Where Shall Portland Lodge Visitors?

HAS NOT ENOUGH HOTELS

No Move Being Made to House Crowds at Fair.

THEY MAY ROAM THE STREETS

Estimates of Hotel Capacity and Probable Number of Visitors Show Urgent Need of Action-Big Conventions Coming.

The largest three hotels of Portland cannot, on the average, accommodate 150 additional persons" on any night

There are not enough vacant beds on the average in all of Portland's botels and lodging-houses, of all kinds put 1000 strangers.

stock men is to be held here. At their last convention 15,000 delegates were present. Five thousand are expected to

It is estimated that the dally number of strangers in Portland during the Fair will vary from 1200 to 5000. The Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors is to meet here during the Fair. At Pittsburg this year 3600 delegates and wives were counted. Nearly all of them will come here.

No additional hotels are to be built. Where will all these people sleep? What will they do when they can't

If. in addition to the average travel, 1500 people were to visit Portland today, many of them would have to sleep in

The point of this state of affairs is that directors of the Lewis and Clark Centennial and by the citizens of Portland and Oregon generally that a great many more strangers than 1500 will be present in Portland daily during the 1805 Pair. Judg-ing from present indications, there will no place for many of them to sleep

The problem of accommodating the visi-tors to the Fair is most serious, and one for which no solution has been offered so far. In fact, the committee appointed by the Fair directors, after working on the matter, has been compelled practical-

Nor will it be necessary for Portland to wait until 1995 to actually see the dis-advantages of inviting guests for whom no accommodation can be provided. The livestock men of the United States, whose association held a meeting some months ago in Kansas City, are to convene in Portland early next year. At Kansas City some 15,000 cattlemen gathered, and while the attendance here will be much smaller because Portland is not as central a point, still it may reasonably be excted that 4000 of the livestock handlers will be present at the convention in this

Efforts Proved Abortive. Hotels are like Rome to the extent of

not being built in a day. A modern nostelry of brick or stone takes many weeks of preliminary planning, to say nothing of the financial negotiations. Added to this, its actual building requires at the least six months.

"I really believe that the crowds ex-pected in 1905 will have to be housed in frame structures erected near the Fair grounds," said J. C. Ainsworth, presi-dent of the United States National Bank. Mr. Ainsworth is also chairman of a com-mittee of the board of directors of the Fair, appointed to negotiate if possible for the erection of another large hotel in Portland. But Mr. Ainsworth has no information that even such temporary makeshifts as the frame build-ings he spoke of will be provided. He has not heard of any person who con-

templates erecting such a structure. The committee of which Mr. Alnaworth is chairman, proposed to the Portland Hotel Company that it build an annex on the half block facing the hotel on Yamhill street. This proposal was not considered very seriously by the hotel company, Manager Bowers advising against it. Mr. Alnsworth, who owns the record the submitted a record. to find lodging-houses down town where the half block facing the hotel on Tamhill street. This proposal was not considered very seriously by the hotel company. Manager Bowers advising against it. Mr. Ainsworth, who owns the ground, then submitted a proposal to the hotel company in which he offered to erect the building himself at a cost of \$500,000 if the hotel company would lease it from him for ten years at a rental of \$500 a month. This offer was carefully pondered over by the hotel company, but was also declined.

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"The committee now has no other rem-edy for the prospective congestion in view," said Mr. Ainsworth yesterday. "The plans which we have thought of have fallen through, and it seems as though the matter would have to take care of itself to some extent. We will, however, present the situation to a num-ber of capitalists and hotel men in other

when joined to the Imperial, would have at least 400 rooms. The plans also in-cluded, said the report, the addition of two or more stories to the Imperial Ho-

tel itself.

In this report, says Mr. Steinbach, there is little of truth.

"I do own the Imperial Hotel," he said yesterday, "and also the ground adjoining it. I have made no plans for building whatever, and have even laid a cement sidewalk in front of a portion of the property that I certainly would not have done had I any thought of building a large hotel there."

Nevertheless, Mr. Steinbach intimated that, like Mr. Ainsworth, he might either sell his property or build a hotel for a responsible tenant, providing that one could be found.

ould be found.

