



Low Meat Prices vs. High Cattle Prices

If the farmer cannot get enough for his live stock, he raises less, and the packer gets less raw material.

If the consumer has to pay too much for his meat, he eats less of it, and the packer finds his market decreased.

The packer wants the producer to get enough to make live-stock raising profitable, and he wants the price of meat so low that everyone will eat it.

But all he can do, and what he would have to do in any case to stay in business, is to keep down the cost of processing the farmer's stock into meat so that the consumer pays for the meat and by-products only a little more than the farmer gets for his animals.

For example, last year Swift & Company paid for its cattle about 90 per cent of what it got for meat and by-products (such as hides, tallow, etc., etc.).

If cattle from the farm were turned miraculously into meat in the hands of retailers (without going through the expense of dressing, shipping and marketing), the farmer would get only about 1 1/2 cents per pound more for his cattle, or consumers would pay only about 2 1/4 cents per pound less for their beef!

Out of this cent or two per pound, Swift & Company pays for the operation of extensive plants, pays freight on meats, operates refrigerator cars, maintains branch houses, and in most cases, delivers to retailers all over the United States. The profit amounts to only a fraction of a cent, and a part of this profit goes to build more plants, to give better service, and to increase the company's usefulness to the country.

Swift & Company, U. S. A.

Mrs. J. Wonderly left for Iowa a few days ago to attend the funeral of her sister.

Jas. Wonderly purchased a new car last week.

Private Edgar C. Leadabrand arrived home from Camp Funston last week having received honorable discharge from military service. Neighbors and friends assembled at the home and gave the young soldier boy a rousing reception and welcome.

Jay Leadabrand and Mike Bliss each shipped a car load of cattle to Kansas City last Sunday, both going with the consignment.

Ed Elliott, having finished his own corn, is shucking for Roy Meyers. Ed is clearing \$5 a day.

Eimer Nolme is assisting the Leadabrand boys picking corn and stacking cane.

Mr. and Mrs. Vierney Shannon, of near Red Cloud, were visiting Mrs. M. A. Leadabrand and family last Sunday.

The prevailing epidemic keeps doctors Jeffers and Watts of Smith Center, busy night and day in this part of the county.

Jay Leadabrand threshed his cane last week. The seed is of superior quality. Crawford did the work.

Early last week a large number of neighbors armed with axes, crosscuts, bucksaws and other paraphernalia, assembled on the premises of Jerry Dunn and got busy cutting and piling wood for fuel sufficient to keep the gentleman and his two daughters comfortable during the winter and spring. Needless to say every man did his duty and did it well. Particular mention might be made as to the efforts of the young bachelors who vied with each other in adroitness, dexterity and activity. To a disinterested onlooker it would seem they were striving to attain the smiles of youth as well as the approval of a...

Bladen Brieflets

Miss Myra Spence drove to Hastings Sunday, where she took the train for Lincoln. She expects to work there during the winter months.

Uncle Jimmy McCoy suffered a severe stroke of apoplexy last Thursday which left him in a pretty bad condition. He was moved from his home in town to his son, Wm. McCoy's farm, west of Bladen. At the present writing he is able to be up and around again.

D. S. Phelps was a passenger to Blue Hill Monday morning.

Frank Giddings was over from Blue Hill the past week looking after the meat market, during the sickness of Ira and Herb McCoy.

Jacob Schunk was over from Blue Hill Wednesday looking after his implement business here.

H. L. Carlin and family enjoyed a visit from their son Samuel, last week, who has been working out in the western part of the state. He says there are hundreds of acres of corn yet to be shocked and that they are paying from 10 to 15 cents a bushel.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Ross, and daughter Clara, were down from Hastings last Sunday visiting with friends and relatives.

Litter for Chickens

To be profitable a hen must be contented. A good way to keep hens contented is to provide a deep litter of about ten or twelve inches of good clean straw, says the Extension Service of the University of Nebraska College of Agriculture. Remove the litter as soon as it gets dusty and replace with fresh straw. Otherwise the fowls will have what seems to be catarrhal colic, caused by the dusty particles setting up an irritation in the nostrils. No better and no more economical method of compelling laying hens to exercise during the winter months has been devised than by feeding the scratch feed scattered in deep litter. Another advantage of the deep litter in the poultry house is to keep the floor warm, especially when it is concrete.

