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By ARTHUR BRISBANE

# Five Cows a Farm Urged for Profit

Western Nebraska Particularly Needs More Dairy Stock, Says F. D. Tomson.

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—Nebraska farmers, who intend to profit from the work of the Nebraska Dairy Development association and purchase dairy cattle, must be careful that these cattle are bought at the right price and will not turn out to be "boarders." This is a warning issued here by Frank D. Tomson, a leader in the dairy development movement.

"There are unscrupulous people selling dairy cattle just as there are unscrupulous people selling other commodities," he said. "They must not be allowed to market their wares in this state. Tubercular cattle, cattle that will not give enough butter fat to pay their way, and cattle that are priced beyond their real value have no place in this dairy development movement."

Mr. Tomson declared that there would be no attempt to get farmers who intend purchasing cattle to adhere to one breed.

"So far as I know there is a campaign for the Holstein, the Shorthorn, the Ayrshire, or any other," he said. "Some farmers prefer a cow that not only milks well, but is good beef stock as well. To many the Shorthorn is ideal for that purpose. If it is a Shorthorn that they want there will be no attempt to persuade them to buy something else."

"We are trying to get dairy cattle on farms where they have been neglected and where they may mean the difference between breaking even a fair return for the year."

The western counties of the state, in particular, can profit by putting in four or five head of dairy cattle, said Mr. Tomson.

"As far as I know there has been no census such as was taken in Nebraska to tell us how many farms in Nebraska have no cows and buy condensed milk. However, the number is large enough for serious consideration."

Although the Nebraska Dairy Development association will require money for education work, it is probable that the purchases of cattle will be financed by banks located in the community.

As Mr. Tomson points out, no one knows the financial situation of the prospective purchaser and his ability to handle his cattle than the banker in the county, where the farm is located.

The association will install a publicity bureau and will probably have field men to see that cattle, when once purchased, are handled in a fashion that will make it a paying investment.

Federal census figures show that Nebraska is behind practically every state immediately east and south of it. Wisconsin leads the United States with 2,185,000 dairy cows; Minnesota has 1,841,000, Iowa, 1,169,000, Missouri 777,000, Kansas 718,000, and Nebraska 570,000.

The dairy cow development movement will be brought to a focus here February 20, when leaders of the movement will meet to complete organization.

Superior—The old brick Baptist church is being torn down in preparation for the erection of a modern structure to cost \$40,000 and to have a seating capacity of about 400. The old building was erected in 1884. The Baptists will hold their meetings in the I. O. O. F. building until their new church is ready.

Mr. Bryan can learn for himself that every bone in his body is duplicated almost exactly in the skeleton of a chimpanzee, including the rudimentary tail bones. That doesn't mean that a chimpanzee was the original Mr. Bryan.

A new country does new things. The government of Ireland actually feels responsible for those out of work. There are some 40,000 of them now, yet the free state government will spend \$10,000,000 in public highway building at once, to supply work for those that want it. Here we should call that socialism, "or dangerous paternalism," at least. Giving the railroads 500 extra millions a year out of the public pocket to insure dividends we call "business."

The French will vote to increase taxes, realizing that reparations will be slim. Those that have been lately selling francs, predicting that the price will drop to 2 cents, should proceed cautiously.

There is a marvelous paying capacity in the French. If they make up their minds to come to the rescue of their currency their word may hurt the feelings of the bears on French money.

# Around Nebraska's State House

By R. H. PETERS, Staff Correspondent, The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—Governor Bryan is to be pitted. For a week and more he has been imploring President Coolidge to deliver Nebraska from the tentacles of the oil octopus.

"The situation is beyond the control of the state. We must have national action," is the tenor of his pleading as he regrets his inability to fight increased prices with state agencies, because he cannot purchase gasoline.

Now comes Commissioner Hopkins of Omaha with the announcement that he has secured 10,000 gallons which he will sell to all and sundry for 17 cents.

Hopkins isn't playing the game. Instead of joining the governor in his demands upon the president he has gone out and secured action himself.

However, it isn't the first time that the governor has discovered that the way of the politician who talks a great deal and does little is hard and thorny.

Nebraska's democratic machine is still looking for a senator. Bryan has decided to fight for re-election, but a delayed filing is seeking a place on the state supreme bench, J. N. Norton declares positively that he will not be a candidate and the field dwindles to a few, with Congressman Morehead in the lead.

Morehead is the only democratic congressman who has not filed for re-election, but a delayed filing is not unknown in his case. Although, frankly, no definite information regarding Morehead is being disseminated, he is as likely a candidate as any for the democratic nomination.

And while the machine is searching for a complaisant nominee, Tremor Cone, who has already filed for the nomination, is working vigorously. Cone is in the state house practically every day. He is about to engage a publicity man, and all in all he is taking himself very seriously.

