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PACKING-HOUSES AT WAR.
Price of Beef in Chicago Cut More Than 25 Per Cent.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Big packing-houses in the stockyards are at war, and as a result the price of beef in the Chicago market has been cut more than 25 per cent. Instead of receiving 9 to 10 cents, the packers are getting 6 1/2 and 7 cents for the best dressed beef, and the market man is paying all the benefit, for the retail price has not been reduced. The trouble is over the entrance of two new firms into the Chicago beef market. For a long time Armour & Co., Swift & Co., and Nelson Morris & Co., have had a monopoly of the local trade. They divided it among themselves and held prices up according to the treaty of peace.

A big slaughter-house has just been erected by the Schwarzkild & Sulzberger Company at the stockyards, and they have been joined by the Anglo-American Provision Company, which formerly handled hog products, but little dressed beef in Chicago. The established firms were quick to resent the intrusion into their territory, and began to meet the competition by cutting prices. A few new comers followed suit, determined to get business at any price, and the price of fresh beef finally has gone below the cost to the packers as it hangs in their cooling-rooms.

Woodgrowers Protest to Congress.
CODY CITY, Wyo., Feb. 17.—A special meeting of the Big Horn County Woodgrowers' association was held here today for the purpose of protesting to Congress against the setting aside of a section of country lying between the Grey Bull River and the Montana line, and west of range 102, as a forest reserve. It is said there is very little timber in the tract, and that if it is closed to the grazing of sheep, it will ruin the leading industry of Big Horn County. There are many large and extensive ranches in the proposed reserve.

Dr. Newman Hall Sinking.
LONDON, Feb. 17.—Rev. Dr. Newman Hall, ex-chairman of the Congregational Union, who has been ill for some time past, is pronounced this evening to be sinking.

MAYAMEND THE BILL

Sentiment of Senate on War Revenue Repeal.

HANNA GIVES HIS OPINION

Thinks House Measure Goes Too Far—Best Sugar Men Have Probably Won Their Fight Against Labor Concession.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—It is probable that the war revenue repeal bill will be amended by the Senate. Senator Hanna, no doubt, voices a considerable sentiment on the Republican side when he says:

"Business principles ought to govern the actions of Congress, just as they must be applied by a corporation or merchant desiring to be successful. We should bear in mind that certain expenses resulting from the war are still going on, and we should have that fact always before us when considering the wiping out of all the war taxes by one legislative enactment. To my mind, it would be going too far to reduce the revenues of the Government \$7,000,000. We should also bear in mind that the country is now enjoying unexampled prosperity, and should consider always the possibility that the increased income which the Government derives on this account may diminish at some time. If this should come about unexpectedly, after Congress has repealed the remaining taxes, and after making appropriations for the isthmian Canal and other great projects now pending, we should find a deficit in the Treasury."

Best-Sugar Men Win Their Fight.

The best-sugar men have probably won their fight, and are able to prevent a concession to Cuba. Representatives who at first favored making concessions to Cuba now fear it would be impossible to meet a campaign in which it was pointed out that the concession was largely in favor of the sugar trust, and would work harm to the best-sugar interests of this country. It is believed that the protection sentiment will be greatly fostered among the farmers by continuing ample protection to the best-sugar producers, and therefore it would be unwise to make a concession to Cuba. If anything is done for Cuba, it will probably be in the nature of a remission of a part of the duties to be paid into the Cuban Treasury, in order that the sugar importers, which is the trust, will get no benefit.

Sheep on Reserves.

The Secretary of War has fixed the limit of the number of sheep to be allowed to graze on the several forest reserves during the season of 1902. Under the arrangement now outlined 200,000 sheep will be permitted in the Cascade reserve from June 15 to October 15; 25,000 in the Washington reserve, and 170,000 in the Mount Rainier reserve, east of the Cascade range. Permits in Washington run from July 1 to September 25. In addition to these sheep a modest number of cattle and horses will be permitted, but on these no definite limit is fixed. On other reserves in the Pacific Northwest the department holds that sheep grazing would be injurious to the forest cover, or to the water supply, and hence will not be allowed. Grazing this year, as heretofore, will be by permits issued by the department, although no applications have yet been received.

In Behalf of Tacoma Indian School.

Senator Foster has offered an amendment to the Indian bill appropriating \$20,000 for the support of 150 pupils at the Tacoma Indian School, \$150 for the superintendent, \$20,000 for a new building and improvements, and \$500 for repairs. The amendment authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to apply the fund arising from the sale of Puysallup lands to reduce the cost of maintaining the school.

For Astoria Improvement.

Senator Mitchell today gave notice of an amendment he would offer to the sundry civil bill appropriating \$30,000 for additional buildings and improvements at the Astoria quarantine station.

STEEL TRUST MEETS.

