

Agricultural Department

Gathered from Various Authorities and of Especial Interest to Farmer Readers of The Daily Register

TREND OF THE LIVE STOCK MARKET

A handful of good and choice weights closed the week about steady but everything else was unevenly lower and anything but active at the downtown. At that the general market closed up higher than the low time Monday...

Getting right down to brass tacks there is nothing to hold steer prices at current levels unless mild scarcity of cattle on feed as compared with a year ago can do it. It is encouraging to see values rebound after every break and consequent abridgement in supply figures. But breaks are numerous and sharp, so that the accumulation of beefstuffs prices is gradually wearing price levels down to the lowest levels of July, last year.

All signs last week indicated that the country was going to cut loose with its half-fat steers—and they did it. The treatment of the market, it may or may not be right to say that many of these \$8.00 to \$9.00 cuts should have been kept at home—future price trends will determine the correctness of this remark. But it is fair to say that finishers can hardly justify their position of overloading the market one day and starving it the next. With hide prices so low, with offal more or less unsalable at lowest prices in years; with beef accumulating under the influence of cheap pork, eggs and other low priced commodities, it would be illogical for buyers to do anything but pound the market on Monday runs are in excess of 5,000 head. That they come right back and buy the best heavy cattle higher does not necessarily weaken their previous day's position. For eastern shipper demand is constant though variable. This very fact forced some of the 250 to 1,400 lb. steers that were selling at \$10.00 to \$10.75 on Monday to a \$10.50 to \$11.25 basis as the week closed. The week's extreme top was \$11.75 paid for yearlings, but there were not enough cattle above \$10.75 to shake a stick at and most of the crop sold at \$9.75 downward. Ideal weather and feeding conditions have made the mine run of cattle better than they ordinarily are in early February.

The following features are outstanding in the market which include wellbacked by a "sick" best breeders—Heavy steers are in least demand; but as supply figures fluctuate the market on them is very erratic—Choice yearlings are wanted, but such kinds comprise specialties—She stock, aside from common and cutter cows are at a new low, liquidation of yearling heifers selling mostly at \$6.75 to \$8.00, continuing. A few light heifers brought \$10.00 but the load top is around \$9.50.

With steer checks selling so low there is no market on heavy cow beef and accordingly nothing profitable in the live market on heavy cows and heifers at \$7.50 are real beef animals. The decline on fat steers has pounded replacement cattle to a \$6.50 to \$8.00 basis.

Hogs Go Back To 1924 Prices Like practically everything else in the agricultural line hogs keep on weakening; falling 15 to 25c to the lowest levels since 1924. There was a comeback at the close when prices temporarily gained enough momentum to steady up with a week earlier, but the bulk of the week's crop sold off even if supply figures were smaller than a week earlier. The future of the market is entirely up to whether or not generous runs come during the remainder of the month or whether, as usually happens, supplies start to abate after the middle of February. Pork is still being forced onto the fresh market to the continued detriment not only of pork prices but beef as well. A deposit the end of week around \$10.00 is accumulating. The closing top was \$8.10 following a new low of \$7.90, most 210 to 250's closing at \$7.15 to \$7.20, with 260 to 320's at \$6.75 to \$7.15 and packing sows \$5.75 to \$6.00.

Fewer Lambs But Lower Prices When the top on fat lambs went to \$9.00 recently, killers sharply advanced dressed lamb prices and enough consumers switched to other meats—or at least to cheaper foodstuffs—to stop both the dressed and live markets in their tracks. The inevitable happened even though loadings were smaller and new lambs are 50 to 75c lower and aged sheep and feeder lambs 25 to 50c under last week's high time. Thus another supply gap advance has gone glimmering—the gap being real but the advance ephemeral. As the week closed most fat lambs were on an \$8.00 to \$8.50 basis, only shippers paying \$8.40 to \$8.85. There is nothing robust about any angle of the trade.

BUTTERFAT PRODUCTION SHOWS UPWARD TREND Ames, Iowa, Feb. 10.—Butterfat production among cow testing association herds took an upward turn in January stimulated by moderate weather, fewer dry cows and the usual seasonal upward trend. The report for January just is-

sped by the dairy extension service, Iowa State College, shows that 4,893 cows produced 40 or more pounds of butterfat in January as compared to 4,001 in December. The production of the high herds and high associations was from one to two pounds of butterfat per cow higher the past month.

Dairymen continued to cull their herds heavily while the number of cows sold for milk and the number bought decreased. The number of purebred herds reported in January was 61, nearly double the number bought in December.

The seven high ranking associations out of 98 and the average pounds butterfat per cow are: North Tama, 32.7 pounds; Polk, 32.3; Lake Mills, 30.2; Grundy No. 1, 30; Fayette No. 3, 29.8; South Hardin, 29.8; Clarke, 29.8.