Unfortunately for his ambitions, the their annual meeting on February 12. Johnson was present and gave an address. He urged the members to patronize their own business and see that it patronized the state wholesale. He also suggested that the association take up the cooperative shipping of livestock. On sales aggregating over \$100,000, the store made a profit of \$480 in 1923. This small profit was due to handling goods on narrow margins, the report showed. The soundness of the financial condition of the association is shown by the fact that the directors have never had to sign a note for borrowed money.

Fliley—What is considered an excellent record in low cost of operation was made in the latest fiscal year by the store of the Farmers Union Co-operative association here. On sales totaling \$73,329.07, operating expenses were only \$2,622.22, or 3.6 per cent of the sales. With an average inventory of \$110,000, the store's net profit was \$2,466.84. The association is in a very satisfactory financial condition, having a net worth of \$9,503.14 on a paid-up capital of \$2,400. Accounts receivable at the close of the year were only \$48.46, showing that the business is conducted practically on a cash basis. Earl Frushour is manager.

Taylor—Fifty-six thousand pounds of butterfat was handled by the Farmers Union cream station here in the year 1923, which is considered a good show for a town 10 miles from a railroad. The station is operated on a co-operative basis. Butterfat is purchased on a certain minimum and the expenses of the station are paid, what is left at the end of the year is returned to the patrons in proportion to the amount of butterfat each has delivered. Swanson of Westerville, president of the Cluster County Farmers union, is the manager. The annual supper held by the Farmers union local which is back of the cream station.

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# Cattle Ranges 88 Per Cent Normal

Feed Plentiful, Little Loss, According to Report Issued at Denver.

By Associated Press.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Feb. 17.—The condition of ranges is very similar to that of a month ago, with but a seasonal decline noted in most of the range country, according to the western livestock and range report for February, issued today by the division of crop and livestock estimates at Denver.

The condition on February 1 averaged 88 per cent of normal, compared with 89 last month and 86 a year ago, the report said. Snow covers the range in some of the northern states, but as food has generally been plentiful, little loss has occurred.

"Further deterioration in range conditions is reported in California, but if the recent rains are succeeded by warm weather a rapid improvement may be expected," the report said. "Extremely cold weather and alternate freezing and thawing caused considerable damage in Oklahoma, both to the range and to wheat pastures. Heavy snows and cold rains in the north and northwest and excessive moisture in the southeast have retarded the growth of vegetation in Texas. For the range states as a whole, however, the moisture supply is good and the outlook for spring range quite favorable."

The report by regional states is as follows: South Dakota—Conditions have been excellent for both cattle and sheep and due to the mild winter large surplus stocks of both rough and concentrate feeds are on hand. Range conditions are unusually good.

North Dakota—Conditions of pastures and ranges show a moderate decline from the averages of a month ago. Cattle have maintained their previous condition and sheep declined only one point. Hay and feed supplies continue ample in all sections of the state.

Montana—Ranges were generally covered with snow during January but much of this has now disappeared and stock are utilizing winter pastures as much as could be expected. Snow is about normal in the mountain districts and prospects for spring range favorable. Cattle and sheep are in excellent condition. Feeding was general throughout January but the feed supply is generally reported adequate until grass.

Wyoming—Livestock continues in good condition, although some shrink was caused by weather conditions. Range conditions are generally good, but the feed lacks strength. The hay supply is ample with a surplus in a few sections. It is estimated that 60 per cent of the 1923 hay crop is unfed. Livestock were light during January.

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# Nebraska News Nubbins

Dunbar—A caesarian section operation was performed here Friday by Dr. Dermody of Omaha, assisted by Dr. W. D. Gibbon of this place, on Mrs. Andrew Mossell. Both mother and child, a fine baby boy, are doing nicely.

Dunbar—The funeral of Mrs. Alex Warnock, wife of A. Warnock of this place, who died in an Omaha hospital last week, was held here, with Dr. Ross of Colorado Springs in charge. The big First Presbyterian church of this place was filled with friends. She is survived by many relatives, coming from an old and prominent Oso county family, among whom are Mrs. Margaret Wilkinson of Lincoln, Mrs. Thomas of Nebraska City, sisters, and the following brothers, James McAllister of Dunbar, Will McAllister of Colorado Springs and David G. McAllister, county treasurer, of Nebraska City.

Peru—Mrs. Wilber W. Anness of Dunbar, associate grand conductress of the O. E. S. grand chapter and district supervisor for the counties of Oso, Nemaha, Richardson and Johnson, held an Eastern Star school of instruction here and was the guest of honor at an afternoon luncheon for the officers of the Peru chapter, held at the home of Worthy Matron Mrs. George W. Brown.

Newcastle—Fritz Beyerler fell about 20 feet while trimming trees here and escaped with a severely sprained ankle. The ladder on which he was working slipped from the limbs of the tree and when Mr. Beyerler realized his dangerous position he clung to the ladder, which broke the force of the fall to some extent.

Columbus—W. T. Graham of the First Trust company of Omaha has been booked to give the main address at the Big Brothers banquet, at which the Elks will entertain their boys at the Evans hotel Monday night at 7:30. Mr. Graham's subject will be "Riley's Kids."

