

Northwest Cattle Situation

BY THE STOCK EDITOR.

CATTLE feeders say they are losing money. Almost every stock train brings with it a string of good cattle and the good men who fed them. And almost without exception they claim to have lost money. Nor is this condition local. The farmer of the corn belt is telling the same story and more than any time in recent years cattle feeders are vowing not to feed another winter.

When we go to the shop for a piece of beef we feel like kicking along with the feeder. For while he is not breaking even at the low price he must take we are still paying a long price for our beef.

However, the packers of the Northwest are in a fairly secure position. When the kick is made to him, as it is daily in the open market, and not gently, he calmly refers the complainer to the big Eastern markets and submits that "steer for steer" cattle are selling higher in Portland than anywhere in the United States and have been for three months.

In the East almost every known influence has contributed to the demoralization of the market. The quarantine has restricted shipping and shut off many markets. The war has not proved to be a benefit and business is not good, to say the least.

Now what's the answer?

In the first place, all the clamor and threats in the world will be of no avail when it comes to inducing the packers to pay more. Conditions must change. And that change in conditions must be such as to affect all markets.

The cattle man knows better than any one else the effect of property and business activity. He knows that all thinking availed nothing in so far as the price of a steak is concerned. Just thinking so will not make it possible for men to work and receive wages and satisfy their appetite for meat.

We want to see cattle higher. If the rise is necessary to insure a profit to the feeder. But we cannot see now where it will avail much to rail against conditions for which neither the buyer nor the seller is responsible and which none of us by threats or complaints can change. One thing we of the Northwest can do: we can be thankful that we have a better market than our less fortunate brothers in the East.

Then let us remember one thing more: the profits from feeding livestock cannot be estimated from the returns of a year or two. It's the man who counts the cost for 10 years that sees the profit and gets it.

Fire Report for National Forests During Year 1914

THE District Forester at Portland, Or., reports that for the season of 1914 there were 1300 fires of all classes on the National forests of Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Of this number 972 were extinguished by rangers or guards before any appreciable damage had been done. Each of the remaining 328 burned over 10 or more acres.

According to the District Forester, the 1914 weather conditions were the most favorable to the spread of fire since 1910. Had the strong north and east winds of 1910 again prevailed, the season would have been worse, since the forest cover was drier. In spite of the extreme dryness which rendered the forests like tinder, only about one-fifth as much timber was killed as in 1910.

The success in keeping the timber loss to a comparatively low figure is largely due, says the District Forester, to the fact that the service has six times as much telephone line as in 1910, nearly two and one-half times as much trail, and many more high peak lookout stations. In 1910 the service had but few men who had ever fought fire to any extent. In 1914 it had veteran fire fighters in every locality, with well-thought-out and recorded plans for any fire that might occur. When a fire was reported there was no loss of time. Men and supplies were rushing toward it within a few minutes. For instance, on the Fremont forest last summer the ranger at Silver Lake range station received a telephone message of a fire 12 miles away. In accordance with a prepared plan, he went on horseback three-eighths of a mile to Silver Lake, where he collected a crew of 10 men and took them to the fire in hired automobiles, arriving there 48 minutes after the fire was reported to him. This would have been impossible in 1910.

An analysis of causes shows that 150 fires were started by railroads or by others along their rights of way, 327 by lightning, 93 by incendiaries, 127 by brush burners, 319 by campers, nine by sawmills, and 275 are charged to miscellaneous causes. The report calls attention to the fact that only the lightning fire are unpreventable. Every one of the others is due to thoughtlessness, lack of judgment or maliciousness of man. Many men through city habit unconsciously throw away burning matches or tobacco, and a forest fire often results. Emphasis is placed on the fact that the community loses \$6 to \$8 in wages on every 1000 feet of timber destroyed. By this fact over \$1,000,000 is forever lost this dis-

BARGAINS IN FARMS FOR SALE ONLY

TALK ABOUT BUYS! LOOK AT THIS, AND THEN GET BUSY—

40 to 60 acres, 8 miles east of Carrollton, Wash., 5 acres in cultivation, 25 acres level, 19 acres in pasture, only 8 acres too steep to cultivate; at least 75,000 feet of cedar and piling; fine spring at house, also creek flows through the place, 3 acres now in crop; small house and barn, chicken-house and woodshed; 1 1/2 miles to school; cream route; only 2 miles to rock road. With this place goes 4-year-old colt, 2 brood sows, 1 boar, all household goods, some onions, potatoes, hog feed, farm implements and tools to work the place; on main county road and R. F. D. There is about \$200 worth casaca bark on the place; \$1250 will buy, with a cash payment of \$750.

THE FOLLOWING IS ONE OF THE BEST FARMS I HAVE BEEN LUCKY IN GETTING TO SELL; LOOK INTO IT AT ONCE, FOR IT IS ONE OF THE FEW: 109 acres, 3 miles from Waterloo and Sweet Home, Or.; 1 mile to school, an R. F. D. and cream route. Land is fine river bottom, black loam soil, 50 acres in cultivation, 20 now in crop, 20 acres in pasture; no rock or gravel; family orchard in full bearing; good 7-room house, large barn and all outbuildings (new); \$7500 will buy this place, on easy terms.

The Following Are for Trade or Sale

98 ACRES, 4 miles northwest of Junction City, on good gravel road, 50 acres under cultivation and in crop; 40 acres in small timber, level and under woven-wire fence, family orchard and all kinds of berries; 7-room house, barn and all outbuildings; R. F. D. and cream route; price \$100 per acre; will trade for a smaller farm up to \$7500, in the Willamette Valley.

