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Keep This Money at Home.
 (A. S. Monroe in Ore. Agriculturist.)

An official of the Union Meat Company, in speaking on the experience of the past year and the future outlook of the livestock industry, said: "Our principal difficulty now is in getting sufficient hogs locally to supply our needs. During the past year we have not been able to secure more than 30 per cent of our requirements in the Northwest states—Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The balance, practically 70 per cent, have been shipped from Central Nebraska points, a distance of nearly 1800 miles. This is a very poor business arrangement from the farmers' and stockgrowers' standpoint, as well as ours, when you stop to consider that all this pork product which comes from the Middle West is manufactured into hams, bacon, lard, sausage, etc., and sold to consumers of the Pacific Coast, and the money for the raw product taken out of circulation here and sent back to the farmers of the Middle West, who do not buy one pound of the cured or manufactured product of the hogs they sell us.

"I am speaking from our own viewpoint as well as from that of the packers of Puget Sound. I can conservatively estimate that we paid last year one and a half million dollars for livestock to the farmers of Kearney, Nebraska, and the manufactured product, representing more than this amount was taken out of the pockets of Oregon and Washington farmers and consumers, and sent away. It should be a simple proposition to convince people that it would be to their advantage to raise more hogs. It can be done profitably, and at the present value of live hogs, it would net handsome returns to the processor.

"I think Dr. Withycombe, of the Oregon Agricultural College, will sustain the following statement: Pigs can be raised till they are three or four months old on vetch or other roughage at practically no expense other than the pasturage. They should weigh at five months 150 pounds. Figuring a cost to raise them to this weight of 3 cents per pound would make the cost \$4.50 per head. Experiments show that five pounds of wheat will make one pound of pork. Figuring that 400 pounds of wheat at 1 1/2 cents a pound, or \$6, would make a total cost per head of \$10.50, exclusive of labor. Starting with a 150-pound hog, and figuring for this 400 pounds of grain fed that you gain only 50 pounds, or one pound of pork to every eight pounds of wheat, you have a finished hog weighing 200 pounds on which the market value in Portland today is \$7.75 per cwt., or \$15.50 per head live weight. Bearing in mind that this feed is all raised by the farmer and the cost of production can be lessened by feeding highly nutritious feed such as alfalfa hay, barley and peas, it is easy to figure up a nice income from a drove of 30 or 40 hogs.

"Speaking conservatively, the hog industry of the Middle West is the foundation of the wealth of the farmers, and until this part of the country is alive to the fact that there is a steady and good demand and outlet for live hogs, at good prices, we cannot hope to see any great stride in prosperity of the Oregon farmers.

MARKET LEVEL HIGHEST IN HISTORY.
 "In the past, farmers have complained that about the time they got a good drove of hogs together, the price went so low that there was actual loss in handling them. This cannot be denied, but it was due to the fact that there were no facilities for handling hogs in a modern way, or for distributing the cured product in large quantities, or handling several million pounds of meat. Conditions have changed, and there is very little likelihood that pork products will ever again be low in this

part of the country. The present market level on hogs is the highest it has been in years if not history.

"Another thing that has been largely responsible for the loss in years gone by was the farmer's habit of killing his own live stock at home and shipping it into the city to be sold to some retail butcher or on commission by Front street merchants. Besides the additional labor and expense of handling at home, these farmers paid an average of 75 cents express rate against 40 cents on live hogs. In many cases they pay 5 per cent commission, and always, as near as I have been able to ascertain, sell their dressed hogs for 1/2 cent to 2 cents per pound less than they would net if sold alive. This is due to the fact that after the hogs are once killed they must be sold promptly or they are a total loss unless refrigerated; in case of a glutted market, the price is sacrificed in order to move promptly. These figures make it clear: Figuring live hogs today at \$7.75 per cwt., and figuring an average yield in killing of 76 per cent, would make the dressed hog cost \$10.19 without any expense of handling the offal and flourage would pay for the killing. Today's market on dressed hogs averages perhaps 9 cents a pound. On a 200-pound hog, this means \$2 or more to the farmer.

"These same conditions confronted the markets of the Middle West in former years, and have been overcome by people awaking to the fact that money is to be made by a middleman located at various towns throughout the states who assemble hogs in carload lots, and pay for them in cash at the shipping points, thus permitting the farmers to spend the proceeds from the sale of their stock in the towns where they live on 'market days', as they call it. This is a benefit to the merchants of the town and should have their hearty support. We believe that this feature can easily be brought about and are working along these lines.

"Another objection to the farmer doing his own killing is that ninety-nine times out of a hundred the country dressed product is not handled in a sanitary manner, and is often badly diseased. This meat does not bear inspection, before or after killing, and thus diseased and filthy meat is sold indiscriminately in the cities.

"Government inspection of a slaughter house today means an expense of thousands and thousands of dollars in condemnations and sanitary improvements; but notwithstanding this the butchers who do not do an interstate business are not required to have any inspection whatever, and through ignorance or lack of thought of the general public he can get just as much for his uninspected meat as the packer can for a product bearing the stamp and approval of the United States Government.

"What I have said about the hog industry applies also in a measure to cattle, sheep and poultry in the state of Oregon. Our people are behind the times and are letting thousands of dollars slip through their fingers every year, by failing to equip to supply the local demand.

"The facilities afforded by the modern packing plant and stockyards such as we are installing here in Portland will greatly benefit the live stock industry of the country. The live stock interests and packing plant must hang together; one cannot exist without the other."

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 Chas. T. Osgood et ux, to John Beck deed to n 1-2 of nw 1-4 & sw 1-4 of nw 1-4, sec 20, twp 28, r 10, con \$10.
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