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## THE YEARLY REPORTS

Work of the Agricultural Department Reviewed.

### BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY

What the Lifsaving Service and the Naval Militia Have Done During the Last Year.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The report of the secretary of agriculture begins with the report of work of the bureau of animal industry.

The total number of animals inspected at the slaughterhouses was considerably over 18,000,000, an increase of more than 5,000,000 over the previous year. During the year ante-mortem inspection was also made of 5,000,000 animals. The cost of inspection was also reduced to 1.1 cents per animal. In 1895, inspection cost 4.75 cents per animal, and in 1894 it cost 1.75 cents per animal, and in 1893 it cost 1.75 cents per animal. Over 45,000,000 pounds of pork was inspected microscopically, and exported, as against 35,000,000 in 1894, and 23,000,000 pounds in 1893. Of the amount exported last year nearly 23,000,000 pounds went to Germany and over 9,000,000 pounds to France. This inspection involved the placing of over 1,900,000 specimens under the microscope. The cost of each examination was less than 5 cents, or for each pound of meat 3 mills, considerably over any previous year. Losses of cattle in transit to Europe were greater than in 1894, being respectively, for 1895 and 1894, 0.63 and 0.37 per cent.

Over 30,000 cars, carrying over 820,000 animals, were inspected for Texas fever at quarantine pens during the quarantine season, nearly 9,000 carloads of cattle being inspected also in transit, and over 25,000 cars were cleaned and disinfected. Besides, over 156,000 cattle from non-infected districts of Mexico were inspected for shipment to Northern states.

The secretary says their importation free of duty is advantageous to feeders having a surplus of feed and to the consumers, who outnumber the producers.

Much space is devoted to discussing the opportunities for American meat products in foreign markets. Of 341,000 tons of meat received at the London central market in 1894 71,000 tons were American, while nearly 50,000 tons came from Australia. The American proportion has not been maintained during 1895.

He closes with a discussion of the future of farms and farming. The average value of farms by the census of 1890 was \$2,900. The value of improved, domestic animals and implements will make a total farm plant of \$4,000 for a family averaging six persons. These farms have fed the farmers and their families and 40,000 urban residents, besides supplying \$500,000,000 worth of products for foreign consumers. In the presence of these facts the secretary says:

"How can any one dare to assert that farming is generally unremunerative and unsatisfactory to those who intelligently follow it?"

The mortgages on farm values do not exceed 16 per cent, a less incubance on the capital invested than in any other line of industry. He foretells confidently a steady increase in the value of farm lands as the population of the country increases.

### THE LIFSAVING SERVICE.

Report of the Work Done by Superintendent Kimball.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Mr. Kimball, superintendent of the lifesaving service, in his annual report, states that at the close of the last fiscal year the establishment embraced 251 stations, 184 being on the Atlantic, 53 on the lakes, thirteen on the Pacific coast, and one at the falls of the Ohio at Louisville. The number of disasters to vessels within the field of operations of the service during the year was 483. There were on board these vessels 5,402 persons, of whom 5,382 were saved, and 20 lost. Eight hundred and three shipwrecked persons received succor at the stations, to whom 2,332 days' relief in the aggregate was afforded. The estimated value of vessels involved was \$8,001,375, and that of their cargoes \$2,645,980, making a total value of property imperiled \$10,647,355. Of this amount \$9,185,095 was saved, and \$1,502,150 was lost. The number of vessels totally lost was 73.

In addition to the foregoing there were during the year 192 casualties to small craft, on board of which there were 421 persons, 415 of whom were saved, and six lost. Besides the number of persons saved from vessels of all kinds, there were 110 others rescued who had fallen from wharves, piers, etc., the most of whom would have perished without the aid of the lifesaving crews. The crews saved and assisted to save during the year 379 vessels, valued with their cargoes at \$4,561,665, and rendered assistance of minor importance to 181 vessels in distress, besides warning from danger by the signals of the patrolmen 249 vessels.

The investigations made into the details of every shipwreck involving loss of life, and into the conduct of the lifesaving crews at these wrecks, show that the unfortunate people who perished were beyond any possible aid from the service, and no life was lost through lack of prompt and faithful efforts on the part of the lifesaving men.

## PACIFIC ROADS' DEBT.

An Extended Interview With Senator Thurston, of Nebraska.

