

# B G SHORTAGE OF LIVESTOCK

Constant Decline in Number of Animals Available for Meat Supply

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—The indicated total shortage of meat animals since the census of 1910 is nearly 9 beef cattle, 7 sheep and over 3 hogs for each 100 of the total estimated population of the United States in January, 1914, according to the estimates of the department of agriculture published in the Agricultural Outlook. This means that it would take 18,259,000 more meat cattle, sheep and swine than the estimates show at present in this country, to give the present population the same meat supply that the census of 1910 showed to exist.

The figures of the present estimates compared with the census of 1910 are as follows:

	Jan. 1914	Census (estimated) 1910
Beef cattle	35,855,000	41,178,000
Sheep	49,719,000	52,448,000
Swine	58,923,000	58,186,000
Total meat animals, census of 1910		151,812,000

Estimated number, January 1914 144,567,000  
Estimated decrease 7,305,000

Notwithstanding the fact that the estimates show there is actually a decrease of 7,305,000 food animals since the census of 1910, the estimated farm value of the cattle, sheep and swine on farms on January 1, 1914, shows an increase, because of higher prices, as follows:

	1914	1910
Estimated value, January 1914	\$1,936,087,000	\$1,534,600,000
Increase in valuation	\$395,487,000	

The increase indicated is due to the fact that the estimates show that the farm value of beef cattle has increased from \$19.97 to \$31.3 a head or 63.2 per cent, an average annual increase of over 15 per cent. Swine have increased in value from \$9.17 to \$19.49 per head, or 13.4 per cent. Sheep have decreased from an estimated average farm value of \$4.12 in 1910 to \$4.04 in 1914.

The shortage of meat animals is probably due to a number of contributing causes. Some of the more important of these are: The encroachment of farms upon the range territory. The lack of a proper range leasing law permitting economical management and utilization of ranges. The shortage in the corn and forage crop due to the severe drought in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma in 1912, which caused the farmers in those states to dispose of their meat animals.

The increase in the value of land and the increased cost of labor and stock feed, resulting in greatly increased cost of production.

The decline in stock raising on farms in the east and south because of poor marketing facilities, resulting from many local slaughtering establishments having been driven out of business by the competition of the great central slaughtering establishments of the west and central west.

The temptation to sell live stock at the prevailing high prices rather than to continue to carry them with high-priced stock feed, possible loss from disease or accident, and uncertain prices for the following year.

**Figures on Milk Cows.** The estimates indicate that the number of milk cows on farms in the United States is now 29,737,000, an increase of about one-half of one per cent over the census figures of 1910. Meanwhile the average farm price of milk cows has increased from \$35.79 in 1910 to \$53.94, or an increase of 50.7 per cent. On this basis the farm value of milk cows now in the United States is estimated at \$1,118,487,000 as compared with an estimated value in the census year of \$738,184,000, an increase of \$380,303,000, or an average annual increase for four years of \$95,075,000.

**Horses and Mules.** The estimates for January 1, 1914, indicate that there are 29,955,000 horses and 4,447,000 mules on farms in the United States, an average annual increase of about 1.4 per cent over the number shown by the census of 1910. It is estimated that the average farm price of horses has increased from \$108.19 in the census year to \$109.33 in January, 1914, and in the case of mules from \$119.84 to \$123.84 in the same period. On this basis the total farm value of horses is \$2,991,000,000 and of mules \$550,697,000. The total estimated farm value of these animals is therefore \$3,541,697,000, which is an increase of \$191,454,000 over the census year and represents an annual increase of wealth from these sources of \$47,863,000.

**PROTEST TELEPHONE RATES.** BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Complaints against the Federal Telephone company are increasing. The company is now charging ten cents for messages which were formerly but five cents and the citizens are up in arms.

The Legislatures of Virginia and South Carolina are considering advanced forestry legislation.

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## GOOD CHEER FOR CHILDREN

Dolls and Toys Will Be 20 to 30 Per Cent Cheaper This Year

Warner V. Ogren, of Norton & Hansen Company, left on the Redondo yesterday for San Francisco where he will meet the representatives of the large toy and novelty goods manufacturers from Germany and other European points and place his orders for this year's goods.

