

## NEBRASKA'S LIVE STOCK INTERESTS

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### BIG HOOST FOR OMAHA

The best thing that has happened to the Omaha live stock market for many years is the establishment of a new packing plant. Notwithstanding the immediate facilities of the present plants, it has been realized for a long time that an enlargement of the packing capacity of this market would be helpful. The following editorial appeared in the Omaha World-Herald of May 9. While written on another subject, it has a direct bearing on this matter:

"The important work that remains to be done to develop Omaha as a live stock market is disclosed from a study of the market receipts for April.

"During the month there were received at the principal western markets carloads of live stock as follows: Chicago 27,127; Omaha 14,239; Kansas City 12,208; Sioux City 4,629; St. Joseph 4,573.

"This shows Omaha in second place, a proud position, true enough, but not the position to which Omaha is entitled. Omaha should be in first place. And Omaha would be in first place if the live stock raised in Nebraska and shipped from Nebraska points, had been all consigned to Omaha, the logical market. There is, it is true, a small portion of the state to which Sioux City is more accessible, and another small portion that is nearer St. Joseph, but these two sections combined are only a very minor fraction of the state.

"Here are the figures for Nebraska carload live stock shipments for April:

"To Omaha 11,057; Kansas City 2,354; St. Joseph 2,347; Chicago 2,093; Sioux City 999.

"The total shipments from Nebraska, 18,850 cars, were divided as follows: To Omaha 11,057; to other points 7,793.

"Had the Nebraska stock consigned to outside markets been diverted to Omaha instead, the receipts at the various markets would have been like this:

"Omaha 22,032; Chicago 21,034; Kansas City 9,854; Sioux City 4,625; St. Joseph 2,226.

"There is 40 per cent or more of Nebraska's live stock production that is being marketed at other points than Omaha. There should not be to exceed 10 per cent. And there would not be to exceed 10 per cent if the needed packing house facilities existed in Omaha, if the stock yards capacity were enlarged, and if as favorable a market on all classes of live stock freights and other costs considered, were provided in Omaha are at competitive points.

"The greatest work that could be done for Omaha at this time, commercially speaking, would be to build up its live stock market to the rank it deserves to hold. Who will undertake that task and see it through?"

### THE NEED SUPPLIED

The men at the head of the Skinner Manufacturing company, of Omaha, the world's largest distributors and manufacturers of macaroni products, recognized Omaha's need of greater packing capacity at the live stock market. They are men of enterprise and sound judgment and for them to take hold of this matter means that it will be made a success. Accordingly, the Skinner Packing company was organized and incorporated with Lloyd M. Skinner as president, Robert Gilmore, secretary, and Paul F. Skinner as chairman of the board.

It was the intention originally to put in a plant at a cost of about half million dollars but in developing the plans, it has been decided to make investments of approximately double that amount.

A tract of land southwest of the Swift plant has been purchased. This is an ideal site, also somewhat farther from the stock yards than the other packing houses. Work has been commenced on grading and it is the intention to push construction work rapidly.

Certain of the government regulations relative to packing houses have proved to be a source of inconvenience to the large plants that were erected without these requirements in view. In planning the construction for the Skinner Packing company the architects had full knowledge of the government requirements and planned accordingly. The new plant has

been appropriately named "Omaha's Daylight, Snowwhite Packing house."

We are pleased to print a halftone cut of the architect's drawing of the buildings as they will appear when constructed. The Herald will keep its readers posted on the progress of the work on this magnificent packing plant, which will soon become a very important factor in helping to push the Omaha market into first place among the live stock markets of America.

### Ground Broken for Plant

Last Friday afternoon ground was broken for the new Skinner Packing company plant, located south of the Swift house.

Mr. Skinner says the ground has been bought, plans completed, contracts for grading let and experts are now buying machinery for the new house.

No particular ceremony marked the breaking of ground yesterday except that officers of the Live Stock Exchange, the Stock Yards company and several interested stockmen were on hand to see that the new plant got off with a good start.

Omaha welcomes all the packing houses that can be induced to locate here and the new Skinner plant will probably soon be followed by others, as this is one of the few markets in the country showing a steady increase in receipts of live stock every year.

### NATIONAL LIVE STOCK EXCHANGE MEETING

W. B. Tagg, president of the National Live Stock Exchange, and Mrs. Tagg left Saturday evening for New York City where the thirtieth annual meeting of the National Live Stock Exchange will be held on May 16, 17 and 18. They were joined at Chicago by the secretary, C. B. Heinemann, and Mrs. Heinemann. The officers went ahead to make final arrangements for the convention which opens today at the Hotel McAlpin.

