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ALWAYS ON THE JOB

Every boy starting out in life should law down a resolution to always be on the job. If he follows this resolution he never will be out of a job and will always have the confidence of his employer. Perhaps he may not be as swift or as thoroughly competent as some other workman who lacks that essential of always showing up on duty, yet the steady boy will always be in demand while the swifter workman will be hanging around dime, soup shops and free lunches.

Nothing can be a better guide to follow than faithfulness in your work. It means everything to the establishment to know that such a man will be there on time and there is no need to worry about him. The time is not far distant when men who disregard the necessity of being punctual will not be wanted. It is wholly their own fault and if the time does come when grumble for lack of work they deserve no sympathy whatever.

NOT BENEFITTED BY HIGH PRICE MEAT.

The government returns show that, although there has been a marked increase in the price of farm stu generally, this has not been true of cattle, especially the unfed cattle of the ranges, says Inis H. Weed in an article in "Success Magazine." The consumers cannot lay the high price of meat to the cowman. It's the dealers and the railroad between us and the cowman who bring up the price. Some years, even when beef has been very in the retail market, the cattleman, after he has subtracted the carrying cost from the sale price of his animals, has been receiving a price below par. Although this rate robbery was enormously unjust, and although the capital represented in the live stock industry is equal to 73 per cent of the par value of the stocks and bonds issued by our railroads, the transportation corporations were so gigantic, and the individual cattleman so small by comparison, even though he might be a "cattle king," that he couldn't help himself. Every year he had to hold out

his hand to the bee.

The association, however, finally got in its sting. After a five years' fight they helped get the interstate commerce act so amended in 1908 that the interstate commerce commission has the power to prescribe rates. This resulted in a reduction of from \$5 to \$7 per car on cattle rates, and has saved the cattlemen millions of dollars. Even then the Santa Fe railroad, and probably other roads operating in the same territory, were able to make, as shown in the Texas Cattle raisers' case, a modest 59.3 per cent profit.

Rates, however, are not the cowman's only trials of transportation. Perhaps he speaks for cars three months ahead, and drives his 2,000 or 3,000 cattle to the freight yards at the time agreed upon only to find an empty track. At once begins the expense of buying fodder for the herd, and the sitting around watching them eat up the profits. When the cars finally arrive, if the number is short, the animals have to be crowded in with the almost certain risk of more loss. Then perhaps the cars crawl over the country at the rate of 12 miles an hour, and this inefficiency costs the cowman still more, in fodder, and in the shrinkage and deaths of the imprisoned creatures suffering from crowding, from long standing, and from thirst.

To prevent this needless waste, the association is urging the interstate state commerce commission to prescribe the speed limit when necessary, to secure reasonable service, and the proper treatment of live stock.

Garfish Skin.

A woman looking over costly jewel cases in one of the most expensive of the uptown shops the other day was struck with the beautiful, ivory-like finish of a number of them. "What are they made of?" she asked admiringly. "Garfish skin, madam," answered the salesman. "Garfish leather, we find, is very little known about outside of the trade, and yet it has come to be of importance. It not only can be polished up to the polish, but it is wonderfully hard. They say certain tribes of Indians knew its secret and that among them it was used as armor, the tradition being that a breast-plate of it would resist any tomahawk or arrow. It can be made now so that it will turn the edge of a knife or a spear."—New York Sun.

He Liked the Lie.

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