Omaha, Nov. 19.—Local railway circles were given a new insight into the various plans of a proposed reorganization of the Union Pacific today. The matter came in the form of an authorized statement from Senator Thurston through Colonel James B. Haynes. Senator Thurston left this evening for Washington. In an interview he said:

"My resignation as general solicitor of the Union Pacific has been forwarded to Judge Dillon in New York, and will no doubt be presented to the receivers in about a week. I have resigned, not because of any real or apparent impropriety in acting as attorney for the receivers, but simply because the duties of that position require the whole time and attention of the man who holds it.

"I have little idea what the prospect is for successful reorganization of the Pacific roads under the plan proposed by the present committee. I have an idea for the readjustment of the government matter and reorganization of the Pacific properties, but not according to their method of reaching the result. I believe it would be a great thing for the country at large to have the Union Pacific and Central Pacific lines operated together as one property. At present this whole country is largely at the mercy of the Pacific lines west of Ogden, operated by the Southern Pacific, which has the choice whether its traffic shall go via the Union Pacific or the Southern line. I think it was one of the purposes of the government, in chartering the roads, that they should continue as one line, operated together, and I think reasonable legislation can be enacted to secure that result.

"I have prepared a bill, which I shall introduce in the senate."

### DEATH OF COREA'S QUEEN.

It Is Now Said the Unfortunate Woman Was Cremated Alive.

Milwaukee, Nov. 19.—Rudolph Wunnemacher, now visiting in Corea, writes to the Milwaukee Sentinel, giving an account of the murder of the queen in October. He says the Japanese were the instigators of the outrage, and that a body of Japanese soldiers committed the murder and that they were backed by Japanese troops. When they had gained entrance to the queen's apartments, they found four women, and being unable to recognize the queen, who had disguised herself, they killed all four. The bodies, after having been slashed and stabbed, were tied in blankets, carried to the court yard, saturated with oil, and burned. It is reported the queen was cremated alive, not having been dispatched during the slaughter.

The Japanese government has started an inquiry, and many arrests have been made.

An American general, who has been acting as vice minister of war for Corea, is said to have been an eye-witness of the outrage. He was in command of the guard, and made heroic resistance to the assassins. He came near being killed, several bullets passing close to him. Had he lost his life, the writer says, the Japanese government might have found itself in serious complications with the United States.

### NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

Proposed Transfer of Indian Schools to State Supervision.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The superintendent of Indian schools, in speaking of the proposition to transfer the Indian schools to state supervision, says:

"In Washington even now, it would be impossible to abandon some of the Indian schools now under the government control and to turn the children over to the ordinary school facilities, provided by the state. In Oregon and California a great number of Indians now attending Indian schools could, without hardship either to themselves or to the school districts in which they live, be educated in the state district schools."

The following pensions have been granted in the Pacific Northwest:

Oregon—Original, Thomas A. Bennett, of Pittsburg, Columbia county.

Washington—Original, Samuel V. Gombert, of Exeolter, Pierce county, and William A. Harriman, of Golden-dale, Klickitat county.

Idaho—Original, Samuel J. Reed, of Montpelier, Boat Lake county.

The following patents have been granted to inventors in Oregon:

Frank L. Fisher, of Granger, separator and amalgamator; Isaac B. Hammond, of Portland, frame for stamps; Henry W., and W. W. Smith, of Portland, subaqueous mining machine.

A new postoffice has been established at Clearwater, Jefferson county, Washington. Charles J. Andrews is postmaster.

### Over Twenty Passengers Drowned.

Gibraltar, Nov. 19.—Over twenty passengers from the Italian steamer Solferino were drowned by the swamping of one of her boats. Twelve hundred emigrants from Genoa, Italy, bound for South America, were on board the vessel at the time. All were landed safely, save the score or more in the single small boat. The Solferino went ashore near Cueta. She was commanded by Captain Caffero.

### Will Go on the Lecture Platform.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—Senator Hill, of New York, is going on the lecture platform, and Chicago will be the city of his debut. This somewhat surprising bit of news was made public today by the call of a young man at the office of the Auditorium to secure a date for the New York statesman. Senator Hill will make his first appearance in Chicago the night of Friday, December 6, at the Auditorium. The subject of his lecture will be "Liberty."

