FAIR BILL DRAFTED

Appropriates $500,000 for 1905 Exposition.

$50,000 FOR ST. LOUIS EXHIBIT

Commission of Eleven Members to Expend Funds—$50,000 for Memorial Building—$250,000 to Be Available in 1904.

Below is a draft of the bill which will go to the Oregon Legislature for an appropriation of $500,000 for the Lewis and Clark Fair. It is substantially in the form in which it will be presented to the Legislature. If any alterations are made in the measure they will be simply minor word changes.

W. D. Fenton, who drew up the bill, has devoted a great deal of thought to it. He has been assisted by P. L. Willis and Rufus Mallory. These three men are a subcommittee on legislation of the Lewis and Clark Board.

The bill provides that the Governor shall appoint a commission of 11 members, who shall work in touch with the Lewis and Clark board; that if the commission and the board cannot agree upon any subject the dispute shall go to the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, whose decision shall be binding on the commission; that $50,000 of the $500,000 shall be used for an Oregon exhibit at St. Louis in 1904, and that as much of this exhibit as possible shall be returned to Oregon for the Lewis and Clark Fair; that the commission shall build a memorial building in Portland on ground to be donated for the purpose, provided that not more than $50,000 of the state's money shall go for this building, and provided that the Lewis and Clark Board shall contribute $50,000 for the same structure.

The measure provides further that should a referendum on the appropriation be required, the Governor shall order a special election on the question, to take place within 60 days after the petition for referendum has been filed. One-half of the $500,000 is to be available in 1904 and the other half in 1905, but the commission is authorized to enter upon contracts, before this money comes in, on warrants drawn by the Secretary of State.

In the framing of the bill the aim has been to give the commission as much discretion in the use of the public funds as will safely conserve the interests of the state. A provision to require the commission to expend $20,000 in publishing a history of the Oregon country for use in the public schools was stricken out.

The Complete Bill.

The complete bill is as follows:

A bill for an act to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the exploration of the Oregon Country by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark during their expedition from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean in the years 1804, 1805 and 1806, and to authorize a commission representing the State of Oregon to hold at the City of Portland, in said state, an exhibition of arts, industries, manufactures and the products of the rivers, soil, mine, forest and sea in said city, to provide for representation of the State of Oregon and an exhibition of its industries and manufactures and the products of its rivers, soil, mines, forests and other resources at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, in the year 1904, at the international exhibition to be held at said city during said year, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the purchase of the Louisiana Territory by the United States, and to appropriate $500,000 for all said purposes.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. That the State of Oregon hereby declares its intention, and the commission hereinafter created is hereby authorized and required, to hold at the City of Portland, in said state, commencing May 1, 1905, and ending November 1, 1905, an exhibition of arts, industries, manufactures and the products of the rivers, soil, mine, forest and sea, and as hereinafter provided to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the exploration of the Oregon Country by Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark during their expedition from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean in the year 1804, 1805 and 1806, and by means of said exhibition to benefit the people of the State of Oregon by way of the advertisement and development of its agricultural, horticultural, mineral, lumber, manufacturing, shipping, educational and other resources of said state.

A Commission of Eleven Members.

Sec. 2. That a nonpartisan commission, to consist of 11 members, who shall be residents and inhabitants of the State of Oregon, is hereby created, to be known and designated as the "Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition Commission," the members of which shall within 10 days from and after the passage of this act be appointed by the Governor, the members of which shall not all be members of the same political party. Vacancies in said commission, whether caused by refusal to qualify or by death or resignation, shall be filled by appointment of the Governor, and said commission, when appointed and organized, as hereinafter provided, shall have the power and be required to perform the duties hereinafter specified.

Sec. 3. As soon as said Commissioners shall have been appointed and this act shall have taken effect, they shall, upon notice given to them by the Secretary of State, meet at the City of Portland, Multnomah County, State of Oregon, and shall immediately organize by taking and subscribing an oath of office before some person authorized to administer oaths to support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Oregon, and to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of the office of Commissioner of the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition Commission, which said oath of office shall be forwarded to and filed with the Secretary of State. As soon as said Commissioners shall have qualified, they shall elect one of their number president, who shall be executive officer of said commission, preside at all meetings and shall hold his office during the pleasure of said commission, and the said commission as thus organized shall have power, among other things, to do and perform the following:

(a) To appoint some competent and suitable person its secretary, who shall be required to keep the records of the proceedings of said commission, and who shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by said commission by its rules, regulations or orders, as said commission may prescribe.

