

Omaha Gives Big Share of Cattle on Stock Marts

Omaha Market Broadens Sphere of Influence—Stock Men Again on Their Feet.

A rather close survey of the livestock situation in this state discloses the fact that Nebraska has been furnished much more than her share of the fat cattle marketed at the Missouri river markets and Chicago for the past five months. Beginning the year with a decrease of 24,000 cattle in January as compared with the same month in 1921, we note that our receipts show an increase in the cattle line to the night of June 20 of 45,533.

At the end of April we showed a decrease of 166,000 hogs. By the end of May that had been reduced to 156,000. At the end of business Tuesday, June 20, that decrease had been reduced to 127,000 and it is expected to hold up for the next three or four weeks our receipts will show an increase.

The period of reconstruction through which all western stock men have been going for the past two years and a half seems to have been about concluded. Most of our local stock men are again on their feet, or at least have made material strides toward their old-time prosperity.

The Omaha market has very materially broadened its sphere of influence this year. Eastern killers have been coming to Omaha for their supplies in increasing numbers. On one day a few weeks since 81 cars of livestock were shipped from this market to eastern seaboard killers. Many shipments of export cattle have been made from the market. Only Tuesday, June 20, cattle were purchased for export to Glasgow, Scotland.

The fact of the matter is that the cattle marketed at Omaha are selling out better than are those at any other public market. Eastern killers and the local packers have not been slow to take advantage of this situation. In discussing Omaha livestock with an eastern killer a few weeks since he said: "We never find such cattle here as are coming from Omaha this year."

From the East. There is probably a considerable portion of 1921's corn crop still in the hands of producers. We may look for a continuation of the run of fat cattle at this market for some few weeks. Prices have on the whole been remunerative. Sheep feeders have done extraordinarily well. Most of the cattle feeding operations have showed a profit. Hogs have held up their own to a surprising degree.

The net results of these conditions can not help but be pleasing to Nebraska's stock men. We note an increased tendency on the part of the Nebraska feeder to patronize his home market, and with the increased orders which are reaching this market from the east, there seems no good reason why the patrons of the Omaha market should not continue to prosper.

Never Looked Better. A delegation of Omaha stock men visited the western part of the state last week in attendance upon the Western Nebraska Stock Growers' association annual meeting. The sand hills of the western part of the state never looked better.

All of those stock men with whom we talked said: "Conditions are fine. We have almost a normal supply of cattle in this portion of the state—plenty of grass, plenty of water and we will soon be back to old-time conditions."

We can all of us see the "silver lining" to the cloud which for years hung over Nebraska's chief industry. It is indeed fitting that The Bee should publish a Prosperity Issue at this time. We want to join The Bee in congratulating Nebraska's stock men on present conditions.

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It's Tough Old World Even if You're a King

Paris, July 1—"Rich as a king" doesn't mean anything any more. The salaries voted to kings nowadays, points out an editorial article in La Liberte, do not begin to compare with the incomes received annually by even the most modest of modern millionaires. The king of England's income is less than \$3,000,000 a year, of which the king and queen are allowed only about \$500,000 for personal use. The king of Italy gets about \$750,000. The king of Spain gets for personal use less than \$2,000,000. The king of Norway has an income less than that of the president of France.

Road Plans Show Real Prosperity

Willingness of Citizens to Back Paving Indicates Return to Normal.

Farmers and other citizens of Douglas county are displaying proof of real prosperity by allowing their county commissioners to expend nearly \$1,000,000 for paving of county roads during 1922. With contracts awarded for 12 paving projects, the commissioners also have opened a way for the employment of hundreds of jobless men who otherwise would have been idle. This \$1,000,000 will pay for nearly 35 miles of paving. Another project now awaiting bids is the paving of West Q street. This will increase the amount several thousands. "The farmers are the ones who are pushing the projects," said one commissioner. "There are no hard times among our farmers. They want good roads and before another year rolls around the Douglas county farmer can boast of traveling on the best county roads in the country."

