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LESS STOCK AND LOWER PRICES

Stockmen who attended the annual convention of the state stock growers association in Alliance last week were intensely interested in the discussions which took place as to the why and wherefore of the present low prices being paid to the producer and the reasons for the high prices charged consumers of meats. Resolutions were passed urging that action be taken to save the stock industry from the financial ruin which is impending, especially if growers are forced to sell their herds this fall to pay off loans which are coming due.

Herbert Myrick, a farm expert at Chicago, has compiled figures from the federal census reports. He declares that there is no economic excuse for price conditions and says that the number of cattle for each hundred persons is one-third less than in the year 1900, the sheep supply is reduced two-thirds, while the number of hogs is 41 per cent smaller.

Myrick declares that the present meat supply will furnish only about one-half as much for each person as formerly and said that "the decline in prices to producers is so utterly unjustified as to constitute the gravest economic crime ever perpetrated upon the farmers."

The expert gave figures to show that 20 per cent less meat was exported during the present fiscal year than during the previous year and that imports totalled 175,000,000 pounds of fresh meats, or nearly four times as much as two or three years ago. He charges that the United States department of agriculture has over-estimated the number of sheep and hogs and states that the department's estimate for January, 1920, was 28 per cent in error, and said that the census found 34,900,000 sheep as compared to the department's estimate of 48,600,000.

Myrick also said that the census shows 14,000,000 fewer hogs than department estimates, having found only 59,000,000 pigs on farms, or 19 per cent less than the department's estimate of 72,000,000. The steady decline in the number of cattle since the census is emphasized by the decrease of nearly 18 per cent in the number slaughtered in the last eleven and one-half months.

The farmer today takes his hogs to market and receives from five to five and one-half cents per pound. He goes to the market and pays somewhere around thirty cents per pound for a slab of bacon. A Box Butte county farmer remarked this week that he didn't see why the enormous difference and that in the future it was up to him to do his own butchering. He does not blame the retailer, who usually sells on a small margin of profit, but believes that the high freight rates and the margin made by the packer is entirely out of proportion to the price paid the grower.

It may be due to the fact that women are now the equals of men, when once they were the superiors, but the old marks of courtesy are one by one passing away. The insurance underwriters are responsible for the latest breach in the guide to male conduct. It is no longer the proper thing to remove the hat when entering an elevator where there are women passengers.

IT DOESN'T MATTER MUCH

(Hay Springs News.)

We took a ride out to the ranch Saturday evening and remained over Sunday. Crops along the line were fine. Lots of winter wheat and rye is all headed out and it stands high. South of the river everything is O. K. While there we met a number of our old time friends and engaged in conversation, and if all that they said was to be put in print it would make our merchants sit up and take notice. But since it is regarded by some of our merchants that it does not pay to advertise, why not put it in print?

It may be proper first to note that the people of that neighborhood are located several miles farther from Alliance than they are from Hay Springs, yet this is the kind of talk they are putting up: We go to Alliance whenever we can because we can buy cheaper. One fellow said: "I took my cream to Hay Springs last week and got 18 cents for it and took it to Alliance this week and got 25 cents." It may be noted also that these people read the Alliance papers as well as the Hay Springs News. That the Alliance papers are teeming with discount ads, and in consequence another fellow remarked: "We know what we have to pay for things when we go to Alliance and never know what we must pay when we go to Hay Springs or what we are going to get for our stuff until we get there."

There were other remarks but their nature and time and space forbids.

The upshot of it all is, that these people bring their hogs and other heavy stuff to Hay Springs because of better roads and shorter haul and take the money paid for them by our local buyers and with the lighter stuff they have for market go to Alliance and do their trading. The same thing is being done to a large extent by people living between here and Chadron, and people from our town are going to Chadron daily for shopping.

This condition of things ought not to be. It is a known fact that all small towns, and larger ones, too, for that matter, have a very considerable amount of shelf-worn goods that should be worked off as quickly as possible and new and up-to-date goods be substituted.

Our merchants ought to be able to see the point.