(b) Such commission shall immediately take steps to encourage, secure and promote a full and complete exhibition of the arts, industries, manufactures and products of the rivers, soil, mine, forest and sea at said City of Portland, and to carry out the provisions of this act.

(c) Said commission, as soon as the same can be conveniently done, shall appoint such executive or other committees as may be deemed expedient, and may assign to such committee or committees such portion of the work of the commission as in its judgment shall be deemed advisable, and may appoint such agents, officers, superintendents or other persons that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

(d) Such commission shall fix the compensation at the time any person may be employed as its agent, superintendent, servant or representative, and shall enter into a written contract for such compensation and may at its pleasure and for any reason satisfactory to itself discontinue the service of any such person, superintendent, agent or employe.

(e) The members of said commission shall serve without compensation, but they shall be allowed their necessary traveling expenses, to be vouchered in their favor upon a sworn itemized statement of the same, to be presented to and audited by such commission, and presented to the Secretary of State for payment as hereinafter provided.

To Act With Fair Board.

(f) The said commission, when fully organized, under the provisions of this act, shall appoint six of their number to act in connection with the executive committee of the Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, having its office and principal place of business in the City of Portland and State of Oregon, which said committee of six shall have power, in the name of said commission, to confer with said executive committee of said corporation, to whom all matters of co-operation between said corporation and said commission, concerning the administration, management or general supervision of said centennial, shall be referred, with power to act for and on behalf of said commission.

(g) In case of disagreement between the said six members, representing the commission, and the said executive committee of the said corporation as to any details in the management, administration or supervision of the said Exposition, the same shall be referred for determination to the full commission, consisting of 11 members, who, in case they are unable to agree with the said executive committee of the said corporation, shall refer the same to the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer of the State of Oregon, whose award, made by the whole or a majority thereof on such question, shall be binding and final.

Sec. 4. That said commission be and it is hereby empowered in its discretion to accept for the purpose of the exhibition herein authorized such site as may be selected and offered, and such plans and specifications of buildings for such purpose as may be tendered by the corporation authorized under the laws of the State of Oregon, known as the Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair, provided the same are tendered without charge.

$50,000 for St. Louis.

Sec. 5. The said commission is hereby authorized and required to expend not to exceed the sum of $50,000 out of the money hereinafter appropriated, to provide for the representation of the State of Oregon and the exhibition of its industries and manufactures, and the products of its rivers, soil, mines, forests and other resources, at St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, in the year 1904, at the International Exhibition to be held at said city during said year, to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the purchase of the Louisiana territory by the United States, and to such end said Commission is hereby authorized to appoint any agents, servants, employes, superintendents or representative to prepare or procure such exhibit and to represent the State of Oregon at such International Exhibition, as, in its judgment, shall be necessary or advisable, and when said exhibit shall have served its purpose at said International Exhibition, so much thereof as shall be of value and suitable for that purpose shall be removed to Portland, Oregon, for use in the State Exhibit in the year 1905.

Sec. 6. That the allotment of space for exhibitors, classifications and exhibits, plan and scope of the exhibition, the appointment of all judges and examiners for the exhibition and the awarding of premiums, if any, shall all be done and performed by the Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair, subject, however, to the approval of the Commission created by this act. That after the plans for said exhibition shall be prepared by said company and approved by said Commission, the rules and regulations of said corporation governing rates for entrance and admission fees or otherwise affecting the rights, privileges and interests of the exhibitors or of the public, shall be fixed or established by said company, subject, however, to the modification or approval of said Commission, and in case of dispute, subject to reference for arbitration to the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, whose award on such question made by the whole or a majority thereof, shall be binding and final.

Memorial Building.

Sec. 7. That the said Commission is hereby authorized to accept and receive from the Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair a suitable site in said City of Portland, upon which there shall be erected a building to be known as the Lewis and Clark Memorial building, which said building and site shall be conveyed to the State of Oregon to be held in trust for all the people of said state and the United States for the following purposes:

(a) To receive and safely keep therein the offices, records, archives, exhibits, libraries, collections and property of the Oregon Historical Society, and under the control of such society.

