

WHY LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY LAGS IN THE VALLEY

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Between January 1 and November 20, this year, \$372,200 worth of livestock was shipped from Jackson county to outside markets. In this list were 4932 cattle, 7646 hogs, 15,000 sheep, 320 horses and 1200 goats, aggregating 295 carloads.

Notwithstanding the fact, patent to all in the least familiar with our resources, that this output of livestock should have been doubled in number and more than doubled in weight and cash receipts, there is a potent reason why it was not. We didn't have the stock nor did we have the feed on which to keep more stock. If we had possessed it, the drought of 1914 reduced our production of feed and, therefore, limited our facilities for producing more livestock. The young stock that matured this year for the market was not properly fed for the best market prices because the dearth of feed rendered essential care impossible. Hence, the output was affected correspondingly, both in weight and quality.

The livestock we did ship this year was in very poor condition, some of it absolutely unfit for market, and for that reason we received second and third rate prices for it. In this fact we find the cause for the reduction in the total of cash receipts.

Where the Great Sin Lies

This chain of misfortunes is traceable directly to the absence of irrigation in Rogue river valley. The conclusion is inescapable and the fault is, in the same measure, inexcusable. We didn't have irrigation because those who own the land in this valley had not yet been awakened to a proper sense of their duty to themselves and their responsibility as property holders to the community at large.

What livestock we had was forced to subsist on half rations, with no possibility of being fed into proper condition because we couldn't feed it any longer, and its owners accepted, of necessity, what was offered for it.

If the bountiful supply of water in the mountains surrounding this fertile valley has been conveyed to the areas already in cultivation within the county, the additional harvest would have been quite sufficient to have fed into marketable condition more than twice the output of livestock from Jackson county this year. A conservative estimate of the increase in cash receipts, on exactly twice the output in numbers, is 120 percent, making the total of the sum we should have received \$518,840. Our loss, therefore, is \$446,640.

It Would Flood the Valley

It was shown in carefully compiled figures published in this paper yesterday that our loss in fruits alone this year, by reason of the absence of irrigation, is \$2,688,750. Add to that our loss this year on livestock and we have a total of \$3,135,390 as the extent to which the valley has suffered financially in one year on these two features of its agriculture. That sum of money is sufficient to pay for installing a system of irrigation which could flood the valley at any time we needed the water. And then we would have money left for maintenance of the system.

That this is a shameful waste of our bountiful resources and business opportunities needs no argument. It is purely a mathematical proposition susceptible of solution by any member of the boys' and girls' corn club in any district of the county.

Our failure to produce abundant yields of crops of all kinds on a greatly enlarged acreage is due solely to our lack of enterprise. We lacked the progressive aggressiveness to take hold of a large but simple proposition and push it through to consummation. With irrigation we would have bounded along prosperously. Our crops would have been assured, whether it rained or not. Without it, we have failed miserably.

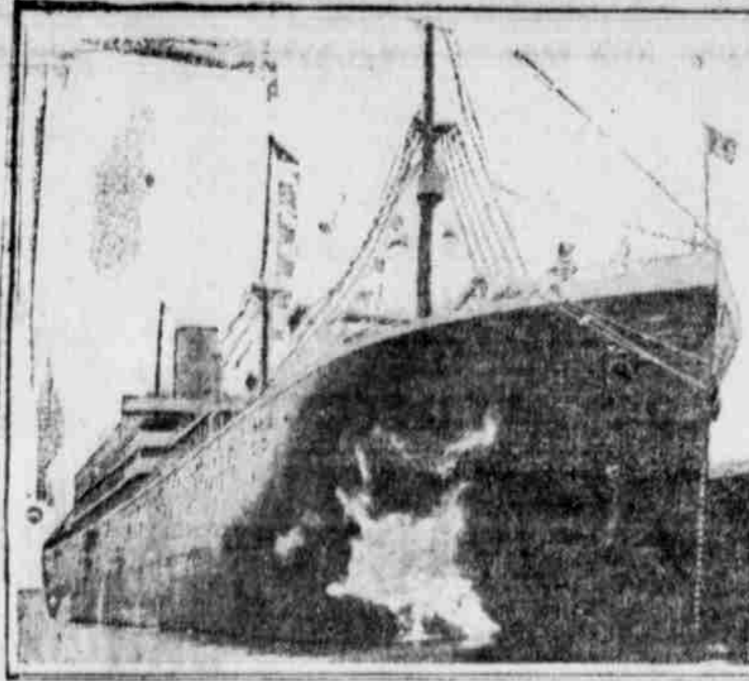
Shall we eventually recover our lost fortunes by the application of the spirit of modern progressiveness next year? We can do it, easily.

VILLA GATHERS FORCES FOR ATTACK UPON SINALOA

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 23.—General Francisco Villa, stripped of a large part of his army, through surrender to the defacto government is preparing to invade northern Sonora, together with the forces of General Jose Rodriguez, in command of 2000 troops, according to advices here late today.

