

Omaha a Model Market

Strong Words of Commendation from Assistant Secretary of Agriculture of the United States

To speak of a live stock market as being a model for the world is putting it pretty strong, but that is about the way Hon. Carl Vrooman, assistant secretary of agriculture, stated it regarding the Omaha market. Mr. Vrooman, speaking before the Omaha Commercial Club at a noon luncheon a few weeks ago, mentioned the report made by the inspectors of the United States Department of Agriculture who had been sent out to inspect live stock markets. He said he had sent inspectors out to inspect the live stock markets of the Missouri valley some time ago to get ideas as to how to better market conditions, and that their whole recommendation was wrapped up in the one slogan, "Go and do what Omaha has done," or "Use Omaha's market as a model."

The inspectors were so well impressed with the exceptionally fine facilities in the Union stock yards in Omaha, the new hog parlors where all hogs are protected from every kind of weather, where not a drop of rain or a flake of snow can touch them in the fireproof, concrete quarters; with the new horse barn, also of concrete and steel, absolutely fireproof; with the new sheep barns, with facilities for handling the vast flocks of sheep that annually swarm in there to make this the greatest feeder sheep market in the world, and with all the modern facilities of yardage, that they are today holding up the South Omaha yards and their equipment as models to other markets.

Mr. Vrooman spoke of business methods also and their relation to agriculture. He said the United States is destined to assume industrial and moral leadership of the world and he declared the business men must bethink themselves as to how they are going to do this and what methods to employ. "Shall we assume this position in the world," he asked, "in a way that will make other nations jealous of us and make them seek to hamstring this great power, or shall we do it by building up a reputation for honesty and square dealing? It is the spirit of the American business man that is to determine the success or failure of the nation in the future."

Sugar Beets in S. D.

Prospects that the Growing of Sugar Beets and Making Sugar Will Become Leading Industry

A representative of The Nebraska Stockman recently had the pleasure of meeting Fred Mawer and J. J. Flanagan, stockmen of Nisland, S. D., and from them secured some interesting information regarding the development of the sugar beet industry in the western part of South Dakota.

Experiments have been carried on at the government station at Nowell. Sugar beets have been grown there, testing as high as twenty-one per cent. saccharin, which is claimed to be the highest test of beets produced in any state.

This year 500 acres will be planted to sugar beets in five-acre tracts, under contract with the Western Sugar Co. More than 10,000 acres will be planted, the farmers of western South Dakota having already subscribed to contracts for growing a crop in 1917, when a new factory will be erected, the location of which has not yet been announced. It is supposed that the object of the sugar company in putting out a hundred five-acre contracts this year, scattering the same over a large territory, is to ascertain just what parts of that country are the best adapted to the culture of the sugar beet.

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