(b) To receive and safely keep therein any and all statues, works of art, publications, maps, charts or other property that may be given, donated, granted to the State of Oregon in trust as aforesaid, or authorized by the United States or any state or territory thereof, or any foreign country.

(c) To receive and safely keep therein any works of art, library or property that may be given, donated, granted or bequeathed to the State of Oregon in trust as aforesaid, by any person whatsoever, and to receive and safely keep therein any valuable paintings, works of art or other property that may be loaned to the State of Oregon in trust as aforesaid for the adornment of such building or the education of the people.

(d) As a museum devoted forever to history, literature and arts and sciences, and particularly as a repository of the history of the Oregon Country.

(e) For use during the said Exposition by the State of Oregon as a state mineral exhibit building, for mineral exhibits, and to permit therein, if it shall be deemed advisable, an exhibit of the mines of any state, territory or country, and particularly the mines and mineral resources of the United States, and such building may be used for such other purposes as such commission may provide, provided, however, that not to exceed $50,000 shall be used by said commission towards the construction of such building, and provided further that the Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair shall appropriate towards the construction of such building, at least $50,000, and the site therefor shall have been first conveyed to the State of Oregon, in trust as aforesaid, and provided further that the City of Portland shall by ordinance agree to perpetually maintain and operate said building and care for said grounds and the contents of said building under said trust, under reasonable rules and regulations to be prescribed by said City of Portland.

Section 8. The said commission is hereby required to make an exhibition on behalf of the State of Oregon of any and all exhibits, whether agricultural, horticultural, manufacturing, mineral or otherwise, which may be tendered by any city or county of this state, and shall make a full and complete exhibit of the products of agriculture at the International Exhibition at St. Louis, Mo., and at the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition at Portland, Or.

Section 9. That the State of Oregon shall not in any manner nor under any circumstances be liable for any of the acts, doings, proceedings or representations of the Lewis and Clark Centennial and American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair, its officers, agents or employes or any of them, or for the service, salaries, labor or wages of said officers, agents, servants or employes of any of them, or for any debts, liabilities, or expenses of any kind whatever, attending such corporation or accruing by reason of the same, provided, however, such commission may, in its discretion, employ the same person, servant, agent or officer that may be employed by the said corporation and contribute to or pay in whole or in part his compensation.

Section 10. That no member of said commission or employe thereunder, or any officer thereof, shall be personally liable for any debt or obligation which may be created or incurred by said commission, or by the State of Oregon, acting by or through its said commission.

$500,000 Appropriation.

Section 11. That the total expenditure to be incurred under the provisions of this act shall not exceed the sum of ($500,000) five hundred thousand dollars, and for the purpose of paying such expenditures the sum of ($500,000) five hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, which said sum shall become due and available, one-half thereof by or before April 1, 1904, and the other half thereof by or before April 1, 1905, and shall be payable out of any fund in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and it is hereby made the duty of the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, or other proper officers in each of the years 1904 and 1905, in computing and estimating the amount of revenue necessary for state purposes, to include in such estimate for each of said years the sum of ($250,000) two hundred and fifty thousand dollars hereby appropriated for each of said years.

Sec. 12. Any expenditure by said commission authorized hereby and incurred by said commission shall be evidenced in the form of a voucher in duplicate to be signed by the president of said commission and attested by its secretary and approved by an officer to be known as auditor of the commission or a committee to be known as an auditing committee, one of which said vouchers shall be retained with the records of the proceedings of said commission, the other of which said voucher shall be forwarded to and audited by the Secretary of State, who shall thereupon draw his warrant for the same, upon the Treasurer of the State of Oregon, against any funds available therefor, which said warrant if not paid for want of funds shall be indorsed by said Treasurer and bear interest from that date.

Sec. 13. When the said commission shall have completed its report and the said exposition shall have ended, it shall make its report to the Governor, and shall make therein a detailed statement of its expenditures and return therewith to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, all its vouchers, records and documents relating to said commission, which said report shall be published and submitted to the Legislative Assembly at its next ensuing session, for its information.

