

# INTERESTING FIGURES

Brand Inspector's Annual Report Shows Why Stockmen Should Join the N. S. G. A.

## INFORMATION WORTH FILING FOR REFERENCE

**Statistics and Explanation**  
Statistics are often supposed to be dry reading, but below are figures that are very interesting to members of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association, and should be to all Nebraska stockmen and others who are concerned about the success of the great stock raising industry in this state.

In order that all will clearly understand the annual report of the brand inspector, printed below, we make the following explanation: The Wyoming Stock Growers Association has brand inspectors employed to operate at the following open markets, namely, South Omaha, Chicago, Kansas City, St. Joseph and Denver, and at Indian agencies where cattle are sold to contractors. The work of the brand inspectors at the open markets is continuous throughout the year; at the Indian agencies only at certain times, probably two or three times a year.

The Nebraska Stock Growers Association pays to the Wyoming Stock Growers Association a stated amount (\$4,000.00 per year) to secure the inspection of Nebraska cattle by the inspectors employed by the Wyoming S. G. A. By so doing, the Nebraska S. G. A. secures a practically perfect service at an expense considerably less than it would cost to employ brand inspectors independent of the other association.

The South Dakota Stock Growers Association secures brand inspection on the same plan, hence it appears in the report of the brand inspector. When branded cattle, owned by members of the association, are found in shipments where they do not belong, either thru having been stolen or being strays, they are cut out and sold separate, the proceeds being sent direct to the rightful owner by the commission men handling the shipment or else sent to the secretary of the association and by him delivered to the owner. In case of dispute or doubt, the money is held by the chief brand inspector until the question of ownership has been definitely settled.

This system of brand inspection has greatly reduced the amount of "rustling" in Nebraska, and if all stockmen were members of the association would, in connection with the enforcement of laws pertaining to county inspectors, etc., practically wipe out cattle stealing in this state. Even without any stealing, the system of brand inspection is worth many times its cost in returning to members of the association the proceeds of cattle called "strays." Right here we wish to call particular attention to the recommendations of Chief Brand Inspector C. L. Talbot, following the statistical report.

We wish to state further by way of explanation that the fiscal year of the Wyoming Stock Growers Association is from April 1st to March 31st of each year. The table showing cattle inspected from March 31 to May 31 is for Nebraska and is given to bring the report down to the first of the month in which the annual convention of the N. S. G. A. was held.

The more that stockmen know about the work of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association, the more they will want to become members; and The Herald is delighted to give greater publicity to these important facts than was ever given to them before. If every man in Nebraska who has his brand recorded in the office of the secretary of state fully appreciated the work of the association, he would want to become a member.

Persons who want information about these important matters are advised to read The Herald, which is the official paper of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association. We can't tell you all in one issue but will keep at it until we have given more interesting and useful information pertaining to the ranch business of the state than has ever yet appeared in a periodical publication.

### Brand Inspector's Annual Report Cattle Inspected 1913-1914

State	Cars	Head	Reports
Nebraska	8169	196093	3896
Wyoming	3896	96155	1222
So. Dakota	1625	38953	941
Colorado	1745	43691	
Montana	883	22075	

Total 16318 396967 6059  
Cattle Inspected by Months

Month	Cars	Head
April	398	8929
May	331	7063
June	356	7523
July	450	10829
August	963	24382
September	2583	60244
October	1542	39452
November	510	13492
December	242	5884
January	292	6575
February	236	5580
March	265	6209

Total 8169 196093  
Work for Nebraska by Months—Proceeds to Chas. G. Jameson, Secretary

Month	Calves	Steers	Cows	Total	Value
Apr.	0	0	0	0	0.00
May	0	0	0	0	0.00
Jun.	0	0	0	0	0.00
Jul.	2	1	3	4	455.00
Aug.	0	0	20	1	1594.97
Sep.	1	1	83	25	7486.99
Oct.	1	6	17	89	5805.30
Nov.	0	5	33	64	2984.87
Dec.	0	0	2	0	134.85
Jan.	0	0	1	0	28.20
Feb.	0	0	0	0	0.00
Mar.	0	0	1	0	63.21

Month	Proceeds	Sent Direct to Commission Men	Owners by Men
Apr.	0	2	5
May	0	0	3
Jun.	0	0	4
Jul.	0	3	69
Aug.	0	6	38
Sep.	28	5	152
Oct.	6	10	179
Nov.	7	10	23
Dec.	0	1	19
Jan.	0	0	16
Feb.	0	0	11
Mar.	0	0	0

