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#### Peter Radford On Advertise It in America.



As a citizen of this nation and one intensely interested in its material development, I want to add my approval to the "Buy It In America" movement. Commercial patriotism and business pride are the foundation stones of success in industry and no country can become supreme in commerce and trade without it fosters a spirit of friendship and partiality for its own products and institutions. It is the spirit of the hive that makes the wheels of industry turn and each community should be a progressive unit in our industrial universe. All things being equal the farmer should patronize the local merchant who is always a good citizen, a heavy taxpayer and friend of the farmer. The farmer sends shiploads of raw material to foreign markets and factories that meet on their way vessels laden with finished and foreign

grown products coming to America. Any effort to minimize this economic waste ought to be encouraged.

But as a farmer and friend of the manufacturer and merchant I want to suggest an "Advertise It In America" movement. The manufacturer and jobber may blow loud blasts on the horn of patriotism but if they will put an "ad" in the newspapers in their trade territory, making a business presentation of their goods, they will find it far more effective than waving the Star-Spangled Banner. The farmer is as much interested in the price of the things he has to buy as in the price of the things he has for sale and the advertising columns of his newspaper are his price list. The price is the thing and the farmer wants the figures in cold type. The politicians give him all the patriotic buncombe he cares for. Business enterprise is a far more successful salesman than business patriotism.

There are many most worthy organizations working to promote commerce and trade but we seldom find organized effort to promote the press, yet it is recognized as the most powerful agency for progress the world has ever produced. We have all sorts of days calculated to promote business and honor industry such as Trades Days, Bargain Days, Labor Day, etc., and why not have a press day and all business concerns advertise the things they have to sell and everybody subscribe for the local paper and all delinquents pay a year in advance. There is nothing so elevating in civilization as the smile of an editor and nothing will contribute more toward the welfare of a community than the prosperity of the press.

The farmer is a friend and patron of the newspapers. He subscribes for the local paper and reads every line in it and it is the best investment he can make. There is no news so valuable as store news; no information so interesting as market demands and no tragedy so entertaining as the rise and fall of prices and no page more closely studied by the farmers than the advertising columns of the press.

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#### George M. Rommel



On Our Mutton and Wool Supply. The Federal Department of Agriculture is viewing with considerable alarm the rapid decrease of our live stock, and, through its official publications, sends out warning to the American farmers. In a recent official statement, prepared by Mr. Geo. M. Rommel, Chief of the Division of Animal Husbandry, Bureau of Animal Industry, published in the Agricultural Outlook, the following

appears: "The estimates of the department for the number of sheep on farms in the United States on January 1, 1914, show a decided decrease as compared with 1913. The apparent tendency toward a decline in the number of sheep on farms has been noted for some time and has

caused sheep raising on farms to be referred to as a waning industry. A word here concerning the economy of sheep and their place in agricultural practice may not be out of place. As a farm animal per se, the sheep has many distinct advantages. The

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"Sheep are prolific. A farm flock which does not yield at least 100 per cent increase is very poor, indeed.

A flock of sheep on a farm will, in time, clear it of weeds, without expense to the owner, if allowed to range the lanes, the stubblefields after grain is cut, and the cornields after the corn is full grown. As a scavenger even a goat is not more useful than a sheep.

As meat-food animals sheep have never been sufficiently appreciated in the United States. They are, however, of very great value. They must be classed, with hogs and poultry, as the most available animals to supply meat for home use on the average farm. They are readily slaughtered, the meat can be kept without difficulty, it cuts up without waste in sizes which are convenient for the average family and the meat is nutritious, wholesome and palatable when properly cooked. The healthfulness of the sheep alone gives it front rank as a meat-food animal. Sheep rarely have tuberculosis or other diseases communicable to man.

Farmers have not generally recognized the proper place of the sheep in agriculture in the settled regions. Too much importance is placed on wool. Except on the range, where land is cheap, the wool should be regarded as an incidental-a side line to help defray the cost of handling.

If only 25 per cent of the farms on which there are now no sheep should have a flock of not over twenty-five or thirty ewes, managed with reasonable care, farm revenues would not only be materially increased, but a decided step in advance would be taken towards the solution of our meat-supply problem.

Peter Radford

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#### On Preserving Live Stock Industry.

The producer is not properly balancing the rations of this country. There are shelves in the nation's cupboard that are bare and others filled with products that are molding. As farmers we must study the pantry of the community, the nation and the world as well as its fields and pastures, for distribution is as important a part of farming as production. Much of the trouble can be overcome by the producer and part of it by the consumer. For example, the producer can raise more cattle but he cannot increase the proportion of sirloin steak in each beef; the farmer may with economy raise more sheep but he cannot force the consumer to eat mutton instead of veal; the farmers on the coast can raise con-

siderably more rice, but they cannot make the consumer eat it.

Taking the world as one big farm and comparing our average annual harvest with that of a decade ago, we find an increase in the world's supply of cereals of approximately 13 per cent against an increase in the world's population of less than 3 per cent, but the condition of our live stock industry is alarming. In the United States we show, according to the federal census reports, an increase in population of 21 per cent during the past decade and a decrease in meat-food animals of about 12 per cent, and against this condition our consumption of meat per capita has, during the decade, remained practically stationary.

This disappearance of live stock from the farms will also result in depleting the soil; have a tendency to shift to a one-crop basis, and from every angle prove a serious disaster to agriculture. Commissioner of Agriculture Houston has very properly sounded a warning to the American plowmen and has pledged his department to use every effort in encouraging the farmers to raise more live stock.

It is going to require the co-operation of the farmers, the consumers, the breeders and feeders, the government, the packers, the retailers and all agencies to lift the live stock industry to its proper level.

While all agencies mentioned seek gain, there is no reason why we can-not all profit by understanding, for in business, knowledge always brings dividends. The consumer can economize by eating all the beef instead of a arrow and the farmer can be be be been under the been instead of a part of it; the farmer can profit by improving grade and methods of feeding. We look to the packers for a market! The government can, by proper co-operation, render more efficient service in stamping out disease; and the slaughter of calves and young stock is probably more disastrous to the cattle industry than any pestilence.

There is no more important or difficult subject before the American peo-ple for solution today than the preservation of the live stock industry, and I am going to invite all agencies of that industry to join in an earnest discussion and constructive effort to bring about this desirable result.

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