clation would string packing-houses from

Against Packers' Merger. A resolution introduced by Frank M. Stewart, of South Dakota, protesting

against the packing merger, was adopted.

packing industries to protect that capital

the adoption of the plan proposed."

During an address at the afternoon session Jerry Simpson favored tariff reform.

and said that the enactment of the tariff

inw by Germany was a discrimination against American products, and should

teach us how our present tariff system discriminates against other countries. He asked of those members of the Woolgrow-

ers' Association present if it were not a

Tomorrow 200 or more of the delegates

will start for Memphis and New Orleans on a special train over the 'Frisco, where

they will be the guests of those cities.

The Routine Proceedings.

The officers re-elected are: President, John W. Springer, of Denver; first vice-

president, John A. Holt, of Miles City,

Mont; second vice-president, F. J. Hazen-barth, of Salt Lake City; treasurer, George L. Goulding, of Denver; secretary, Charles E. Martin, of Denver; assistant secretary, Fred P. Johnson, of Denver.

The addresses on the morning

Britton Davis, of Chihuahus, Mex., on

"The Livestock Industry in the Republic

Curtiss, of Iowa, on "The Benefits De-

rived From Experimental Stations."

Judge Springer's address, which was well received, led to considerable discus-

Mr. Springer analyzed the pleadings made by the defendants in support of

commerce had been shown, and that the

arrangement complained of, which only touched the livestock at the point of

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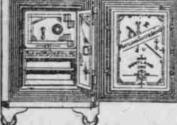
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FAT PAY FOR COMMISSION NEW MINISTER PRESENTED Members Draw \$1000 a Month Each

for Canal Service. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.-The Secretary of State has supplied Senator Morgan, chairman of the Senate committee on interoceunic canals, a statement of expenditures made on account of the Isth-mian Canal Commission. It showed that each member of the commission has been allowed compensation at the rate of \$1000 a month, with traveling expenses The salaries were fixed in 1839, when the commission was created, at the suggestion of the President. In the cases of Colonel Peter C. Haines and Lieutenant-Colonel O. M. Ernest, of the Army, the allowance is equal to the difference between their regular salaries and \$1000. Under this arrangement the aggregate nt paid to the nine commissioners as salaries up to February 28, 1992, amounted to \$225,280. The traveling expenditures of the commissioners at that time had averaged about \$18,000 each.

Half a Million Fire Loss. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The main building the Nichol Chemical Company, in the torough of Queens, was destroyed by fire onight. The damage is reported to be Comes From Dominican Republic-Wants a Commercial Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Don Leon Visque, who has been charge d'affaires of the Dominican Republic with headquarters in New York City, was presented to the President by Acting Secretary of State Hill today as the Minister of the Dominican Republic to this country. There was one significant departure from the speeches usual at such ceremonials and that was the announcement by the Dominican Minister that he came to the United States empowered by his govern-ment to negotiate a commercial trenty which he trusted would be not only of pecuniary benefit to both countries, but would cement more closely the friendship now existing between the United States now existing between the United States and his own country. The President in his response informed the project, saying:

"The Government of the United States in your hope that the promised house merger, William A. Springer, genfriendship already existing between the two countries and enlarge and strengthen their commercial interests."

London Artist Dead. LONDON, Jan. 16.—The death is announced of Henry Kenworth Wells, the

ing in 1904.

ALL GLAD TO COME WEST

This City Was Finally Selected by Acclamation.

