

STOCK PROBLEMS BEFORE BREEDERS

State Association Discusses Practical Questions and Considers Legislation.

EXPERTS ON PROGRAMME

Resolutions Are Passed Recommending That Expenses of County Fairs Be Met by Various Localities Instead of State.

The Oregon Pure-bred Livestock Association met at Convention Hall, Commercial Club, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. Addressed by President J. W. Bailey, of Burns, Or.; C. C. Cole, of the Union Meat Company; W. A. Jones, a Chalmers and others, taking up various topics for discussion. The livestock development, irrigation and the necessity for the best breeds of stock obtainable were questions treated by the different speakers, and a very interesting and instructive day's work was accomplished.

The urgent need of enthusiastic cooperation among the members of the association was voiced by President J. W. Bailey and the importance to the state of the aims and scope of the movement were shown by the same speaker.

Take Up Traffic Problems.

The afternoon session of the association began with the taking up of railroad questions with the representatives of the Southern and Northern Pacific lines and the O. R. & N. A number of suggestions were made by the various members of the association, relating to better terminal facilities at the Salem Fairgrounds, better methods of handling the stock shipped there during the fair, and ways of improvement in the furnishing of cars, returning shipments and other details.

It was declared that additional trackage was needed at Salem, as delays ranging from 12 to 24 hours had occurred on account of insufficient amount of tracks. The railroad representatives came in for considerable praise for the liberality shown to the livestock interests in the past, both in the matter of free stock transportation and reduced railroad fares. After some discussion, in which the railroad men suggested the appointment of a committee to meet the railroad officials, formulate their suggestions and arrange for a satisfactory solution of all difficulties, a motion to appoint such a committee was carried.

The committee on resolutions then reported and resolutions were passed endorsing H. C. Campbell, of Portland, and L. C. Hawley, of McCoy, as Regents of the Oregon Agricultural College, endorsing James A. Wilson for retention as United States Secretary of Agriculture; requesting the United States Bureau of Animal Husbandry to direct a qualified representative of that department to conduct tuberculin tests, and one recommending that appropriations for county fairs be not made from the common fund, but be appropriated to the discretion of such counties as hold fairs, as they might deem advisable.

Prizes for Young Men.

Considerable discussion arose from a suggestion to provide cash prizes or trophies for Agricultural College and classes of young men under 21, who should act as judges of livestock, their judgment further to be given to a group of experts, the class getting the highest number of points according to the decision of the experts; receiving certain prizes to be determined on the spot.

Statements were introduced showing that these prizes had been provided for in Idaho and Vancouver, B. C., and several of the speakers were heartily in favor of the proposition, as giving an incentive to the rising generation to interest themselves in livestock breeding and a life on the farm. Upwards of \$200 was subscribed to the movement by the present, and it is expected that more will be donated before the time arrives for a selection and purchasing of the prizes.

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The address of Dr. McClure, the National expert in animal diseases, was one of the most enjoyable features of the afternoon. Pleuro-pneumonia, sheep scab, the foot-and-mouth disease, tuberculosis, hog cholera and other affections of animal kind, were discussed in a clear and instructive manner, and the splendid work of the Government, in stamping out disease, and at no cost of expense to the farmers or breeders, was shown by figures and facts adduced.

Banquet at Commercial Club.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 o'clock to prepare for the banquet at the Commercial Club's large dining-hall, which was held at 6:30 P. M.