Total 41 37 519 389 986 65815.50  
Grand Total 45 50 727 442 1264 84371.89

### Average Value of Strays for Ten Years, Calves, Bulls, Steers and Cows

Year	Nebr.	Wyo.	Dak.	Year
1904-5	\$27.66	\$30.22	\$30.10	04-05
1905-6	28.61	34.05	33.56	05-06
1906-7	30.65	40.55	41.00	06-07
1907-8	30.91	40.65	43.14	07-08
1908-9	36.40	38.83	40.12	08-09
1909-10	37.91	43.17	39.92	09-10
1910-11	47.42	37.64	37.12	10-11
1911-12	40.53	38.48	35.79	11-12
1912-13	53.55	57.37	54.88	12-13
1913-14	66.75	68.15	64.02	13-14

Nebraska gain per head, 1913-14 over 1912-13, \$13.20.  
Wyoming gain per head, 1913-14 over 1912-13, \$10.78.

South Dakota gain per head, 1913-14 over 1912-13, \$9.14.

### Summary of Inspection, at South Omaha, 1913-14

The proceeds from the following strays were sent from the office of the inspector to the secretaries of the three associations:

Calves	Steers	Cows	Total	Amount
4	13	208	53	\$18,556.39
21	28	2,212	295	174,196.43
0	2	70	9	5,185.30
TOTAL				197,938.12

Proceeds from the following strays were sent direct to the owners by the commission men who sold them:

Calves	Steers	Cows	Total	Amount
41	37	519	389	\$65,815.50
46	94	6,236	1,420	531,297.40
9	16	481	127	60,524.66
TOTAL				637,637.56

Cattle held for the three associations:

Calves	Steers	Cows	Total	Amount
0	1	7	4	\$13.67
Grand total for all strays:				
121	191	9733	2297	\$363,893.35

Respectfully submitted,  
C. L. TALBOT, Inspector,  
South Omaha, Nebr., Mar. 31, 1914.

### Supplementary Report March 31 to May 31, 1914—Cattle Inspected, 11,664

Month	Calves	Steers	Cows	Total	Amount
Apr.	0	0	4	1	\$303.05
May	0	0	1	0	92.39
Total	0	0	5	1	395.44

Proceeds to Commission Men

Month	Calves	Steers	Cows	Total	Value
Apr.	0	1	15	1	17
May	0	1	6	0	7
Total	0	2	21	1	24

Total, Secretary and Commission Men

Two Months	Calves	Steers	Cows	Total	Value
0	2	26	2	30	2,100.26

### Summary of Work and Recommendations

If you will allow me a few minutes, I will give a short summary of the work done at the South Omaha market in the past fifteen years and offer a few suggestions that I think will be of some benefit.

I doubt if any of you outside of your officers and executive committee realize what this association has done for its members and other cattle growers in the line of stock yards inspection.

Your yard inspection at the market points for the last fifteen years has not cost you \$50,000. Charge one-half of this to South Omaha and the other half to Denver, Sioux City, St. Joseph, Kansas City, and Chicago, and your inspection has cost you only a little over \$1.00 per head for each stray recovered for your members on your market at South Omaha.

You have not only done this for your paid members but you have saved a large number of cattle for those who have not paid one cent to your association. I will mention one case:

Last season a party shipped one car of cattle to South Omaha in which there were three stolen steers. The owner came to South Omaha in search of them, and after spending some time and learning nothing, came to our office requesting assistance in locating his steers. Inside of one hour we traced the three steers through the several buyers and located the steers on a farm in Iowa. He was not a member of any association.

This was done to show him and others that inspection was of value and that had he been a member his three steers would have been held or taken and the proceeds sent to the secretary of this association. His membership for one year would not have cost him as much as he paid in car fare coming to South Omaha. He has now paid out quite a sum of money and has a law suit on his hands and his steers in Iowa yet.

Get out and boost for your association. Double your membership

and by so doing cut your assessment. Our relation with the commission men and Stock Yards Co. has been and is at this time satisfactory. I would advise that the proceeds for all strays be sent through your secretary in order that a check be had on every one handling them. When you sell cattle at home give a bill of sale. We take up the bills of sale so you are in no danger of having them used again. This you will find will be more satisfactory to all who handle your stock.

