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STOCKMEN ARE AT ONTARIO IN SESSION.

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apparent on every hand. "At this the fifth meeting of this organization I wish to say that I am proud of the good work we have done both individually and as a body. The past year has proven that there are no more loyal or patriotic men in the United States than the cattlemen and the horsemen.

"It has been just a year since we entered the world war. Reluctant to take up arms, our nation did everything it could do honorably to avoid what proved to be inevitable, and we were forced into this great conflict which a war-mad Kaiser and his war-mad country have precipitated upon civilization.

Stockmen Loyal To A Man. "I know positively I voice the sentiment of every member of our organization when I say to you there is no room in the United States today for anyone who is not heart and soul in accord with our President and our government, regardless of political or religious faith, regardless of where he was born. There is but one country for us and that is the United States--there is but one flag and that is the stars and stripes.

"The manner in which the war lords of Europe have done things, disregarding right and reason, have left us nothing to do but for every man and woman to get in this war game and teach those monarchs that they must respect for all time to come human rights and our democracy.

Raisers Don't Wait.

"It is very gratifying to me to announce at this time that the stock men did not wait for a maximum or minimum price to be fixed on their cattle--but when the President said: 'we need more meat and food supplies,' the cattlemen last year increased the number of cattle in the United States by 3.5 per cent, or nearly three million head. And the cattle and horsemen of Oregon did their full share in bringing about this increase.

"Reports of the Senate committee at a hearing recently held in Washington shows that there are now in the United States 43,546,000 cattle of beef breeds, and 23,284,000 of dairy breeds.

"The stockmen of Oregon have had a splendid winter and have gotten through the winter on less feed, though at a higher price, than for many years. There is every indication for a larger calf crop that we have had for many years. This, coupled with the fact that a good grass season is in sight should make us all happy.

"The outlook for prices for summer beef to me are excellent and

never looked so good as at the present time. While it is true that the cost of growing and fattening cattle has increased not less than fifty per cent in the past two years, yet I believe that by good careful management there will still be a profit in cattle. Without good management you could not hope to make a profit regardless of price. It is not necessary for me to say to this bunch of men that the price of success is work early and late, practice self-denial and attend to your own business. This is a rule that must be followed by all successful men, and especially by the man who is just starting in business, regardless of the nature of his business.

Urges Co-operation With The Government.

"The Forest Service is doing all in its power to increase the grazing and improve the range to those who have grazing permits on the Forest Reserve, and I would advise co-operation upon your part with the department, believing you will find it more than anxious to assist you.

"Now just a few words about the 640-acre stock raising homestead bill, which became a law December 29, 1916. The appropriation necessary to make the classification and designation of lands thereunder was not granted until June, 1917. Up to the present time the work of the Geological survey has been confined to the examination of the lands applied for under the law. In a few states this work has been completed and some designations will probably be made shortly. It has been conservatively estimated that the amount of land possible to be homesteaded under this act will not exceed ten per cent of the unappropriated unreserved public domain. I believe it would be a good thing to urge congress to grant necessary funds to classify the remaining public lands so that they may be put under the supervision of the Forest Service, in order that there will be no trouble in the future as to the grazing of stock between the stockmen.

Must Conserve In Every Way.

"It was a year ago at La Grande that I was appointed on the State Board of Food Conservation. Last fall, in making a trip with a number of stockmen through Eastern, Central and Southern Oregon, I talked to you on food conservation. To me this was then and is now one of the most vital points toward winning the war. I knew it was late in the season last year when I mentioned this important question to you, but it is early in the season now and I desire to repeat and if possible, emphasize more strongly the great need of every individual conserving to the limit all his foodstuff. Now is the time to become active with your gardens and grow everything you need for the coming winter. It is absolutely necessary for you to grow practically all of the food stuff you are going to consume. It should not be necessary for one of us to buy a can of goods or a pound of dried fruit of any kind during the coming winter. We should can and dry all vegetables and fruits we will need. This will enable us all to have more money for Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps and to aid in all other war movements. Don't forget that we must lay aside a goodly share of our earnings for war work so that when Uncle Sam says he wants to borrow a few billion dollars from his people, we can quickly respond without having to call a directors' meeting to consider the matter.

"I attended the Wyoming Cattlemen's Association meeting at Kemmerer on April 11th and 12th and while there I arranged for inspection. The work is to begin as soon as we can supply their inspectors with brand books. I also took up with some of the packers in California, when recently there, the subject of inspection in San Francisco. Those with whom I talked were in favor of it and say it would be no trouble if the California association will take hold. We hope to make an arrangement for inspection there this year. Seattle inspection must be had regardless of any other Association. We must have inspection there this year and will probably deem it essential to have inspection in Spokane in the near future.

"The coming year for this Association will present many problems of importance, among which will be the completion of the inspection work which I have just mentioned.

"Let us all continue this year to follow closely the orders and requests of our President and our government no matter what they may be and work vigorously to the end that we may produce more cattle and send more beef across the Atlantic to feed our boys who are gallantly fighting for the old flag and cause of freedom so dear to our hearts."

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