

The Livestock Business of Idaho

Of the five great industries of the state, mining, agriculture, stock raising, lumbering and horticulture, stock raising ranks third in importance and value of products. This industry comprises the growing and marketing of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, goats and swine, which at the beginning of the present year represented an investment of \$25,675,291. The following figures, as compiled by the bureau of agriculture at Washington, D. C., will show the extent and conditions of the live stock industry in Idaho on Jan. 1, 1904:

	No.	AV. farm value.	Total value.
Horses	145,196	\$43.44	\$6,307,422
Mules	1,582	56.52	89,416
Milk cows	59,020	30.35	1,800,667
Other cattle	358,251	16.39	5,871,095
Sheep	2,378,065	2.62	7,796,285
Hogs	118,703	7.05	838,166

The wool product of the state of Idaho for the year 1904 amounted to about 18,000,000 pounds.

Good Grazing Lands.

Much of the timber lands of the state afford good grazing for stock, so a conservative estimate of the total

area of grazing lands in Idaho would be about 30,000,000 acres, the greater portion of which belongs to the government and is classed by the stockmen as "free range." In every section of the state is found ample forage for summer grazing, but due to the great proportion which this industry now occupies, the grass is so eaten down during the summer that winter ranges are not so numerous as they were a few years ago, and stockmen are compelled in most instances to provide feed for their cattle and sheep during the winter months. This condition, being brought about by the enormous increase in numbers of cattle, horses and sheep in the state, created the greatest impetus to the agricultural industry the state has ever enjoyed. Water was diverted from the streams, and dry lands were converted into great fields of alfalfa and other hay-producing grasses. So that now in all parts of the state hay is cut and stacked by the hundreds of tons to be fed out to stock during the winter season. Many of the stockgrowers produce their own hay, while others make no attempt at this,

but prefer buying from the different farmers.

Cattle Man Was King Then.

Twenty-one years ago, when the Oregon Short Line railroad was constructed across the state, the cattle man was king and controlled the country. His extensive herds of cattle and horses roamed through the valleys and hills, both winter and summer, causing him but little or no rest for their pastures. The ranges were not overstocked, and produced a good growth of rich mountain grass that maintained its nourishment through the winter season. Under these conditions money was made easily and rapidly and the foundation for many comfortable fortunes was laid. With the building of the railroad, conditions commenced to change rapidly. The country was opened to cheaper transportation. It became more accessible to the man seeking a location, and many small holders of stock engaged in the business. The sheep man made his appearance and was not slow to comprehend the great advantages offered to that branch of the industry by the natural conditions

high green ranges for summer, the broad, dry valleys for winter, both eyes, bred with an abundance of forage, were too inviting a condition to be overlooked. So the live stock industry has grown from a small beginning to its present broad proportions and important place in the industries of Idaho. If all the stock in the state were turned out, there would be found grazing upon her ranges today nearly 4,000,000 head.

A Business Matter Now.

As carried on at present, this industry has become resolved into a thorough business proposition, in which the investment of capital must be followed by the same wise guidance and control that would obtain in any commercial pursuit to insure success. With the necessary precautions for winter feeding, and the same attention to still and management that would be given to other industries, with an equal amount of capital invested, stock-growing in any of its branches is as safe, profitable, healthful and honorable a business as is to be found anywhere. No better proof of this assertion can be had than the high moral character, robust health and financial standing of the men now engaged in this industry.

Christmas Cakes.

Sift 10 ounces of flour into a basin; weigh one-half pound of powdered sugar, two ounces of candied citron, one-fourth pound of raisins and one-half pound of butter. You need, besides these, four eggs and a lemon. Beat the butter (washed and squeezed dry) to a cream with your hands; add to it a tablespoonful of flour, one of sugar and one egg; mix thoroughly and then go on in the same way, using the materials gradually until they are all in; grate the lemon and add the fruit,

TAXES PAID ON IDAHO PROPERTY IN 1905 AGGREGATED \$75,281,087.97.

Schedule showing by Counties the result of the equalization and assessments made by the State Board of Equalization for the year 1905.

