

WOULD LOCALIZING MEAT TRADE PAY?

Senator Currie, Stock Raiser of Nebraska, Makes Experiment.

Meat is high; the packers admit it, though they say that other foods are higher in proportion. The farmer says he is not getting too much for his cattle, in fact not enough, he says. How about numerous local slaughtering plants scattered throughout the communities of our country, or a more direct-from-farmer-to-consumer relationship?

There is almost a sentimental attractiveness about the thought, like dreams of one's boyhood home. It looks so simple. Indeed, it is simple after a fashion, and is the way most meat was handled before the industry grew to national and international proportions. But would it pay?

Tried to Build Up Local Market.

Experimentation and testing is doubtless the best teacher. And inquiring minds have not hesitated to dig into the matter. Senator F. M. Currie of Broken Bow, Neb., himself a stock raiser, relates a bit of experience of his own along this line.

He tried for years, he tells us, to establish a market for fat cattle with local butchers, invariably finding that he could not meet the price made to them by the packers.

"In other words," he says, "the packers could pay us more for our cattle on foot, and sell the product to our local butchers for less money than they (the butchers) could pay us for our cattle and slaughter the beef themselves."

During the fore part of the present year he carried his inquiry further. He shipped two carloads of cows to Omaha, and they were sold to Armour and Company for \$7.90 per hundred-weight. Among these was one cow which he wished to have himself for beef. This cow weighed 840 pounds and therefore brought him \$66.36. The animal was tagged and the identical carcass was shipped to him by express to Theford, Neb., and charged to him at the prevailing wholesale price of such meat on that day in Kansas City, Omaha and Minneapolis. The carcass included carrying charges of about \$6.00, cost him \$60.11, or \$6.25 less than he sold the animal for in Omaha.

What Cow Would Cost Consumer.

"Now," continues the Senator, "suppose a consumer in Omaha had ordered this meat direct from me, and I had slaughtered the beef at the ranch and sent the meat direct to the consumer. Taking as a basis the price received for this cow in Omaha, \$66.36, less the freight of 17 1/2 cents per hundred, it would make the cow worth on the ranch \$65.00."

To this \$65.00 he adds \$3.00 for slaughtering at home and \$6.00 for express from Theford to Omaha, and he deducts \$7.00 credit for the hide.

According to these figures the dressed carcass of his cow would be worth \$67.00 in Omaha, as against the packers' price of approximately \$64.00 (which is derived by deducting the express charges to Theford, \$6.00, from the price the carcass was sold to him, \$60.11).

Cheaper to Buy Than Kill.

"After thorough investigation," the Senator says, "I am convinced that it does not pay for us to slaughter our own meat at the ranch; that we would better ship our cattle to Omaha, and buy our beef from the packer. I have been engaged in the cattle producing business all my life; there is no particular reason why I should be friendly to the packers, but I am thoroughly convinced I am receiving, and always have received more for my cattle on foot, than if I had been able to sell direct to the consumer, and consequently the consumer has been able to buy my product for less money through the packer than under any other system which is known to business up to the present time."



Wolf, who eats out of her hand.

It is just as easy for you to eat enough in one day to last you a week, as it is for the business man to advertise enough in one week to last him a year. The business man who thinks he is like a camel and can make a long journey across the desert of business on one spurt of advertising will find himself very dry long before he has reached the first oasis.—Ex.

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WILSON PREPARES FOR DRASTIC ACTION.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 29.—The strike order of the United Mine Workers, effective Friday night, stands. After two hours' discussion the conference here Wednesday of officials of the big union, it was announced, had no idea of modifying the call for a cessation of work.

President Wilson's pronouncement of the threatened industrial war had no defender in the conference, it was stated.

The grounds on which the day's decision was reached will be explained in a statement to the public which probably will be issued late today. A committee to draw up this statement was appointed

and given three hours in which to prepare it, the conference adjourning until 4 p. m.

Washington, Oct. 29.—The government is prepared to take drastic steps to deal with conditions arising in the coal fields if the executive board of the United Mine Workers of America permits the strike order to stand. This became known Wednesday. Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield had been summoned from Massachusetts to discuss the situation with Secretary Tumulty.

Mr. Garfield left a memorandum on the coal situation for President Wilson. He was hopeful the strike could be averted and that it would not be necessary to revive the fuel administration, which, under the Lever food control act, still would retain all its wartime authority over the nation's fuel supply.

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MARINE RECRUITS HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO COLLEGE.

The Knights of Columbus have donated a school to the United States Marine Corps Recruit Training Camp at Parris Island, S. C., according to an order recently received by Captain M. K. Kingman, Officer in Charge of the U. S. Marine Corps Recruiting Station, 617 Common Street, New Orleans, La.

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body is welcome and everything is free," said Captain Kingman, "and all supplies, equipment including books are given to each enlisted man, who may choose any of the following courses: Mechanical Drawing, Mathematics; Mechanics, Drafting, Motor Transports, Complete Business Courses; Modern Languages Gas Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Science, Literature, Writing (Palmer System), Law, Sool Making, Music, Telegraphy and Radio.

The school hours are from 5:30 P. M. to 8 P. M. every evening, except Saturday and Sunday, and the Knights of Columbus are offering one hundred free scholarships to ex-service men in fifty of the leading Universities of the Country."

Captain Kingman further stated, "that he was in urgent need of mechanics, electricians, wire-workers, carpenters, etc., for the Marine Aviation Section. These men will be sent through our Mechanical School at Great Lakes, Ill., after which they will be transferred to one of our flying stations. Then men may enlist for two, three or four years.

I will be glad to give further information to all young men, who will write me, and I will answer all letters as soon as they are received. Don't go to the expense of coming to New Orleans to enlist, because I can tell you a way that you may enlist in the Marine Corps at home and thus save you from this unnecessary expense, etc."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SMITH FOR STATE SENATE.

Ventress J. Smith of New Iberia dropped into Lafayette for a chat with local politicians Thursday afternoon and incidentally to announce his candidacy for the State Senate, which will be found in another column. Mr. Smith is quite well known in Lafayette and found many friends here to encourage his candidacy. He was accompanied by Sheriff P. A. Landry and Deputy Clerk F. O. Decuir, who also is secretary of the Senatorial committee for this district.—Lafayette Gazette.

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