### Novo Scotia Breweries Sold.

Halifax, Nov. 16.—An English syndicate has purchased the four principal breweries in Halifax, those of Oland Sons & Co., Hayward & Co., P. H. J. C. Millan & Lindbergs, and also that of Meyers & Hydman, Charlottetown, the only important brewery in Prince Edward Island. The price paid is \$800,000.

## PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

Condensed Telegraphic Reports of Late Events.

### BRIEF SPARKS FROM THE WIRES

happenings of Interest in the Towns and Cities of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Payallup, Wash., has 821 school children registered.

The city of Seattle was forty-four years old the 13th inst.

There are sixty-six K. of P. lodges in Oregon. The first was organized June 26, 1873, in Portland.

The county commissioners of Colfax county, Wash., are discussing the question of bonding the county debt and running on a cash basis.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company has commenced work on a six-stall roundhouse for the accommodation of engines at Sprague, Wash.

The rails of Port Townsend's street car line have been taken up and will be shipped to some Eastern city. There are about 200 tons of them.

It cost Douglas county, Wash., \$1,781.50 for four criminal cases, all of which were misdemeanors, and in one of which the culprit pleaded guilty.

Governor McGraw has pardoned from the Walla Walla penitentiary Peter G. Burzman, who was sentenced from Seattle to ten years' imprisonment.

It is unofficially announced that Oscar Huber, a civil engineer of Spokane, has been awarded the contracts for the surveys of the army posts and grounds at Spokane.

An agreement has been reached by which I. Altman will take the entire stock of the firm of M. Cohn & Co., of Tacoma, that recently failed, and will pay off the chattel mortgages in full and pay 25 cents on the dollar to the general creditors.

The semi-annual summary statement of the financial condition of Baker county, Or., shows that September 30, 1895, there were outstanding and unpaid warrants amounting to \$174,079.66, and that the estimated interest thereon was \$17,407.95.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company has settled with Mr. Fleet, the Douglas county stockman, for cattle killed in the wreck on the Central Washington several weeks ago. The amount of damages allowed him was something over \$10,500.

The United States grand jury at Walla Walla completed its work in four days notwithstanding there were a large number of cases to investigate, and was complimented by Judge Hanford from the bench for the capable and expeditious manner in which it performed its duties.

George F. Hensmer, who is superintending the construction of the telephone line from Goble to Astoria, Or., says that the line will reach Astoria in about two weeks. A wagon road is being cut alongside of the line, so that when repairs are necessary they can be made with little difficulty.

Receiver Philip Anderson, of the Tacoma National bank, of Tacoma, has been ordered by the controller of the currency to pay depositors a dividend of 10 per cent. Receiver Stuart Rice, of the Washington National, of the same city, has been ordered to pay 5 per cent. The city will be paid \$2,200 as its share.

Cashier W. G. Peters, of the Columbia National bank, of Tacoma, waived a preliminary hearing in United States Commissioner Worden's court in Tacoma, and was held for trial at the February term of the federal court. He was required to furnish a new bond in the sum of \$10,000. The charge against him is making a false entry in the books of the bank.

Cattlemen in Grant county, Or., are riding and collecting their herds for the winter. Hay is scarce in that county this winter, and the Long Creek Eagle predicts that many a hoof will be turned heavenward before spring. Several stockmen will take their herds to outside sections, where feed is cheaper and more plentiful. Some will drive to Morrow and some to Umatilla county.

S. R. Flynn has partially made his examination of the affairs of the Bennett National bank, of New Whatcom, Wash. From such examination, and with a view to a probable reopening, he has had himself appointed temporary receiver. This step accomplishes two things. It prevents the appointment of a permanent receiver, and enables him to make collections.

The work of dredging the marsh lands around Suohomiah, Wash., will soon be completed. These lands were settled on early this year by a colony of Hollanders. They put in their crops and were exceedingly successful. Another colony is expected over from the old country in the near future, which will settle near the Suohomiah colony. The colony forms a little commonwealth by itself. They elect different officers of their own, but abide by the laws and make model citizens.

### One-Cent Papers in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Nov. 19.—The two leading newspapers of this city, the Republic and the Globe-Democrat, which have sold heretofore for 5 cents a copy, announce that beginning tomorrow their daily editions will be reduced to 1 cent per copy in the city and 2 cents outside of St. Louis. The price for the Sunday edition remains the same—5 cents.