Barnyard Mourns Loss of Mule, Maude, by Lightning

Sisterville, W. Va., July 1.—Maude, a maiden mule, is mourned in a barnyard at Friendly, a small town near here. Maude passed out quickly. A storm brewed. Lightning crashed through the heavens. Through the space thunder roared intermittently. To safeguard Maude from the ravages of lightning the mule's owner took her from the pasture and placed her in a barn. Fire, originating from a bolt of lightning, shortly thereafter destroyed the barn. Maude was killed by the stroke.

Bordeaux Mixture Used to Combat Insect Pest

Washington, July 1.—The potato leafhopper, an insect pest which is a serious menace to potato crops, can be controlled by using Bordeaux mixture, according to the Department of Agriculture. "Results of two years' work," said an official, "have shown that Bordeaux mixture will repel the leafhopper, control 'hopperburn' and is the best remedy."

Business Near Normal, Rail Traffic Shows

Roads Handling 800,000 Cars Per Week, Compared to 1,000,000 During Transportation Peak.

By J. DAVID LARSON, Commissioner Chamber of Commerce. According to C. E. Childs, manager of the traffic bureau of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the railroads are handling approximately 800,000 cars of freight per week at this time. This is without the maximum shipments of coal which have been curtailed because of the coal miners' strike. During the transportation peak at the time of the war there were approximately 1,000,000 cars of freight per week handled by the railroads, and this included the coal shipments. By this statement it will be seen that the country is fast getting back to normal production. There is probably no better barometer as to the trend of business than the amount of freight handled by the railroads. Mr. Childs also gave warning that within the next 60 days there may be a car shortage due to the fact that the number of cars in bad order is surprisingly large, about 15 per cent, when the normal average is only about 8 per cent.

Business Revival. It will be seen by these figures that business of the country has revived and there is every reason to believe that it will continue to improve. Especially will this be true if congress will complete without delay the various projects it has in hand so that business will know just where it stands. There can be no doubt but that there is some retardment in various lines at this time because with the tariff bill in a chaotic state business does not know just what move to make. This should be settled, however, at a reasonably early date and it will have its effect in adjusting some unsettled phases of business at this time.

There can be no question but that Omaha is reaping the profits of the improved conditions of business in general. The improved conditions of the agricultural situation have reflected into the manufacturing and jobbing institutions of the city. It has also shown its effects in retail trade. With a continuation of the upward trend, fall and winter may be expected to be normal in Omaha and the adjacent territory.

Dependent on Farms. Whether the business men realize it or not, Omaha is dependent upon the agricultural situation surrounding it. Its trade territory is basically agricultural. Therefore the business of Omaha is agriculture, and any movement which has for the development of agriculture means dollars and cents to the business interests of this city. It is the practice at the present time of the Omaha business men to render as much assistance as possible to the farmers. Not in the way of giving advice, but practical assistance which will return substantial profits.

Omaha is a man-made city. Had it not been that the first transconti-

mental railroad crossed the river at this point Omaha might have been located at some other point along the river. It holds a strategic position because of its railroad facilities, and business men of Omaha who had vision from the start have developed the trade territory. Other cities up and down the river might have been the size of Omaha and might have become the remarkable business center that Omaha is, provided that they had the vision. It is the foresight and continuous effort on the part of these business men that has made Omaha what it is.

Must Extend Territory. The prosperity of the future will be continued provided Omaha will continue the development of the trade territory. She must work to dig the trade channels deeper. She must extend the territory westward. It is not enough to be satisfied with the business of the immediate territory. There are competitive fields farther west which will open up for the Omaha market provided they are consistently worked. At the present time some of the larger institutions are working these western fields. It will be necessary for some of the smaller institutions to join with the larger ones in developing the Omaha market in this territory. The larger institutions have always assisted the smaller ones in the development of the near by territory. Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho and parts of Montana are Omaha territory, providing Omaha makes it so. Hundreds of buyers pass through Omaha each week bound for eastern markets for goods that might well be purchased here. The increased development of the territory mentioned will permit Omaha to become even a greater business center. Omaha is a market that has been developed through trade extension tours, market week, Ak-Sar-Ben, assistance from the Chamber of Commerce and persistent effort on the part of Omaha men. An increased market and a greater market city depends on the development of new territory.