"I think I would consider any reasonable proposal on either line," said Mr. Steinbach. "But good tenants are not to be had for the asking."

Seventh Street, the Site.

Real estate men think a new hotel of any size should be erected on Seventh street. "Seventh street," said one dealer, yesterday, "is the only street running north and south which has an outlet to the river, running past the Custom-House and the Depot. Many thousand dollars have recently been spent on its Improve

thent, and some day it will be a main thoroughfare."

The proprietors of the Imperial Hotel would be the natural tenants of an an-tiex to the present building, were Mr. Steinbach to build one. But they are oot anxious to assume such a

make the Imperial the largest hotel in the city," said Phil E. Metschan, president of the hotel company, "but there are many reasons why I would not care to rent it for a term of years. In the first place, our present lease carries us to 1906, which will put us over the Fair. We know what our present business is worth and can scarcely afford to take chances on extensions of it which might prove

"Then such a building as the suggested nnex could not be finished in time to reap much or any benefit from the Fair. But the persons who leased it would have to pay a rental which would be fixed upon while times were good and the hotel buriwhile times were good and the note; ourseless especially prosperous. In other words, I think a good tenant could get a ten-year lease of such a building on much better terms in 1996 than he could today or next year."

Where Will These Crowds Sleep!

While the negotiations for new hotels ave come to naught, and there seem to have come to haught, and there seem to be very silm prospects of anything being done, people who have the matter at heart have prepared estimates of the probable attendance at the Fair and the probable average daily number of strangers present in the city. These estimates vary somewhat, but, being based on cer-tain known data, the discrepancy is not

Any reliable estimate must, of course, he made from an analysis of the statistics gathered at other expositions, notably the fairs at Chicago, San Fran-cisco, Caarleston, Atlanta and Omaha. In making comparisons the points wherein Portland differs from each of these places many of them would have to siesp in chairs around the hotel lobbles tonight, while others would not be able to find even such limited and unsatisfactory accommodation.

Of the 1000 who would probably be able, after much ambulation and inquiry, to find rest in regular beds, less than 150 could be cared for by the principal three hotels of Portland, the Perkins, the Imperial and the Portland, in which the bulk of the traveling public would expect to find accommodations.

Portland differs from each of these places in actual and tributary population, its character and prosperity, and the intrinsic attractiveness of the locality, must be considered. Upon these date is based an estimate which at this time looks as though it would prove to be fairly actual, namely, that there will be a total of \$800,000 paid admissions to the Portland Fair, that Portland itself will supply \$600,000 of these, tributary districts 150,000, and distant states 50,000.

As arranged now, the Fair will be open for 154 days. Dividing the 200,000 out-of-

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These hosteries have on an average at 9 o'clock in the evening, less than 50 vaccant rooms apiece. Very frequently one or all of them are filled full, even when no convention of any kind is being held in the city.

Of the remaining \$50 hypothetical visitors about \$500 would be absorbed by the numerous lodging-houses which lie within the district bounded by Grand avenue on the east, Madison street on the south, Thirteenth street on the west, and Couch street on the north. This would leave still \$50, who would be housed for the night by citizens who have a spare room in their homes, and who make a practice of retting it through the agency of one of the big hotels.

Serious Problem Before City.

The point of this state of affairs is that to the Fair.

Still Other Crowds Coming.

And still the end is not reached. The Brotherhood of Railroad Conductors is scheduled to meet in Portland during the Fair. It was assured that the hotel ac-commodations were very ample.

Now at their last convention held ne weeks ago in Pittsburg the railway ductors had an actual attendance of delegates and their wives of 3500. As they have to pay no transportation, there is no reason why almost as many should not attend the Portland conven-

And what would Portland do if a crowd pf 2600 persons arrived in the city to-day? Will she be in any better position in 1905, when there will be scarcely any more accommodation and a crowd Fair employés and 1300 visitors is thronging her bedless streets?