Out of 2,268 herds reported, the seven high herds and average butterfat productions follow: W. D. Mitchell, Reinbeck, 59; Anton Wille, Guttenberg, 58.6; Oscar Anderson, Weldon, 55.8; Wilbur Sowers, Story City, 53.8; Vandragger, Sheldon, 52.7; A. C. Kleiss, Lutzerna, 51.6; H. B. Brown, Grundy Center, 51. The Mitchell and Wille herds were milked more than twice daily.

FLAX SEED TREATMENT INCREASES YIELD Ames, Ia., Feb. 10.—Treatment of flax seed increases yields, tests conducted by the experiment station at Iowa State College in 1930 for the first time indicate. In 38 tests started last spring seed treatment with Ceresan increased the stand about 65 percent and the yield 26 percent, according to a report just published by the farm crops section.

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RANDALIA NEWS

Home and Garden Club met Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the home of Mrs. Harry Bennett as hostess. Eight members and 5 guests were present. A most interesting meeting was held by Mrs. Ruby Kitch. The new member was obtained. The Garden Club also had one more guest at this meeting. We are glad to know that the men are interested in these meetings. The next meeting will take place March 3 at the home of Mrs. P. S. Clay with the following program: Hostess—Mrs. P. S. Clay. Spring's Gayest Flowers and their care—Mrs. E. C. Knight. Study of Soil for different plants and how obtained—Mrs. Chas. Oxley.

February Questionnaire—Club. Mail Call—My Hobby. Avers one is hereby invited to attend all garden club meetings. Men as welcome as the ladies.

Declamatory Contest The High School Declamatory contest will be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 10 in the school gymnasium. The students taking part were selected at a preliminary contest which was held a few weeks ago. The following is a list of the pupils and their readings: Oratorical—Lyle Arthur—"Union Soldier." Paul Davis—"Chatham's Address to the Throne." Duane Hoepfer—"Mother of Anson." Lloyd Strochein—"Message of Flanders Field." Gladys Talcott—"Vision of War." Dramatic—Crockett Bacon—"Show Must Go On." Hazel Hall—"Clatter Pate." Kathlyn Neunenschwander—"The Little Rebel." Humorous—Lillian Arthur—"Peter Projects." Mavis Arthur—"Ma at the Docket Ball Game." Noel Bacon—"Inquisitive Edwin at the Circus."

Surprise Arthur Family Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sprague and daughter, Mrs. M. E. Davis, Mrs. S. Briggs and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Benz surprised the Raymond Arthur family Thursday evening. Five hundred was the evening's entertainment and picnic lunch served. The Arthur family will later move near Fayette.

Thursday Sewing Circle The Sewing Society were entertained at the home of Mrs. Albert Heaton. Eleven members and six visitors present. A delicious dinner was served by the hostess, Mrs. Vern Holmes was in charge of the program in the afternoon. Next meeting will be March 5 at the home of Mrs. Will Hyman. Mrs. Will Frahm and Mrs. Albert Heaton will have charge of the program.

Attend Funeral at Waterloo Among those from here who attended funeral services held for Mrs. Chas. Shafer Friday afternoon at Waterloo were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Raatz, Mr. Glen Shafer, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Shafer, and Mr. and Mrs. Clint Shafer and family. Mrs. Shafer was a former resident of this community. She died Tuesday afternoon at her home at the age of 41 following a six months illness.

Agusta Raatz was born Aug. 21, 1888 on a farm near Hawkeye. Previous to moving to Waterloo she had lived all her life in the vicinity of Hawkeye and Westgate. She was married to Chas. Shafer Dec. 11, 1911 at Westgate. Surviving are her husband and a daughter, Berulce, at home. Three brothers, Emil Raatz, Pierz, Minn.; Frank of Swansville, Minn.; and Will Raatz of Little Falls, Minn.; two sisters, Mrs. Amelia Kohls, Little Falls and Mrs. Caroling Dietz of Waterloo. Burial was made in Westgate cemetery.

Mrs. Roy Fossett Died Word was just received of the death of Mrs. Roy Fossett at her home in Oelwein. She underwent an operation for appendicitis about three weeks ago at the hospital at Oelwein and seemed to be improving later, followed by a relapse and passed away Monday afternoon at two thirty o'clock. Her sister, Mrs. Fred Bacon, Mrs. Art Spatcher, Mrs. Chas. Whitford, Mrs. Ezra Cornish and Mrs. Herb Porter of Fayette were with her at the time.

There will be a big "Social get-together" Friday night Feb. 13 in the M. E. church social room. A full evening of entertainment and fun is promised, including a 2-act play entitled "Janey." Cast as follows: Janey—Miss Naida Jennings; her mother, Mrs. E. H. Beman; Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Chas Oxley; Her daughter Ethel, Annabelle Oxley; Rosa, the maid, Mrs. O. B. Severson. Games and refreshments will be served at the evening's enjoyment. Every one come. Age limit 100 years. Come and feel young again.

Mrs. Ralph Ferguson and three children of Laurel, Ia., who spent last week visiting in the O. E. Severson home left Friday afternoon for Chester, where they will visit relatives there before returning to their home.

H. A. Menon accompanied Paul Stewart of Maynard and B. Lodwick, county agent, to Ames, Thursday evening to attend Farm and Home Week.