# Farmers Oppose Education Bill

Bureau Fails to See Where Townster-Sterling Measure Is to Benefit Rural Schools.

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—The Townster-Sterling bill is before congress. According to the terms of this bill, it is proposed to appropriate \$100,000,000 for an educational department in Washington. The Farm Bureau federation is not particularly interested in this measure except in so far as it relates to rural education.

After a somewhat careful study of the measure, it announces it is unable to discover anything which the proposed Federal Department of Education will do which is not already being done by the authorities in charge of rural schools at the present time. Besides, \$100,000,000 is more than the Farm Bureau federation has or ever expects to have, and more than the farmers have or may ever have.

The Farm Bureau federation always has been an advocate of education—practical education. It believes there is not enough education of the right kind, but is unable to conceive how a

federal department of education would at this time be any benefit to the system of rural education now enjoyed by the farmers of Nebraska.

The hope is held out to some that federal aid will come to the assistance of some struggling country schools. This is a myth, the federation declares, saying that this aid, if any, will come in the form of inspectors and supervisors and superintendents who will gather data and present programs, prepared in Washington, and prescribe methods, many of which will not be applicable to local conditions, and all the local taxpayers in the school district will have to do is send their children to the school, pay their taxes and furnish the money to put the program outlined by a federal bureau a thousand miles away.

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# Farmers' Union Notes

Omaha—President C. J. Osborn of the Nebraska Farmer's union spent the entire week of February 15 in Washington, D. C. where he attended a meeting of the board of directors of the National Farmers' union, of which board he is a member. He also attended the annual meeting of the National Board of Farm Organizations, a national federation for legislative and protective purposes, of upward of a dozen farm organizations throughout the country. Its president is Charles S. Barrett, president of the National Farmer's union.

Nebraska—The Farmers' Union Co-operative association of this place, which operates a store and elevator, is in better financial condition now than at any time since it was organized in 1917. The auditor's report for the year 1923 shows a deficit of \$9,323.90 with which the association came out of the slump of 1920 has been entirely overcome and more, so that with a paid-up capital of \$28,400, the present net profit of the business is \$9,254.64. Business volume for the year was \$122,804.06, consisting of grain, livestock, groceries, dry goods, shoes, hardware, implements and cream. The operating profit for the year was \$2,156.06, but after charging off bad debts and depreciation the result was a small loss. Allen S. Stinson has succeeded Ed Thomas as manager. Warren Foner is president of the association, and J. B. Baker is secretary.

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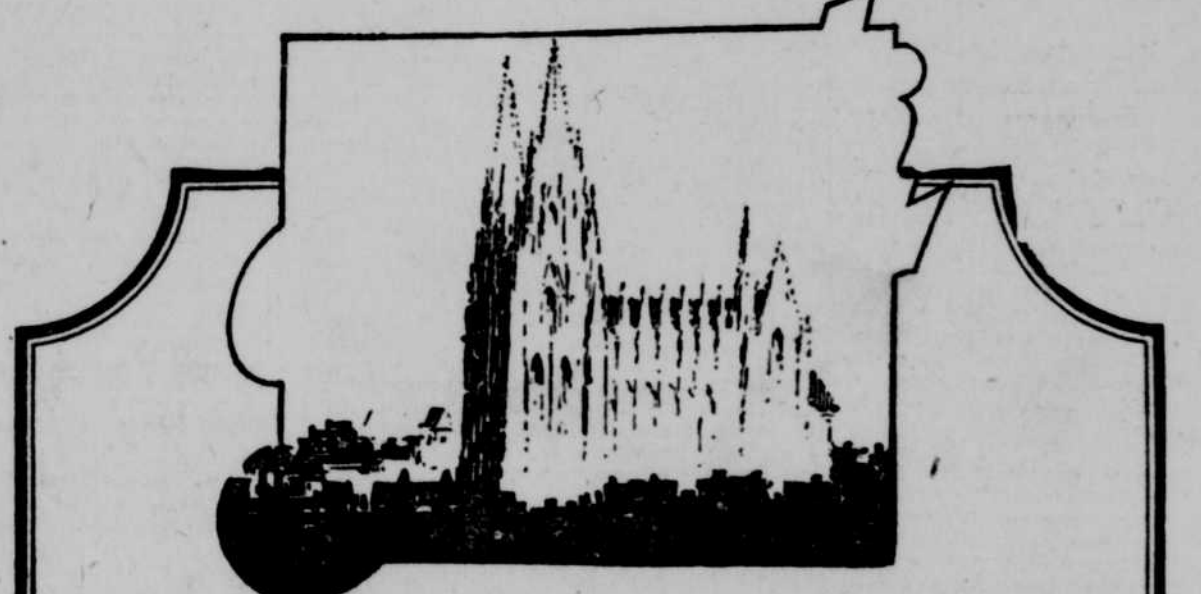
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