The delegation representing the Omaha Live Stock Exchange left Sunday night over the Burlington, and consists of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Laverty, Messrs. Will H. Wood, A. E. Rogers, Oscar Allen, Frank G. Kellogg, A. F. Stryker, secretary of the local exchange, and Breece McCullough, editor of the Journal-Stockman, and Mrs. McCullough.

Many matters of national importance to the live stock industry are to come before this convention. Some very interesting papers and discussions will also take place including: President's address by W. B. Tagg, of Omaha.

Address by E. W. Houx, Kansas City, Mo. Subject, "The Commission Man; a Buffer Between the Producer and the Middleman."

A paper by E. Z. Russell, formerly of Omaha, but who is now specialist of the swine husbandry of the United States department of agriculture. Subject, "The Necessity of Increased Hog Production."

Address by Henry C. Wallace, editor Wallace's Farmer. Subject, "The Live Stock Feeder in War Times."

Address, Hon. J. B. Kendrick, United States senator from Wyoming. Subject, "The Range Man."

Address, Hon. John R. Mohler, chief of the bureau of animal industry. Subject, "The Certified Food; Government Inspected Meat Products."

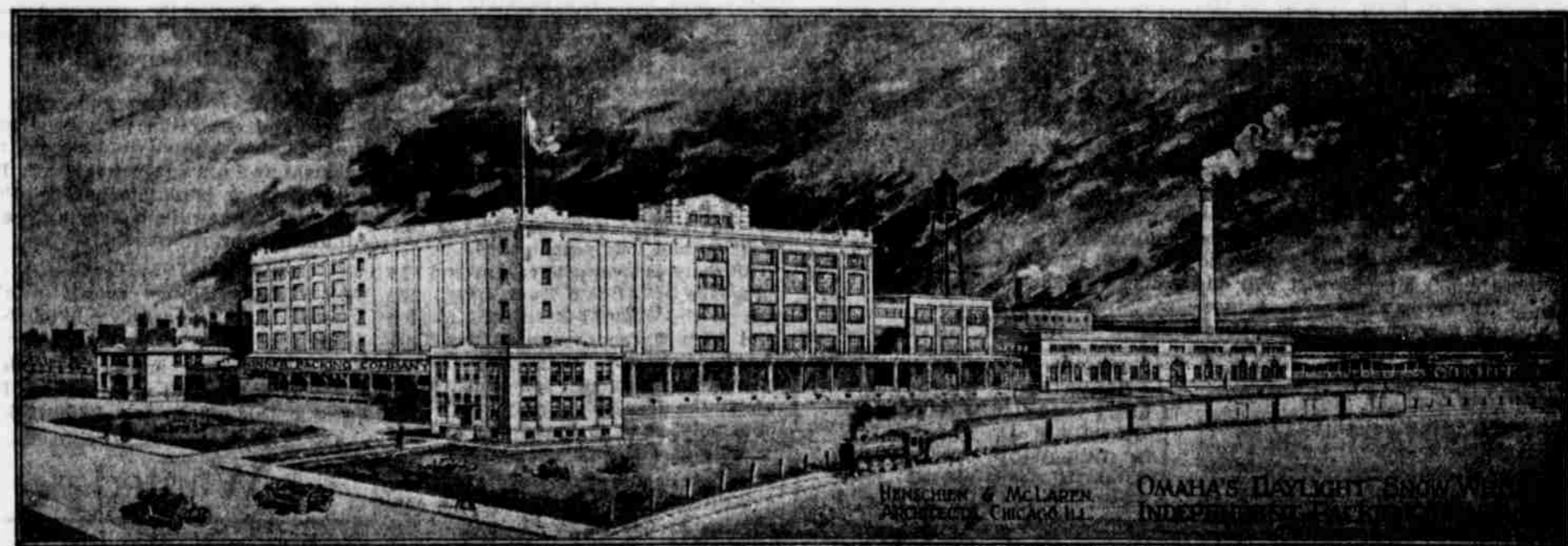
Address, Thos. E. Wilson, president Wilson & Co. Subject, "The Packers' Problems."

Hon. Herbert Hoover, food administrator at Washington, has been invited to address the convention on the subject "The Aim of the Food Administration," but it is doubtful whether he will be able to attend on account of his many important engagements in Washington.

There will also be reports from the several standing and special committees on matters affecting railroad service and the live stock business in general.

Quite a number of the delegates expect to return via Washington, D. C.

