

STATE LIVESTOCK STEADILY GROWS MORE VALUABLE

Goats Are Only Exception, According to Figures of Field Agent

MORE SHEEP ARE RAISED

Dairy Cows in Oregon Shown on Increase—Many Hogs Slaughtered

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 7.—Some classes of livestock are more plentiful in Oregon now than they were a year ago and there has been a material decrease in any class of stock except goats, according to figures made public by F. L. Kent, field agent of the United States department of agriculture. The figures are based on a special inquiry mailed to a selected list of stockmen in Oregon, asking for numbers of the various kinds of farm animals on

hand December 1, 1916, and December 1, 1917. About 400 replies were received. These showed exactly the same number of milk cows for the two dates. The number of other cattle and of horses and mules showed a material increase in 1917. A somewhat larger number of sheep was reported for 1917 and the number of swine was less by a very small margin. During the month of January, 1918, a special food survey inquiry was made and the questions asked were similar to those asked in the preceding inquiry. The 600 replies received tallied very closely with those of the livestock inquiry. "A study of the results of these two separate inquiries," says Field Agent Kent, "seems to warrant the following conclusions: Horses and mules—A rather limited shipping demand for this class of stock during the past year has had a tendency to increase numbers on hand, even in the fact of a considerable increase in the use of the farm tractor, and a large increase in the cost per head of keeping. Milk Cows: During recent months

there have been frequent reports of a very considerable decrease in the number of milking cows. But the results of the two inquiries do not show such to be the case. The total number of milk cows as reported on farms of the 1000 persons returning schedules is 7657 for Dec. 1917, and 7586 for Dec. 1916, showing a slight increase for 1917. Portland stock yard receipts do not indicate much movement of dairy cows for slaughter. Occasionally good dairy cows come to the yards, but they are very generally purchased by parties who put them into dairy service again. There is of course some slaughter of inferior animals, but this is only natural as there is much testing of dairy herds with consequent disposal of the "boarders." And it should be borne in mind that young dairy animals are coming in each year. While feed prices are very high, the price of milk and milk products is also materially advanced. The war demand for condensed milk has been a very considerable factor in determining the present prices of dairy products. Still a careful study of the question will show that the advance in cost to the consumer, of milk and milk products has not been as great as the advance in most food stuffs. Stock Cattle: All reports indicate that the present supply of stock cattle is in excess of the number on hand a year ago. An unusually open fall and winter has made it practical for cattlemen to retain considerable numbers of stock cattle that otherwise must have been sold owing to scarcity of hay. Hay prices are now

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reported as being materially lower than several weeks ago. Sheep: The various herds of information relative to numbers of sheep are very closely, and indicate that numbers on hand are practically the same as a year ago. But the condition of the flocks is materially better than at this time last year. The same may also be said of cattle in general. Swine: County assessors reports for 1917 showed a large decrease in numbers of swine as compared with a year ago. This is verified by the Portland stock yards receipts for 1917, which show that the receipts of hogs of Oregon origin in 1917 were only about 75 per cent of the receipts of 1916. High prices prevailing for all grain and mill feeds are rather discouraging to the hog raiser. However, the reports of the special food survey inquiry indicates an increase of about 30 per cent in the number of hogs under six months of age, on Dec. 31, 1917 as compared with the number on hand on Dec. 31, 1916.

Weather Conditions. As already indicated the present winter conditions have been very favorable for live stock in general. The month of December 1917 is reported by the local weather bureau as being the warmest of record for the past 17 years, and conditions during January 1918 were very similar to those of December, but with much less precipitation. A cold wave with considerable snow was quite general over the state the last two days of January, but temperatures are higher at present. Range stock have been able to find considerable grazing all winter, which combined with the prevailing mild temperature has lessened the requirements for hay. The condition of fall sown crops is also very favorable.

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

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THE PEABODY LECTURE.

The F. W. Peabody so-called lecture was given under the auspices of the Salem Ministerial Union and had their endorsement, which was based no doubt on the recommendation of others. However, after they have had an opportunity to hear for themselves, it is but fair that each minister tell their people what their attitude is now. Mr. Peabody had his subject well in hand, all was carefully planned. He sets up a court to prosecute Christian Science, appoints Aims as prosecuting attorney, introduces testimony fixed and prepared by himself, then he appoints the audience as jury. To prepare the audience, he precedes to prove that all who read Science and Health are weak minded and all the members of this cult crazy and dishonest from the author down to the least of them. He tells them that all the brains and culture is vested in those who are strong enough to resist the temptation to read this book, Science and Health. About one-third of the audience fell for this, and how they manifested their approval. There were two very prominent ministers in a conspicuous place where all could see them, and how joyously they manifested their approval, especially on the monopoly of brain power and the vicious attack on womanhood. In fact, he had one-third of the jury with him from the start, and there was no cross questioning of the testimony.