EFFECTIVE WORK OF C. J. MILLIS

By Unremitting Vigilance He Kept Other Candidates From Making Combinations-Presented Portland's Advantages.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 16 .- (Special.)-The National Livestock Convention adjourned today to meet in Portland in January, 1964. Choice of a convention city was made by acclamation, but it should not be inferred that Portland had a walkover. In fact the Oregonians had the hardest sort of a fight, and won only by working from the minute they landed, staying up all night, and watching to see that no promised delegation broke away, The result was that the opposition was mable to make a successful combination, and before balloting time all other candidates had discreetly withdrawn, except

When the convention this afternoon reached the convention city order of business, Chairman Springer called upon C. J. Millis to present the claims of Portland. He read Governor Chamberlain's invitation and in a concise 10-minute speech summed up the advantages of Portland as a convention city and set forth the glories of Oregon scenery and the vast natural resources of the state and the educational value of a trip to the Northwest.

John V. Davis, of Idaho, made a very strong speech in favor of Portland. He promised the delegates that the convention stage in Portland would be decorated, not with preserved or greenhouse palms, but with real January flowers, grown out-

F. B. Bennett, of Boston, a finished orator, made a stirring address favoring Portland. He dwelt upon the beauty of Oregon and the desirability of stockmen familiarizing themselves with the far West. Ex-Congressman Jerry Simpson, of New Mexico, said that all his life he had been moving westward, but he had never quite reached the Pacific Ocean. Now he begged the convention to go to Portland next year that he might round Jesse M. Smith, of Utah, said his state

favored Pertland last year and would vote the same way now. Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska delegates, speaking for their states, seconded Portland. Howard Davidson, of New York, moved that Portland be chosen by acciamation. Chairman Springer said it was evident Portland was the convention's choice, but the mo tion was not in order, as other cities had sent invitations, which were still unread. It developed, however, that representatives of all these cities but Detroit had, shrewdly withdrawn their invitations, that the ballot might not show weakness. Detroit's invitation was read, but no spokes man appeared for the Michigan city. Mr. Springer then put the Davidson motion, which was carried amid great cheering. Mr. Millis was the center of attraction after the result was announced, delegates crowding around him to congratulate him

and pronounce him a consummate politi-The Oregon delegation began to break

up tonight, F. E. Beach going to Chicago and several starting West. Mr. Millie said tonight: "We were confident of success from the

start, but took no chances. We held the delegates to promises made last year, looked up old friends and made new ones. Our success illustrates the value of personal contact.

"Congressman Tongue was to have presented Oregon's invitation to the convention. He died after we had started from Portland, otherwise our plans were carried out precisely. We feel under deep obligations to the press and people of Kansas City and we didn't know Oregon had so many friends.

"It is impossible to estimate the value of the convention to Oregon. The delegates will go there with plenty of money to spend, but, better still, will go to look for homes and investments. Many of the delegates here have promised to go to Portland, among them Jerry Simpson, who told me today that he would take socks with him.

"We are all tired out tonight. I have had only 10 hours' sleep since Tuesday morning. The apples were a great help to us. We had the showlest badges, too," H. Campbell, agent of the Portland & Azintic Steamship Company, was a guest of Mr. Millis today and will go to St. Louis

AGAINST THE PACKING TRUST.

Livestock Men Go on Record With a Vigorous Protest. KANSAS CITY, Jan. 15.—The sixth annual convention of the National Live-stock Association adjourned at 5 o'clock real counsel for the association, in a spir-ited address, outlined a bill which he had formulated, "to protect trade and com-merce against unlawful restraint and mo-nopolies," and which he said was merely an adaptation of the Sherman anti-trust law and the Hoar bill, now pending in the Senate. In the discussion that followed

resident John W. Springer said that a ill along the lines suggested by Judge pringer would be printed within a week y the association and sent to every Leg-slature in the land. In further discussing the subject, President Springer said

Chicago to San Francisco.

In response to an appeal from the legislative committee for a legislative fund.

\$7500 was subscribed in less than 30 minto Go Forward.