New Officers Elected and Work of Committees Ratified.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—The first annual meeting of the United States Steel Corporation was held today in Hoboken, N. J. The annual report, made public several weeks ago, was presented. The by-laws, as amended, were approved, including the change in the date of the annual meeting to April 1, and the date of the beginning of the fiscal year to January 1, to correspond with the calendar year. All the acts of the board of directors, the executive committee and finance committee since the organization of the company, February 25, 1901, were ratified, including the agreements entered into with J. P. Morgan & Co., syndicate managers, on March 1 and April 1, 1901, and January 3, 1902. The last was an agreement of final settlement and release. The following directors of class 1, whose terms expired today, were re-elected: Marshall Field, Daniel G. Reid, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Alfred Clifford, William F. Dodge, Nathan Thayer, Abram S. Hewitt, and Clement A. Griscom. The election of the directors of the other two classes resulted as follows: Class 2, for two years, ending 1903—Francis H. Peabody, Charles Steele, William H. Moore, Norman B. Reed, P. A. B. Widener, James H. Reed, Henry C. Frick and William E. Denbom. Class 3, for three years, ending in 1904—J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, Henry H. Rogers, Charles H. Schwab, Elbert H. Gary, George W. Perkins, Edmund C. Converse, Percival Roberts, Jr. When the meeting opened it was announced that holders of 75 per cent of the stock were present, either in person or by proxy. Judge Gary presided at the meeting.

The only incident not down on the programme was the request of a man named Strauss, who had proxies for J. L. Kohler, holder of 20 shares of common stock, to take copies of the three agreements.

with J. P. Morgan & Co., syndicate managers, that was granted him. Judge Gary remarking that all the books and documents for the inspection of the stockholders. The directors will meet next month for the election of officers.

TO RETIRE HOBSON.

His Eyesight Basis of Message of President to Senate.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The President today sent to the Senate a message recommending the retirement of Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson, and, in accordance with this recommendation, Senator Gallinger immediately introduced a bill providing for Mr. Hobson's transfer to the retired list. In his message the President gives as his reason the trouble that Hobson has had since 1900 with his eyes, and recites the history of that trouble. It appears that in June, 1900, he was admitted to the naval hospital at Yokohama, Japan, when, according to the records, he suffered from weakness of the eyes and retina, which, it was stated, had been contracted while on duty in repairing ships at Hong Kong. In January, 1902, he was examined by a retiring board, which decided that his incapacity was not such as to justify his

retirement. The President's message concludes as follows:

"Without suggesting that any injustice has been done by this finding, and in effect pronouncing it correct, Mr. Hobson states in a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Navy, February 5, 1902, that 'the duty required in the construction corps and in connection with inspection and supervision in the glare at ship-yards and navy-yards required just the kind of use of the eyes that is painful and injurious and would tend to thwart their recovery; that the condition of his eyes has improved since his return to the United States while on special duty not in the usual line of work of the construction work, but that, under these favorable conditions, the irritation and sensitiveness continue, and show he should not undertake work that taxes the eyes in the future.' He accordingly asks such legislation authorizing his retirement as for disabilities incurred in the line of duty. This request is approved by the Chief of Construction and by the Chief of the Navy. In consideration of the foregoing, and especially of the gallant service rendered by Mr. Hobson in the sinking of the Merrimack in the harbor of Santiago during the recent war with Spain, I recommend the enactment of a favorable measure for his retirement."

Immigration Inspectors Let Out.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The Treasury Department today concluded the investigations into the charges made against various immigration inspectors acting as boarding officers at New York. The inspectors have resulted in the discharge of two of the inspectors against whom charges were preferred, Albert Wank and Herbert Saxton. Six other accused officials are to be retained for further investigation. The Commission at New York has been ordered to reprimand them.

Transport From Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—The United States transport "Albatross," 10,732 tons, 32 days from Manila, with about 150 soldiers, whose terms of service have expired. Four deaths occurred during the voyage. The vessel left Manila on January 15, and was forced to put into Honolulu for coal.

TEDDY IS DOING WELL.

Progress of President's Son Continues Most Favorable.

GROTON, Mass., Feb. 17.—The progress of the President's son in his convalescence from his recent attack of pneumonia continues most favorable. It is announced by Dr. Warren. The evening report from the infirmary indicated no change in the condition of the boy. One of the physicians said that none of the boys would be removed before next week.

Funeral Is Well Again.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 17.—General Funston has entirely recovered from the operation performed upon him here two weeks ago, and will, it is stated today, be discharged from the hospital tomorrow. General Funston will review the Third Regiment, M. N. G., at Convention Hall tomorrow, then proceed to Iowa, Kan., on a visit to his parents, later going to Washington and New York.

Violinist Reenter Operated On.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Florizel Reuter, the boy violinist, has been operated on for suppuration of the right ear. The operation was made necessary by a cold which affected a part of the ear. The ear drum was opened and the pus removed. The young musician probably will be in his usual health within 10 days.