"Of course," said W. E. Coleman, of the Southern Pacific, yesterday, "generally a great many more strangers than 1500 will be present in Portland during the 1906 Fair. Judging from present indication there will be no place for many of

nem to sleep.
"The railroads will not bring 1290 visitors into Portland every day, but the people we do bring will remain from three days to two weeks seeing the sights. In this way a crowd of even a few hundred visitors arriving daily will congest the lodging facilities of the city, while if, say, 1000 people were to arrive in one day and be followed by another party of similar size, the scenes in Portland would look like the streets of Heppner after the Something will have to be done about it."

"It is all very well to say that the lodging-houses of the down-town district will accommodate 500 people," said the manager of one of the big hotels, "but it's pretty hard to find a rooming-house down town in Portland that is not an open public assignation-house. So open is this business that the rooms are both priced and furnished accordingly. Naturally a man would hesitate about taking any of his women relatives to a house of this description. And it is not so easy to find lodging-houses down town where

Seems to Be Nobody's Business. The question of who will enlarge the notel accommodations of Portland is an open one with no prospect of an answer. Any hotel enterprise will be undertaken from business motives not from patriot-

Joseph A. Strowbridge Dies After Short Illness.

HIS LONG AND USEFUL CAREER

of Mr. Strowbridge's family tendered him an agreeable surprise by presenting him with a beautiful gold-headed cane. The gift was presented on the 56th anniversary of Mr. Strowbridge's arrival in the village of Portland. On the handle of the cane were engraved the names of the donors and an ex team, in commemoration of his memorable journey across the plains.

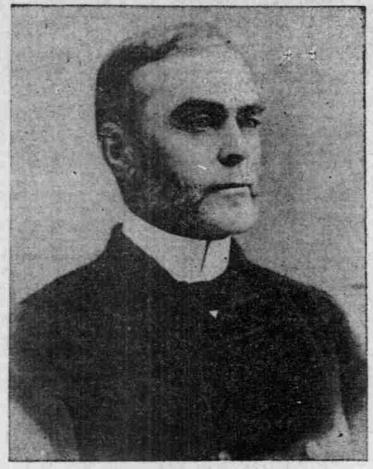
Mr. Strowbridge was taken suddenly ill at his home on July 7, 1902, and for a month no hopes were entertained for his recovery. Careful medical treatment, however, eventually brought to him his usual good health and he spent the remainder of the Summer at the seaside. The Winter was spent in California, in travel, and this Spring has proven a pleasant one, being Spring has proven a pleasant one, being unmarred by sickness.

His Sudden Illness, Coming to Oregon in 1852 He
Achieved Success in Business and
Took an Honored Place in the
Civic Life of Portland,

Joseph A. Strowbridge, an Oregon ploneer of 1852, and for the past 50 years one of Portland's representative business men, died at his home at 385 Fifth street

His Sudden Illness,
Yesterday, at luncheon, Dr. George H. Strowbridge, his son, noticed his father to be very pale and he remarked about it, but his father was feeling well and gave the matter no thought. Last evening when he went to bed it was but \$:30 o'clock and he bade some friends good night. Upon reaching his room a weak spell was experienced and the som, Dr. Strowbridge, sent for. The doctor arrived a few minutes later only to see his father's deathbed surrounded by heartbroken friends. Mr. Strowbridge is survived by a wife, two brothers, Justice M. and John P. Strowbridge, of this city, and five

DEATH OF PIONEER CITIZEN OF PORTLAND



J. A. STROWBRIDGE

at 9:45 o'clock last night, after an illness of less than an hour.

Mr. Strowbridge was born in Montour County, Pennsgivania, on December 1, 1826, and with his parents moved to Marion County, Ohio, while he was yet a small child. Here it was that he received the greater part of his education, an aunt instructing him after he had completed the course in the district school. At the age of 14 he had acquired such an education that in an examination for a teacher to teach the destrict school, he stood first.

Children: Alfred B., engaged in farming in Clackamas County; Dr. George H. Strowbridge, Joseph A., Jr., a young lawyer; Harry J., an employe in the Custom-House Service, and one daughter, Mary H., residing at home.

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Mr. Strowbridge was a 12d degree Mason, a member of Al Kader Temple, and a member of A to teach the destrict school, he stood first shead of several by many years his senior. His preparatory education only made him wish the more for a course in some uni young man was preparing for a course I the Ohio Wesleyan University that his father started across the plains to Oregon, thus changing the boy's plans.