It rays:
"While we fully appreciate the natural who have risked such \$300,000 FOR THE DREDGE desire of the men who have risked such enormous capital in the building up of the

from ungoverned and unreasonable com-petition which might prove disastrous to all, yet we believe that the plan proposed will lead to the more feared dangers of uncontrolled greed and avarice, and as the producers of the raw material we Will Be Ready for Work in the Summer. must naturally protest against the unreas-onable tax that will be necessarily placed upon our labor and investment through

JETTY REPORT BY FEBRUARY I

Engineers Examining Another Proj. ect Which Secretary Had Understood Was to Be Preferred-Letters to Senator Mitchell,

ers' Association present if it were not a fact that wool was not worth as much in London and Liverpool as in this country. Senator Warren, of Wyoming, replying to the question, said that any one who knew anything about the question knew that such was not the case, and a lively till between these two delegates ensued.

The selection of a place for the next convention was disposed of callety. For OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washconvention was disposed of quickly. Ear-lier in the week there were 10 cities in the race, but so thoroughly had C. J. Millis, who had charge of the fight, worked in the interest of Portland that there reington, Jan. 16 .- Senator Mitchell, at the instance of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, recently sent to the Chief of Engineers a strong letter, urging the prompt beginning of work at the mouth mained but one competitor, Detroit, when the matter came to a vote today.

Tonight the delegates were entertained of the Columbia River. He pointed out that the experiences of the past two years at an elaborate smoker at Convention have been unfavorable to the navigation Hall, the chief attraction at which was the Megaphone Minstrels, an aggregation of 200 funnakers, who had been trained for the occasion by St. Clair Hurd, a well-known actor. interests of Portland, and asked that actual work begin without any unnecessary delay.

General Gillespie, in reply to the Senator's letter, says:

"I can assure you that this office is most fully impressed with the urgent desirabliity of inaugurating the new work at the mouth of the Columbia at the earliest date practicable. The securing of the transport Grant was promptly effected. and arrangements for its conversion into a dredge are being pushed as rapidly as possible, and it can be confidently predicted that such dredge will be available for operation some time during the com-

The counsel, who last year were Judge William M. Springer, of Washington, D. C., and Hon. Ralph Talbott, of Denver, were also named by the convention. "The last river and harbor act provided for improving the Columbia River, in ac-The fight for the 1904 convention was taken up the last thing in the afternoon. cordance with the latest approved project, and such modification thereof as may be Although there were half a dozen cities in the race for the honor, Portland, Or., seemed to be far in the lead, and the approved by the Secretary of War. At the same time there was a plan and estimate before Congress for work which delegation from that state was confident ould have been proceeded with rapidly but for the fact, as reported to the Sec breeders' Association hald a caucus and unanimously inforsed Portland, and other retary of War, that such plan did not meet with the approval of the Senators from Oregon, and the further fact that it was the evident intention of Congress to gramme included one by Hon. William M. Springer, on "The Proposed Merging of call for some other plans which had been presented, including one from the Reacthe Packing Plants of This Country; the Effects and Remedy"; one by Captain

tion Jetty Company, which should have

due consideration. "Such consideration of plans necessiof Mexico, and its Relations to the United States," and a third by Professor C. F. tated the constitution of a board of engineers to consider the various plans. Such a board was formed of five neutral officers experienced in the class of work under consideration. A consideration of sion. Mr. Springer detailed at length the proceedings in equity begun by Attorney-General Knox, in Chicago, last May, against the so-called "beef trust," and declared that if members had information that the defendants had violated the the plans of the Reaction Jetty Company necessitated hearings and an examination by the board of the work at Aransas Pass, Tex., upon which the company bases its assurance of success at the mouth of temporary injunction granted by the Federal Court, such information should be furnished at once to the Attorney-Genthe Columbia. I regret the apparent delay, but the importance of the work and the conditions named have resulted in delays which could not possibly have been avoided. The board has been giving the matter earnest consideration, and it is extheir demurrer to the Attorney-General's bill and declared the defendant's con-tention, that no restraint of interstate pected that a report will be received by February 1. When the report is received action thereon will be taken at the earllest date thereafter practicable."