Among those present at the convention are: C. M. Brown, A. C. Ruby, H. C. Schellhouse, J. W. Bailey, H. C. Campbell, S. Bau, R. Wilson, Portland; E. P. Weir, J. W. Brown, Astoria; A. Wilkins, F. P. Hollenbeck, Eugene; Hawley & Son, McCoy; L. B. Geer & Son, McMinnville; J. B. Stump, Monmouth; Harry West, Seapooos; D. H. Looney, Jefferson; N. H. Bateman, Shedd; C. Cleveland, Gresham; Judd & Son, Turner; W. A. Jones, Gervais; W. O. Minor, Heppner; H. G. Kert, Perrydale; E. School, Albany; O. J. Peterson, Astoria; J. D. Gordon, Newberg; J. H. McCone, Shedd; F. H. Porter, Halsey; Riddell & Sons, Monmouth; F. B. El-downey, Milwaukie; R. W. Carey and L. P. Lardon, Salem; F. B. Allen, Roseburg; F. Brown, Carlton; Duerat Bros., McMinnville; John Seap, Gervais; S. P. Cole, Troutdale; W. F. Crawford, Shedd; J. W. Koller and J. C. Keller, Waterloo; A. L. Swagart, Athena; H. A. Clark, Salem; Schmidt Bros., Tangent; William Schulmerick, Hillsboro; A. Chalmers, Forest Grove; T. A. Koser, Rickreall; T. Withycomb & Sons, Parkington; Ed Hahan, Jefferson; O. P. Kizer, Harrisburg; H. P. Deardorff, Oakland; W. O. Morgan, Independence; E. L. Naylor, Forest Grove; H. M. Savage, Corvallis, and George Chandler, Baker.

Annual Banquet to Stockmen.

About 75 members of the association and their guests sat down to the annual banquet at the large dining hall of the Commercial Club last night. The tables were tastefully decorated with flowers and the appetizing dinner was thoroughly appreciated by those present.

President J. W. Bailey presided and made a brief speech of welcome, in which he predicted the great advance certain to come in the livestock industry. He instanced the establishment of new plants by the big packing operators of the Middle West and said it would be all that the Pacific Northwest could poss-

sibly do to begin at once to prepare for the ultimate demand for livestock.

Dr. Wetherbee, president of the Commercial Club, welcomed the visitors to the environments of the club, and voiced the thorough sympathy of the Commercial Club with the livestock industry and the raising of the breed standard in all animals. He showed the interdependence of cities and rural districts and assured the diners that the members of the club were in full accord and support with each and every industrial movement and industrial body, not only in Oregon, but in the entire Pacific Northwest.

Tom Richardson followed with a glowing prophecy as to the future of Oregon and the Northwest and said the livestock-raising proposition was probably the most important branch of all the industrial movements. In Oregon, said Mr. Richardson, livestock values were three times as much as fruit values. In Washington the assessed values of livestock as to fruit was in the ratio of 1 to 15 in favor of livestock. He predicted that livestock values would very soon eclipse the timber value, comparing the output from mills to the livestock values produced.

President of O. A. C. Speaks.

Dr. W. J. Kerr next addressed the assemblage with a brief history of the Oregon Agricultural College, its aims and ends, and the work it was doing. He spoke at some length on the \$150,000 appropriation which is being asked for by the college at the present session of the Legislature and pointed out that this was much less than the appropriations in other states, student for student, and instanced the tremendous strides which were being made in agricultural learning and degrees of practical efficiency. He said hundreds of thousands of acres here in Oregon could be reclaimed by scientific farming and that even the state of undevelopment between Portland and Salem, so far as the possibilities of the land was concerned, was astounding. Dr. Kerr touched on the necessity of good roads and the development of the water power of the state and closed with a strong appeal for the Agricultural College as a vast moving factor for good in practical advancement along industrial lines.

H. T. Tanner told of how, when he shifted his calling from railroad man to farmer, he found he still must "water the stock." He was set down for a dissertation on Andalusian Jacks, or white mules, and after leading his hearers on through a maze of funny stories without a single reference to his subject, he sat down, thanking the toastmaster for the opportunity of unbosoming himself on the subject so near his heart, that of "The Andalusian Jack."

Other speakers followed and the banquet was voted the most entertaining and instructive in the history of the association.

RACING DATES TO BE FIXED

North Pacific Fair Association Will Hold Annual Meeting Today.

Some of the delegates who will attend the annual meeting of the North Pacific Fair Association, which will be held beginning with this morning in the offices of the Rural Spirit, in the Hamilton building, arrived yesterday, among them R. H. Cosgrove and J. L. Smith, of Spokane; J. W. Pace, of Helena, Mont., and W. F. Hatlock, president of the Oregon State Fair. Other delegates will come from Idaho and from several places in Washington, and will arrive early this morning.