### Slavin Will Meet Frank.

London, Nov. 14.—Frank Slavin has accepted the challenge issued by Peter Maher, and will, if possible, contest with him for the championship of the world.

## TO BE NON-SECTARIAN.

The Movement to Restore the Bible in Chicago's Public Schools.

Chicago, Nov. 18.—A petition bearing 60,000 signatures, asking that the reading of the Bible be restored to the public schools, will be presented soon to the board of education. The petition has been prepared and circulated by the Woman's Educational Union, of Chicago. The union held a meeting last night to consider the outlook for the movement. Reports from the committee having charge of the petition were encouraging, and it was announced that matters were in such shape that the document could be presented to the board of education in a short time.

Mrs. C. F. Kimball read a paper on the subject of reading the Bible in public schools, giving a history of the work done by the union since its organization. She quoted letters of endorsement from Monsignore Satolli and other prominent and high churchmen. There were also letters from Bishop Fallows, President Rogers, of the Northwestern University, and President Harper, of Chicago University.

In his letter, Monsignore Satolli expressed solicitude for the success of the movement, endorsed the labor of the union and expressed himself in favor of the reading of the Bible.

"I would like to say," said Mrs. Kimball, "that we have received a great many communications from the Catholic clergy and in no instance have they opposed the move, so long as it is strictly non-sectarian in its nature."

### THE STANFORD SUIT.

What Its Decision Will Mean to the California University.

New York, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Leland Stanford, of California, is at the Fifth-avenue hotel. She talked of the university founded by her husband in memory of their son, and of the government's suit which has tied up the funds formerly available for carrying on the university work. She said:

"The suit of the government against the estate of my husband, involving as it does the very life of the university founded by him, has caused me the deepest trouble and anxiety, and no one but myself knows what I have undergone in mental worry for the past two years.

"You see, I have not been my own mistress. I have been a creature at the mercy of the courts and subject to their behest day and night. Draw-out and prolonged has been the contest. I now have hope that in three months the final decision will be rendered, and the matter be settled for all time. A favorable decision means a great deal to the people of California."

### THE CZAR A FATHER.

A Daughter Is Born to the Queen of Russia.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—The accomplishment of the czarina occurred at 9 o'clock this evening, and a daughter was born to the czar and czarina. Both mother and child are doing well.

Court physicians in attendance at the accomplishment of the czarina report the child to be a handsome girl, and they said the mother is rapidly recovering. Services connected with the birth of the infant were held in accordance with the rites of the Orthodox Greek church. The baby has been named Olga.

The czarina (Grand Duchess Alexandra Fedorovna) was born at Darmstadt, Hesse, June 6, 1872. She was the Princess Alix Victoria Louise Beatrice, of Hesse, and was married to Nicholas II November 26, 1894. In accordance with the laws of Russia, and by manifesto issued by Czar Nicholas, October 1 (old style), 1894, and received the title of grand duchess and imperial highness.

### The Methodist Missions.

Denver, Nov. 18.—The missionary committee of the Methodist church devoted the forenoon session of the day to apportioning \$1,000,000 appropriated yesterday for missions, and the work was unfinished when recess was taken. The Columbia river conference was allowed \$5,945, with \$500 additional for the Nez Perce reservation. The Oregon conference was allowed \$2,790 and the Puget sound \$5,580. The afternoon session was held at the university of Denver and was devoted to the discussion of the work among the colored people. The appropriations for this work were made. This finishes the appropriations for English-speaking home missions. Home missions in foreign tongues will next be taken up.

### Henry's Trial Proceeding Slowly.

Carson, Nev., Nov. 16.—The trial of James Henry is dragging along slowly. Inspector Mason, of New York, was on the stand all day. He stated positively that the shortage occurred during a former administration, and that the counterfeiters' melt was palmed off by the men of this administration, but on cross-examination he said he himself would not have accepted it as genuine, and that he could have detected the imposition. He is a slow witness, and will be on the stand all day tomorrow.

### Everything at a Standstill.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—Every thing connected with the Durrant case is at a standstill, pending the return from Oregon of Durrant's senior attorney, J. H. Dickinson. Attorney Durrant, also of counsel, is sick in bed, and not expected out for ten days. Judge Murphy is also sick. He may not be able to try the Minnie Williams case, although he wishes to do so. Durrant is making himself comfortable in jail, and says he confidently expects his case will turn out all right eventually. He has not much hope of a new trial when he comes up for sentence, but thinks the supreme court will give him another trial.