The Senate public lands committee today ordered a favorable report on the

House bill increasing the size of home steads in Alaska to 330 acres, but declined to insert a provision permitting commu tation. The committee maintains that bona fide settlers cannot possibly object to the five-year residence requirement hence homesteads are to be made under the same conditions in Alaska as in the states, save that the lands must not necessarily have been surveyed at the time entries are made. The committee also favorably reported the bill passed by the House authorizing local land officers to compel the attendance of witnesses before them in cases pending. The committee maintains that this law is necessary in properly administering many of the land laws where testimony of disin-

Both bills will probably become laws this Dalles Wagon-Road Settlers.

terested parties is often very essential

Some consideration was given to Senator Mitchell's bill for the relief of settlers on The Dalles military wagon road lands in Sherman County, but no final action was taken. The bill will be considered again next Tuesday.

The House committee on industrial arts and exporitions today favorably reported the bill appropriating \$50,000 for the erec tion at the Exposition grounds, in St. Louis, a building for exhibits from Alaska, on condition that the people of Alaska promise to furnish ample exhibits and bear all expenses of collection and shipment to and from St. Louis.

No action was taken today in the case of Surveyor-General Meldrum or his chief

United States Attorney for Alaska. The vacancy in the Attorneyship of the United States for the First District of Alaska has brought out numerous candidates. Senators Perkins and Blard and Representatives Metcalf and McLachlan today recommended J. J. Boyce, of Santa Barbara. The President is going over the list of candidates and the various recommendations with the ald of Attorney-General Knox. No immediate choice is expected.

IN THE MATTER OF THE GRANT. Acceptance of Risdon Bld-\$300,000

for Mining Dredge. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 .- I have just re ceived the following letter from the Secretary of War, together with the report of General Gillespie, Chief of Engineers, which I forward for your consideration: War Department, Washington, Jan. 15.—Hon. John H. Mitcheli, United States Senate—Dear Sir. The department duly received your letter of the Dt inst., addressed to the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, inclosing and mmending to favorable consideration a tele gram from certain leading citizens of Portland, gram from certain leading collisions of Portland, Or., recommending acceptance of bld of the Risdon Iron Works of \$267,000, for converting the transport Grant into a bar dredge for work on the Columbia River bar. Replying thereto, I beg to invite attention to the accompanying copy of report of the Chief of Engineers United States Army, on the subject, which has this day received department approval. Very respectfully,

Very respectfully, BLAHU ROOT, Secretary of War. Following is a copy of the report re-

ferred to:

Office of the Chief of Engineers, United States army Jan. 10.—In accordance with the authorary of the Secretary of War, the transport Grant was transferred to this department for conversion into a dredge for use at the mouth of the Columbia River. A contract has been made for the construction of the necessary jump. Plans for conversion were prepared, and Captain Sanford was sent to San Prancisco to receive hids for the work. No report has yet been received from Captain Sanford, but from the within letter and other sources it is known that the lowest hid received is very much in excess of the prime sources it is known that the lowest hid re-ceived is very much in excess of the price which was anticipated. The apparently exces-sive bid arises from the necessity of having the work done on the Pacific Const, where competition is somewhat limited, and where prices for labor and material are at all times greater than on the Atlantic Const, and also from the general recont increase in price for (Concorded on Second Page.)

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Columbia Telephones Bought by Rivals.

ONLY ONE CENTRAL NOW

Pacific States Company Announces Purchase.

TWO SYSTEMS TO BE MERGED

Independent Organization Was Capitalized at \$600,000 and Had 1000 Subscribers-Was Formed Eight Years Ago.

which has been bought out by the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co pany, has about 1000 subscribers in the City of Portland and in the auburbs; has no long-distance lines; employs between 25 and 30 people, and has a capitalization of \$600,000, \$100,000 of which is paid up in full.