W. R. C. regular business meeting was postponed to Friday, Feb. 13 at the hall.

Tuesday afternoon visitors of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Holmes were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Henri Atkinson of Sheffield and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fox of Fayette.

Mrs. A. E. Goehmler was ill last week. Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Rubury and daughter Dorothy were Saturday

enjoy a hot lunch with the children some noon. Miss Arlene Sanger and her Rhythm Band of 8 little boys and 8 little girls presented a special number, accompanying a record of phonograph music with such instruments as a horse, asses, tin cans, and small tin barrels. The next Parent-Teachers meeting will honor the founding of the National Congress of P. T. A. in Washington D. C., Feb. 17, 1897. Date to be announced later.

Achievement Day Mrs. J. B. Turner attended a county meeting for township and publicity chairman held at the Farm Bureau office Saturday at Fayette. About 16 township women were present at this meeting. Mrs. Larson, township agent, gave a talk on Achievement day and plans for same. Achievement day will be held June 2nd. Place to be decided on later.

A 500 Party A 500 party was held last Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Briggs. Four tables were played and picnic lunch served. About twenty present.

Betty and Junior Bronn are on the sick list.

Training School A training school for center and Westfield townships women was held Feb. 2 at the W. H. Turner home. Miss Geraldine Brainard presented a meal planning for the family to a class of 15 leaders and one visitor. Center twp. was represented by Mrs. J. B. Turner, Mrs. Earl Kitch, Mrs. Art Eitel, Mrs. Albert Benter, Mrs. Elmer Boggs, Mrs. Frank Davis, Mrs. W. J. McNair and Mrs. M. E. Talcott, and Mrs. Lij Sprague, visitor. From Westfield were Mesdames, W. H. Turner, Ben Burker, Ruth Portsch, Jesse Caudle, Mrs. Light, Mrs. King. The next lesson given by Miss Brainard will be a "Buffet Luncheon" March 2nd at the home of Mrs. Frank Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Arthur and Mrs. Raymond Arthur of near Maynard spent Thursday in the parental W. D. Arthur home.

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Mrs. P. S. Clay spent the past week in the Rudolph Leytze home at Independence. Ellis, Merie and

evening visitors in the J. R. Shales home and all enjoyed a waffle supper. Sunday guests in the P. N. Holmes home were, their son, Claude and family of Rock Falls, Tay Theda, Rochester and the former's sister Harriet Jewett of Charles City.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Shaffer, Elgin, visited their daughter Miss Lafonda Shaffer in the W. W. Alley home.

Mrs. Clair Sprague visited Thursday in the homes of her brothers John and Andrew Gantenbehl and families. Her mother, Mrs. U. Gantenbehl accompanied her home for a visit.

Mrs. Cassie Sorg went Tuesday to Sumner to spend a few weeks in the home of her son Paul and family.

Mrs. H. L. Arthur attended a training school for Fremont and Mrs. Chas. Holmes and son Ora and Mrs. Carrie Vought were Sunday afternoon visitors in the Will Holmes home.

Mrs. H. Hall and family visited Wednesday evening in the Ernest Proesch home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson were last Sunday visitors in the Robert Hoth home near Sumner.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fritz of Hawkeye were last Sunday evening visitors in the Roy Hallquist home.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Ortman of Waterloo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cue and son in the Gus Kohls home.

Margaret Vaughn returned Tuesday evening from a four weeks visit with friends at Cedar Rapids, Fairfield, Mt. Vernon and Oskaloosa.

Saturday evening visitors in the George Grimes home were Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Clough of near Duquoin.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas Oxley and daughter Annabelle, motored Sunday to Corwith where they visited in the homes of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mitchell and his mother, Mrs. Anna Oxley.

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Elmice Clow spent Saturday in the Leytze home and Mrs. Clow accompanied them home that evening.

Dr. Hall and Dr. Baker were in school Thursday vaccinating the children for small pox.

Luella Adams was a Sunday afternoon visitor of Naida Jennings and Carol Kroesen in the John Shales home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shanlis and Mrs. Roy Edell motored to Waterloo Saturday. Mrs. Edell visited in the home of her aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Frank Billings.

Floyd Hack and family were Sunday dinner guests in the L. H. Van Sickle home.

Tuesday evening visitors in the George Davis home were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett and children and Arthur Bright.

Mrs. Charlotte Vaughn is spending a few days in the Ellis Van Sickle home at West Union and in the Mrs. G. W. Clark home at Wadena.

Helen Van Sickle visited from Tuesday until Saturday in the home of her sister Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wilbur near Maynard.

Walter Beuchle and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bright, Hubbard Iowa, were recent visitors in the Chas. Holmes home.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Shales, Sumner visited Sunday afternoon in the J. R. Shales home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett and June, Mrs. George Davis spent Thursday in the Elisha Straub home at Oelwein.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Knight and Mrs. J. W. Frye were Saturday evening visitors at Oelwein.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shafer were Sunday Fayette visitors.

Evelyn Doss is recovering from chicken pox.

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