110 ACRES, 2 miles from Sweet Home, Or. Crushed rock roads, 80 acres level and in cultivation, 15 acres in timber, balance in pasture, 2 acres in bearing orchard, all kinds of berries, good house and barn, smokehouse, blacksmith shop and other outbuildings. Cream route. Price \$11,000. Will consider a smaller farm up to \$7500. Most have \$1500 in cash and a mortgage back on the balance.

220 ACRES, 2 1/2 miles from Fort Rock, in Lake County, Or. All level and tillable, 80 acres in cultivation, 175 acres cleared. Under fence. Small orchard, small house and barn, on cream route. This is considered one of the best ranches in that district. The price is \$2750. Will trade for a farm in the Willamette Valley up to \$7000.

A FINE suburban house, close to two cities, at giveaway figures; 4 acres on Oregon City carline, near Gladstone; has a fine 4-room house, good barn, chicken-house, summer kitchen, a number of fine fruit trees in full bearing, and berries of all kinds, good water; woven-wire fences; all in cultivation. Year can buy this pretty place for only \$2550, \$250 cash will handle and easy terms on the balance.

50 ACRES, 5 miles from Molalla, Or.; 15 acres has been cultivated, 15 more has been plowed and goat-pastured and with very little labor can be put in cultivation; the balance is in fir, cedar and hemlock timber; a fine creek crosses the place; has 3 beautiful springs, with water piped to house; there is a small house and other buildings; fenced and cross-fenced; just think, \$2400 will buy this place, with only a cash payment of \$500, terms on balance, 8 per cent interest.

THIS LAND IS WORTH \$40 PER ACRE. 400 acres, Wasco Co., Or., 3 miles from Friend P. O., R. R. station, and 7 miles southwest of Dufur; the roads are good; fine creek through the place; it is all rich, black soil; 320 acres timber, the balance is fine pasture land; has 120 acres of very nice timber; the price is only \$15 per acre and you can buy it for \$500 down and easy terms on remainder.

HERE IS A BEAUTIFUL PLACE. 85 acres, 2 miles east of Oregon City and 2 1/2 miles from Portland, 40 acres in cultivation; balance in pasture, all easily cleared. Bounded on two sides by Clear Creek; 2 living springs, can be piped to house, good 7-room house, large barn, chicken and hog houses, family orchard, all kinds of berries, store on adjoining place, 1/2 mile to schools, churches within 3 miles, telephone, cream route and R. F. D. Good team, harness and wagon, mower, huck, seeder, cultivator, cider press, cow and brood sows. Price \$8800. Will trade for a place east of the mountains in Oregon up to \$5500.

162 ACRES at Hooster Rock, on Columbia River, close to Portland, Or.; station on the place; 35 acres in cultivation, 2 small houses with bath and toilet, large barn, modern hoghouses, blacksmith shop, fine water supply from spring on highest point of property, 40 acres in fine view property and can be subdivided into acre tracts and sold for summer homes. There are 8 acres of beaverdam land in cultivation. The price is \$20,000. Will take a smaller place up to \$5000 and a mortgage back at 6 per cent interest for 10 years.

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tributed by the thoughtless acts of its citizens during the Summer of 1914.

Inducements to Homeseekers

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countries of Oregon send students to this normal. The investment for site and buildings approximates \$150,000, with \$10,000 additional for equipment. During the latter days of 1914, the enrollment was 248, and during the past four years has graduated 200 students. The Summer school, attended by teachers from all over the state, has an average enrollment of 490. A greater number of Parent-Teacher Associations can be found in Polk County than in any other county in the state.

Polk County Cities.

Dallas has a population of 3000, and is situated near the geographical center of Polk County. It is the natural distribution point of trade as well as a shipping point for agricultural and horticultural stocks. Dallas has a \$40,000 Courthouse, of native stone; a \$50,000 high school building, a \$10,000 public library, a \$15,000 Armory, a \$100,000 electric light and power plant, manufacturing plants distributing about \$200,000 annually, a packing plant handling upward of 3,500,000 pounds of prunes annually, a \$10,000 hospital, a sawmill of 100,000 feet daily capacity, and many other plants of less importance.

A second city in point of population in Polk County is Independence, situated on the west bank of the Willamette River in the extreme eastern part of the county, known to many as the hop center of the world. It has a population of about 2300, has a \$15,000 high school, \$22,000 grade building, and numerous profitable industries.

Falls City has about 1300 inhabitants, is situated 73 miles southwest of Portland, and is the center of the big lumber industry.

Monmouth, a town of about 1000 inhabitants, is known for its educational facilities.

Approved Whitewash.

The following recipe for whitewash is furnished by the United States Department of Agriculture:

Stake half a bushel of unslaked lime with boiling water, keeping the lime covered during the process. Strain it and add a peck of salt, dissolved in warm water. Put three pounds of ground rice into boiling water and boil to a thin paste. Add this, together with half a pound of Spanish whiting and a pound of clear glue dissolved in warm water. Mix all the above ingredients well together and let the mixture stand for several days. Keep the wash thus prepared in a kettle or portable furnace and when used put it on as hot as possible with painter's or whitewash brushes.

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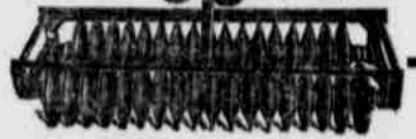
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