

BEEF PRICES AND WHAT THE CONSUMER PAYS

The following from the Sioux City Live Stock Record may tend to enlighten those who labor erroneously under the impression that none other than the packers are making the "kale" which they believe is unduly exacted of them when they step to the meat counter and purchase their daily ration of beef or pork:

"Occasionally, as things move along on the road from now to hence, one sees certain of our suspicious citizenry rush for the printing shop to explain to the dear public the why and wherefore of certain practices that are more or less questionable—in fact, that the dear public has learned to consider as needing investigation. In a species of English that may come into play about next Friday afternoon, down on the banks of the old Maumee river, near the home of a certain automobile that ain't being advertised in this paper—to back up, draw a long breath and start over again: When you get the suspicious citizenry to pushing into print to explain the psychological circumstances on which the suspicion is located, that's when you have got them groggy and leaning against the ropes. Of course, just as some rocks are harder than others, one finds some of this suspicious citizenry that one could not make a dent in with a chilled steel punch and a twelve-pound sledge hammer—but we are not responsible for, nor is it our purpose to enter into any discussion of the geological formation found to constitute the domes of certain of the genus homo.

"With this preliminary observation, we have now come to the discussion of a little gem that floated from the seam in one of these geological formations that adorns the apex of some one of our own suspicious citizenry. There is no chance for the price of meats to come down, is the substance of this gem that oozed out through a fissure in one of our mummified topknots and found lodging in the only morning paper that is allowed to be printed and tolerated at the forks of the Big Sioux, the Polyd and the Missouri rivers. The main argument is to the effect that cattle prices must come down and the export of meats must be stopped before the consumer can expect lower prices for the fresh meats he needs. Need it be again repeated that the cattle that three months ago were selling at \$16.50 to \$17.50 per hundred pounds are now begging an outlet at \$12.00 to \$13.00 per hundredweight? Need it be repeated that this country has no export outlet for beef—and has had none for three months? Need it be repeated that the government has ceased to buy beef for transport across the Atlantic? Need it be repeated that packer coolers and cold storage houses are bursting with beef that is begging a market? Need it be repeated that the packers have lowered their wholesale prices to retailers—have fowled them more than the per pound decline in the prices pair for the live cattle? The producers, the live stock market men and the packers all know these

things. Then, why, in this country with its laws entitled 'Laws Against Combines in Restraint of Trade,' is retail trade allowed to rush into print to say there is no chance for the price of meat to come down? The retailers, a few senatorial fossils, possibly that 'Committee of Fifteen' which held a star chamber session in Chicago last week, and a few grating calamity howlers, are the only folks in this country who have not learned that cattle are from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per hundred pounds cheaper than they were three months ago, that the producer is losing money by the thousands, that the packer is overloaded with beef that he is offering at less than cost to the retailer. The producer, the live stock market man and the packers know that unless there is some move made to get beef into the channels of consumption, this country will be importing beef in less than two years, for the American farmer hold up under the losses he has been pocketing of late—and he will cease to raise cattle.

The hog market is different. There is an export demand for cured meats and fats, such as are yielded by the hog. But there is no export demand for beef, nor is there likely to be one. The only salvation for the cattle trade is a strangle hold on the retailer that will compel him to let his prices down to a par with the wholesale price from the packer to him.

"Be it known, in this reference to what ails the cattle trade, and the alleged laws against combine in restraint of trade, that a movement is on foot among live stock exchanges to demand some action on the part of congress to save the cattle trade—and among the proposed actions is one which proposes going after the retailer. It was brought out in a meeting of the Kansas City Live Stock Exchange, last Friday, that retailers are making a gross profit of 70 to 100 per cent on beef, thus keeping beef from the consumer's table, while the cattle producer is pocketing losses of \$30 per head on his feeding operations. Meat prices will not come down—until the retailer is forced to come off his perch."

