

# OUR COMIC SECTION

## When the Dandelions Are in Blossom



# LIVE STOCK

## INCREASED VALUE OF LAMBS

Docking and Castration of Young Animals Destined for Market Improves Quality.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Docking and castration of lambs destined for the market materially increases their market value because of improved quality, according to the United States Department of Agriculture.

There are several reasons for this. Docking makes the hind-quarters of lambs appear more blocky and deep, and it also adds much to the cleanliness of the animals. Thus they appear more attractive to the buyers when they reach the market. Ewes which are to be kept in the breeding flock should also be docked as a very large portion of the undocked ewes will fail to breed.

Ram lambs over three months of age tend to grow thin and develop coarse shoulders and neck. Thin-fleshed, coarse, open-shouldered lambs are not of a desirable quality, and when they reach the market they are discriminated against by the buyers because of these features. If the lambs are castrated and docked when they are a few days old their growth will not be retarded. On the other hand they will present a better appearance, and if they have been properly fed, will have a smooth, desirable finish at four months of age. Lambs of good quality in this condition command a premium over bucky and undocked lambs at the markets. Oftentimes during the period when the Jersey City market is receiving large numbers of lambs from the eastern states, lamb prices at that market fluctuate sharply because of the high percentage of undocked and bucky lambs which are discriminated against by buyers seeking a high-quality product.

## MAKE ALL BROOD SOWS WORK

Properly Managed Animal Should Produce Two Litters Each Year Roasters in Demand.

The properly managed sow should produce two litters a year if the farm is equipped for fall pigs. Under such a system the sow should farrow in March and again in the early part of September. A sow that was bred about November 15th will farrow March 6th to 9th. By weaning the pigs at eight weeks of age, the sow may be rebred late in May to farrow in September.

In states where the winters are severe, good houses are necessary for the young pigs born in March. Those coming in September will almost take care of themselves until cold weather. They are then in need of good care, or a large number of runts will result.

A good demand exists during Thanksgiving and Christmas for small pigs for "roasters." A farmer in northeastern Iowa has raised pigs for this special market a number of years, and finds it a profitable means of disposing of his fall pigs.

## CALCIUM NEEDED FOR STOCK

Cows, Horses and Sheep Must Look to Roughage for Needed Supply—Silage May Answer.

The cow, together with the sheep and horse, must look to its roughage to supply the needed calcium. Frequently there is not sufficient calcium in the roughage or the vitamin needed to make it available to the body is not present. This vitamin is present in green pasture at all times. If silage has been properly made it is possible that there will be enough of the vitamin in it also to cause the assimilation of calcium. It is not well to count on this, however, for much of the silage made at the present time is not properly made.

## LIVE STOCK HINTS

Poor feeding is keeping brood sows on hundreds of farms from paying a profit.

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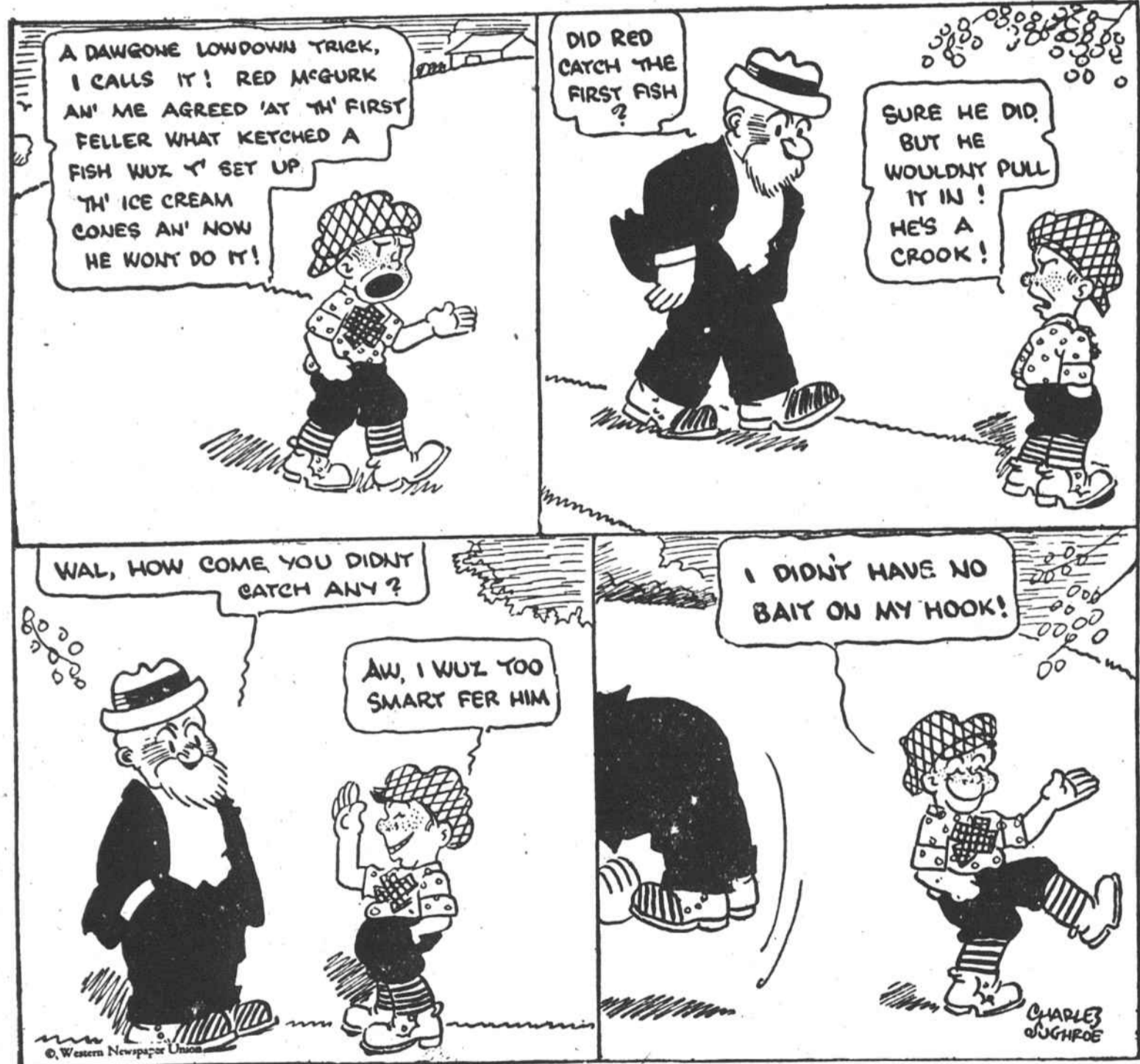
The responsibility of animal disease control rests with the veterinary profession, says Dr. R. A. Craig, head of the veterinary department of Purdue university.

