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DROUTH DOESN'T ALWAYS DAMAGE

Dry weather is not always a bad thing. Contrary to the ideas of many people who are not familiar with the sandhills of Nebraska, a large stretch of country devoted principally to stock raising, that part of the state is never hurt by drouth. Where there is sufficient soil in the sand to produce vegetation it remains green and luxuriant during the hottest and driest summers. There is always moisture under the surface of the sandy soil.

It is a noticeable fact that while the tableland ranch country of Wyoming was badly injured this year by drouth, necessitating the shipping of cattle to market unusually early, in the sandhills ranch country of Nebraska conditions are splendid. On the tablelands of western Nebraska where farming is engaged in to a considerable extent, crops were injured by the dry weather, altho recent rains have helped them out wonderfully in the northwestern part of the state where the season is later than in the southwestern part.

WHAT TRIMMING?

The South Omaha Daily Drivers Journal-Stockman, in a recent issue, said: "Feeder buyers are willing and ready to get busy when prices look right. Around \$8.00 and better, they do not look right. The trimming that a lot of cattle feeders got last winter tends to make them more conservative."

What trimming does the Journal-Stockman have reference to? We seem to fail to remember it. To be sure, feeders who put cattle into their feed lots for a few weeks and then sent them to market early stood to lose money, perhaps, some of them did; but those who fed out their stuff and sold it later all smiled when they came to market—and a very broad and bland smile it was, too, that they wore.

To begin with, cattle did much better on last year's soft corn, properly balanced with other rations, than they expected. Then those who sold in May and June received from three to four cents per pound more for their fat cattle than they paid for them as feeders a few months previous, besides the increase of putting on from 250 to 400 pounds additional weight. Not much trimming in that.

We notice that last year's feeders all want to try it again this year. We do not claim to know what the price of feeder cattle will be the coming fall and early winter, but it ought to be good.

THE FARM LOAN LAW

The Farm, Stock and Home, speaking-editorially of the federal rural credits law recently passed by congress and approved by President Wilson, says that it looks upon it "as just good old-fashioned political bunk. It was made to fit political rather than economic needs—to re-elect to office, thru the votes of the farmers, a lot of men singularly ignorant of the first requirements of adequate farm financing."

We remember not so long ago when some newspapers were printing opinions similar to that about the federal reserve banking law, but since that law has helped this country to fide over, without a financial quiver, a period that would probably otherwise have been marked with a panic, they are not saying things of that kind about that law.

When it comes to questions upon which politics has a bearing, the opinions of a partisan editor are not worth the paper they are printed on.

ST. JOSEPH'S SECOND SHOW

Only one more issue of The Nebraska Stockman and the special monthly stockmen's edition of The Alliance Herald will be published before the second annual St. Joseph Stocker and Feeder Show has been pulled off, hence we wish to call particular attention to the same at this time.

Last year the St. Joseph live stock market people blazed the way for exhibitions of this kind by putting on their first Stocker and Feeder Show. It was a good stunt, and we are glad to say a success, too.

We recognized at once something of the benefits that would probably accrue to stockmen from the show, thru giving publicity to the cattle of those stockmen who raised superior stuff and marketed it in prime condition for feeding purposes. But there is another benefit that will surely become an outgrowth of the stocker and feeder show proposition, and that is the encouragement that it will give to improved breeding.

It is needless for us to say that for some years past cattle men, especially ranchmen of Nebraska, have been giving close attention to the improvement of their herds in breeding. We confidently predict that within the next few years there will be a marked increase in interest in this matter.

It is but simple justice to the St. Joseph Stocker and Feeder Show that it be liberally patronized. We hope Nebraska stockmen will be well represented there again this year and capture some more of their good prizes. In making consignments of live stock to St. Joseph, it would be only fair to give the preference to those live stock commission firms that are represented in the advertising columns of this paper. They are all reliable firms and will go the limit in trying to accommodate the readers of this paper. They are inviting the business of Nebraska ranchmen in the proper way and ought to have it. We hope they get it.

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\$150.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00

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1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH
\$150.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00	\$25.00

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