

**DEMAND FOR RANGES**

**In the National Forests to Graze Livestock Is Increasing**

A continued increase in the demand for permits to graze livestock on the national forests, and the necessity of a maximum meat production on the forest ranges are emphasized by Acting Forester A. F. Potter in the annual report of the Forest Service, just published.

The winter season of 1916-17 was the most disastrous the range stockmen of the West have known, Mr. Potter states. There have been years when local losses have been heavier, but never before were the losses so general. The severe winter and the scarcity of hay, which was hard to get at any price, were the chief causes. The lamb crop for the entire West was probably 15 to 20 per cent below the average, while the calf crop was considerably below normal. Because of the shortage to several hundred thousand sheep and cattle of feed on the range, the national forests were opened in advance of the regular season.

The number of cattle on the forests the past season was nearly 200,000 greater than in 1916, and the number of sheep more than 200,000 greater. This increase, it is stated, was due to efforts made to increase production of livestock to meet the emergency food needs of the country. About 1,100,000 acres were examined by the grazing experts of the Service during the year. The information gained will, the report says, aid in raising the number of livestock on the ranges to the maximum, without excessive damage.

A study of the methods of herding goats has resulted in an improvement in the handling of these animals on the range. On the Jornada range reserve a calf crop, fully 10 per cent above the average, was saved from a breeding herd held on a fenced range under improved methods and given a small amount of supplemental feed. From another herd, fed an average of 50 pounds of cottonseed cake per head and given still better care, the calf crop exceeded the average by more than 20 per cent.

On some of the Utah, Montana and California forests tests were made which further demonstrated the advantages of the "bedding out" system of handling sheep over the old method of close herding with dogs. Advance was made in the methods of salting cattle and showing the value of well distributed watering places. On a number of forest demonstration tests we made of eradication of the poisonous tall larkspur. In every case, the report states, the losses from poisoning were reduced to an extent which more than justified the cost. Minor investigations were also started to work out methods of getting rid of other poisonous plants.

**Graham County Signs Up 799 Families**

PHOENIX, Dec. 21—As represented in the number of signed food pledge cards which have been received at the office of Timothy A. Riordan, federal food administrator for Arizona, Graham county has a membership in the food administration of 799 families.

Warren McArthur, Jr., manager of the State food pledge campaign, attributes the success of the recent drive in Graham county to the efficient working organization perfected under the leadership of W. W. Pace, of Thatcher, and this same organization will be asked to assist in securing the observance of the revised food program calling for an additional meatless day and baconless breakfasts, which has been outlined by Mr. Hoover.

**Former Resident Dies in California**

G. C. Barry, brother of Ed Barry, who resided here from 1898 to 1901, died Monday, December 3, 1917, at Fresno, Cal.

Old timers will remember Mr. Barry. At the time he resided here he was engaged in the restaurant business, his cafe being located on the northeast corner of Main and First West streets, the present location of the Gila Valley Bank and Trust Co. This building burned down and shortly afterward Mr. Barry left here for Naco, where he engaged in business for several years before going to California.

**Stomach Trouble and Constipation**

Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the action of the bowels but stimulate the liver and keep one's body in a healthy condition," writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.

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**Trail of "Food Huns" Leads to Cannerns**

In its hunt for food speculators responsible to a large extent for the alleged shortage and high prices, the Federal Trade Commission, on December 13th, received evidence pointing to certain cannerns.

"In the course of the commission's hunt for these food Huns," said Commissioner Murdock, in charge of the investigation, "we are discovering that certain cannerns of this country are turning into a lot of unadulterated 'blood suckers' on the public. These cannerns are not living up to their contracts with the wholesalers and jobbers and they are seizing upon the present situation to 'soak' the trade.

"Where they have contracted to furnish a wholesaler or jobber a certain amount of canned goods, they are furnishing only a percentage of the amount and telling the trade that the remainder has had to be turned over for government use. However, they have bungled in overlooking or forgetting the fact that the Federal Trade Commission has on file copies of all contracts they made with the wholesalers last spring.

"Evidence has come to me that canned goods are being stored with some of the meat packers who are not in the canned goods business, and that these goods are being hoarded. These practices on the part of some of the cannerns are absolutely unjustifiable. I am going into this situation to the finish, and every cannern caught with goods will have to deal with me. The country does not want professions of patriotism, but actions of patriotism."

**The Secret of Successful Baking**

Many women entertain the idea that they can never become thoroughly good cooks. They may be perfectly able to prepare meats and vegetables properly. Still they make a miserable failure of bakings. When one gives the matter serious consideration it becomes evident that the fault rests more in faulty Baking Powder than careless or haphazard baking methods. This must be true. For it is a well known fact that housewives who employ Calumet Baking Powder are highly successful. They do not know the meaning of bake day failure. Even girls who never before attempted to bake a cake—a batch of doughnuts—biscuits—or cookies employ Calumet and turn out bakings that rival those of experienced cooks. This absolute dependability of Calumet—the unfailing leavening force—that makes all women good bakers of biscuits and pastries—has made Calumet the greatest seller of all Baking Powders—more pounds being sold than of any other brand.

Cheap baking powders and high cost baking powders of low quality have proved to millions of housewives that no matter how good the recipe—how great the care in preparing and mixing baking ingredients—results are uncertain unless a sure baking powder is employed. Consequently these millions demand and use Calumet—because of its every bake day dependability.

**Layton Hall Under New Management**

Layton Hall will be under the management of By Smith and David Birdno, assisted by others, beginning with Christmas night, December 25th, when a dance will be given.

The second dance will be given New Year's Eve, Monday night, December 31st, and the third dance on New Year's Night, Tuesday, January 1st.

The Safford Orchestra has been engaged for each dance and will discourse the latest dance music.

**ADVISED TO MAIL IT**

Paul Gary, of Anderson, Indiana, is all American, with the exception of a glass eye. The substitute optic is alien.

Gary tried to enlist in the U. S. Marine Corps, at their recruiting station in Louisville, Ky., but was rejected when his infirmity was discovered by Sergeant G. C. Wright.

"Didn't you know that the loss of an eye would prevent your enlisting?" asked the sergeant.

"I thought it might," explained Gary, "but this glass blinker is the only part of me that was made in Germany, and I want to take it back."

He was advised to mail it.

**Chamberlain's Tablets**

Chamberlain's Tablets are intended especially for stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation, and have met with much success in the treatment of those diseases. People who have suffered for years with stomach trouble and have been unable to obtain any permanent relief, have been completely cured by the use of these tablets. Chamberlain's Tablets are also of great value for biliousness. Chronic constipation may be permanently cured by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and observing the plain printed directions with each bottle.