The president's address, delivered at the opening of the convention today, is replete with valuable information that will be of great interest to the many readers of this paper, who are engaged in the live stock business. It will be published in full in this department of The Herald next week.



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF OMAHA'S DAYLIGHT, SNOWWHITE PACKING HOUSE

### PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

One of the best known and most popular dentists in the state of Nebraska is Dr. G. W. Todd, who has a fine office conveniently located in the Brandeis building, Omaha. Besides being an expert dentist Dr. Todd is a broad-minded, common sense, business man who takes a sensible view in regard to advertising.

It is a pleasure to announce that he will begin a publicity campaign soon, that will not only be interesting to persons who may be in need of first class dentistry, but will be valuable to them if they make use of the information that will be contained in the matter to be published.

### LIVE STOCK RATE SITUATION

The Live Stock Shippers' Protective league is doing good work in the adjustment of transportation difficulties, of which there are many in some parts of the country.

The live stock editor of The Herald recently interviewed A. F. Stryker, the wideawake and able secretary-traffic manager of the Omaha Live Stock Exchange. Mr. Stryker said:

"I have just returned from a trip to New Orleans, where I was called by representatives of the National Live Stock Shippers' Protective league and the National Live Stock Exchange before the interstate commerce commission, relative to live stock rates and the rules and regulations surrounding the transportation of live stock in the south, the southeast and the southwest.

"I have found that the live stock rate situation in this territory was in a very chaotic condition, and in talking with northern people who have gone to the south and gone into the live stock business, I was informed that the railroad situation and railroad rates were about the most serious handicap the live stock men had in the south. I found numbers of northern men interested in this business in Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

"The sandhill stock man would find many conditions with which he is not familiar in this southern territory. There is lots of sand, it is true, but it hasn't the same characteristics of the sandhill sand. There are swamps galore. There are hundreds of knothole cattle. These cattle commence at their horns and taper back to their hips. They can go wherever they can get their heads."

"I visited the stock yards at New Orleans. Saw some few cattle carrying a fair amount of flesh and of fair breeding. Saw many others carrying little or no flesh and showing absolutely no breeding of any kind or character. Saw bulls six or seven years old which would not weigh to exceed 500 lbs.

"There are many opportunities for development along this line in the southern states, if the transportation system is adjusted to help rather than hinder the development of the country.

"I came back to Nebraska, however, mighty glad to be a citizen of this state; mighty glad to be connected with the development of the live stock industry in this territory. The average stock man of Nebraska can be mighty glad for all of our natural advantages.

"The outcome of the case which we helped try is, of course, problematical and will be determined by the interstate commerce commission in the course of time.

"The Live Stock Shippers' Protective league is doing a good work in the adjustment of transportation difficulties throughout the country and is deserving of the support of all of the stock shippers to any of the public markets."

## LIVESTOCK PRICES AT SOUTH OMAHA

Cattle Receipts Light; Prices Ruie Strong

HOGS SHOW 25-35c DECLINE

Receipts of Sheep and Lambs Only Five Thousand Head—Shorn Lambs Sell at \$15.50; Fats at \$19.95—Market Generally a Shade Lower, But Steady at the Decline.

Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, May 14, 1918.—There was comparatively light run of cattle, numbering 5,800 head, which is considerably short of a week ago when supplies ran 11,732 head and somewhat smaller the corresponding day a year ago. Best beef was active and strong to 10@15c higher but the market on in-between and shorted grades was just about steady with last week's close. Best beef brought \$17.50.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice heifers, \$16.75@17.50; fair to good heifers, \$16.00@17.00; common to fair heifers, \$12.50@16.00; good to choice yearlings, \$14.00@16.25; fair to good yearlings, \$11.00@13.50; common to fair yearlings, \$9.50@10.50; good to choice heifers, \$12.50@13.50; good to choice cows, \$12.00@13.25; fair to good cows, \$9.75@11.75; cutters, \$8.75@9.75; canners, \$7.50@8.50; veal calves, \$9.00@12.75; bologna bulls, \$8.50@10.00; beef bulls, \$10.00@13.00; prime feeders, \$12.00@13.25; good to choice feeders, \$10.25@11.75; fair to good feeders, \$9.00@10.00; good to choice stockers, \$10.00@12.00; fair to good stockers, \$8.75@9.75; common to fair grades, \$7.50@8.50; stock heifers, \$8.50@10.50; stock cows, \$7.50@10.00; stock calves, \$8.50@11.50.