A good ration for a sow with pigs is 6 parts corn, 3 parts middlings and 10 parts tankage, when on full feed.

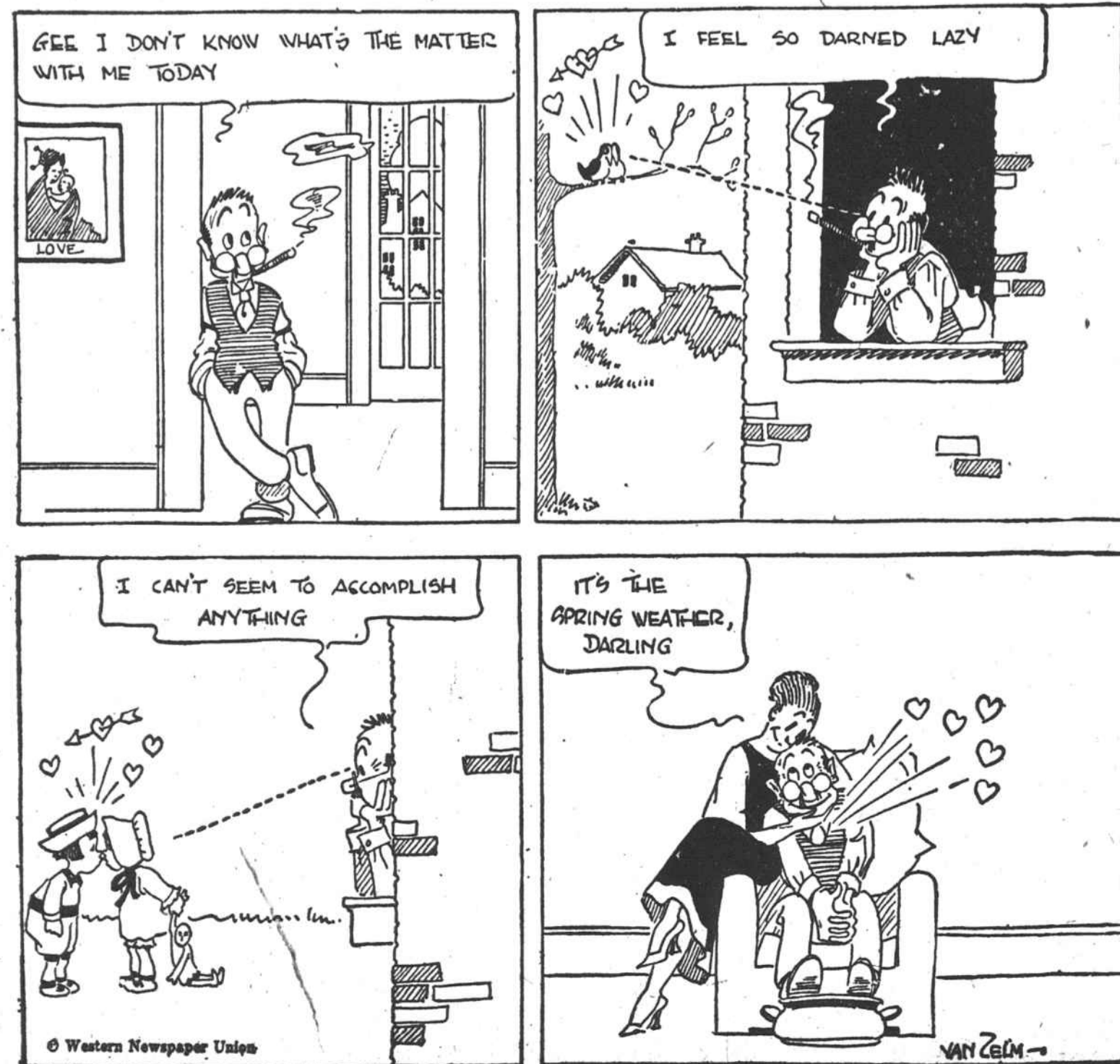
Mixed shipments show a greater number of killed and crippled hogs and a greater shrinkage than straight shipments.

The man who consistently follows a well established live stock system on his farm is more prosperous than the man who tries to be in when conditions look good and out when they look bad.

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