The main purpose of the meeting will be the fixing of light-harness racing dates throughout the Pacific Northwest. The circuit has steadily grown and this task is no small one, for there must be conflicting dates because of the shortness of the racing season. The question of fixing the racing dates is only one of the important matters to be settled, for considerable attention must be given to the dates in order that there should be an equal showing of the livestock exhibits.

This year, awakened by the splendid showing made by the fair management at Spokane, the officials of the Oregon State Fair will devote more attention to its side attractions. This part of the fair, which is held annually at Salem, has been overlooked, as has also the programme of running races.

AID ASKED FOR MEASURE

West Urged to Work for Appropriation for Soil Investigation.

That those in the West interested in Federal appropriation for the investigation of soils should take action to urge their Congressmen to act on the matter is the advice of Charles H. Bates, Washington, D. C., who has telegraphed to William McMurray, general passenger agent for the Harriman lines here, in regard to the work that is necessary to get the bill passed.

"I understand you are interested in as large an appropriation as possible for the investigation of soils," wires Mr. Bates. "The House committee has reported a bill providing \$127,000 for this purpose. An amendment will be proposed early next week increasing the sum by \$100,000. You should send telegrams to Oregon Representatives, urging their energetic support to the amendment and have others, who may be influential, do likewise."

The matter will be taken up by the local commercial bodies and proper action taken.

DEFENDS HIS INTEREST POLICY.

This money is distributed among six banks and interest at the rate of 2 and 3 per cent drawn. Mr. Fields takes the stand that as County Clerk he is responsible for all this litigation money and that it is only right that he should retain interest on it while the money is lying idle.

The section of the United States naturalization laws under which Mr. Fields sees fit to retain the fees of his office, reads as follows: "For making, filing and docketing the petition of an alien for admission as a citizen of the United States and for the final hearing thereon the fee shall be \$2; and for entering the final order and the issuance of the certificate of citizenship thereunder, if granted, \$2."

"The clerk of any court collecting such fees is hereby authorized to retain one-half of the fees collected by him in such naturalization proceedings; the remaining one-half shall be accounted for by such clerks in their quarterly accounts, which

COUNTY MAY SUE TO RECOVER FEES

Fields Announces His Emoluments Outside of Salary Amounted to \$2661.

CIVIL SUIT IS CONSIDERED

Apparent Conflict of Federal and State Laws May Be Settled in Court—Expert Working on Treasurer's Books.

Legal proceedings to determine whether or not County Clerk Fields is rightfully entitled to appropriate to his own use fees collected by his office in citizenship matters is very likely to grow out of the present examination of county books and records by an expert accountant. Inasmuch as the examination of Mr. Fields' records will show that no money received in citizenship matters has ever been

"MR. DOOLEY" NEXT SUNDAY

After an absence of three years, Finley Peter Dooley has come back to his first love—the newspaper.

In the next issue of The Sunday Oregonian he will have a characteristic letter on "Our Retiring President," in which he indulges in a bit of satire.

"Mr. Dooley" will contribute regularly to The Sunday Oregonian.

TURNED OVER TO THE COUNTY.

The law of Oregon requires that such money shall be turned over to the county, in official circles that a legal clash cannot be avoided.

The matter is now looked upon as of a purely civil nature and the only action foreseen at this time is a possible suit to recover the sums withheld by Mr. Fields. To bring such action would become the duty of the County Court in the event of a report from the expert accountant, inasmuch as no money had been turned over to the County Treasurer in citizenship fees.

STATEMENT OF MR. FIELDS.

In refutation of a report that his percentage from this source and from lending court money to the various banks reaches several thousand dollars a year, Mr. Fields made a tentative statement yesterday, of what he really makes out of the side lines.

Since September of 1906 he said his office has made out 284 second papers, the fees being \$4 in each case. Half that amount was claimed by Mr. Fields, the sum thus acquired being \$568. His records show that 170 declarations of intention to become citizens has been received at \$1 each. His bill of that netted him \$170. In addition to that, he said interest has amounted up to about \$50 a month; that is, the interest money he has kept. Thus his total profit in two years has been \$2961. He balance sheet of the Circuit Court department yesterday afternoon showed that there is now \$2,750 on hand. As to the amounts held for the Probate and County Courts he had not the exact figures at hand, but said it was only a trifling sum.

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WHAT OREGON LAW SAYS.

