# Lowering of Livestock Prices Will Result in Adoption of Better Stock

# LOWER PRICES **WORK HARDSHIP BUT ARE BENEFIT**

By R. C. Stewart

There is considerable conjecture as to just what effect the lower prices for meats and animal products will have upon the future of the livestock industry. The writer believes that the lower prices will in the first place throw a surplus upon the immediate market with the natural result that prices will still further decline. Many would like to hold until the price recovers somewhat but are forced to sell to avoid further losses and to meet obligations which they can no longer

Others do not feel like feeding high priced feed to produce a commodity that s declining in price. Range sheep and now worth less than the amount of money loaned upon thousands of them and they are forced upon the market to liquidate as much of the loans as their value will cover.

MEANS BETTER CATTLE

The depression in the market and the lowering of the values will create a hardship upon many growers, but in the end will be of benefit to the industry as a whole. There is seldom a condition so bad but what some good will result from it and in this particular case much good may be expected to come from the present low prices. In the first place there will not be

enough cattle fed this winter to supply the demands of the trade the coming spring and summer. All of the animals of the class that have been returning but a small amount for their investment will be disposed of to prevent further loss. The better class of animals will be retained by the wise grower to form the nuclea of his future herd or flock. The scrub animals will give place to the better producing ones. Better sires will be used to produce animals that will re-turn more for the feed they consume. In fact, when the reaction from the lower price comes it will mean a big price for a number of years, due to the depletion of numbers and the length of time required to materially increase the numbers in herds and flocks. Low prices will force out the breeder

and feeder using slipshod and out of date methods. The man keping stock which will make the largest gains for the amount of feed consumed will be the one that will stay in the business and get the benefits of the reaction that will follow the slump.

One result which may be expected will be the decreasing of the size of herds and flocks and the increasing of the number of small, quality herds and flocks. This in the end will be a good thing for the industry for it will make it more stable and better paying.

Every influence is tending to force the use of pure-bred and better quality livestock. A breeder cannot afford to raise animals that will not sell for as much as the feed required to raise them. The feeder will not use expensive feeds to condition an animal that will not make gains proportionate to the amount use cows that will make the most use of the feed they are given.

## NEW HERDS ENCOURAGED

Getting credit or borrowing money upon scrub or ordinary cattle is almost out of the question at present. Almos any of the banks are willing to make substantial loans to any sincere indus-trious man wishing to secure purebred animals for a foundation herd. A large number of banks have recently signified their willingness to give assistance to breeders wishing to make purchases at the sales scheduled to take place at the Pacific International Livestock exposi-, tion in Portland during the week of November 13 to 20. Since a special effort is being made to make these quality sales, it will no doubt be a natural result that several new herds will be started that will take their place among the best herds of the future.

## Centralia Dredging Project Advocated

Centralia, Oct. 16.-Centralia citizens lands between Centralia and Chehalis is solved to the satisfaction of the growand Fords Prairie have lost thousands of dollars through damage done to crops by floods. Considerable inconvenience has been caused traffic also on this account, as the river floods two separate sections of the Pacific

# Corvallis Men Get Straw Spreaders

Corvallis, Oct. 16 .- Through the ef forts of George W. Kable, county agent, two straw spreaders have just been received at Corvallis, one by F. O. Harris, who is in charge of the farm bureau experiments, and one by Cliff Raber, an enterprising farmer. They came from Kansas City. It is stated that when straw is taken from the machine as it is threshed, it may be spread with one of these spreaders at a cost of only \$1 per acre. It is proposed to use the straw to fertilize the worn-out lands instead of burning it.

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# Poultrymen Meet at ers, the egg question will be taken up. The matter of marketing. the collection Roseburg; Business depots, and the will be settled. Organization Formed

Roseburg, Oct. 16.-The meeting held in this city October 11 for the organization of the poultrymen was well attended. Over 50 of the reperesentative poultry growers were present, and committees were appointed to formulate the plans of the organization. The com-mittees will meet with the county agent next Friday morning, and a business organization will be formed. In the afterenoon the organization will be ratified by the poultrymen, and the feed questions will be taken up the first thing. are considering the dredging of a por- The matter of securing feed at a figure tion of the Chehalis river below the that will make the production of poultry mouth of the Skookumchuck, to pre- and poultry products profitable has been vent overflowing during the rainy sea- one of the difficulties of success in this son. Every year farmers in the low- section. As soon as the feed question

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tion the small producer can market his

ers, the egg question will be taken up.

of shipping in feed will be settled first. from this section of Oregon.

depots, and the methods of handling

With the new organization in operaproduct with a proportionate margin of E. Haslett has undertaken to secure a profit to the large producer. The col-lection of eggs at a certain point for shipment will make it possible for a man Douglas county. One grower has agreed with a half a case to ship as well as to furnish 500 bushels, and the chances the one with a dozen cases, and get the for securing a carload are very good. same proportionate returns. The matter There is a great demand for seed grains

Schmitt, president of the First National bank of Albany. This sale marks the breaking up of the famous Burkhart herd, which has been in the process of

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Preceding the sale brief talks were

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One of the most interesting exhibits at the state fair from a horticultural standpoint was that of the prune called the "New Oregon," developed by Andrew Vercler of Salem. The Oregon Nursery company. which will propagate the new prune, was in charge of the exhibit.