Foundation Solid. There is every reason to expect that Omaha will continue to consistently grow. It is not a boom city, but its foundation is solid. A city which is only 46th in population and yet has bank clearings which run from 13th to 18th every week in the United States indicates a healthy business condition. This will be increased provided Omaha continues in the development of the outside territory, for no city is

stronger than its surrounding country. Prosperity will increase if the agricultural interests are served. The smaller cities will prosper and this means that the larger centers will succeed. Agriculture is Omaha's base and with the hundreds of thousands of fertile acres west of us the Omaha market is bound to expand. However, it will only come by the continued efforts of Omaha business to dig the trade channels deeper through the various co-operative methods which have proved to be so successful in the past.

Omaha Bankers Say Prosperity Is at Hand (Continued From Page One) These products in 1920 and 1921 was against us. Increased Unemployment. "There was also increased unemployment. As a result we found it necessary to accept for our surplus prices very much less than the actual cost of production. "What we have not as yet reached normal conditions, yet the increased price for all kinds of livestock and most kinds of grain, together with the increased demand for labor, has given the general public a greater purchasing power, the result of which has materially improved general business conditions as well as the general financial situation. We must not think of 1917, 1918 and 1919 as normally prosperous years, for they were abnormally prosperous years. We must, however, keep in mind the comparative price received for grain and livestock at the present time with the price received during the five years preceding the war period, 1914, which period was regarded then as being normally prosperous. "There can be no doubt that we are now convalescing from a severe

financial illness, neither can there be the slightest doubt but that we will fully recover and again be on a sound, prosperous basis."

Reporting Service on Live Stock Is Planned Washington, July 1.—The Department of Agriculture is contemplating the inauguration of a nationwide live stock reporting service to inform live stock producers and buyers of prospective supplies, hoping thereby to stabilize the live stock and meat industry by permitting closer correlation of supply and demand. The plan, officials said, is still in the making. Full details will be worked out at Denver, Colo., on July 17, at a conference of state and federal officials and representatives of the entire live stock and meat industry.