The trip across the continent was begun in October, 1851, when, with his wife and five children. Philip M. Strowbridge started his ox teams westward. The Winter was passed in St. Joseph, Mo., which had been reached in good time and without any serious misfortunes on the road. The journey was continued early in the Spring of 1852. To this year were credited more misfortunes to travellers on the plains than any other past or previous season. Drouth and cholers were braved by the sturdy frontiersmen and the Strowbridge family was not exempted from the calamities that befell so many. the youngest child, a con, being buried on the trail, which was lined with new-made

On October 3, just a year after leaving Ohio, the Strowbridge family reached Portland. The father had contracted the so-called mountain fever, at The Dalles, and soon after dled, leaving Joseph A., the oldest son, the sole support of the family. Prices were high, and there was no work to be had, but young Strowbridge was undaunted. To add to the long list of discouragements, the severe Winter of 1852 killed all the stock and the family was left penniless. After repeated efforts to secure employment voung Strowbridge found work in an Oregon City hotel, where with his wages and by shipping eggs and butter to Portland and San Francisco, he soon found himself realizing a handsome profit. The shipping business was lucrative to the young man, and until 1860 he was exceedingly prosperous in his enterprise. He was the first man to ship Oregon apples to San Fran-cisco and encouraged the Oregon farmers to plant orchards, promising them a flat-tering remuneration for all their product. In 1860 Mr. Strowbridge with a partner started in the retail boot and shoe trade, under the firm name of Wiberg & Strowbridge. In 1864 a wholesale trade was es tablished and the stock was received di-rect from Boston instead of from San Francisco. In 1869 Mr. Strowbridge opened up a wholesale leather and findings busiup a wholesale leather and findings ness, in which enterprise he was engaged until his retirement from active mercan tile life. In 1873 he suffered his only loss, as a result of the big fire. Excepting the one setback he has been extremely perous since his boyhood days in Port-land. As an extensive Portland real estate owner he is well known, being the owner of the brick block occupying the half block on Yamhill from First to Second streets, his residence at 365 Fifth street, several wholesale house locations on Front street and residence property in almost every section of the city. He is also the owner of several large farms, one of them in Eastern Washington of 3000 acres, all of which is fine wheat land. He also has business interests in Spokane as well as some Spokane real estate.

His Useful Civic Career. On July 4, 1864, Mr. Strowbridge married Mary H. Bodman, a daughter of Dr. H. A. Bodman, of Oxford, O. In '88 he was elected as a Representative to the State Legislature from Multnomah County, by the largest majority received by any can-didate on the Republican ticket. He was however, present the situation to a number of capitalists and hotel men in other cities, not with regard only to the Pair, but as a permanent investment. I think there is need and opportunity for another hotel in Portland today without any reference to the temporary increase of business which the Fair will bring, and we will submit this phase of the question to persons in other places who might possibly be interested.

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No arrangements have been made for the funeral as yet, but will be announced some time to day.

FIRST COUNT TODAY.

Lively Contest for Queen of Wood-men of World Carnival. The first official count in the Woodmen

of the World carnival queen voting con-test will be made today. Interest in the outcome of the contest is increasing daily and the friends of the would-be queens are already commencing to can-VASS for votes.

At the last meeting of the general committee it was decided to build an arch at the corner of Park and Ankeny streets. The arch will be constructed of logs and hewed timbers and will be em-blematical of the order. The ticket offices will be located on either side of the entrance, and the ax, beetle and wedge, and dove and olive branch will ornament the arch directly over the entrance. Work has already commer within a few days the carpenters will have the fences and display booths

CUSTOMS BUSINESS GROWS San Francisco Shows an Increase for the Year Just Closed.

SAN FRANCISCO. June 20,-The records increase in customs business at this port has been continued for the fiscal year closed today. Cashier Clement G. Perkins reports the total receipts, duties, tonnage, taxes, fees and from all other sources. considerably greater than for previous years, a comparison of which follows:

This is considered by the customs officials as being a most excellent showing, in view of the fact that ten was placed on the free list on the first of the year, and the duty on coal is not collectible for one year from January 15 last.