The jury was not allowed to question, but how about the rest of the jury? Well there was a sadness in their faces partly because of the shock to their sense of fair play, and I think there was also something of a guilty conscience with many. There were but few of the real Science people present, so I took it that they were members of the churches who had displayed a weak mind and had been reading Science and Health and now they would naturally feel shocked and sad to find that they were losing their minds and were about to be put on the rack for pious religious slaughter. Here is where the real trouble and aftermath of Mr. Peabody's talk will begin. The Science people need not worry. Mr. Peabody gives a high motive for pressing his propaganda. To save the children from murder by their Science mothers, a noble work, but unfortunately there is the other side.

Let me paint an imaginary picture. Mrs. Eddy's son had received from his mother a fine home, enough money to make him and his family comfortable and means to educate his children. He was apparently contented, but along comes Mr. Lawyer and show him how he can get a fortune out of his aged and crazy mother who had made such a success with her church and her book that the amazing sales were yielding her millions. "Unless you get in now while the getting is good, your crazy mother will give all to charity and the church. We lawyers will take your case on a 50 per cent contingent fee and we will all get rich quick." Well the boy with a surplus of brains was tempted and these pious lawyers made a most strenuous effort and lost in their scheme to fleece Mrs. Eddy, and the Science church went up in a bubble and of course Mr. Peabody was sore.

Picture number two. At the present time this nation needs men and more men. Men for a thousand different occupations, and yet this man cuts loose from all lines of useful pursuit and goes over this fair land to press his propaganda upon the churches under the approval of the ministers secured by fraud, for I believe it was by fraud only, the result of which will be a discussion in the church, and in no way will it affect the Science church, for they were not convicted, the jury was two-thirds in their favor.

Reverend Mr. Holt, in pressing a liberal collection, made this statement, that all the money would go to Mr. Peabody to further his propaganda against the Christian Science church, so I must be correct in using that term. The plate for a nickel collection was passed after it was published as a free show, so the great Boston attorney stands for a nickel in the plate show. Great business. In closing I wish to state that I am in no sense a Scientist and do not wish to put up a defense for them, they do not need it, nor do I want to be classed with the self-righteous of the jury. Put me down with those who felt a keen sense of regret that such outrages by the church is still possible. —Fair Play.

Lack of Conviction of Sin Is American Fault

The lack of the conviction of sin is a characteristic national fault in America, according to the Rev. J. Attwood Stansfield, missionary at St. Paul's Episcopal church this week. "The late Mr. Gladstone was asked just before his death," said the speaker, "what in his opinion was the greatest weakness of England. His rather astonishing reply was 'The lack of the conviction of sin.' And I am beginning to think more and more that it is our weakness too. "People look upon their sins as rather mild affairs; prone to establish a self-righteousness that gives them some claim to respectability, by comparing themselves with others whom they deem worse than themselves. A man will say lightly, 'I'm

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no George Washington, without realizing that he has called himself a liar, and that lying is a real sin to be repented of. What is repentance? Repentance is not just being sorry for sin—it's being sorry enough to quit." The preacher admitted that sin was not a popular thing to talk about, but said he considered it necessary. "The people cry as they cried of old, 'Prophesy unto us smooth things, and the priests of the church are all too prone to do so,' he said.

Father Stansfield will be here only for tomorrow and Sunday, much to the regret of the people of the parish. The services today are the holy communion at 7 a. m. and devotional service at 10 this morning, and the preaching service tonight. The mission closes Sunday night, the missioner preaching at both services at St. Paul's Sunday.

Frank Rosebraugh Is Out of Hospital in France

Mrs. W. W. Rosebraugh, 71564 Cheneketa street, has received two letters from her son, Frank Rosebraugh, who is with a headquarters company "somewhere in the old world." One letter was dated January 2 and said that he had been in the hospital following injuries received in an accident which was due to an explosion. Particular mention was made of the appearance of Red Cross nurses in the hospital, which young Rosebraugh stated, were active. In his second letter, words of optimism were sent to his mother concerning the war outlook.

HOW TO GET RELIEF FROM CATARRH

If you have catarrh, catarrhal deafness, or head noises go to your druggist and get 1 oz. of Parmit (double strength), take this home add to it hot water and just a little sugar as directed in each package. Take 1 tablespoonful 4 times a day. This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head noises. Clogged nostrils should be open, breathing become easy and the mucus stop dropping into the throat. It is easy to make, tastes pleasant and costs little. Every one who has catarrh should give this treatment a trial. You will probably find it is just what you need. Capital Drug Store can supply you.

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