District Manager J. H. Thatcher, of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company, made the announcement yesterday that that corporation had purhased the Columbia Telephone Company, of this city, and that the systems of the two organizations would be consolidated in the very near future. This transaction is the result of negotiations which have been under way for some time past, and which have finally reached a head within the last few days.

The Columbia Telephone Company has always been looked upon as a home institution, being as it was of the "independent' class, as opposed to the general Bell class, and was founded here about eight years age. Mayer W. S. Mason, Napoleon Davis, and other prominent Portland bus-iness men were back of the company in the beginning, and during the time that it had been in operation in this city it had gradually worked up a good patronage, and given a service of the first class. The instruments used were of the "crankgrinding" variety, or those in which the bentral bell is ring by the subscriber by turning a handle on the side of the in-strument, and not by simply taking the receiver off the hock. The capital of the company was at first small, but was gradually increased to \$600,000, at which Of this \$600,000, \$190,000 is paid up

Columbia Telephone Company The served about 1000 telephones in the city at the time of the sale, and employed between 25 and 20 persons in various ca-pacities, such as office force, linemen and switchboard operators. The Willametta Valley Telephone Company, which was associated with the Columbia Company, has a long-distance line in operation to McMinnville, which was used in connection with the local Columbia sub-scribers, and the Independent Telephone Company operates a similar line to Tilli-mook, with an exchange of 100 subscrib-ers at Porest Grove. It could not be learned yesterday whether these two longdistance lines and the Forest Grove system were included in the transfer wit the local company, but it is supposed that they were not, for the reason that the Pacific States Company already has lines paralleling those of the independent com-cames in this territory.

The officers of the Columbia Telephone

Company up to the present time were; President, A. A. Dekum; directors, R. L. Sahin, F. D. Chemberiain and Sylvester Farrell, and General Manager F. H. Stow. The last named gentleman sent in his resignation yesterday to Manager Thatcher, of the Pacific States Company. The Pacific States Telephone & Tele-graph Company has about 12,000 subscrib-ers in Portland, and about 140,000 on the whole Pacific Const, extending from Nelson, B. C., to Riverside, Cal. It has a capitalization of \$17,000,000 incorporated under the laws of the State of Oregon, and working under the American Bell When seen last evening, Mr. Thatcher

said to a representative of The Oregonian:
"The two telephone companies will, in
a few weeks, be operated under one man-agement, and from the same central office; that is, from the Pacific States Com-pany building, at the corner of West Park and Alder streets. The two companies' lines will be united, so that a subscriber of one will be able to converse through central with a subscriber of the other. 'We had an offer from the Columbia Company owners some time ago and se-cured an option. But our management hesitated for a time, fearing that if the Columbia system were to be taken over at the present time, while we have installing our new multiple switchboard, we would have more business than we could attend to. Then, too, we did not care to act without seeing what the subscribers of the two companies might think, but when we made the necessary inquiries,

"We shall not be able to advance our rates by closing out the competition, be-cause the franchise that we recently got from the city will permit of no such ac-tion on our part."

we found that they were in favor of one

company rather than two, as being less expensive in rentals, we finally accepted

When the new switchboard goes into peration, an important change will be nade in the Pacific States Company's system, and the numerous prefixes that connected with the many numb the local phones will be done away with, Instead there will be but two prefixes, "Main" and one other, which has not yet been decided upon by the management, All two-party lines will have the "Main" prefix, and thus the work of telephoning will be greatly simplified, both for sub-

scriber and for operator.

It is stated upon good authority that
the Thomas Independent Company, which has asked for a franchise in Portland, will fill the position vacated by the Co-lumbia Company, as regards being an independent organization goes. It is also stated this Thomas has unlimited cap-ital back of him, and will go shead at ce toward connecting with the other systems on the Pacific Coast.

C. J. MILLIS, LIVESTOCK AGENT O. R. & N.



MAN WHO GOT NATIONAL LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION TO COME TO PORTLAND.