Pugilist Jeffries Ill.

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—James J. Jeffries is sick at a hotel in this city. His physician says the pugilist is suffering from a severe cold, but would be well enough to get out again in a few days. Pneumonia, he said, was not threatened.

KEEP UP BARRIERS

Citizens' Mass Meeting Says, No Chinese "Merchants."

STRONG RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

Chamber of Commerce Trustees Severely Criticized for Recent Action—Congressional Delegation Is Appointed To.

At the Exposition building last night 1200 people in mass meeting assembled formally denounced resolutions adopted recently by the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce

speaker introduced, made a brief but pointed speech, which left no doubt as to his position. He stated that he had been saying that he had been confined to his home for three days because of illness, and would not have ventured out but for the great interest which he took in the question involved in the resolution which the meeting had been called to consider. Captain Robertson said:

Would Have Resigned.

"I want to register my protest against the resolutions passed by the Chamber of Commerce. If I had been a member personally of the Chamber of Commerce, or had been of Corbett, Felling & Robertson been a member, a resignation would have been forwarded immediately upon the passage of the resolutions. (Applause.) The men who passed the resolutions do not represent the sentiment of this city. They gather impressions from the golf links and other paths of polite diversion. The Chinese question has been threshed out before and the exclusion act worked well. We want no immigration to this country that we cannot assimilate. I want to declare myself here and now as standing with the brave and might of this land in opposing the admission of Chinese labor."

District Attorney Chamberlain was the next speaker, and from the start his address was full of startling and forcible

NO CHINESE "MERCHANTS" NEED APPLY.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted by the mass meeting of Portland citizens at the Exposition building last night:

Whereas, Six of the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce of Portland have seen fit in their wisdom to commit that body to certain resolutions calling upon the President of the United States and the Oregon Congressional delegation to use their efforts to permit the free entrance into the United States of coolie Chinese labor, under the disguise of merchants, salesmen, clerks, buyers, bookkeepers, etc., thus misrepresenting the sentiment of our city and our state; and

Whereas, Experience has proven that if the aforesaid classes of Asiatics are permitted to enter the United States it would be equivalent to leaving the door wide open for unrestricted Chinese immigration; and

Whereas, The presence in our country of a people entirely out of harmony and training with American ideas of liberty and citizenship, who are alien to our country and habits, as different from us in moral and political ideas as it is possible for two peoples to be, who are so thoroughly grounded in race characteristics that even the generations born and reared among us still retain them, cannot but exercise a most demoralizing effect upon the body politic, the social life and the civilization, now and for all time; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the citizens of Portland, in mass meeting assembled, do most emphatically denounce and condemn the recent action taken by the Chamber of Commerce against the welfare of the American people, and calculating to allow the unrestricted immigration of Chinese coolie labor; and

Resolved, That we regret the action taken by the said body aforementioned as treacherous to the interests of the state and the Nation; and

Resolved, That we urgently request our Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress to work and vote for the passage of House bill No. 5320 and Senate bill No. 2960, to the end that all classes of labor shall be equal and fully protected from all degrading and hopeless competition with an inferior race; and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the delegation from Oregon in Congress, and to the press. (Signed)

GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN,
G. Y. HARRY,
W. E. ROBERTSON,
D. SOLIS COHEN,
THOMAS C. DEVLIN.

Star-Chamber Proceeding.

"To the Federated Trades I would say that your action in calling a mass meeting to ascertain the sentiment of the people of Portland on the question of unrestricted Chinese immigration is timely. For by this hour of the day a body of six men, in a star-chamber session, passed resolutions to which every man and woman in this state is opposed. I say it is an outrage. I do not know the names of these gentlemen, but I understand that one of them is not an American citizen. It has been said in public prints, and not denied, that the inspiration for the passage of these resolutions came from a foreign firm doing business in San Francisco. I have already heard several members of the Chamber of Commerce say that they had resigned, and have heard others say that they were going to resign in the future until the resolutions are rescinded. And I say here that the resolutions will be rescinded within 48 hours, and there will not be a word more said in the Chamber of Commerce. (Applause.) I want to declare myself with Captain Robertson as unalterably opposed to the admission of Chinese. If at any time I can act as your messenger to go back to Washington to take your message that you are opposed to these resolutions, all you have to do, fellow-citizens, is to call upon me."

Not City's Sentiment.