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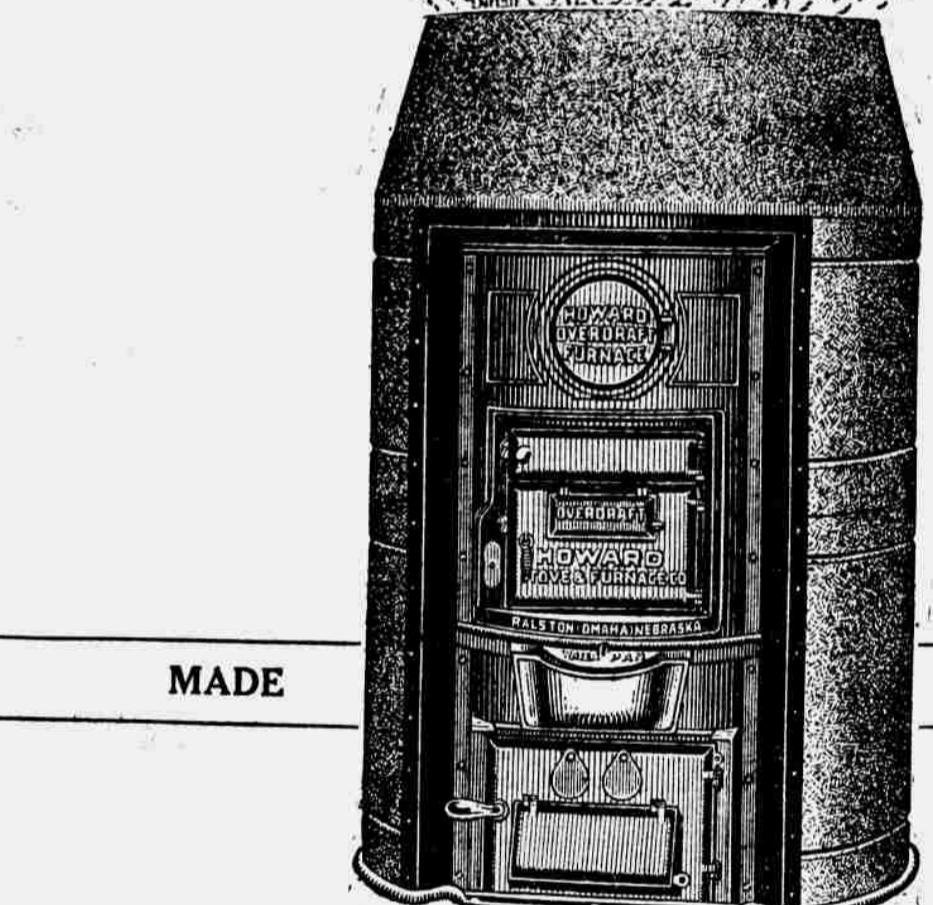
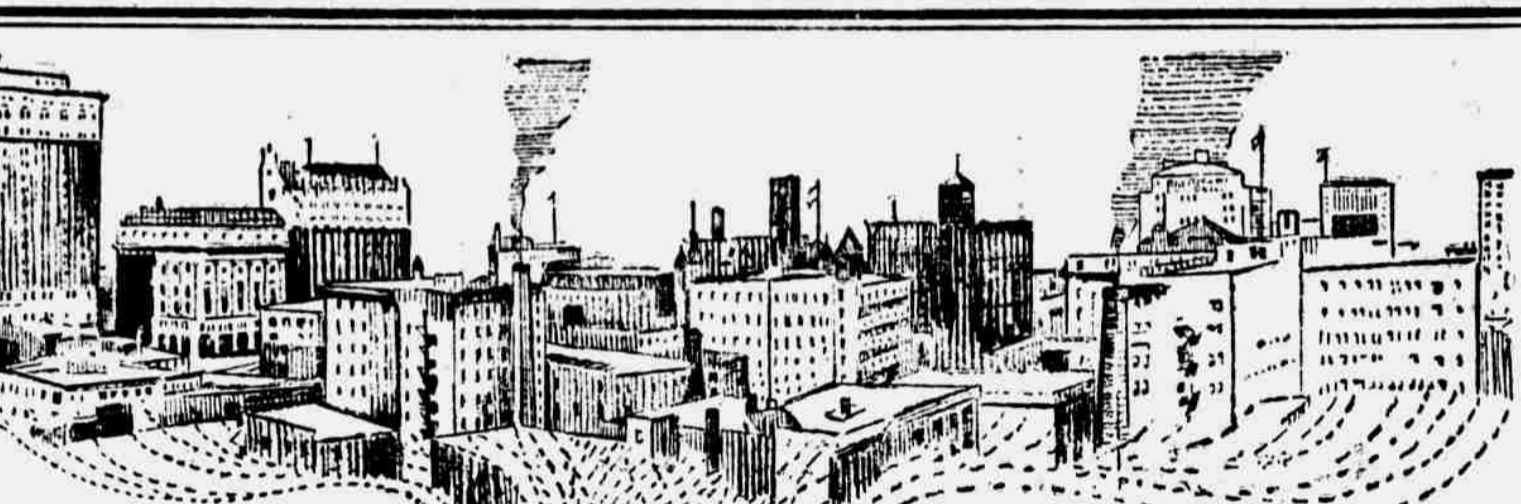
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