Packers and shipping order buyers continued pounding the market on a supply of 9,100 head and the outstanding feature of the market was a spread in prices of practically 15c. The bulk of the receipts changed hands from \$17.00 to \$17.10, the latter figure being the top price of the day as compared with Saturday's bulk of \$17.20 to \$17.40, and a top of \$17.50. Trading, however, was fairly active at the decline.

Offerings in sheep barn amounted to 5,000 head and the early trade was not very active. Shorn lambs sold at \$15.50 and fat lambs sold at \$19.95 for the best bunches. A string of woolled ewes went to the scales at \$13.00 and the general market was notably steady to a dime lower.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, good to choice, \$19.50@20.20; lambs, fair to good, \$18.00@19.00; lambs, feeders, \$17.50@19.00; shearing lambs, \$18.50@20.00; shorn lambs, choice light, \$15.50@16.15; shorn lambs, fair light, \$15.00@15.50; shorn lambs, choice heavy, \$14.75@15.00; spring lambs, \$15.00@20.00; lambs, culls, \$16.00@18.00; yearlings, fair to choice, \$17.00@18.25; wethers, fair to choice, \$14.50@17.00; ewes, fair to choice, \$13.00@16.00; shorn ewes, choice, dry, \$12.00@12.15; shorn ewes, choice wet, \$11.00@12.00; shorn ewes, fair to good, \$9.00@11.00; ewes, culls and canners, \$8.00@11.00.

### DEATH OF LARRY MELADY

Another prominent Omaha live stock commission man has passed beyond. Lawrence C. Melady, familiarly known as Larry, died at his home in Omaha at 1 o'clock Monday morning, May 13.

He had been engaged in the live stock commission business in Omaha since 1901. He was born in St. Paul, Minn., in 1874, and is survived by his widow and son, 11 years old. All his

brothers and sisters were at his bedside with the exception of a brother in Chicago.

His brothers are Eugene of Omaha, John P. and Steven J. of St. Paul, and Michael C. and James M., of Chicago. His two sisters are Mrs. Mary A. Shanley and Sister Evangelista of the St. Joseph order, both of St. Paul.

Larry had been in ill health for the past three years and had made every effort to recover. He returned a week ago Friday from San Antonio, Tex., where he spent the last few months in the hopes that the mild climate of the Gulf would be beneficial. His many friends at the exchange as well as his friends in the country sincerely mourn his death.

The body remained in the Melady home in the Knickerbocher apartments, Thirty-eighth and Jones streets, Omaha, until Wednesday evening, when it was taken to St. Paul, where the funeral was held.

### STOCKMEN'S NIGHT OF THE AK-SAR-BEN

According to the Ak-Sar-Ben schedule of big nights at the famous old den this year the red letter date is June 16, for on that night the stockmen of the country will be the special guests of the organization and the program will contain suggestions of hoofs and horns.

## HEAVY MEAT EATERS HAVE SLOW KIDNEYS

Eat less meat if you feel Backachy or have bladder trouble—Take glass of Salts.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys.

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which everyone should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

### JACK OPERATED BY A CHAIN

Saves Motorist From Getting Under Car, Saving Hands and Clothing From Dirt and Grease.

Getting in underneath the car with a jack, when use of such an appliance is necessary, is often accompanied by getting the hands and clothing greasy and dirt-stained. Furthermore, some jack handles are likely to fly up, letting the car down with a bang and perhaps causing injury to the motorist. A new type is operated by a chain. When the jack is in place under the axle, hauling up the chain elevates the car. Pulling the other way lets the car down, and when the jack is no longer needed it can be drawn out from under the automobile, again by the chain. The



Chain-Driven Jack.

Jack has a strong cap, affording good support to the axle and a broad base to avoid upsetting. These jacks for touring cars, with a lifting capacity of one ton, come in 8, 10 and 12-inch sizes. When raised, the heights are respectively 12 1/2, 15 1/2 and 18 1/2 inches. An auxiliary step on the 8 and 10-inch sizes adds two inches greater height. The price of all three is the same, \$5.

### SELF-SERVICE GARAGE PLAN

Automobile Owner Can Make Repairs in Separate Compartment—Tools Also Furnished.

The self-service idea has invaded the realm of the garage, says Popular Mechanics. Just as one can enter certain restaurants or groceries and help himself and be charged with what he gets, so now a car owner can take his automobile into one of the separate compartments provided in a Seattle garage, procure tools at the garage office, and do his own repairing. When he has finished he returns the tools to the office and is charged according to the time he has occupied the room and for the tools he has used. These private repair spaces can be locked so that one can safely leave his work and return and finish it later. If a helper is desired, one can be secured at a specified rate.

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