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THE STOCK SHOW REPORT.
Of much interest to local cattlemen, is the detailed report of the awarding of prizes in the killing contest at Portland following the Northwest Stock show there some time ago. The report from the managers of the stock show follows:
North Portland, Ore., April 17, 1911.—It has been decided that the prizes in the killing contest have been won as follows:
First prize carlot, 16 head, grade Shorthorns, fed and exhibited by S. R. Brooks The Dalles. This was the first prize lot of three-year-olds.
Second prize in carlot killing contest was awarded to the grand champion carlot Herefords, fed and exhibited by McKennon, Son & Cahndler. The decision in this particular is very close. The dressed percentage on the Brooks cattle was slightly better than the grand champion carlot, while the uniformity of quality was with the grand champions. The three-year-olds had been fed longer and showed marbled condition of meat that was attractive. As stated before, the contest was close and the more mature quality of the three-year-olds was the principal reason for awarding the first prize.
In the single classes, the grand champion steer, Shorthorn, fed and exhibited by E. W. Coles, of Haines, Oregon, is easily a winner. His dress percentage was 62.3. An attractiveness of carcass, percentage of high class meat, and total carcass, together with quantity of flesh and fat, stamped him as almost perfect.
The champion Martin heifer had high percentage of dress, 64.1, but she was overdone.
The second prize in the single contest went to the Aberdeen-Angus that was the third prize winner in the two year old class. She was fed and exhibited by E. L. Wiley, Wallowa, Oregon.
The percentages were as follows:
S. R. Brooks cattle, winner of the first prize in the killing contest, dressed 61.7
The grand champion carlot, dressed 60.5
The grand champion steer, dressed 62.3
The E. L. Wiley heifer, dressed, 61.5

BIRDS AND CROP FAILURES.
Blame for a \$700,000,000 a year damage to farm crops by the destruction of birds which feed on insect pests has been laid upon the sportsmen of Chicago and of other cities by J. P. Gilbert, of the university of Illinois, who de-

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clared the crop damage amounted to \$700,000,000 a year. "Quail on the farm is worth many dollars," he said, "although quail on toast is worth but a few cents in spite of the high prices. One flicker can eat 5,000 ants at a single meal and the kingfisher is the most powerful defender of the poultry yard in existence." Verification of Mr. Gilbert's statements was given in a bulletin of the department of agriculture just issued which mentions the disappearance of the various shore birds which are fond of insect pests of forage and grain crops, particularly the army worm which is eaten by the killdeer and spotted sand piper, also cut worm, whose most active enemy in early days were woodcock, upland plover and killdeer. According to this bulletin jack snipe, plover, woodcock and other shore birds are nearing extermination and present conditions are such that the wonder is that any escape. "In both fall and spring they are shot along the whole route of their migration north and south," says the bulletin. "Their habit of decoying, regularly and persistently, coming in flocks to the decoys again and again in spite of murderous volleys greatly lessens their chances of escape. The breeding grounds of the species in the United States and Canada have been greatly restricted by the extension of agriculture."

"THIS IS MY 33RD BIRTHDAY."

Gardiner G. Hubbard.

Gardiner G. Hubbard, aviator, aeroplane designer and manufacturer, was born in Boston, April 19, 1878, the son of Charles E. Hubbard, a Boston attorney. After graduating from Harvard university in 1900 he became a sugar planter in the Hawaiian islands, and then spent a year in a trip around the world. After completing his travels, Mr. Hubbard spent three years in the study of architecture in Paris, and practiced his profession in New York for two years until 1909. Becoming interested in aviation he went to Baddeck, Nova Scotia, to study with Professor Alexander Graham Bell, the telephone inventor and exponent of tetrahedral kites. At Baddeck the young aviator designed and built an aeroplane with which he made successful flights. Later he took part in aviation exhibitions in various parts of the United States and Canada and then entered upon the business of manufacturing aeroplanes for general use.

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Admission 10 cents