

## AS TO THE COST OF LIVING

### SEVERAL PHASES OF THE RECENT MEAT BOYCOTT.

#### A Few Observations Tending to Show Foreign Consumers Have the Best of It.

With the big part of congress imbued with a burning desire to give the restless and impatient public some insight into the reasons for the advanced costs of living and still save its bacon, and with the meat trust especially singled out for scathing criticism, the testimony of a Nebraska ranchman touching the meat of the problem may be interesting.

A butcher who has followed his trade for nearly thirty years in a locality less than a hundred miles from Lincoln recently spent a few weeks in England. Naturally he paid particular attention to the intricacies of the meat business while abroad, and the result of his observations alone furnishes ample justification for the outcry against the exorbitant prices. American consumer is compelled to pay for meat, whether or not it vindicates the "boycott" method.

A Nebraska butcher found beef bearing the stamp of Omaha packing houses selling on the London market at nine cents per pound, or two cents less than he could buy beef for at Omaha on the same date. He was particular to compare prices and dates with his books on his return and could not be mistaken as to the facts set forth.

Not only was the beef on the London market cheaper, but also choicer than that commonly obtainable in this country. In order to compete with English beef the exporters in the United States are compelled to send away their best selections. The prices on other meats were found proportionately cheaper in London than Omaha, so far as the market permitted comparison.

It costs something to prepare meat for shipment abroad. It is many a weary mile over prairie, hill and stream from Omaha to New York, and a far cry from there across the bounding Atlantic to merry England, but the American meat travels the distance without impairing its quality, and the beef-eating English public pays less than the people at the precise point it started from, as well as the rest of the United States.

There is nothing particularly new in the state of affairs just described, but with the whole country rapidly acquiring the "meat boycott" fever it may be pertinent to call attention to the facts which are so easily capable of verification.

Conceding that they have some mighty nice folks over in dear old England, admitting that we all like our form of government very much better than theirs, is there any particular reason in the wide, wide world why anybody should stand pat for a system which permits the "interests" to treat the English meat buyers so much better than the home buyer? Is his money any better?

Is the English citizen by some sort of divine right entitled to better treatment than the man on this side of the big puddle, that those who have the sand to protest against that power in politics which permits the people of this country to be gouged in this manner are to be classified as cranks, knockers, kickers, squawkers and everything else in the standard vocabulary of invective?

If the price of meat were anything but a very small phase of the workings of the system which compels those who dwell in this land of the free and the home of the brave to pay more for American produced stuff than the foreigner, the difference would scarcely be worth mentioning.

As some high mogul of the packing industry has kindly suggested, the housekeeper up to snuff can prepare truly delicious dainties from the flank meat and other cheap portions.

Likewise, the statement of some other equally distinguished wag makes clear that it will become an easy matter with practice to eat soup derived from boiling the succulent hide of the steer. When it is desirable to change the flavor the horns or hoofs can be thrust into the kettle.

But considering the hundreds and hundreds of equally glaring raids on the pocketbook, isn't it about time for the administration to quit "fighting insurgents" and put a crimp in the tariff fattened combinations now mauling the people? Is it going to be sufficient, under the known conditions, to gravely asseverate that the late tariff bill is the best bill ever passed? If so, what about the cry for new measures and new men now being heard from one end of the country to the other?—Nebraska State Capital.

#### For Sale.

One good heavy boned mammoth Jack, weighing about 1,100 pounds. Eight years old. Sure breeder.—J. F. Scarlett. 5-1f

## IN THE HIGH SCHOOL.

### The New Plan of Rhetorical in The High School.

A time was, and not long since, when, in most schools each Friday afternoon was spent speaking pieces, singing songs, etc., and those were valuable afternoons as every one who has enjoyed them will admit.

Unfortunately our schools have drifted away from that time-honored custom until now, it has been discovered that there are actually seniors in the high school who have never stood before an audience in any capacity, and students, too, who expect to teach school next year.

No matter what the wail of life, no one who lives his full part among men but what will sooner or later be called upon to stand before a body of people and say at least a few words. If our schools are to contribute training which shall be of value to the pupils in after life, surely this side of the child should not be left untouched throughout a high school course.

