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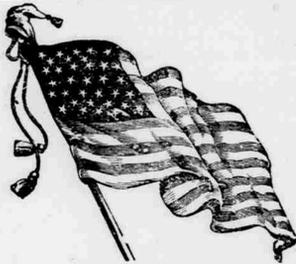
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THE MEAT QUESTION.

The present exorbitant prices of meat, together with the reported scarcity of hogs and cattle, should cause the farmers of this country some concern for the future. True the scarcity is not so great in this country as in others, but on the other hand our export demands are inordinarily heavy. It is estimated that since the war began there has been a decrease in the world's meat producing animals of 115,000,000 head. This has had its logical effect.

Taken all round, this country has increased its supply of meat producing animals; but, as we have stated, the demand on us has also increased many times. Exports of meat from this country are nearly three times as large now as during the period immediately preceding the war.

Now it is perfectly evident that if we are to continue to meet the heavy demand upon our resources we will be compelled to conserve the source of supply. In plain words, we must bend our energies to breeding more live stock of all kinds.

The feeding season is close at hand, and the farmers and stock growers will soon begin to sort out the stock that is to go to the slaughter. In this sorting, care should be taken that all likely females be saved. With the present high prices, the temptation will be great to let many of them go, but this temptation should be resisted. Each man should study for the future, and do his best to keep up the available supply. During the past two or three years many good breeding animals have been sacrificed that, if kept, would now put their owners on easy street. All authorities agree that there is absolutely no danger of prices falling to any great extent for some years to come, so that each grower should plan to get the most increase possible out of all his animals.

Another ruinous practice that should be stopped, by law if necessary, is the practice of slaughtering very young animals, particularly calves and lambs. The waste of material is too great to be countenanced under present conditions. If all the calves, pigs and lambs in this country are allowed to grow to maturity it will go a long way toward remedying the present great shortage.

But above all things do not destroy the source of supply—the females. Intelligent attention to this detail is absolutely necessary if our meat supply is to be kept up to the great demand that will continue to be made upon it for some time to come.

**FARMERS CO-OPERATION DE-
SIRED.**

A hurried call has been sent out for all the farmers of this section to meet the merchants and business men of Scotland Neck in the Mayor's office at Scotland Neck and discuss, in all its phases, the question of establishing a tobacco market in this town.

The meeting is called for 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon of next Thursday, the day after tomorrow, and this time has been set so that all may attend and have plenty of time to discuss the matter, frankly and fully, and still be able to get home before dark.

So essential has this market become that it is now the one live issue in this neighborhood, and many of the men who were at first opposed to the plan have now seen that it is necessary in view of the immensely larger acreage that will be planted the coming year.

In no farming product do prices promise to hold up to the high levels that tobacco does, and the reason is not hard to find. The world today in looking to America for its supply of tobacco, whereas before the war several European and Asiatic countries grew a plentiful supply. This has been completely wrecked by the war, and those who know state that it will be many years before the foreigner is able to get into the market again, if he ever does.

Eastern Carolina produces the light stock for cigarettes, such as the old world consumer demands, and there is not anything like enough grown to meet the demand so that prices are high, very high, and will remain so as long as the demand is intense as at present.

A further reason why this section must be interested in tobacco raising is that this is the logical crop to take the place of peanuts which many find unprofitable to grow.

Providing that there was a million pounds of tobacco raised

this year in this immediate section it is safe to estimate next bacco during the next few years, year will see three times this amount grown, and some say that it will reach higher estimates.

If this be true then of a certainty must Scotland Neck have a tobacco market since it will be necessary to conserve the time of the tobacco raiser and not require him to ship to the distant markets and waste considerable time in looking after the sale of his product.

It is hoped that all farmers will look into this matter with clear vision for we do not want to start a thing that will not ultimately succeed, at the same time we do want those things that point to improvement and advance in business and convenience.

There will be several speakers at the farmers mass meeting on Thursday and every farmer is expected to be present.

ADMINISTRATORS NOTICE.

Having qualified as Administrator of the estate of Ben Powell, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate, to present them to me duly verified on or before the 8th day of Oct. 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

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