Sec. 14. The commission, at the close of said exposition at Portland, Oregon, is hereby authorized to dispose of any and all property of the state which shall come into its possession and shall account for the proceeds thereof to the State of Oregon and pay over the same to the State Treasurer, but nothing herein shall be construed to authorize said commission to make any disposition or sale of said Lewis and Clark Memorial building or the contents thereof or anything that may be donated for use therein.

Section 15. As soon as this act shall have become a law, said commission may make any and all necessary contracts of every kind to carry out the provisions of this act, and the Secretary of State is hereby authorized to draw his warrants upon presentation of the vouchers of said commission, which said warrants shall be payable out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, it being intended hereby that the said commission shall have credit immediately upon its organization after this act takes effect.

Special Election on Referendum.

Sec. 16. If within the time allowed by law, the requisite number of legal voters of the State of Oregon shall file their petition as by law provided to submit this act for a vote of the people for its approval or rejection, it shall thereupon be the duty of the Governor, and he is hereby required to call a special election at which shall be submitted, this act under the constitution and amendments thereto, which said election shall be called within 60 days after the said petition shall have been filed, and such election shall be conducted and its result ascertained and declared in the same manner as is provided by law for an election of a Justice of the Supreme Court; the ballot to be used at such election shall have plainly printed thereon for use of the voter the title of this act and the date of the approval thereof by the Governor, if so approved, and immediately following thereafter have the words which shall mean when used by the voter the approval or rejection of said act, as follows: "For the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, Yes." "Against the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition, —," it being intended thereby that any legal voter desiring to vote against the approval of said act and to reject the same, shall write opposite the words "Against the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition" the word "No." In addition to marking his said ballot on the left and in the line of said word, as now required by law, and if any ballot at such election shall be cast by any legal voter, who shall have failed to indicate thereby whether he has cast his ballot for or against this act, it shall be conclusively presumed that such voter intended to cast the same in favor of this act and such ballot shall be so counted and declared.

DEATH OF JOHN BAKER.

Oregon Pioneer of 1855 Passes Away After Long Illness.

John Baker, an Oregon pioneer of 1855, and father of George L. Baker, the well-known theatrical manager, died at North Pacific Sanitarium at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Mr. Baker had been an invalid for a number of years, and had been confined to his bed for a large part of the time since last July. At the time of his death his wife and his son were at his bedside.

Mr. Baker was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, August 12, 1831, and was therefore over 71 years of age at the time of his death. He came to New York in 1850, and remained there nearly five years. He concluded then to try his fortunes in the remote West, and in 1855 he started for Oregon by way of the Isthmus of Panama. He made his home in Portland for a number of years, and took an active personal part in many events that have since become historical. At the time of the Cascades massacre in 1856, he was one of the first to volunteer to go to the relief of the imperiled settlers, and was one of the body of Portland citizens who went with all dispatch from Portland on the steamer Mary to the Cascades. He moved with his family to California in the '70's, and was active in the organization of the Workingmen's party, which, at the time of the anti-Chinese excitement, swept everything before it in several elections. He was offered the nomination for state Senator in Oakland, but declined, the successful nominee being easily elected. Mr. Baker went to Seattle in 1884, and again returned to Portland in 1887, and has since continuously lived here.

Mr. Baker was married to Mrs. Mary Prindle in 1867. His wife survives him. There were six children, five of whom died in infancy. Mr. Baker was known throughout the Northwest by many people, all of whom esteemed him as an upright and courteous gentleman. The funeral will take place tomorrow (Friday) at 2 P. M., from St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The interment will be at Riverview cemetery.

REDUCED RATES TO THE EAST.

Via the Rio Grande Route.

On January 8 and 9 tickets will be on sale from Portland and common points to Kansas City, Mo., and return for $60. From Spokane and common points, $55. For particulars, call on or write to W. C. McBride, general agent, 124 Third street.

Those unhappy persons who suffer from nervousness and dyspepsia should use Carter's Little Nerve Pills, made expressly for this class.

GIFT TO THE STATE

What Permanent Exhibit Will Do for Oregon

TO SPREAD ITS FAME ABROAD

Newcomers Will Be Made Acquainted With Resources of State and Helped to Find Desirable Homes.

"This is not a Jim Crow nor a pinhead enterprise," proclaimed William Killingsworth yesterday. "It is not for any special industry, but for all. It is not for Portland alone, but for Oregon—yes, and for every one of the 96,000 square miles of the state. Build up the country and the city will take care of itself. Here's a New Year's gift to Oregon."