D. Solis Cohen was introduced by Chairman Orton, and after declaring his opposition to Chinese immigration, said: "The resolutions passed by the Chamber of Commerce absolutely misrepresent the sentiment of this city. As a matter of fact, the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Portland is a very large name for a very small affair. Its importance abroad is greater than its influence at home. The resolutions are unjust for us to assume that all members of the Chamber of Commerce endorse the resolutions. The members of the Chamber are to blame for leaving power of expression on such great questions to such a small body of men. The people of Portland have time and again expressed their sentiments on the question in unmistakable language. If the resolutions were introduced into the laws of the country exclusion would be a force and a premium would be placed on fraud and bribery. It would undo all that has been done in years of sacrifice, energy and persistence. For myself, I will strive in my social and political relations to nullify the false sentiment that has been disseminated. I presume you are here to say to these wise men of the Chamber of Commerce that yourselves and children shall have competition with equals in the struggle for life. With your sentiments I am in full accord, and will give you support in actions and speech. I say to you, stick to your unions, crush at the beginning any internal discord, give your sole attention to the one purpose of dignifying labor, and insist that you shall have equal and adequate representation in the law-making bodies of the land."

Plotting Against Exclusion Act.

"Today we are on the eve of another struggle, and all the powers of darkness are in league to prevent the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion law. How well the Chinese Minister to this country, Wu Ting Fang, has created sentiment favorable to the admission of his countrymen without restriction is shown by prominent public men and civic bodies that have declared as opposed to future exclusion. Mr. Carpenter, a well-known newspaper correspondent, has written of Chinese factories where the daily wage is 3 cents a day. Do we want to compete with such labor?"

"I should say not," declared a man sitting in the front row, and his declaration was applauded.

"Abraham Lincoln, the great commoner," continued Mr. Howell, "once said that the American common people can always be depended upon to do the right thing at the right time. The working classes are arrayed solidly against the admission of Chinese in competition with white labor, and the Chamber of Commerce, in presuming to voice the sentiment of the citizens of Portland, is an absolute misrepresentation."

Captain W. E. Robertson, the next

TO IMPROVE RIVERS

Mitchell May Offer Amendments to House Bill.

PROJECTS HE WANTS AID FOR

\$800,000 for the Mouth of the Columbia Under the Continuing System—Provisions for Other Streams and Improvements.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—Senator Mitchell today gave notice of a number of amendments he proposes to offer to the river and harbor bill, unless the House inserts the various items before the measure comes to the Senate. One amendment appropriates \$800,000 for improving the mouth of the Columbia, and places the improvement under the continuing contract system, the total cost of which shall be \$2,000,000. The present project is made subject to such modifications as to the character of the improvement, as may be made by the Chief of Engineers, or a board of three engineers designated to examine as to the most feasible form of project. Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars is appropriated for the Lower Willamette and Columbia Rivers below Portland, of which \$150,000 is to be used in the construction of a dike.

Other amendments carried are: Columbia, between Vancouver and the mouth of the Willamette, \$25,000; Columbia at Cascades, \$25,000, a portion to be used in removing the rocks in the rapids near Cascade Locks; Upper Columbia and Snake, \$25,000; for procuring the right of way for a ship canal between The Dalles and Celilo, and for commencing construction, \$500,000.

This appropriation is less the unexpended balance remaining from the boat railway project, which is turned over to the new project. The amendment provides that the canal project shall be made a continuing contract to cost not over \$12,500,000.

For the Willamette above Portland and Yamhill, Senator Mitchell will ask for \$75,000, one-third to be used in revetting the bank near Independence, \$25,000 in revetting the bank above Corvallis, and a like sum for revetting the bank near Albany. Other appropriations desired are: Clatskanie, \$100,000; Long Tom, \$100,000; mouth of the Shuslaw, \$20,000; Coquille, from Coquille City to the mouth of the river, \$75,000; Coquille, between Coquille and Myrtle Point, \$19,000; Coos River, \$20,000; entrance to Coos Bay, \$42,500; Yaquina Bay, \$200,000; Tillamook Bay, \$7,000.

Improvements in the Willamette River between Portland and Oregon City are also authorized, as well as at Tillamook and Yaquina Bays and the Umpqua River.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Eminent Chicago Lawyer.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—Word was received here today of the death in New York City last night of Edward S. Isham, senior member of Isham, Lincoln & Seale, and one of Chicago's most eminent lawyers. Heart failure was the cause. Robert T. Lincoln, a member of the firm, left for New York last night. The funeral will be held at Manchester, Vt.

Chinese Minister to Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 17.—Yang Yu, Minister to Russia, died here today, after a short illness. Yang Yu was formerly Chinese Minister at Washington. He was transferred to St. Petersburg in November, 1898.

Inventor of Incubator.

QUINCY, Ill., Feb. 17.—George Vertell, inventor of incubators and hay presses, died last night at Pinta, Ariz., from Bright's disease. He amassed a large fortune by his inventions.

Toole Honors Requisition.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 17.—Governor Toole today honored a requisition from the Governor of Iowa for Marcus Westrom, now in custody at Butte, who is wanted at Des Moines for forgery. Westrom is also wanted by the Adams Express Company for a similar charge.

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