SPECIAL SALE Of Men's Clothing at the Brownsville Woolen Mills.

Until Saturday noon, July 4, we will make sweeping reductions in the price of men's clothing The Brownsville Woolen Mills are now making the nobblest and most attractive, as well as the best wearing clothing

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If in need of a suit for the Fourth visit our store on Washington street between First and Second streets. We can save you money. Brownsville Woolen Mills

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Trunk and Bag Sale



Vacation and traveling necessities are greatly underpriced for the remainder of the week. Outfitting for the trip is but a matter of a few minutes with the resources of a trunk store such as this at your command. Take careful note of these values. Opportunity to save railroad fare with every

25 canvas-covered Trunks, iron bound, heavy steel corners, two heavy leather straps, brass lock, just the right style of trunk for coast use, five sizes, all at special low prices.

28-inch—Regular Price \$6.40 sale price \$5.29.



30-in.—Reg. Price \$6.75, sale price \$5.55. 32-in.—Reg. Price \$7.10, sale price \$5.93 34-in.—Reg. Price \$7.45, sale price \$6.27. 36-in.—Reg. Price \$7.80, sale price \$6.57

If you're going on a long Eastern trip here's a trunk that will stand all the rough handling the baggage smasher can give it. Heavily constructed, all the best and latest improvements, four sizes, all greatly reduced.

30-in.—Reg. price \$10.50 sale price \$8.77 32-in.—Reg. price \$11.25 sale price \$9.35 34-in.—Reg. price \$12.00 sale price \$9.87 36-in.—Reg. price \$12.75 sale pr. \$10.53

20 handsome Steamer Trunks, steel bound, leather straps, all canvas lined, three sizes at special low prices. 30-inch, 32-inch, 34-inch. \$7.75 Value for \$6.35 \$8.25 Value for \$6.90 \$8.75 Value for \$7.67

\$8.50 SUIT CASES FOR \$6.98

Full-stock Leather Suit Cases, sewed edge, finest lock, leather lined, best brass trimmings, regular \$8.50 value, Full-stock Leather Suit Case, fine brass trim-

mings, regular \$7.25 suit case, \$5.89

Complete line of Basket, Canvas and Fiber Telescope, Shawl Straps, Trunk Straps, Handbags in immense variety of styles and sizes-Steamer Robes, very best styles. Sheep-Leather Suit Case, brass trimmed, a

nary low price of \$3.67

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Our entire stock of Boys' Washable Kilts and Sailor Suits greatly reduced.

Ladies' Neckwear



Three numbers of stylish neckwear at special low pricing. Your neckwear needs for Saturday and Sunday should receive prompt attention.

Crepe Silk Stock Ties in all colors, superb styles, selling regularly at 75c ea., 57c sale price only

Ladies' Collar and Cuff Sets in white and colors, the regular 50c and 65c values, while they last 43c

Ladies 4-inch Hand Ties with embroidered ends, regular 50c values, your 35c

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Sharp reductions on the best Veilings in the store-Equal values have never been offered. Nose Veils, beautiful tuxedo meshes in large variety, blk., white and colors, special for

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Ladies' low-neck steeveless ribbed Vests, plain or dropstitch bodies, all sizes, very special at

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Children's Summer Underwear -All sizes and styles at the lowest prices.

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Ladies' fine black cotton Hose -3-4 length, extra wide tops, regular 50c value 33c

Ladies' black all-over lace Hose in fine quality, many, styles to chose from, all sizes Regular \$1.00 value for

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Ladies' Cuban Mixed Straw Hats, chiffon trimmed, neat styles, great values at

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Choice of any ready-to-wear

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will please you.

Hat in stock at a price that

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terns and colorings, 25c values, 10c Men's 25c Suspenders, per pair ... 18c Men's Mercerized striped Summer Underwear, shirts 39c

or drawers at SOME EXCELLENT SHOE BARGAINS

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Little Gents' Shoes

Little Gents' Vici Kid Lace ner Shoes in patent kid, patent | Shoes, also Satin Calf Shoes, spring heel, sizes 10 to 131-2, at the extraordinary low sale regular \$5 and \$6 \$3.85 price of, per \$1.27