"With the need of this training in mind the high school faculty have recently put into effect a requirement that some time during the year each student must appear on a program, given by his or her class, before the school. This has been in operation now for about six weeks and has proven a valuable thing. This is the plan followed:

The programs are arranged by a committee elected by the class in council with the faculty advisor for that class.

The students are notified that they are to appear on a program at a certain time. They are then given a reasonable time in which they may make their own choice of what they will do and report this to the committee. If they fail to choose, then the committee assigns a duty. If, then, the duty assigned be one that is impossible or intensely undesirable for the student, a consultation with the committee may change the assignment if reasons for the objection are deemed reasonable.

There is no disposition on the part of the faculty to require pupils to do a thing they can not do, but it is believed this is an undeveloped part of the child and highly desirable that it be developed.

Many high schools have operated the plan successfully for some time, in various ways. As is true of any new scheme it is meeting with some objection, but if the idea is a good one, frank cooperation of the parents with the faculty will assist immensely in carrying a good thing along.

#### FRAUD PROVEN.

### Big Mail Order House Ordered To Pay Damages.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., the Chicago mail order house has been ordered by the courts to pay damages of \$13,750 to Charles A. Stickney & Co., St. Paul, Minn., manufacturers of gasoline engines.

It is the result of a suit in which it was shown that Sears, Roebuck & Co., had fraudulently listed gasoline engines in their catalogue at a higher power than the engines possessed. In the first trial, judgment was given against Sears, Roebuck & Co., for \$10,000. An appeal was taken, and a new trial granted on technical grounds, but the second award was even higher than the first—\$13,750.

It was shown in court that Sears, Roebuck & Co., had listed a 2½ horse power engine in their "Big Book" as a 3 horse power engine, one of 4½ horse power as a 5 horse power engine, one of 5 horse power as 6 horse power engine, and so on all along the line. It is estimated that Sears, Roebuck & Co., made from \$15.00 to \$20.00 additional on each engine by means of the higher rated horse power.

#### Dissolution Notice.

The corporation heretofore existing in the name of the Falls City Park and Improvement company—wherein John Lichty, W. A. Greenwald, John Powell, W. W. Jenne and T. J. Gist, all of Falls City and state of Nebraska. This corporation is dissolved by mutual consent.

The affairs of said corporation are all adjusted and settled.

JOHN LICHTY,  
W. A. GREENWALD,  
JOHN W. POWELL,  
W. W. JENNE,  
T. J. GIST.

Subscribed and sworn to this 12th day of February, 1910.

John W. Powell, Notary Public.  
My commission expires No. 24-15.

FOR SALE—A nice six room cottage, lights, water, cement walks, cellar, barn, coal house, and three lots. Located one block from court house and in splendid shape, a model house. Price \$2,500. Inquire at this office. 41-1f

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Pure Bred Silver Laced Wyandotte hens. Your choice at \$1.00 each.—H. L. Rahlf, Pleasant Hill Farm.

#### Salesmen Wanted.

The sales of our products for which there is general demand, among merchants, farmers, schools, etc., now greatly increased by state laws recently passed, necessitates opening a distributing office in this territory. We desire resident sales manager, well acquainted, of good character, who can superintend sales, deliveries, advertising, collections, etc., with \$400 to \$1,000 to carry enough stock to fill orders, salary \$1,200 to \$1,800 annually, extra commission, office and other expense; no canvassing; position permanent. Address Advertising Manager, "Liberty" Mfg. Association, St. Joseph, Mo. 631