This is the way Mr. Killingsworth spoke and felt yesterday after a meeting of the subscribers to the Immigration Bureau fund. The enterprise is fully launched, and $1000 has been raised above the sum intended. The subscribers appointed a committee of five members to incorporate a company. They are: William Killingsworth, C. E. Ladd, L. G. Clarke, W. H. Beharrell and Colonel R. C. Judson. The people who gave to the fund will be asked to take stock for their subscriptions.

About $13,000 of the $16,000 was represented at the meeting. Among the subscribers present were: J. C. Ainsworth, J. Wesley Ladd, W. L. Boise, A. H. Devers, Julius L. Meier, H. Wittenberg, A. L. Craig, W. E. Coman, and T. B. Potter. The committee which raised the money was made up by Mr. Killingsworth, Colonel Frank Drake, A. H. Devers, Julius L. Meier and J. Thorburn Ross.

The committee of five above named, which is to incorporate the company, will meet next Tuesday. When the stockholders come together they will probably elect the incorporators as directors.

As chairman of the soliciting committee Mr. Killingsworth presided. On motion of Mr. Devers, Colonel Drake acted as secretary.

The function of the bureau will be to gather information about the resources of the state for newcomers in search of places or to invest capital. In connection with the bureau an exhibit of Oregon resources will be maintained. All counties of the state will be invited to send information for distribution and products for exhibition. In several counties local immigration bureaus have been created. These will render valuable aid to the institution at Portland. The irrigation convention in this city last November strongly commended the enterprise at Portland. The bureau will be established at Union Depot.

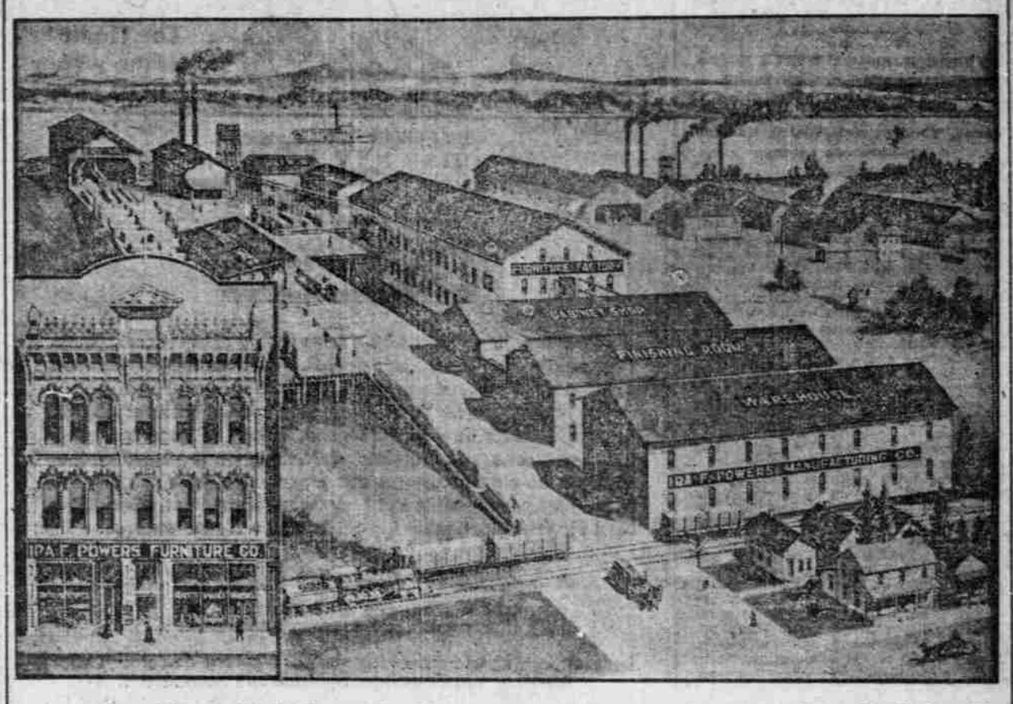
"It is not sufficient to bring people here and turn them loose to locate homes," was the sentiment of the meeting. "We should show them where to turn; we should direct them where to look for the conditions to which they are suited. Don't only show a newcomer our big turnips and squashes. What good do they do him unless you guide him to land where he can raise just as good turnips and squashes? Tell him where these hops grew, and where those apples and prunes and pears were produced. A valuable mineral becomes more valuable if you show what part of the state yielded it. By gathering knowledge about these things we shall inform ourselves. We shall be taking stock of our resources. We all know that Oregon has vast fields of dormant riches, but do we not need to learn where they are?"