'Good Health' Tells This One

The Irish propensity to get the last word in an encounter of wits is quoted by "Good Health" in this story "Well," a friend of the Irishman asked, "and how is that dog of yours doing?" "Oh, he jabbars, he's dead, he is. The poor baste swallowed a tape measure." "Oh I see. He died by inches, then?" "He did not. He went round to the back of the house and died by the yard."

The Hamilton-Cather Clothing Co.
Everything a Man or Boy Wears
Red Cloud Nebraska

Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co.
United States Telegraph and Telephone Administration
GEO. J. WARREN, Manager

Our Telephone Policy

Here is Policy that is the Guiding Principal of the Company

- To give the best possible service that we know how to produce.
- To charge the lowest possible rates consistent with prompt, efficient service.
- To treat every patron with the utmost courtesy and consideration.
- To win and merit a reputation for integrity, efficiency and decency.
- To install these principals in the minds of every one of our employes, from the oldest to the youngest, and to have these employes proud of the company—proud to serve its patrons and jealous of their own and the company's good name.

Building Permits

Until further notice, Dealers in Building Material will furnish material WITHOUT GOVERNMENT PERMITS and without any restrictions for the following construction work:

Repairs to existing structures, where the total completed cost of repairs, including labor, does not exceed \$2500.00

Additions to existing structures, where the total completed cost of the additions, including labor, does not exceed \$5000.00

Any farm structures, where the total completed cost, including labor, does not exceed \$1000.00

Malone-Gellatly Co.
Abstract from Circular No. 21 of War Industry Board

Open Day and Night

DINE

AT OUR CAFE

Powell & Pope

Mr. and Mrs.
ED. AMACK
UNDERTAKING
Phone, Ind. Store 158, Res, 93 RED CLOUD, NEB.

Locate Your New Home Along the Burlington

Soldiers, Sailors and Civilians, in seeking free homestead lands or buying deeded lands, will do well to search in the territory served by the Burlington Route. Its lines through Western Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado and Montana have been populated in the past twenty years by a civilization of the most prosperous type.

There are yet in Wyoming territory served by the Burlington large areas of grass-covered lands for homestead entry in 640 acre tracts. You can buy deeded lands for dairy farming in Western Nebraska and Eastern Colorado on terms that any good farmer can meet. From year to year the government is opening irrigated lands in the Big Horn Basin, with perpetual water rights almost a gift. If you settle along the Burlington you rear your home in a progressive locality, where every community is increasing in population. Write me. I want to start you thinking as to where you or your son had best locate

S. B. Howard, Agricultural Agent, C.B.&Q.R.R. 1604 Farnum St. Omaha, Nebr.
N. B. Bush, Ticket Agent, Red Cloud, Neb.

Notice to Creditors.

In the County Court of Webster County, Nebraska
In the matter of the estate of Anna Katrina Burg, deceased.
Creditors of said estate will take notice that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against said estate is APRIL 17th, 1919, and for the payment of debts is MAY 14th, 1919, that I will sit at the county court rooms in said county on the 18th day of January, 1919, to examine, hear and allow all claims duly filed, and on the 18th day of April, 1919, to examine, hear, allow and adjust all claims and objections of general creditors duly filed.
Dated this 17th day of December, A. D. 1918 (Seal) A. D. HANSEN, County Judge.
E. G. Caldwell attorney for estate

R. E. McBride

REAL ESTATE

LOANS INSURANCE
Office Over Trine's Hardware

Drop In

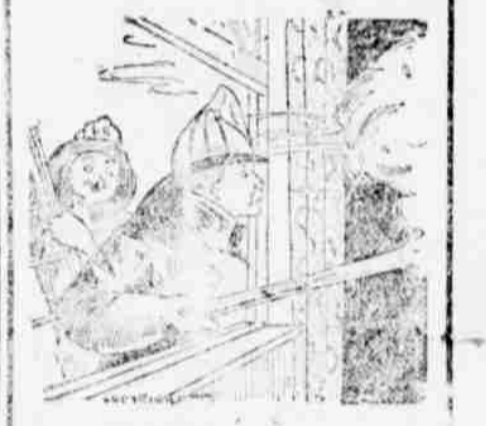
Schultz & Schaal
STUDIO
for
First class portraiture enlarging, copying, new work, amateur finishing, etc.
YOUR PATRONAGE APPRECIATED

Dr. W. H. McBride

DR. W. H. McBride
DENTIST
Supervisor of the State
OVER SEVEN YEARS
RED CLOUD NEBRASKA

E. S. Carber

Wall Paper, Paints, Oils and Varnish
PICTURE FRAMING
(Work Guaranteed)
Electrical Goods of all Kinds
Will Wire Your House And Furnish You the Fixtures



When the Firemen Appear
the insured man's first thought is one of thankfulness that he is so. How about your thoughts if a fireman should appear at your home?

