

Mr. Average American Devours Much Meat

Washington.—America is still one of the greatest meat-eating nations of the world.

Despite a slight falling off last year, believed caused by an increased number of vegetarians, the country produced in 1925 the enormous total of 17,956,000,000 pounds of beef, veal, mutton and lamb, and pork. For good measure Americans used 2,224,000,000 pounds of lard.

These figures were compiled by the Department of Agriculture.

Total beef consumed reached the highest point on record, the per capita consumption being 63.1 pounds with a total of 7,146,000,000 pounds produced.

The total per capita consumption of all meats was 154.3 pounds.

Total Consumption Less

While the total meat consumption was lower than for the two years immediately preceding, it was slightly higher than the average for the last five years. Decreased pork consumption, as compared with the unusually high years of 1924 and 1923, was largely responsible for the drop in the total.

The consumption of mutton and lamb, relatively low in the United States, has remained at about the same level for the last five years. Per capita consumption of veal, however, has shown a steady rise.

Production of dressed veal in 1925 reached the record of total of 1,001,000,000 pounds, 70,000,000 pounds greater than in 1924. Production of mutton and lamb increased by 10,000,000 pounds. In this case the total of 599,000,000 pounds was the highest since 1921.

Exports Fall Off

Within recent years there has been little foreign trade either in veal or mutton and lamb, and consequently in these classes the consumption practically corresponds to the production.

The reduction of more than 11,000,000 in the swine slaughtered in 1925 accounted for the considerable decrease in the supply of pork and lard. Hog values, as a result were about 50 per cent higher than in 1924.

Although exports in 1925 fell off by 25 per cent for pork and 27 per cent for lard, the year's trade was nevertheless quite sizable, amounting to 549,000,000 pounds of pork and 719,000,000 pounds of lard. These totals are larger by a substantial margin than the average pre-war exports.

No country's "foreign policy" is much more than appetite looking out for itself.

Tar Heels Opposed To Woman Juries

Three North Carolina Representatives went on record in the House of Representatives as opposing jury service for women, while only Representative W. C. Hammer, cast his vote in favor of putting women on juries.

None of the other six members of the State delegation in Congress voted on the roll call on a motion to strike out the enacting clause in a bill to amend the law of the District of Columbia so as to qualify women as jurors. The motion to strike out the enacting clause was defeated finally, 189 to 122, restoring the measure to its place on the calendar of the committee of the whole, where it is expected to remain for the remainder of the session and die from inaction.

Representatives Kerr, Warren and Weaver were recorded as opposed to jury service for women, while Representatives Abernathy, Bulwinkle, Doughton, Lyon, Pou and Stedman escaped the record vote.

Of the three women members of Congress, Mrs. Mary T. Norton, of New Jersey, and Mrs. Florence P. Kahn, of California, favored jury service for women, while Mrs. Edith Rogers, of Massachusetts, opposed it.

Our Public Schools

To the Editor of The Star:

In Sept. J. C. Newton's address before the D. A. R.'s published in Cleveland News March 12, referring to the origin of state public schools, 1839, Mr. Newton says a four months school term was provided until reconstruction period 1868, the term was cut to nine weeks. And it was not until 1900 under Charles B. Aycock the school term was raised to 4 months, the same length as before the war. We beg leave to differ a little with Mr. Newton, or to explain conditions, I attended free school from 1849 to 1860 when our free school term was three months, taught in summer and fall, followed in winter with a three months subscription school. The teachers got about \$50 for the three months term and boarded with the scholars. Every chap begged the teacher to go home with him, for that insured three good meals so I had the advantage of six months school until 1867. Schools, except small private ones, were closed during the four years war. Under reconstruction, the new state constitution provided for a four months public school, but it was not given until after Aycock's educational campaign. After the war I taught in the first public school about 1870, when the state paid one-half, and the state only aided a four months school.

Those districts that would not raise one-half of the teachers salary, got no free school at all. The state paid me, with a first grade certificate then, \$20 per month and I collected the same from my patrons. We lived nearly 16 years under a state constitution guaranteeing a four months public school before we got it. The constitution also said that the tax limit should not exceed 66 2-3 cents on the \$100 worth of property and \$2 on the poll. The state did not have the money and could not raise it under the tax limit, with land so cheap and but little other wealth beside the land. The people could vote all the additional taxation they pleased for other purposes. But a generation raised up without schools did not want schools except the more wealthy who were able to educate their own children, and that class opposed free schools, because they would have to pay most of the taxes. Then if negroes and poor white folks were educated "the good people" could not work them so cheaply. Aycock showed no one was much account unless educated. That all the difference between people was in their education and ability for improvement. I taught occasionally until 1898 and kept in touch with prevailing sentiment and conditions. They have been, and are still too much of a football for politicians, promoters and grafters. But that comes under our government system of the people paying two prices for all they get. The larger the fund, the larger the graft. With six months, eight months, nine months, and hauling higher salaries and overhead expense. There is no limit, free textbooks, free clothes and food for all children. We must move fast or some other state will get ahead of us. But we are rich, "thanks to the realtors," who have raised river banks to \$400 per acre. With a little strip of land they throw in a large slice of climate reaching miles high and keep the "mare" in a trot. We vote bands for the smart children we are raising to pay. Who would hinder progress?

J. C. ELLIOTT.

NORTHBROOK TOWNSHIP

FARMER DIES AT AGE 80

(From Lincoln County Times)
Mr. John L. Ward, Confederate veteran age 80 years, 4 months and 7 days, died last Friday at the home of Mr. A. R. Williams in North Brook section of this county, with whom he had been making his home for the past year. He had been ill for the past 7 weeks.

He is survived by his widow and several children.

The funeral and burial services were conducted Saturday at 11 a. m. by Rev. Mr. Bingham, at David's Chapel in North Brook, the remains being laid to rest in the church cemetery.

Big Things Ahead.

(Gastonia Gazette)

Max Gardner's dream of a great white way illuminating the highway through Gaston county expressed some weeks ago in an interview about the possibilities of the Wilkinson Boulevard and the resultant effect on industry in this county was not hot air. It has been brought out since the sale of the Spencer Mountain mill property to the Wateree Power Company, that just such an idea was in the mind of Mr. Duke for this road. It is said that he

intended to light the road from the Catawba river to Kings Mountain after it had been paved.

It is hard to imagine to what lengths the development will go after it is once under way. Greensboro is talking about a 100-foot highway between that city and High Point. Mr. Cramer has promised to light the bridge over the Fork when the new highway is completed. And there may be other big news before long.

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