### Fifteen Years' Summary Inspection Nebraska Cattle

Date	No. Head	Proceeds to Sec.	Pr'd's to Com. Men	Strays	Strays	Totals
1899-00	88105	149	6271.46	415	17467.35	664 23,738.81
1900-01	107068	86	3190.06	433	16059.97	519 19,250.03
1901-02	123341	75	2003.11	411	10973.70	486 12,976.81
1902-03	198832	64	1888.40	1061	31299.50	1125 33,187.90
1903-04	181671	143	3348.05	776	18133.45	919 21,481.50
1904-05	125853	105	2904.19	847	23317.38	952 26,221.57
1905-06	145237	113	3183.62	992	28381.13	1105 31,564.75
1906-07	119251	97	2982.64	1356	41490.10	1453 44,472.74
1907-08	132302	104	3215.25	1623	50166.93	1727 53,382.18
1908-09	181272	105	3921.17	1299	43643.60	1304 47,564.77
1909-10	286670	184	6941.24	2491	94433.81	2675 101,375.05
1910-11	311641	388	18400.74	1687	79997.54	2075 98,398.28
1911-12	274309	426	17267.42	1570	63632.10	1996 80,899.52
1912-13	221542	426	22810.03	5539	296613.45	5965 319,423.48
1913-14	196093	278	18556.39	986	65815.50	1264 84,371.89

Total 2,693,188 2,743 113,668.52 21,486 881,425.51 24,229 998,309.28

### Lloyd's Column

Joe—"What is the easiest way to drive a nail without smashing my fingers?"  
Josephine—"Hold the hammer in both hands."—Ohio Sun Dial.

"What does your father do for a living?" asked one little girl.  
"Why," replied the other, "he takes up the collections in church."—Chicago News.

Peter—"And what was your occupation on earth, my good man?"  
New Arrival (bravely)—"I was chief of a band of robbers."  
Peter—"Ah, gas, meat, or coal?"  
—Sydney Bulletin.

Von Ratz—"Yer know, I haven't paid out a cent for repairs on my old car."  
O'Catz—"Yes, so the owner of De-Stew's garage told me."—Texas Coyote.

A certain popular Alliance young man, after whom a well known alarm clock was named, made a trip the first of the week into the hunting country with a number of friends in an auto. While on the trip he became deeply interested in hunting and now has the fever. His friends say that he has his mind made up on what make of gun he will use this fall when hunting season opens but that he is unable to decide whether a pointer or a Scotch collie would be the best dog to use.

"Madam, you will have to get somebody to introduce you before I can cash this check for you."  
"Sir," she answered, haughtily, "I am here on business and not making a social call. I do not care to know you."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Don't be utterly discouraged because you have to do the same job over and over again," says Colliers Weekly. "Nature has been staging sunsets and sunrises for some eons now—yet we remark no deterioration in their quality from year to year."

### RULES OF THE ROAD

Dick Waters, who is agent for automobile insurance, has had printed in The Herald job department a card on which are the following rules of the road, for automobilists. Auto owners should clip these rules out and observe them strictly:

1. Upon discovering an approaching team, the automobilist must stop offside and cover his machine with a blanket painted to correspond to the scenery.  
2. The speed limit on country roads this year will be a secret, and the penalty for violation will be \$10 for every mile an offender is caught going in excess of it.  
3. In case an automobile makes a team run away, the penalty will be \$50 for the first mile and \$100 for the second, \$200 for the third, etc., that the team runs; in addition to the usual damages.  
4. On approaching a corner where he cannot command a view of the road ahead, the automobilist must stop not less than 100 yards from the turn, toot his horn, ring a bell, fire a revolver, halloo and send up three bombs at intervals of 5 minutes.  
5. Automobiles must again be seasonably painted, that is, so that they will merge with the pastoral ensemble and not be startling. They must be green in the spring, golden in the summer, red in autumn and white in winter.  
6. Automobiles running on the country roads at night must send up a rocket every mile and wait ten minutes for the road to clear. They may then proceed carefully, blowing their horns and shooting Roman candles.  
7. All members of the society will give up Sunday to chasing automobiles, shooting and shouting at them, making arrests and otherwise discouraging country touring on that day.  
8. In case a horse will not pass an automobile, the automobilist must take the machine apart as rapidly as

possible and conceal the parts in the grass.  
9. In case of an automobile approaching a farmer's house when the roads are dusty, it will slow down to one mile an hour and the chauffeur will sprinkle the dust in front of the house with a hand sprinkler wroked over the dashboard.