The origin of the new prune was ex-plained by Vercler as follows: During of the chicken classes, and W. M. the season of 1913 he discovered a thrifty prune seedling growing along rest. C. S. Gibson of Chicago will his fence bordering his prune orchard judge the rabbit classes.
of Petite or French prune trees. Near Something new is the laying test and orchard was one very thrifty and pro-lific. Italian prune tree. The seedling, their stock in the commercial breeders' which through Vercler's nursing devel- class, which will hold singles, breeding oped into what will hereafter be known pens and laying pens. Cash prizes of as the New Oregon prune, grew up \$12, \$8 and \$4 will be awarded the three about 15 feet distant from the Petite laying pens with the highest egg recand Italian trees. Its vigorous growth ords for the week. and heavy foliage indicated more than ordinary promise and it was according- made this their official show: Pacific

TREE UPRIGHT GROWER

prunes-more, however, of the Petite than of the Italian. The tree is an upright grower, just a little more spreading than the Petite. The wood Fanciers' association, Inc. spreading than the Petite. The wood of the New Oregon is tough and wiry, which does not break when heavily loaded with fruit, as the Italian some- good feed are essential if you expect darker green and the leaves somewhat A hen that is cold and wet most of lar French variety.

In color the fruit is about half way strength.

between the Italian and Petite, it having the deep bloom of the Italian, although when this is removed the skin is of a reddish nature, following that of the Petite. The New Oregon is a prune larger than either the Italian or prizes at the Grays Harbor county fair the French varieties, and Vercler re-Albany, Or., Oct. 16.—To St. graded between 40 and 50 to the pound Mawes Mabel's Rosaire, a registered when dried. Its productiveness is es-Jersey, went the honor of command- tablished, for Vercler states the trees he has grown have never failed to proing the highest price ever paid in duce a crop.

Linn county for a cow when How- ADVANTAGES POSSESSED

ard & Williams of Sherwood, paid In comparison with the Italian va-\$2625 for her at the Maple Lawn riety, which is the recognized commer-Place sale, held near Albany by Robthis well-known variety-probably chief The sale included 30 registered Jer- among its advantages being its tendsev cattle that were purchased by some ency to avoid cracking when subject to of the most prominent breeders in the unseasonable rains such as have been experienced this season. Side by side Novena Owl was sold to O. N. Peterson of Junction City, Or., for \$345:
Owl's Lass to Mrs. Henry Stewart of Albany for \$275; Cicero's Fontain Fern Italian showed a heavy percentage of Italian showed a heavy percentage of to F. A. Green of Coburg for \$510; injury. Vercler accounted for this condwis Fern Eminence to Mrs. W. T. Fischer of Sandy, Or., for \$250; St. Mawes Dorothy to L. Cade of Albany that there was always somewhat of a for \$230; Linnet Melia Ann to Leonard cavity around the pit of the new prune Gilkey of Scio for \$625; Linnet's Bird and that this allowed the fruit to expand inwardly from the added moisture Blue Benn Princess to C. C. rather than expanding outwardly and of Tangent for \$645.

The sale was attended by prominent PRUNE BLOOMS LATER

Jersey stockmen, including William Whether or not this is the true rea-Ladd of Portland; Ed Carey of Carl- son, the fact remains that the New ton; Cyrus Gates of Bellingham, Wash., Oregon has a decided advantage over president of the Whatcom County Jer- the Italian in this important respect. sey Cattle association; W. O. Morrow of Independence, and Frank Linn of Vercier further explained that his

new prune had another advantage over the Italian in that it bloomed usually about a week later than the Italian, while it ripened nearly a week earlier.

Practical prune men who inspected the prunes, both green and dried, which were on exhibit, were almost universal

in their favorable comments. The New Oregon prune gives promise of materially adding to the wealth and fame of Oregon as a producer of the best prunes in the world.

The origin of the new prune was ex- Stock association will be W. S. Russell

end of the row bordering the egg show. Breeders of high producing

The following breed associations have Coast Division National White Plymouth Rock club, State Black Minorca club, Speaking of the tree and the new Northwest Division Silver Wyandotte fruit, Vercler stated it had characteristics of both the Italian and Petite Rhode Island Bed at the Northwest Druges more harmonic and Petite Rhode Island Bed at the Northwest Rhode Island Rhod Rhode Island Red club, American Federation of New Zealand Breeders, Ore-

A dry place to roost and plenty of liage of the New Oregon is somewhat cannot be produced on scenery alone. larger than is the case with the regu-

## Boys Chief Winners

prizes at the Grays Harbor county fair last month for stock, gardening and canning. While a few of the prizes this year were awarded to adults a majority went to boys and girls.



