burleson's announcement said, to meet the "increased cost of operation" occasioned by wage increases now in effect, made during the last year. Mr. Burleson added that the advance would be "barely sufficient" for this purpose.

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## DANIEL FAVORITE DEAD

WINCHESTER, March 31.—Word was received here Friday afternoon of the death of Daniel Favorite, 55 years old, which occurred at his home near Montpelier, Friday morning. Mr. Favorite had been a resident of this county until two years ago, when he moved to Wells county. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. A. M. Addington officiated. Interment at Fountain Park. The widow and one son survive.

A British expert on gas poisons contends that one of the effects of carbon monoxide upon the human system is to cause a pronounced susceptibility to pneumonia. Automobile engine fumes always contain this insidious poison.

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