Mr. Killingsworth declared that the bureau would do more for Portland and Oregon than any public enterprise had done for many years. He referred to the fact that early citizens of Portland had done fine work on similar lines. At the head of that effort were W. S. Ladd, J. C. Ainsworth, C. H. Lewis and H. W. Corbett.

"We may liken our state to a great department store," said Mr. Killingsworth, waxing eloquent. "For resources of one kind go to this department, and for resources of another kind go to that department. To know what is in all the departments we shall have to study them. This is why we need an information bureau—for our own intelligence as well as for that of homeseekers."

The money subscribed will be paid in 12 monthly installments. The donations are as follows:

Ladd & Tilton	$1 900
H. W. Corbett	600
Failing estate	600
H. Weinhard	500
Portland General Electric Company	500
Pacific States Telephone Company	400
Meier & Frank Company	300
Security Savings & Trust Company	300
Merchants National Bank	300
United States National Bank	300
Allen & Lewis	200
Mason & Ehrman	200
Fleischner, Mayer & Co	300
City & Suburban Railway	300
Honeyman Hardware Company	250
Thompson, Burrell & Co	300
Irvington (C. H. Prescott)	300
William MacMaster	250
Portland Gas Company	300
Louise P. Vial	300
Macleay Estate Company	360
Pacific Coast Biscuit Company	200
Portland Railway Company	250
Oregon Real Estate Company	240
Frederick W. Mulkey	240
J. C. Ainsworth	200
Lang & Co	200
Isaiah Buckman	200
Olds, Wortman & King	200
Lipman & Wolfe	200
Title Guarantee & Trust Company	200
Eastern & Western Lumber Co	200
Hawthorne estate	150
Studebaker Bros	150
Closset & Devers	150
Labbe Bros	150
W. M. Killingsworth	120
W. E. Hurd	120
North Pacific Lumber Company	120
Neustadter Bros	120
Woodard, Clarke & Co	120
Wadhams & Co	120
Loewenberg, Going & Co	120
R. L. Glisan	120
Brong & Nelson	120
Jonathan Bourne, Jr	120
The J. McCraken Company	120
The Blumauer-Frank Drug Company	120
Union Meat Company	120
Charles F. Beebe Company	120
J. N. Haselline & Co	120
W. Godsby	120
Theodore B. Wilcox	120
Holt C. Wilson	120
Potter & Chapin	120
A. J. Giesy	120
George H. Flanders	100
Heywood Bros	100
Fairbanks-Morse Company	100
Rothchild Bros	100
H. C. Breeden	100
A. Christie	100
Lloyd Brooke estate	100
Columbia University	100
Kenneth A. J. Mackenzie	100
Ben Selling	65
W. B. Glafke	60
Rountree & Diamond	60
Dr. A. C. Smith	60
Samuel Rosenblatt & Co	60
Portland Trust Company	60
Frazer & McLean	60
W. W. Cotton	60
L. Samuel	60
Moline-Bain Company	60
H. N. Scott	60
Fred T. Merrill	60
H. E. Noble	60
Lambert & Sargent	60
Evending & Farrell	60
Hink'e & Baker	60
F. J. Hard	60
Breyman Leather Company	60
George H. Williams	60
Banfield-Veysey Company	60
Glass & Prudhomme	60
The J. K. Gill Company	60
L. Y. Keady	50
George T. Meyers	50
R. Livingstone	50
A. B. Steinbach & Co	50
Alexander Sweek	25
Acme Mills	25
Fred V. Holman	20
Metropolitan Printing Company	20
Allen-Gilbert Company	25
L. Wilhelm	20
Total	$16,000



An old established and highly respected furniture house is that of the Ira F. Powers Manufacturing Company, which occupies the extensive salesroom at No. 188 and No. 190 First street, where they carry a large stock of furniture, carpets, stoves, etc. This firm was established in 1867, making it one of the oldest in the furniture line, not only in Portland but on the Pacific Coast. The late Ira F. Powers, who up to the time of his death managed the affairs of the company, was prominently connected with several of Portland's leading charitable institutions and his reliable methods of dealing have placed this firm in the front rank of Portland's housefurnishers. They also operate a large furniture factory and sawmill in South Portland, which gives employment to sixty persons. They manufacture a line of staple furniture. The quality of the workmanship and the low price is creating a big demand for their goods on the Pacific Coast. They have recently been making large shipments to California. The present officers are: Ira F. Powers, Jr., president; A. Thurlow, secretary and treasurer.