"Dolls and toys of all kinds will be twenty to thirty per cent cheaper this year," Mr. Ogren remarked before leaving, as a result of the tariff reductions. This fact added to our purchasing direct from the factory means that Santa Claus will be very good to the children of Coos Bay this year. In addition to dolls and toys, Mr. Ogren will also place orders for a large line of imported novelty goods including baskets and bric-a-bac of all kinds. By purchasing direct in quantities, he is enabled to secure prices that would otherwise be unobtainable.

This is the third year that the Norton & Hansen Company has purchased its toys direct from European factories and it was probably the first firm in Oregon outside of Portland to do business in this way. The firm has also found it satisfactory in every way and it has enabled them to render a better service to their patrons.

Styles change in toys as well as ladies' fashions and under this arrangement the children of Coos Bay get the very latest products of Santa Claus factories instead of being compelled to wait a year or two for the new novelties in flying machines and talking dolls and moving picture projectors.

Norton & Hansen do an extensive wholesale business in the toy and novelty goods line, Mr. Ogren having already booked some large orders for this year's delivery.

## DRUG STORES MAY CLOSE EARLY

An Eight O'clock Closing Movement Inaugurated by Druggists of Marshfield

A movement has been inaugurated for closing the drug stores of the city at 8 o'clock in the evening, which is proving popular with the proprietors of the different pharmacies. With most of the other stores closing at six o'clock the druggists feel that they are being made the "goats" in keeping open until ten o'clock and steps have been taken to secure united action in the matter.

"Not only as a matter of modern merchandising, but as protection for the public, the drug stores should close earlier," remarked one druggist today. "A pharmacist filling prescriptions should always be alert and clear-brained, but if he is kept on duty late hours he becomes physically weary and errors are much more likely to occur. Besides there is no good reason either of business or service that demands druggists to remain open fourteen to sixteen hours a day. I am hopeful that all druggists will join in the movement, which is a worthy and progressive one."

**W. R. SCOTT IN CALVIN'S JOB.** Southern Pacific Announces New Vice President Formally.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—The appointment of W. R. Scott, general manager of the Southern Pacific company, Pacific system, to succeed E. E. Calvin as vice-president in charge of maintenance, operation and construction, was made here. Mr. Scott will assume his new duties at once, retaining his former official title, and adding to it that of vice-president. Mr. Calvin resigned a short time ago to become general manager of the Oregon Short Line.

Like his predecessor, Mr. Scott is a self-made railroad man, who started in the engine cab and worked up. He began as a fireman in 1881, and ascended the ladder of success by the various stages of engineer, traveling engineer, trainmaster, superintendent, general superintendent and general manager.

**FREDERICK TO PORTLAND** Will Be Drydocked for Repairs, Needed Since Striking Jetty

NEW PORT, Or., Feb. 9.—The Grays Harbor Towboat Company's tug Printer sailed with the barge Frederick in tow, for Portland. The Frederick ran on the end of the jetty here on December 13 and was badly damaged. She has been temporarily repaired, until she can be drydocked at Portland. She is still in a very leaky condition and liable to become waterlogged before reaching the Columbia River, it is feared.

Of 666 fires last year on the National forests of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, more than one-half were caused by lightning. Campers set about one-tenth and railroads one-twentieth.

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## NATIVES ONLY IN CANAL WORK

New Regulations in Panama Will Work for Benefit of Citizens There

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 10.—Only natives of Panama and Americans will hereafter be employed in the higher grades of service on the Panama Canal. This rule will apply to all who receive more than \$75 per month or more than forty cents per hour. Aliens may be employed in these grades if they have occupied similar positions during the construction of the canal for two years or

more. They may also be employed temporarily. The eight hour law will be applied to all per diem and hourly employes above the grade of laborers.


**LECTURES ON FIRE DANGERS.**

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 9.—The secretary of the National Fire Protection Association of Boston, Mass., delivered an address at the Chamber of

Commerce here. Mr. Wentworth is a recognized authority on fire protection, and is carrying on a campaign of education with the view of lessening fire hazard, and if possible reducing fire insurance over the city. Bulletin No. 1 of a series regarding fire protection bore the following words: "Do you or your employes know the location of the fire alarm box nearest your business?"

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