YANKEE ROBINSON SHOW MORE COMPLETE THAN EVER BEFORE

The big Yankee Robinson Three Ring Wild Animal Circus due in Alliance on Tuesday July 22 will be more complete this season in range of standard features, aided by world-picked skillful artists, having a greater number of men and horses and additional animals of zoo and jungle than ever before. They also have enlarged transportation facilities, the largest of canvases, with an expanded seating capacity that will seat 10,000 people comfortably. The 1919 season has a special interest, as the circus is reinforced by the presence of young Hackenschmidt, the World's Champion middle-weight Wrestler who will meet all comers daily forfeiting one hundred

dollars to any man he cannot win a fall from in fifteen minutes. He is just one of the participants in the Athletic portion of the Yankee Robinson program.

To give the public an idea as to the character of entertainment presented by this vast amusement enterprise, the Yankee Robinson Circus and Eddie Rickenbacker, American Ace of Aces were chosen out of a thousand attractions offered as the leading features of the Nebraska State Fair to be held in Lincoln next September.

The novelty filled mile-long parade will take place at 10:30 a. m. Doors open at 2 and 8 p. m.

German Siege of Paris.

The siege of Paris began on September 15, 1870, and ended on January 28, 1871, when the city surrendered. German troops entering the city in March, 1871, and remaining 48 hours. The eastern part of Paris was bombarded by the Germans on January 8, 1871, and about a week later there was a general bombardment, in which many buildings were damaged and a number of persons killed. After the latter bombardment France appealed to the neutral powers, but received no response.

EAT MORE POTATOES

Although mostly starch and water, potatoes contain enough of the other essentials to make a fairly complete food ration, which is borne out by the fact that the entire population of certain parts of the globe subsist almost entirely upon the reliable spud, says an exchange.

There are a thousand and one ways in which the potato can be served as food. The variety of dishes in which the potato can take the leading role or play a minor part is virtually endless, and the housewife need never complain that she is getting tired of cooking potatoes. All she need do is to cook them in a new fashion to make them appetizing to her spouse.

Civilization will be indebted for all time to Sir Walter Raleigh, not for his gallant conduct on so many occasions nor for the romantic flavor he adds to our history books, but to the mere fact that he introduced the potato to the white man, spread potato propaganda throughout England, boosted the lowly spud to queen and

courtiers and made it popular among the knights, squires and even the common people. The potato of today is a different looking vegetable than it was in Sir Walter's day, but it is still on the job, a mainstay at many a table in many a land.

But are we eating as many potatoes we should, considering their food properties and their very, very reasonable prices? I don't believe we are.

People in this country were frightened away from the potato two years ago and have not gone back to the old reliable tuber as they should. There is no reason now to seek substitutes, as there are plenty of potatoes and the price is reasonable.

Colors of the Sardine.

The fresh sardine is a beautiful little fish. The scales on its back are an iridescent blue-green, the exact tint which the sea so often takes, while beneath the scales there shows up the most wonderful peacock blue. There are bars on its back and sides when it first comes out of the water like those on the mackerel, but they seem to fade and disappear the moment it is exposed to the air. The remainder of its body is pure silver in its color scheme.

First Tenement in New York.

The first tenement house in New York city was built in 1833. It was a four-story building and stood in what is now Corlears park.

Real Meaning of Luck.

Luck means the hardships and privations which you have not hesitated to endure; the long nights you have devoted to work. Luck means the appointments you have never failed to keep; the trains you have never failed to catch.—Max O'Rell.

Fruit is Healthful.

Fruits are not only wholesome as food but often act beneficially as medicines. The acids of some fruits are good destroyers of disease germs and tend to restore as well as keep the organs of secretion and the whole digestive tract in a healthy condition.

Then and Now.

Said the facetious feller: "In the olden days when the automobile was designated as 'one lugger' I suppose the chap who owned one had a good deal of trouble with his lung, but now his chief complaint is either gas-tritis or that tired feeling."

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