### SOME ELECTRICAL DON'TS

Don't fail to replace cracked insulators, broken switches and worn out lamp sockets.  
Don't hang clothing or anything else on the electric light wires, or lamp cords in the home.  
Don't attempt to improve the electric wiring in the house unless you are an electrician.  
Don't meddle with the electric wiring. If you want it changed consult an electrician.  
Don't run electric motors and fans without proper oiling.  
Don't attempt to adjust electric lamps with the current on.  
Don't use screw drivers, pliers and other iron or steel tools about electric lamp sockets without opening the master switch in the attic.  
Don't handle electric meters roughly.  
Don't fail to treat every loose electric wire as though it were alive. Handle it with care. You can't tell by looking at a wire whether it is alive or not.  
Don't replace burned fuses with bits of wire. The fuse is designed to protect you as well as the circuit.  
Don't forget that 500 volts, or less, is sometimes fatal.  
Don't touch the electric lamps while standing in a bath tub of water.  
Don't attempt to put in new sockets, new switches, buzzers, etc., without turning off the current.

### AN UNDERESTIMATED FOE

If ten terrible monsters came every spring to this country and all summer long devoured the people, chewing babies as we eat blackberries, biting off the heads of young men, goring the aged to death and stalking about among us as a lion among the martyrs of the Coliseum, we should be up and doing, militia would march forth to give them battle, colonels would wave swords, guns would belch and no enthusiasm would be lacking.  
But when the monster is small and playful and common we let him ravage. He doesn't somehow appeal to our imagination, says the Ottumwa Courier.  
Yet he does more harm, being 10,000,000,000 or so, than any ten monsters, polyphemuses or dragons that ever posed in the pages of tradition.  
He is the common house fly.  
Although much has been said about him and his deadliness the people are not yet alive to the enormity of his crimes. There are thousands of kitchens where flies still swarm and infect the food, thousands of babies over whose faces and upon whose lips flies spread their poison, thousands of restaurants and lunch counters where flies are busy at the work of thinning out the human race.  
All of our subscribers who have received the four magazines seem to like them. Some have told us they don't see how we can do it. You can get the four magazines by paying 18 cents extra when renewing your subscription to the Herald. Why wait to renew your subscription to the Herald? Send in your order today and get four magazines for one year—only 18 cents extra.

After elimination of Huerta is accomplished, the bossridden states should try the "must go" policy on the bosses.

Despite the fact that he does not promise riches to each depositor, Uncle Sam's Postal bank is rapidly increasing in volume of business.

Col. Roosevelt intimates that he will have something to say when he returns from Spain, but by that time the rest of us may have thought of something to say.

Maybe "Uncle Joe" is saving that Roosevelt correspondence until the Mexican trouble gives him front page space.

As soon as a watchful waiting policy wins, President Wilson will be en-

titled to indulge in a little raucous laughter at the expense of a lot of wise ones who said that such a policy would never do.  
France is to honor Col. Roosevelt who is to reciprocate by making the occasion as interesting as possible. He always does.

### NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the city of Alliance, Nebraska, until 8 p. m., July 21, 1914, for

1 Motor Combination Chemical and hose wagon with one forty (40) gallon chemical tank on same, with hose body of twelve hundred (1200) feet capacity, with divisional body fully equipped.

Parties submitting proposals are to furnish their own specifications. The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Payments will be made as cash \$1,000, balance on short terms.

Address all bids as follows: To Geo. F. Snyder, City Clerk, Alliance, Nebraska. For furnishing Fire Apparatus.

A. D. RODGERS, Mayor.  
GEO. F. SNYDER, City Clerk.  
28-5t-3669

Get your Peacock coal from the Forest Lumber Company.  
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Notice for Publication  
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Alliance, Nebraska, June 26th, 1914.

NOTICE is hereby given that Lewis L. Unger, of Alliance, Nebraska, who, on March 25th, 1911, made Homestead entry, No. 013241, for South Half of Section 17, and NW 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, and Lot 1, Section 20, Township 23 North,

Range 47 West of Sixth Principal Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make Final Three-Year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver of the United States Land Office, at Alliance, Nebraska, on the 26th day of August, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses: George D. Workman, Peter R. Workman, Julius Birkle and John Fitzgerald, all of Alliance, Nebraska.  
W. W. WOOD, Register.  
30-7t-452-3721

Range 47 West of Sixth Principal Meridian