But in the general laws of Oregon it is prescribed that in all counties of over 50,000 population the clerk shall account for his naturalization fees to the Treasurer. This law was passed previous to the Government law relating to fees. There is a division of opinion as to whether or not the two conflict. The argument is advanced that the one supersedes the other. The reply is made to this that while the Federal law authorizes the clerk to retain the fee, the Oregon law directs the disposition he shall make of that money in the event the county has a greater population than 50,000.

AUDITS BOOKS OF TREASURER.

J. W. Ferguson, the expert appointed by County Judge Webster to go over the county documents and accounts, spent yesterday at the Treasurer's office. Little was learned yesterday, further than that Treasurer Lewis has followed a strict course in the conduct of his office. Although he has had immense sums on deposit at the larger banks of the city, it is said that every cent of interest money has gone to the county funds. Mr. Ferguson secured for that work as well as for the task of checking up the Sheriff's office during the time Tom Word had charge.

As he formerly had charge of the tax collecting department of the Sheriff's office, Mr. Ferguson will not be detailed to examine into the affairs of that branch of the Sheriff's office, so the County Court has announced. Another expert will be called upon to check up the Sheriff's office during the time Tom Word had charge.

HAS NO "TIFF" WITH SHERIFF

County Commissioners Say They Have Heard of No Differences.

Does anyone remember something about differences between the County Court and Sheriff Stevens relating to the custody and feeding of county prisoners? The subject seems a familiar one and is commonly supposed to have been occupying more or less valuable space in the public prints for three years past. But all memory of it is obliterated from the minds of Commissioners Lightner and Barnes. At least they recalled nothing of the matter when questioned about it in the State Circuit Court, yesterday afternoon.

A damage suit was being heard—that of William Wallace, who wants the Court and Commissioners and Superintendent Briggs of the Rockpile, to pay him \$5000 damages for injuries sustained while he was breaking rock as the county's guest, commissioners Lightner and Barnes were called as witnesses. The case is about about any dangers to which Wallace might have been exposed and said if he got in the way of a falling rock it was no fault of theirs. On cross-examination they were asked by Attorney Jeffrey if they had not lately engaged in a dispute with the Sheriff over the custody of prisoners.

Both looked amazed. Controversy with the Sheriff? No; neither had heard of any such thing. Search their memories as they might the two Commissioners could not recall any such differences. They were sure they had had no trouble with anyone and the incident passed. The case will be concluded today.

ARGUE IN BIG DAMAGE SUIT.

Final arguments in a big damage case, the testimony of which was taken last June, are being heard by Circuit Judge Bronaugh. The case is that of Hing Sun & Co. against Cornelia Burkhardt and the sum involved is \$20,000. Mrs. Burkhardt is owner of an old building where the Gerlinger block now stands, torn down the old structure after it had been condemned. The Chinese man has a long lease and refused to move, so their chattels were moved for them. For breach of the lease and loss of business they ask the compensation named. John A. Gearin, Rufus Mallory and W. J. Makielin appear for the firm, while H. M. Calk and John McKee represent Mrs. Burkhardt.

VANCOUVER COTTON PORT

Howard Elliott Says City Will Be Linked With Galveston.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 4.—Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific Railway, arrived here today and after a conference with the City Council will leave tonight for Seattle. He promised several important improvements in Vancouver, including terminals, to cost several million dollars, a joint passenger depot for the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways, probably a Northern Pacific line from New Westminster to Vancouver, and possibly a line from the Fraser River to Sumas, on the international boundary.

Vancouver, he said, was to be linked up with Galveston, Tex., by means of lines owned jointly by the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways, and made a Pacific Coast terminal port for cotton goods and other shipments destined for the Orient.

VICTORIA TEAM HERE TOMORROW.

The Portland and Victoria Y. M. C. A. basketball teams are scheduled to meet in the gym of the local association tomorrow night, and the members of the

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York

Organized in New York State 1842. Began Business 1843

The Record of 1908

The fiscal year ending December 31st was pre-eminently a prosperous one for the policyholders of this Company. In every material respect their interests have been advanced.