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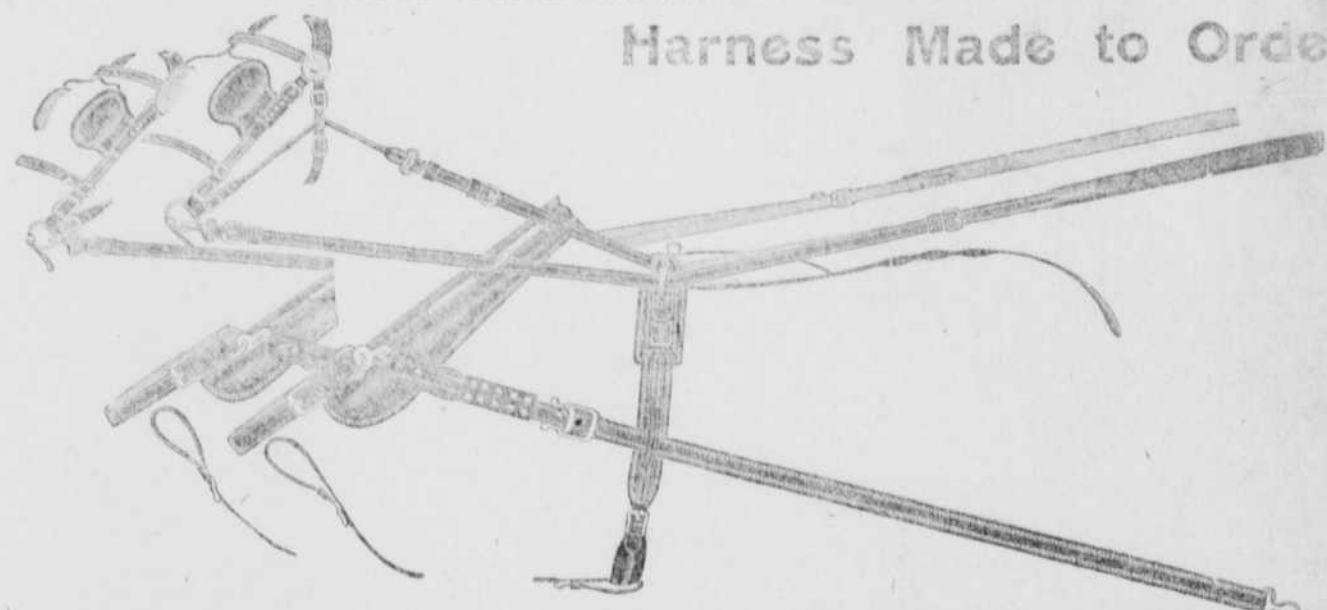
Notice is hereby given that Thomas Winterbottom has sold his interest in the firm of Wirth & Winterbottom to L. P. Wirth, and the business will hereafter be conducted by Mr. Wirth. All accounts payable to L. P. Wirth, and all liabilities will be paid by L. P. Wirth.

L. P. WIRTH,  
THOMAS WINTERBOTTOM.

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L. B. NEITZEL, Preston, Nebraska

# PUBLIC SALE

I will sell at public sale on the Coon Sailors farm, 1 mile west, 1/4 mile south of Barada; 4 1/2 miles east and 1/4 miles south of Shubert, on

## Friday, Feb. 25th

Sale to commence at 1 o'clock sharp, the following described property

## 5 Head Horses, Mules

Consisting of one brown mare four years old; 1 black colt two years old; 1 sorrel team, 1 bay mule coming 3 years old.

## 31 Head Cattle 31

Consisting of two milch cows, will be fresh soon; 1 two-year old heifer, will be fresh soon; 20 head of steers on feed; 5 head of yearling heifers; 1 cow and two calves.

## 7 Head of Hogs 7

## Miscellaneous

About 1000 hedge posts, 300 bushels of corn, 200 bushels of oats, about 100 bales of straw, about 100 bales of hay, 1 buggy and 1 extra buggy tongue and neck-yoke, 1 set of double buggy harness, 1 set of single buggy harness, 1 saddle, 1 iron kettle, 1 grindstone, pitchforks, hoes, rakes and other articles too numerous to mention.

## TERMS OF SALE

All sums of \$10 and under, cash. On sums over \$10 a credit of nine (9) months will be given, purchaser to give a bankable note, without interest if paid when due. If not paid when due 8 per cent interest will be charged from date of sale. Four per cent off for cash. No goods to be removed until settled for.

Col. J. H. Morehead, Auct.  
E. E. Bolejack, Clerk

MRS. MARY E. SAILORS, Admx.