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met at the rooms of the Burns Commercial club on October 2 on call central agency. The question of range of the county agent, to complete or- control and conservation, better stoc ganization of the Harney County through the enforcement of the state

nitiated June 25. After an outline of the aims and purposes of the organization by County Agent L. E. McDaniels and a brief talk-by Temporary Chairman Dr. L. E. Hibbard the following officers and members of the executive committee were elected C. Cecil, president: Donald Hotchkiss. vice president; R. J. Williams, treasurer; European product. The principal flat E. McDaniels, secretary.

nelly, A. E. Tipton, John Hunter, E. H. Bathrickand and Charles Owens in ad

dition to the regular officers. The first regular meeting will be held at Burns on November 6, when the ques-tion of issuing a brand book for the association will be decided upon. At this time the association will also take up the matter of cooperating with other livestock associations of the state in an The stockmen of Harney county stock in the local shipping centers by Livestock association, which was ing to the control of migratory flocks and herds that are now a detriment to the local taxpaying stockmen will at that time also have full consideration.

Flax growing appears to be on the in regions are Wisconsin, Eastern Michi-The executive committee are Phil Smith, Grant Thompson, George Whiting, Tom Cleveland, Earl Sitz, Pat Con- and Northern Minnesota.



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We learn from Scripture that Adam's transgression brought about a failen condition, not of mankind alone, but likewise of the earth itself. In this and in numerous other epochal events, wherein the direct interposition of Divine action is affirmed, nature is seen to be in intimate relation with man.

Thus the sins of mankind may produce calamity in the form of destructive phenomena, which we may properly call natural because deserved; and human interpolation of the elements.

righteousness may invoke peaceful and beneficent cooperation of the elements.

"Cursed is the ground for thy sake" was the Divine flat to the first man.

In contrast, note the assurance given to Israel that by faithfulness the seasons should be made propitious, that nurturing rains should come, bringing such harvests that the people would lack room to store their products. (See Mal. 7.8.19)

Abject apostasy from the laws of God in Noah's time brought about the Deluge, in which "were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows [more properly flood-gates] of heaven were opened."

Enoch, who lived before Noah, was sent to proclaim repentance to the degenerate race, and so great was the power and authority vested in him that "he spake the word of the Lord, and the earth trembled, and the mountains "he spake the word of the Lord, and the carth stempled, and the field, even according to his command: and the rivers of water were turned out of their course." He foresaw the coming of the Noachian flood, and the events of history, including the Savior's ministry, down to the days of the Lord's second advent, when "the heavens shall be darkened, and a vell of darkness shall cover the earth: and the heavens shall shake, and also the earth." (Pearl

of Great Price pp. 42 and 44).

As a fit setting for the tragedy on Calvary, a pall of darkness fell about the place, and, when the crucifled Lord expired, "the earth did quake, and the rocks (Matt. 27:51).
the Western Continent, widespread disruption signalized the Savior's

death; and destruction befell the wicked who had flouted prophetic warnings and inspired admonitions to repentance. Many of the Nephites had forgotten the signs and wonders by which the fact of the Lord's birth had been made known, and had fallen into abominable wickedness. Then, at the time of the crucifixion, great and terrible tempests broke over the land, with thunderings, lightnings, and both elevations and depressions of the earth's crust, mountains were sundered, and many cities were destroyed by earthquake, fire and the inrush of the sea. For three hours the unprecedented holocaust conand the inrush of the sea. For three hours the unprecedented holocaust c tinued; and then thick darkness fell, in the which it was found impossible kindle a fire. The awful gloom was like unto the darkness of Egypt in that it clammy vapors could be felt. This condition lasted until the third day, so that a night a day and a night were as one unbroken night; and the impen-blackness was rendered the more terrible by the walling of the people, heartrending refrain was everywhere the same: "O that we had repented this great and terrible day!" Then, piercing the darkness, a Voice was heard, preclaiming that destruction had befallen the people because of wickedness, and that those who had lived to hear were the more righteous of the inhabitants, to whom hope was offered on condition of more thorough repentance and reformation. (Book of Mormon, 3 Nephi, 2:8-10).

Calamitous phenomena, before which the wicked shall fall, are definitely pre-

dicted as accompaniments of the second advent of our Lord. This is the pre-diction made through the prophet Joseph Smith in these days; and the fulfil

"For not many days hence and the earth shall tremble and reel to and from as a drunken man, and the sun shall hide his face, and shall refuse to give light, and the moon shall be bathed in blood, and the stars shall become exceedingly angry, and shall cast themselves down as a fig that falleth from off ceedingly angry, and shall cast themselves down as a fig that falleth from off a fig tree. And after your testimony cometh wrath and indignation upon the people. For after your testimony cometh the testimony of earthquakes, that shall cause groamings in the midst of her, and men shall fall upon the ground, and shall not be able to stand. And also cometh the testimony of the voice of thunderings, and the voice of lightnings, and the voice of the myests, and the voice of the waves of the sea, heaving themselves beyond their bounds. And all things shall be in commotion; and surely, men's hearts shall fail them; for fear shall come upon all people." (Doctrine & Covenants \$8:87-91).

It may be argued that the storms, earthquakes and other destructive occurrences heretofore cited as not natural but supernatural phenomena, specially inflicted by Divine intent. Say rather that these happenings are supernaturally directed, following naturally and inevitably the sins of mankind and the unregenerate state of the race.

"The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." (Iss. 24:5).

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