IN BEHALF OF TAXPAYERS

(Omaha Bee)

The signature of President Harding, putting the budget system of government expenditures into effect, is an act too important to the taxpaying public to be passed by without comment and consideration. For years the haphazard way in which congress has voted appropriations without inquiry as to where the money was to be found has been a subject of thoughtful criticism. In response to this growing objection, a budget and audit bill was passed a year ago, only to be vetoed by President Wilson on account of a rider which he interpreted as infringing upon his powers. Under this measure, slightly altered, has been put through under the new administration, a reassuring achievement.

Government expenditures must be pruned vigorously if prompt recovery of prosperity is to be aided. Taxes that were possible during the departed period of inflation now present a threatening obstacle to recovery of a normal state. Subsidies, revolving funds and indefinite appropriations such as in the transportation act of 1920 have confused the government's accounts until it is impossible for the treasury to give an exact statement of the standing of affairs.

Under the budget plan no appropriations can be asked or estimates submitted without examination and report as to ways and means by the secretary of the treasury and other officials charged with financing them. Before public expenditures are made it must be ascertained if the money to meet them is on hand, or where it is coming from. There is not to be any vagueness about such matters, no slipping through of appropriation bills under the cover of some greater or more popular issue. The United States now for the first time will have a complete program on which all demands for public funds will be listed and considered together. This is fundamental—the preliminary to a policy of governmental economy which was pledged in the last campaign.

Mr. Edison can ask questions that college men can't answer. So, for that matter, can little Willie.—Providence Journal.

A head-line reads: "Dempsey Did Not Forget His Mother". Maybe not. But it was a sin the way he treated his Uncle Sam.—Marion Star.

If Lenine has "gone crazy," the mystery is how they found it out.—Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

Mrs. Bergdoll says Grover is worth half a million dollars. She means he has that much.—Arkansas Gazette.

ON HIS HONEYMOON?

Jorkins, who had been spending his vacation at a fashionable summer hotel, discovered when on the point of leaving that his pocketbook had disappeared. Accordingly he interviewed the manager who asked him to describe it.

"Well," replied Jorkins, "it was Russia leather, red and had a clasp."

"And the shape?" asked the manager.

"Flat, of course," snapped Jorkins.

"Haven't I been here a month?"—American Legion Weekly.

FERTILE GROUND

The seedy-looking individual's shirt was far from spotless and his coat and vest were covered with crime and grease, but in his buttonhole he sported a red, red rose.

"Where do you suppose I got this?" he asked a acquaintance.

"I don't know," admitted the other.

"Maybe it grew there."

Miss Maybelle Pilkington and Daniel Hogan of Oregon City, Ore., were married Tuesday.

Having spent \$50,000,000 for face powder last year, American women may fairly claim to have done their bit.

Pronounced dead, a minister came to life after 14 hours. Just when you think a minister is all through, he isn't.

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INSURANCE AND RANCHES

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Will sell on Reasonable Terms.

Let us Show How Box Butte County Land
Will Pay Big Returns on Money Invested.

ALLIANCE -:- -:- -:- -:- NEBRASKA

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Mower Repairs

We use every precaution to see that you take home the repairs that fit your Deering, McCormick or Emerson Mower.

This means much to you and we take pride in the service.

Rhein Hardware Company

Prompt and Courteous Seervice

Pity the Blind Man

SOME days you'll see him, slowly, hesitatingly, feeling his way. At other times he has a guide who quickly leads him where he wants to go.

When you shop without advance knowledge of where to go to get the best, you are feeling your way.

The advertisements in The Herald are guides. They tell you where to go to get the best—quickly.

And they are a guarantee of satisfaction. The consistent advertiser pays money to tell you about his goods. He knows they are good—he backs them up with his money because he believes they'll satisfy. Only merchandise which is consistently good can be consistently advertised.

Read the advertisements and buy the advertised products. Don't spend your money blindly. Get dollar's worth for a dollar by buying products that have proved their worth under the glare of publicity.

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Twice a Week—Tuesdays and Fridays
Masonic Temple Building

TRADE AT Morgan's

A few of the many low prices
you get at our store

- Very Best Cocoa—Full Pound 22¢
- Special Blend Coffee—45¢ value, per pound 30¢
- Best Crackers, per pound 17¢
- Uncolored Japan Tea (Green) 1/2 pound package,
35¢ value, 20¢
- Large Box Matches, 3 boxes for 15¢

We Pay the Highest Price for Fresh Eggs.

Morgan Grocery Co.