TO FAVOR PURE BLOOD

REDUCED RATES FOR BREEDING ANIMALS IN NORTHWEST.

Coman, of Southern Pacific, Starts It, and the Other Railroads Join in Arrangement.

At the Farmers' Congress held a year ago in Salem a movement for reduced freight rates on purebred animals to be used for breeding purposes was started. General Freight and Passenger Agent Coman, of the Southern Pacific, has been working on the matter, some time, and an agreement among the railroads has at length been reached, and reduced rates will probably go into effect on the 15th of the present month, though the date has not yet been definitely fixed. This adjustment will apply to purebred, neat cattle, sheep, goats and hogs, for breeding purposes only, and in less than carload lots.

On calves, crated, the freight rate will be the same as now—1½ times first-class—but the animals will be charged for at their actual weight, instead of making 500 pounds the minimum charge, as now. Thus a calf weighing only 250 pounds will be transported for half the money that is now charged for the same service.

For single animals, uncrated, the charge now is for a minimum weight of 2000 pounds. As most of these shipped weigh less than 2000 pounds, the shipper usually pays for greater weight than he has, and this makes the freight charge on light animals rather high. For example, the first-class rate between Portland and Independence, Polk County, is 25 cents per 100 pounds. With 2000 pounds as the minimum weight, no animal could be shipped over this route for less than $5 60, though he might actually weigh less than 500 pounds. Under the new arrangement the weights of these single animals are graded, with provisions for those weighing 500, 1000 and 1500 pounds. For the 500-pound weight the charge will be 1½ times first-class, or $2 10 instead of $5 60, between Portland and Independence. For 1000 pounds the rate will be first-class, making the charge just half as much as at present for the minimum of 2000 pounds. The same rate will apply to those of 1500 pounds' weight. On animals actually weighing more than 1500 pounds there will be no reduction.

For sheep and goats and hogs, crated, the present rate is 1½ times first-class; the new rates will be first-class only, a reduction equal to 50 per cent of the new rate.

No changes will be made in the conditions of shipment. The new rates will apply as follows:

On Southern Pacific locally between points in Oregon only; locally on the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and O. R. & N. lines in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, except on shipments between local points on the Pacific Division of the Northern Pacific.

When the time required in the transportation of the animals will exceed 28 hours, shipment must be accompanied by an attendant, who will be furnished with ticket at half first-class rate going, or round trip at the price of fare one way. Any person paying full fare on going trip to purchase purebred cattle will be furnished pass for return in charge of the cattle upon surrender of receipt for fare paid. Attendants with sheep, goats or swine will pay regular fare.

If shipments are offered by connecting lines, without an attendant, and the time necessary to reach destination, added to the time already en route, exceeds 28 hours, the receiving line will not accept the animals until they have been watered, fed and rested.

When shipments go forward without an attendant, the owner must release the carrier from liability for any loss or injury which may occur in consequence of there being no attendant.

These concessions are made for the purpose of encouraging the use of purebred stock, which are believed to be necessary for the proper industrial development of the country. Scrub animals will not come under the new rate.

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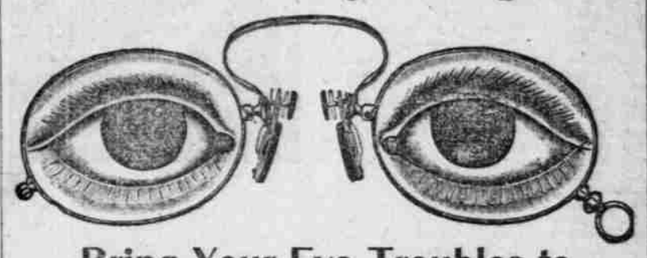

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