

Hang Up the Baby's Stocking



Hang up the baby's stocking,
Be sure you don't forget;
The dear little dimpled darling
Has never seen Christmas yet.
But I've told her all about it,
And she opened her big, blue eyes,
And I'm sure she understood it—
She looked so funny and wise.

Dear! what a tiny stocking!
It doesn't take much to hold
Such little pink toes as baby's
Away from the frost and cold.
But, then, for the baby's Christmas
It will never do at all;
Why, Santa wouldn't be looking
For anything half so small.

I know what will do for the baby—
I've thought of the very best plan—
I'll borrow a stocking of grandma,
The longest that ever I can;
And you'll hang it by mine, dear mother,
Right here in the corner—so;
And write a letter to Santa,
And fasten it on the toe.

Write, "This is the baby's stocking
That hangs in the corner here.
You never have seen her, Santa,
For she only came last year.
But she's just the blessedest baby!
And, now, before you go,
Just cram her stocking with goodies
From the top clean down to the toe."

When Christmas Comes

by Abigail William Burton
in St. Nicholas

WHEN Christmas comes I never
mind the cold.
I like to get up prompt an' go to
school,
An' do my sums,
An' clean the walks 'thout waitin' to be
told—
Though I like sleddin' better as a rule,
Or buildin' forts—but 'nothin' ain't so
bad,
When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes I'd just as lief
give half
My cookie to the baby, an' take care
About the crumbs.
It's fun to make the little fellow laugh,
An' I don't mind his taggin' every-
where.
He can't help bein' little! I'm not mad
When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes I don't forget to
give
My shoes a wipe, an' scrub my ears
a lot
Till my head hums.
An' mother says, "That boy's too good to
live!"
But I'm not 'fraid of dyin', cause I'm
not
No different from always—only glad,
When Christmas comes!



Livestock Future Will Improve

State Livestock Sanitary Board Sees
Better Prospects Ahead
for Producers

According to the State Livestock Sanitary Board, the prospects for an improvement in the industry is getting better daily. Here is the summary as prepared by the Board during the past week.

The livestock industry is passing through the long looked for readjustment period that everyone at all familiar with the industry knew must take place before the business would get back on a firm foundation. The surprising thing has been that things are as good as they are. No great amount of forced liquidation has taken place. The Presidential election, which always brings about business stagnation, has passed and soon a new Congress and a new President will be asked to pass what appears to be much needed legislation for the industry. Already it is reported that there is a letting up in the buying certain foreign wools for import, the would be purchaser, fearing that he may get caught with his import product in the protection bars of the new tariff fence that this special session of Congress may establish. Feed is plentiful and must remain cheap. In order to market the enormous hay crop of nearly every section of Oregon, much winter feeding must be resorted to and a brisk home market for much of our feeding stuff ought to be in evidence.

The desert section of Oregon which has formerly been used as a winter range for many of our interior shepherds, but which owing to the high price of sheep during the war period, was not used because of certain winter hazards, is now being thrown into use for the cheap carrying over of many of our range flocks. The early fall rains have insured a rank growth of all desert grasses and a spring lamb crop far above the average ought to result from this year's carry over of all range breeding ewes. The spring market, which has been exceedingly poor for the past year should be materially helped by purchasers from Montana, Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain States that have experienced heavy winter losses during last year and a lamb crop of about 50 per cent of the normal.

Cattle seem to have reached the bottom and a slight climb in price might well be looked for. Were it not for our abundant hay crop the feeder and yearling end would be a source of some little concern, but as the feed situation is entirely satisfactory and much outside range is everywhere reported, these unsold animals may well be put to the profitable task of garnering a feed crop that might otherwise go ungathered. Statistics show that Oregon cattle profits are made from the range running of cattle rather than from the lot.

This year might show much better spring balance than is now looked for. The Oregon cattle producer has materially improved the quality of his animals by the bringing in and use of pure bred bulls on the range and with good feed, a high and desirable type of animal will be offered the range states feeders and shippers.

Horses are steadily becoming more in demand. Decreased feed costs and stationary or increased gasoline costs, is swinging the pendulum back in favor of the horse. At present figuring barley at 90c, oats at 60c hay at \$25 per ton and pasture at \$15 per acre for the year's pasture run rent of 170 days, we find that 25.3 bushel of oats, 1.7 tons of hay will keep an average Oregon horse working under average Oregon farm conditions for a year, the aggregate cost of this feed is \$117.35 per year; from this should be subtracted \$39 value of manure, leaving an expense of but \$78.35 for the year's feeding. These figures show really how cheaply a draft horse may be maintained under farm conditions; fancy attempting to compete with auto motive or tractor power with this bill of expense. Good draft mares should be bred in the spring and range mares of fair type and reasonable bone and size will be in increasing demand. Livestock growers have a right to be optimistic about the future of the industry. 1921 ought to be an average year. It will call for the practice of thrift and good feeding and better farm and range care of our animals.

CENTRAL OREGON BEE MEN TO ORGANIZE NEW CLUB

The Beemen of Central Oregon are forming an association and intend to join the State Beekeepers' Association. Following is an article which appeared recently in the Bend Press: "Bee keepers of Central Oregon are asked to meet in Redmond Tuesday, December 7, at 2 o'clock in the office

of D. L. Jamison, county agent for organization. The meeting is to be in charge of A. J. Sanford of Redmond, recently elected president of the Oregon Beekeepers' Association. The Central Oregon Association will work under the state association, it is planned."

CLOSE OF SEASON GOOD TIME TO MAKE FARM INVENTORY

With another season of farm work fast drawing to a close, the United States Department of Agriculture is urging that an annual property list or inventory be made by every farmer. It is the only means, department specialists say, whereby farmers may know accurately their net financial worth, what progress they are making from year to year, and how their investment in farm property is being distributed. Property lists, or inventories, made in accordance with a plan outlined in the Office of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture, are not difficult to make and are of great value to any farmer who is striving to better his condition, overcome obstacles to success, and place his business affairs on a secure foundation. To drift along year after year, not knowing whether toward success or failure is not the practice of business men. Specialists of the department are prepared to give complete directions for making a farm inventory that will put the farm on a business basis: Weekly News Letter, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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MILLIONS OF CHRISTMAS TREES REQUIRED IN U. S. ANNUALLY

Improves the Forest

That the use of Christmas-trees is perfectly compatible, however, with the welfare of the forest is fully proved by the practice in the European forests. The cutting of small trees for Christmas is not there considered in the least a menace but as a means for improving the forest and a source of revenue and is therefore constantly encouraged. It is not by denying ourselves the wholesome pleasure of having a bit of nature in our homes, forest officials say, that we shall preserve our forests, but by learning how to use them wisely and properly. The following rules are laid down by the Forest Service for the woodland owner who wishes to improve a rather dense stand of evergreens and market the good trees for Christmas purposes

- (1) Find a market for Christmas trees of the species which are growing on your land.
- (2) Go through the woodland carefully, pick out and mark the most vigorous specimens of trees. These should be allowed to remain to form the mature stand of timber.
- (3) Mark for removal the trees which are crowding these better specimens.
- (4) Cut as many of these inferior trees as there is a suitable market for. Cut them carefully to avoid damage to the remaining trees.
- (5) Remove them carefully from the area and market them in accordance with instructions from the buyer to avoid cause for dispute. Weekly News Letter, W. S. Department of Agriculture.

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