

HOGS AND BEEF IN UPWARD TREND

Review of Last 20 Years
Shows Intermittent Increase in Prices

WASHINGTON (AP)—An upward trend in cattle prices, with a sensational bulge during the World War, is revealed by a study the government has made of market conditions covering the last two decades. Hog prices, rising higher than beef during the war period, show a similar rise and fall except for a more pronounced fluctuation in the last five years.

Beef prices now are the highest they have been since 1920, whereas pork is lower than it was last year. Both, however, enjoyed a rising tendency when the survey closed in October.

High prices during the war, market specialists say, were caused largely by the declining value of the dollar, the result of the higher general price level for all commodities. Market supplies, however, to a greater degree than demand factors, control the ordinary season-to-season variations in price.

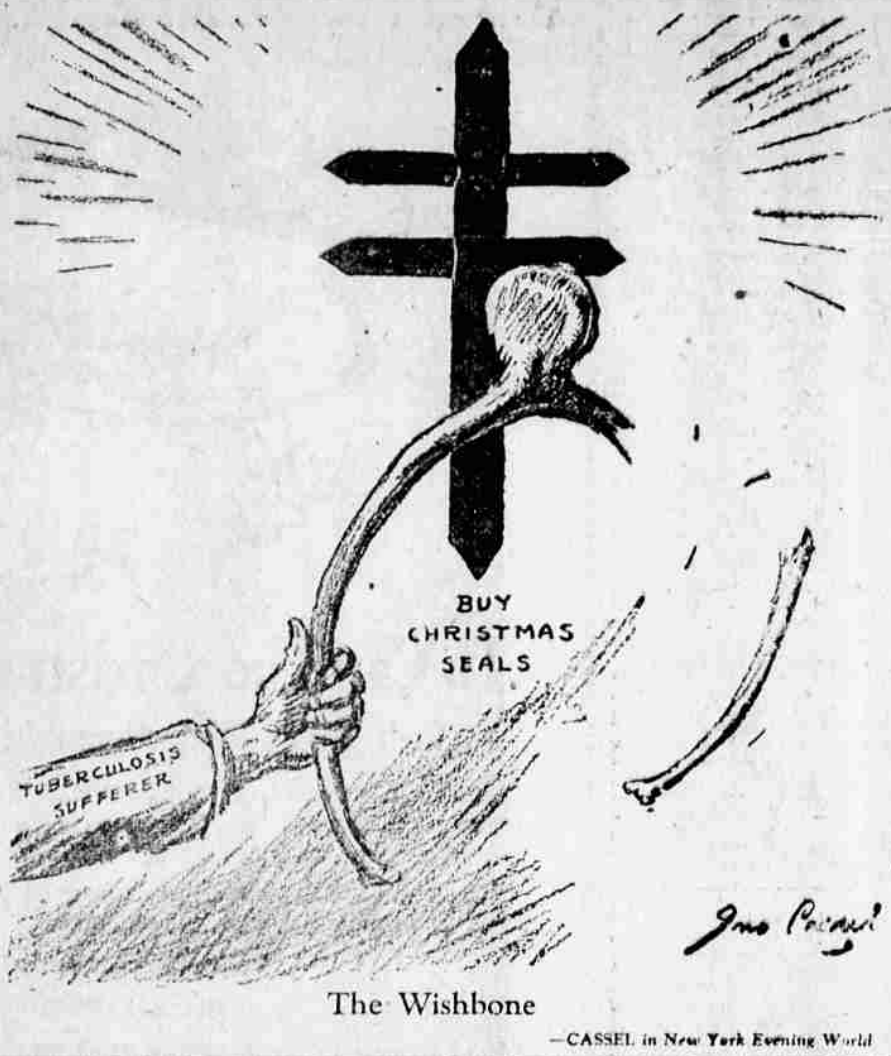
In beef, the number of cattle fed for market is the most important factor influencing price. Second in importance is the proportion of the better grades of red cattle in the market supply, or the general character of the supply especially as to the degree of fatness. The price of corn largely governs the degree to which cattle are finished. For the entire 20 years covered in the review, federal specialists list 18 outstanding factors that invariably affect the price of good beef steers, and 20 factors influencing the market price of hogs.

The financial panic of 1907, combined with a large supply and higher prices for corn caused a sharp drop in the prices for hogs in 1907-1908. Not late in 1909 the smallest production of hogs in 15 years sent prices climbing to a new high level.

Then the price gradually tapered down, due to dull business and a heavy spring supply in 1911. Fluctuations between 1911 and 1915 were caused by high beef prices, better business, increased supplies and war prices. Improved industrial conditions, a rising price level and a strong war demand sent prices climbing to record peaks in 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919.

With the ending of the war large storage stocks and an absence of European demand sent the prices sliding down. The movement was helped by a declining price level and dull industry until 1922 with increasing business and a decreased hog supply.

Prices moved in a narrow range until the fall of 1926 and 1927 when an increased supply and weak foreign demand again sent prices downward. Some recovery was shown this year.



The Wishbone

—CASSELL in New York Evening World

Santa Claus' Robot Circus Is Attracting London Youngsters

By Sue P. Lipsey
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
LONDON (AP)—Santa Claus has come into the show business in London, attracting his curious troupe of wild animals and circus acts to the attention of the city's huge youth.

Thousands of London children and youngsters from the country have about, wide-eyed with eager interest, and peering with curiosity through the bars of the cage, to see the show.

The circus show is a series of mechanical dolls and figures which run, jump, and perform their half-human, half-machine stunts.

Santa's circus has a hero—a red-headed little mascot of a boy who

has his own gang of boys who follow him when he runs away from home and joins up with a gypsy circus.

Just inside the tent is a long stage-like platform. While Jack, the red-headed hero, balances a ball on his nose, the circus people are working, playing, or fighting around him. Two old gypsy women, each with a child, are sitting on the floor. A girl washes her face in a soap bowl.

In revenge on the circus boss, Jack and three friends open the cage doors and let out the tigers, the lions and the other ferocious beasts. The confusion is terrific as the animals run for safety, but some are too slow.

A bear has caught a girl and is nibbling her fingers. The tiger has

captured the whitewashed clown, another poor clown is funny no longer, a leopard has seized him by the seat of his trousers.

But the circus boss is a tough guy. While the people run—or try to run—he grabs the lion by his tail and drags him roaring back into the cage.

The live spectators—some of them dirty-faced little chaps, hanging to a poorly dressed mother's skirts press on to see "what's next." They find that Jack and his friends are sorry now and have set out to recapture or kill the wild beasts who are prowling about the countryside. Jack tries to shoot a ferocious animal. He misses the beast but hits the farm stock which lie on their backs with their feet stuck up in the air as though to protest: "I'm dead. Don't shoot again."

Jack and his gang leave the circus but continue their adventures. Jack is astride a fat pig and the others ride a bucking goat, a

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The Christmas Spirit

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P. S. Crab Meat	
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P. S. Pineapple	
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