General Villa, it was reported, is preparing to move southwest from the Bustillo ranch, in western Chihuahua, where he is reported to have been during the last few days, and pick up the command of a small number of troops now under General Medina Villa near Madera.

U. S. SHIP, DISABLED AT SEA, LIMPS TO PORT WITH "SPIES"



SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Great Northern steamship Minnesota, reported disabled at sea, is now trying to make port, while other ships are racing to aid her. Three men on board are being held as spies. It is believed they tried to sink her to prevent her cargo of food reaching England. The Minnesota sailed from Seattle.

UNITED STATES TO LEAD WORLD IN FOUR GREAT ARTS--WEST TO BE CENTER

(By CHAS. EDWARD RUSSELL)

Isn't it about time, fellow Americans, that we got through looking eastward for instruction, inspiration or impulse to progress?

As to civilization, now, and all the things that make the life of a man above the beast of the field—Europe has nothing to say to us. Progress is made, not to the eastward, but in the west.

This reverses accepted formula, but is literally true. Take the expression of the exalted human impulse toward beautiful surroundings. The new cities of the western part of this continent go beyond anything ever dreamed of in the east. Make any comparison you like. Washington, of course, the nation's capital, is a thing by itself; but even Washington has in spots a more than ample development of that old-time uncouthness and slovenliness that the spruce western city knows nothing of.

Take civic spirit and the communal sense. Practically nobody in New York cares a hoot whether the city looks well or ill, makes progress or stands still. It took seven years of prodigious effort to get the money to build the simple little Washington arch, and fourteen years to build a tomb for General Grant. Riverside drive and Morningside park might be made the most entrancing spots on earth. New York lets them slide.

There wouldn't be a cent of profit in beautifying them; the stock market wouldn't go up a point.

There is more civic spirit in any one of five hundred western cities like Fargo, N. D., or Ashland, Or., than in the whole city of New York, the overplayed "metropolis" of this nation.

Go up to the top of the Rim at Spokane or of that high rocky point that overlooks the city. Is not that a wonderful scene stretched out before you? So much of beauty, so much that reflects the noble aspirations of

the people—all Europe has not its like.

Ascend to the summit of that park at Portland, Or., or go where you can see the charm of Seattle. There is nothing in the east fit to be mentioned in the same day with such vistas.

What, O complacent, uninformed easterner, dweller in hideous apartment houses and dull, somber avenues of brick, what do you think of miles and miles of streets lavishly lined on both sides with hedges of rose bushes? Not in private gardens, I mean, but out in the street, turning the thoroughfare into one long, bewildering bowyer. What do you think of every street a boulevard, and every boulevard rich in the colors of shrubs and flowers?

Europe has nothing to say to a country that can build cities like Denver, Salt Lake, Fargo, Spokane, Seattle, Roseburg, San Jose, Sacramento and the rest; nothing to say about life and nothing to say about art.

A people with a sense of beauty so advanced and so extraordinary will inevitably lead all the world in art. The next twenty-five years will see the world's greatest painting, sculpture, music and literature produced in this country, and the centers of that production will be in the west and northwest.

Where have the successful writers of the last twenty-five years come from? Indiana and thereabouts, by jinks! Indiana in literature has Boston, New York and Cambridge backed off the map. The center of the literary and artistic impulses of the American people is moving west, where democracy is strongest, progress greatest and life freest.

Recall the courts of the San Francisco exposition, the most exquisitely beautiful of all the works of men's hands in all times, and see if you do not feel that this is and must be absolutely true.

TEUTONS' NEXT BALKAN MOVEMENT PUZZLING

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Dispatches from Greece to the London morning newspapers add to the mystery surrounding the next move of the central powers. Correspondents of the Times both in Saloniki and in Athens and the Morning Post's Athens correspondent suggest that the Bulgarians will be in the vanguard of the Teutonic advance toward Saloniki.

"All pretended German guarantees," says the Morning Post's Athens

correspondent, "are mere sedatives, intended to induce Greek public opinion to take the bitter dose as quickly as possible."

The correspondent adds that there is a rumor in circulation that the Germans are preparing to clothe the Bulgarians in German uniforms so that Greece cannot object to their entry.

GERMAN LEAGUE FLAYS KAISER FOR WAR

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The German Humanity league, says the Exchange Telegraph's correspondent at Rotterdam,

has issued a manifesto containing violent indictment of "the Prussian conspirators," bitterly attacking the Imperial German chancellor, accusing Germany of "barbarous cruelties and insatiable lust," and concluding with the demand that Emperor William "be deposed from his dishonored throne."

"Our homes are being desolated," the correspondent reports the manifesto as saying, "in a campaign waged not in lawful defence of German territory but to satisfy the insatiable savagery and greed of Prussian conspirators. We again appeal to every

wage earner not yet stirred to the heart by these awful holocausts to register a vow no longer to remain silent spectators of the stupendous crimes which have robbed us of our sons and brothers and left upon the truthful pages of history an indelible stain.

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