Favorable features of the year may be noted as follows:

- The assets are now \$539,038,968.13, an increase of \$44,861,947.10.
- The total net reserve for outstanding policies and annuities is \$433,137,716, an increase of \$13,042,974.00.
- The reserve held for payment of deferred dividends and other contingencies (so-called "surplus") is \$85,844,991.20, an increase of \$28,314,221.75.
- The premium income for 1908 was \$58,994,653.29, an increase of \$2,355,453.09.
- The total income for 1908 was \$84,880,026.81, an increase of \$3,705,552.96.
- The new insurance paid for (not including revived) was \$93,926,992.00, an increase of \$45,206,942.00.
- The interest and rents received were \$24,300,559.94, an increase of \$1,466,453.91.
- On the other hand, the death claims paid during the year were \$21,664,819.77, a decrease of \$1,629,213.04.

Increased Dividends.

There has been appropriated for dividends to be paid in 1909 the sum of \$11,092,282.38.

This sum greatly exceeds the largest amount ever before paid as dividends in a single year by any company. The increase made in the annual dividends of The Mutual Life in recent years, as a result of changes and improvements instituted by the Board of Trustees, is unparalleled.

In Economy of Management the Company Stands Pre-eminent.

The total expense of management (exclusive of taxes) paid in 1908 was \$7,123,180.69.

This is but 8.39 per cent of the total income—a lower ratio of expense than any American company doing a general business has heretofore been able to show. It has sometimes been asserted that the decreasing expenses of various companies in recent years are due merely to a smaller amount of new insurance written. This is not true of The Mutual Life. Although there has been an increase in new paid-for business in 1908 of \$45,206,942.00 over the amount written in 1907, involving an increase of \$432,680.83 in first commissions, the other expenses show reduction aggregating \$738,799.14, making a net reduction in expense of management of \$306,118.31.

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1908

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Real Estate	\$ 26,196,029.54	Net Policy Reserve	\$433,137,716.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	126,120,961.39	Other Liabilities on Policies	5,392,550.52
Loans on Policies	63,048,558.17	Premiums and Interest paid in advance	1,826,692.47
Collateral Loans	2,500,000.00	Dividends payable in 1909	11,092,282.38
Bonds (book value) and stocks (market value)	309,279,002.09	Miscellaneous Liabilities	1,744,735.56
Cash	3,926,822.04	Held for future dividends and contingencies	\$5,844,991.20
Interest and Rents, due and accrued	3,850,765.03		
Premiums in course of collection	4,117,029.87		
Admitted Assets	\$539,038,968.13	Total Liabilities	\$539,038,968.13

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GATHERING IN CONVENTION HALL OF COMMERCIAL CLUB WHICH WAS ADDRESSED BY EXPERTS ON ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

four of the Northwest with a clean record. While on the road the boys will visit all the other Y. M. C. A. institutions in the Pacific Northwest and entertain hopes of maintaining their superiority. Tomorrow's game will be started at 8:30 o'clock. All are invited.

SEATS ARE FREE!

Men's pants—Fine worsteds and all-wool cashmeres, chevots and tweeds—at \$1.50 per leg, or \$3.00 pair. Values are \$4, \$5 and \$6. Brownville Woolen Mill Store, 2d and Stark st.

Trunk and bag sale. Harris Trunk Co.

THE SLEEPING SICKNESS WHICH MEANS DEATH

How many readers have heard of this terrible disease? It prevails in that far-away country Africa—especially the Congo district. It is caused by the bite of the tsetse fly. When it bites a person, the sleeping symptoms begin and finally the sufferer sleeps until death occurs.

Contrast this with the peaceful, balmy sleep of health. Is there anything more wearing than to lie awake at night, tossing about, nervous, with cold feet, hot head and mercy knows what else? Short of letting the tsetse fly bite us we would do almost anything for relief. How can we prevent it? Mr. George Hayes, of Union City, Pa., writes: "I had lost my appetite, was all run-down, could not sleep nights. I had tried everything without relief. Vinol was recommended, and to my surprise, it helped me at once; gave me a splendid appetite, and now I sleep soundly."

What Vinol did for Mr. Hayes, it will do for every run-down, nervous and overworked person who cannot sleep. Woodard, Clarke & Co., Druggists, Portland.