COUNTIES.	Valuations Total in the several Counties as reported to the Board.	Amounts added thereto by the Board.	Amounts deducted therefrom by the Board.	Total valuations in the several Counties as reported to the Board after Equalization.	Valuation of Rail-way Lines in the several Counties.	Valuation of Telegraph Lines in the several Counties.	Valuation of Telephone Lines in the several Counties.	Total valuation of all classes of property in the several Counties after equalization.
Ada	\$ 8,390,481.00	\$ 535,721.00	\$ 6,775.00	\$ 8,871,427.00	\$ 421,865.00	\$ 8,564.00	\$ 41,635.36	\$ 9,332,189.86
Bannock	2,133,933.36	129,599.50	209,752.25	2,053,780.61	1,178,294.80	24,931.15	18,194.00	3,265,113.56
Beauregard	1,193,593.00	110,511.00	37,465.99	1,266,638.01	122,060.00	6,387.20	17,195.00	1,391,180.21
Bingham	3,158,289.27	230,701.03	42,998.78	3,345,991.52	634,163.10	14,299.95	21,484.10	3,995,938.67
Blaine	2,358,538.25	69,629.32	33,719.00	2,394,448.57	617,017.50	11,642.45	29,492.50	2,763,598.62
Boise	1,953,368.00	87,915.30	38,325.00	2,002,958.30	1,311,479.80	579,185.00	9,311.55	3,893,544.65
Canyon	3,619,607.00	197,076.40	35,943.00	3,780,740.40	2,752,532.50	30,110.00	1,671.25	2,755,905.00
Cassia	2,828,753.00	30,300.00	115,123.50	2,743,929.50	1,075,821.36	11,528.80	8,010.00	2,755,905.00
Custer	989,716.10	19,720.30	2,841.00	1,006,595.40	612,635.00	11,528.80	14,299.95	1,007,142.91
Elmore	1,015,331.50	20,475.50	27,801.00	1,007,906.00	810,327.80	15,151.50	43,869.70	1,046,347.10
Franklin	3,597,100.00	139,311.00	77,350.00	3,659,061.00	135,729.00	40,258.30	3,900.00	3,991,939.70
Idaho	2,681,913.27	169,635.77	71,886.00	2,779,663.04	2,220,912.50	40,258.30	15,493.00	2,918,853.04
Kootenai	2,327,304.00	291,685.90	50,121.00	2,568,868.90	2,220,912.50	40,258.30	15,493.00	4,991,939.70
Latah	4,270,760.00	191,592.30	32,767.00	4,429,585.30	2,220,912.50	40,258.30	15,493.00	4,991,939.70
Lea	1,117,731.17	22,536.02	90,620.10	1,049,647.09	339,519.75	7,915.37	16,815.00	1,049,647.09
Lincoln	523,313.00	17,268.75	11,062.00	529,519.75	472,039.00	7,915.37	16,815.00	529,519.75
Nez Perce	6,915,770.00	491,913.00	7,237,547.70	7,237,547.70	468,686.80	8,511.20	16,355.01	7,237,547.70
Owyhee	1,950,912.00	69,592.30	31,951.00	1,988,553.30	1,782,002.00	109,915.10	7,810.20	1,988,553.30
Shoshone	1,890,528.10	35,282.50	137,390.50	1,788,420.10	1,782,002.00	109,915.10	7,810.20	1,788,420.10
Teton	5,656,579.55	65,962.20	5,135.00	5,717,406.75	408,210.00	6,009.75	22,112.88	5,717,406.75
Washington	3,937,181.00	155,739.80	12,248.00	4,080,672.80	408,210.00	6,009.75	22,112.88	4,080,672.80
Total	\$62,040,532.67	\$3,076,374.69	\$1,142,374.13	\$63,974,533.23	\$10,678,769.10	\$199,116.60	\$110,356.71	\$75,281,087.97

warmed and floured; line a tin with buttered paper, using two thicknesses at the bottom; bake in a moderate oven two hours.

The Bear's Head.

The great event of the old Christmas

dinner four or five hundred years ago was the entry of the chief cook bearing the bear's head, garnished with rosemary.

Love.

Men in love breathe the same vows

over and over, until these are thoroughly violated. They walk on air, when more than likely they are quite unused to walking. They devour faces, and with their eyes. Is it any wonder if they lose flesh?



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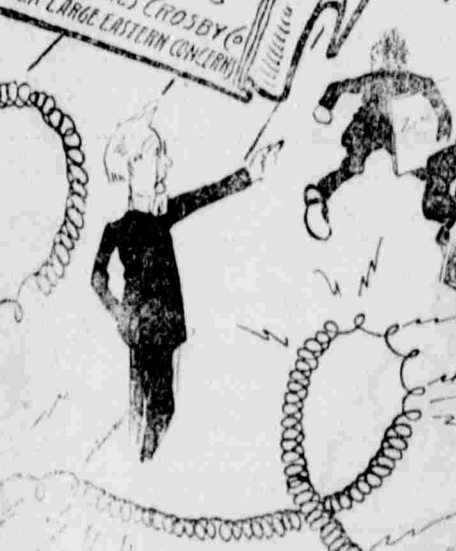
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