## HIS TACTICS CHANGED

Gomez Combining His Forces For a Decisive Battle.

### ADVANCING UPON SANTA CLARA

The Reason for the Change Is That the Insurgents May Obtain Recognition From the United States.

Madrid, Nov. 16.—Dispatches received from Havana say that the insurgent, Roloff, is at Signa, province of Santa Clara, awaiting Maximo Gomez, and with the intention of advancing upon the city of Santa Clara, the headquarters of Captain-General de Campos, who is known to be preparing to give battle to the combined insurgent forces. Campos is now on his way to Signa, and a most important engagement is expected. Gomez recently changed his tactics of attempting to tire out the Spanish troops, owing to the decision of the Cuban revolutionary assembly in New York, which is understood to consider it urgent that the insurgents bring about decisive engagements with the troops, in order that the revolutionists may obtain recognition as belligerents upon the part of the United States.

Four new gunboats have arrived in Cuban waters to take part in the blockade of the coast of that island.

The correspondent of the Imparcial at Havana cables that Antonio Maceo is marching to the west of the island of Cuba to reinforce Roloff and Gomez. The revolt, it is added, has assumed considerable proportions in the province of Santa Clara, and Jose Maceo is said to have penetrated into the province of Puerto Principe at the head of 3,000 men.

El Liberal says the rebellion is costing Spain \$150,000 daily.

### NOVELIST STEVENSON'S RELICS

They Are Now on Exhibition at the House of His Publisher.

New York, Nov. 15.—There is a loan exhibition of Stevenson's relics at Charles Scribner's Sons, the publishing firm on Fifth avenue. There is shown a series of photographs of Stevenson from a child until shortly before his death in Samoa. Another series of photographs taken by his stepson depicts his life in that remote spot in the Pacific where he sought to regain his health.

Among his manuscripts exhibited are an essay on "Treasure Island," "The House of Tembinoko," a poem; "Ebb Tide," his last novel, on the final page of which, as if foreshadowing his death, appears in his beautifully neat handwriting, "The end, July 9, 1893, Vale America, Samoa."

His first manuscript of a story published in Scribner's magazine in 1887 is likewise among the collection. There is a sketch of Stevenson by Wyatt Eaton with a light brush in 1888. Several of his original South Sea letters are also shown. The saddest of all the photographs is that of the remains of Stevenson lying in state.

### A MODERN NAVY.

Japan Will Soon Be Able to Have Ten Men-of-War Built.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—Although Japanese officials have denied that the mikado will spend \$300,000,000 in warships, it is reported in advices by the steamer Coptic today that ten vessels are to be built abroad, and that possibly orders for them will be equally divided among the shipbuilders of England, France, Germany, Italy and the United States. Count Okuma is in favor of such distribution of prizes, and says in relation to orders for men-of-war from abroad that it would be advisable to give the contracts to any country capable of constructing good vessels of new styles without limiting orders to any one in particular. Leaving aside Germany and England and France, which are known as maritime powers, the country should pay regard to Italy, although her shipbuilding capacities are not much known to Japanese. She is the power which originated the idea of building men-of-war of 10,000 tons and thus commenced a new era in the construction of war vessels. Count Okuma further says:

"Next, we should look to the United States. The excellence of her iron built by her and the richness in scientific design there are not only what Americans are proud of, but even the old countries of Europe recognize these facts. Moreover, as the United States is our best customer in trade and as her friendship is warm, she is also a power to whom contracts should be given. Besides these two countries there are England, France and Germany which boast of their speciality. When ships are to be built abroad and the orders are equally distributed between these five powers, two to each, it would arouse competition between them and result in the empire's interest."

### Still a Chance for the Big Fight.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 15.—Last night, when news reached here of Corbett's retirement from the ring, Dan Stuart was in Mexico, but he returned today and wired Brady asking him if it were true that Corbett had retired. He received a reply tonight that Corbett had given the championship to Maher.

"Within 36 or 40 hours I will offer a purse of \$20,000 for a fight between Fitzsimmons and Corbett within five miles of El Paso, and also put up the purse as a forfeit that the fight will not be interrupted. I have a place for the fight. As soon as my arrangements are completed I am going after Corbett