

is right when he states the same value is behind the paper money that is behind the gold dollar; the gold circulation of a nation's money is not what makes the nation's credit good. The wealth of the people, so to speak, is the wealth of the nation. The undeveloped resources, the ability to produce, to create wealth is what lies behind the nation's credit, and the nation's credit lies behind the money issue and not gold, as the money owners would have you believe. As one great financial boss said once, "We," meaning the bank, "can't control the paper money." Now, Mr. Editor, your whole communication endorses an interest bearing or debt creating monetary system, which is decidedly wrong. Who ever heard of a business man borrowing himself rich or strengthening his credit by borrowing and paying interest? There is not gold enough in circulation to pay the interest on the bonded indebtedness of Canada or the United States. I should like to give you the history of the U.S. monetary system from A to Z, but will not this time.

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## OAT SHEAVES FOR FEED

Editor, Guide:—After reading an article entitled "Cutting out chores," found in the February 2 number, I ask myself if another article should not follow it which might be entitled, "The cost of winter feed for cattle." Are we, like J.R.L., going to quit the cattle just because we cannot afford to feed hay at the price it may be in our locality, or are we going to search for the most economical way of producing beef and milk?

I came to the decision about three years ago that I could not afford to feed hay that cost more than four dollars worth of labor or money, unless it is of extra good quality and then the profit would be small, and so by inquiring and reading and experimenting I find that oat sheaves when properly cured and cared for make a much cheaper feed than hay, and so my advice to the man who lives in a locality where hay cannot be put up for three dollars per ton, one year with another, is to try the oat sheaves. Plant the oats on a well prepared seed bed between May 29 and 30, cut them when in the milk or the first of the dough stage and stack them so soon as possible after they are thoroughly dry. If you have a hay loft so much the better, especially for the spring feed, for in the spring time of all times the feed should be dry.

My opinion is that one load of oat sheaves will keep a cow in as good order as two loads of hay, and at the same time the cow will give more milk and it is a better flavor than hay can produce. When I was feeding hay I could taste the flavor of weeds and sage in the milk, cream and butter.

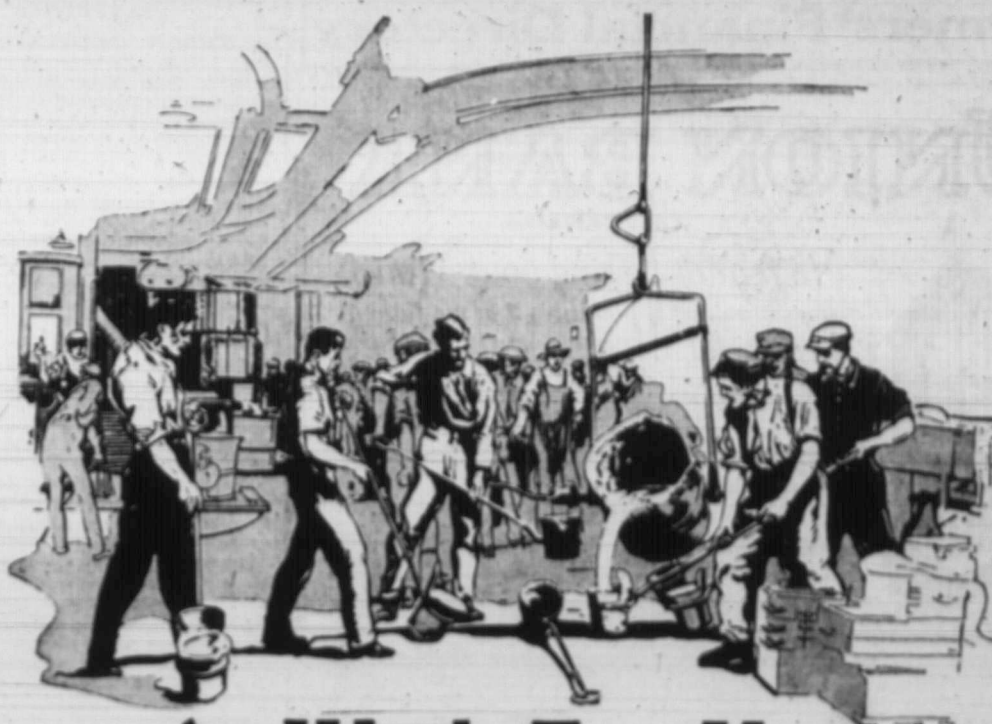
For a little problem take the price your hay costs and multiply it by three, for an acre of oat sheaves is equal to three tons of hay and then some; of course it depends on the yield of oats, but it is a poor crop of oats that does not yield one and one-half tons per acre, and when one ton of oat sheaves is equal to two of hay, one and one-half is equal to three. By doing this you will find out if you can afford to feed oat sheaves, and yet this does not include the extra quality of milk or butter, and again oat sheaves are much easier to handle in every way from cutting time until fed.

The cattle market is a thing that does not change very rapidly, and while it may not be a very paying line of work compared to some things, it will not bail out or dry out or freeze out, and while with the use of the silo a man might make more money, the oat sheaves are within the reach of every farmer.

I have not written this article to hurt J.R.L. My plan is to have work the year around that will give a profit. If one horse will sell for twice as much as a steer, one mare will cost twice as much as a cow, and so you see the man just getting started, as a great many of us are, can get a start in cattle easier than he can in horses.

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