The Day Before the Fire
is the day to insure. As that day may be to-morrow for all you can know or do, it follows that prudence would impell you to stop in our office to-day and have us issue you a policy.

O. C. TEEL

Reliable Insurance

X-Ray Reflectors.
Mica has been found an excellent material for concentrating mirrors for X-rays. Glass will not do, because, smooth as it is, it is too rough for the extremely minute X-rays, which are much smaller than light waves. Glass diffuses the X-rays, much as a rough surface diffuses light waves, but it was found that the surface of mineral crystals were of the requisite smoothness for reflecting X-rays, and of them mica is the most adaptable, being readily split into sheets.

Cut Out the Fretting Habit.
It is not work, or even real anxiety, that makes the way hard and the daily burdens so heavy. It is life's ceaseless little frets—the things we might learn to eliminate if we would.

Invalide Items

Valma Carpenter came to town Monday and took Misses Mary and Katie Hefflin home with her for a few days' visit in the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Walker and Miss Marie Harwood, of Red Cloud, called on the C. H. Burgess family last Sunday. Mrs. Burgess went home with them for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Renkle are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born Dec. 16th, 1918.

Mr. Roy Rutledge has returned to Camp Dodge, Iowa, after a weeks visit with home folks.

Chas. Hunter is able to be out again after a few days' illness.

Mrs. Amy Hefflin attended the funeral of Grandpa Martin last Sunday.

Mrs. Stella Kennedy called on Mrs. Garold last Friday.

Miss Maudie Meranville, who is teaching at Bunkleman, is home again until after the holidays.

Miss Bessie Schrupff, primary teacher, left last Saturday for her home at Red Oak, Neb., to remain until after vacation.

Mrs. C. H. Burgess came home Tuesday night after a few days' visit with relatives in Red Cloud.

Grandma Wickwire is on the sick list.

Mr. Monroe Renkle left Tuesday night for Wyoming on a sight-seeing tour which is to last until spring.

Paul Hancock of Riverton, was seen on our streets last Sunday.

C. L. Etheridge is able to be back at his work again, quite recovered from his illness.

Ashley Warthen was a pleasant caller at the Art Meyers home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Garold Leonard spent Tuesday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Link Daily.

Herman Dailey purchased a new Overland car one day last week.

Johnie Burgess is helping C. L. Etheridge in the drug store this week.

Steve Kennedy helped Wm. Carpenter load his car last Monday.

Bonnie Hartwell is driving a new Overland car now-a-days.

Peter Arnold came home Monday night having received honorable discharge from Camp Morrison, Va.

Miss Gladie Harrington is assisting Mrs. Emma Renkle with her housework this week.

Monroe Renkle spent last Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Wm. Renkle.

Wm. Carpenter loaded a car with household goods last Monday which he shipped to Powell, Wyo., where he intends to make his future home.

Mrs. Bert Leonard went to Red Cloud Tuesday to see her daughter, Mrs. Joe Topham, who is quite sick.

Monroe Renkle, Hal Fearn, Claud Conley and Mr. Harrington rebuilt a barn for Miss Moore last Monday.

John Rutledge, whose health has not been good made a trip to Hastings last Monday for medical advice.

Most everyone is able to be about again after a fight with the "flu."

Mrs. Wm. Carpenter and children, Mable, Erma, Louis and Willis, departed last Friday morning for Superior where they will visit for a few days before going on to Wyoming.

There were no services or Sunday school at either church last Sunday on account of health precautions.

Northeast Pawnee

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Keilcher rejoice over the arrival of a baby boy which came to their home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. David Elliot and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Elliot attended church at Esbon last Sunday and remained for a few days to visit the former's daughter and her husband, who reside near that place.

Mrs. Everett Meyers was dangerously ill last week. Dr. Watts, of Smith Center was called and the lady is now able to be up and around.