

SHIPMEN INSIST ON FASTER TRAINS

Sixteen Miles an Hour Minimum Speed to Be Asked Before Congress.

SERIOUS LOSS ASSERTED

Humane Societies Join With Livestock Shippers in Demand for Legislation—Topic to Be Discussed in January.

At their 47th annual meeting, to be held in Portland, January 8-7, the wool-growers of the United States will take a stand with reference to unsatisfactory railroad conditions which they are surrounded by in the packing and transportation of livestock.

The livestock interests, with the humane societies, have united upon the Wanger speed bill and following the Portland convention will push a campaign vigorously for its enactment into law by Congress. Dr. William O. Stillman, president of the American Humane Association, of Albany, N. Y., will address the convention on this subject, while A. J. Knolin, Eastern vice-president, and other shippers will give their experiences in shipping to the market.

It is pointed out that the livestock shippers are not the only sufferers through slow runs and unsatisfactory transportation service. Where animals are roughly handled in loading and unloading, they frequently are bruised, and being on the road so long without proper food, water and rest, become fevered. When they are slaughtered in this condition, the meat is unfit for food and the Eastern consumer suffers.

It is asserted that the average shipment of sheep from the Rocky Mountain region to Omaha and Chicago shrinks in weight sufficiently to cause the shippers a loss of from 25 cents to \$1 and sometimes more a head, while a loss in equal proportion to the value of the shipment applies to cattle. It is pointed out that the shrinkage due, it is said, to slow train service, poor loading and unloading, and lack of proper food and water. Many claims are now pending against the railroads for damages alleged to be due to severe losses en route to market.

Bill Now Before Congress.

"Three years ago the National Woolgrowers' Association called the attention of the American Humane Association," says Secretary Walker, of Cheyenne, Wyo. "After satisfying themselves that conditions were even worse than the stockmen had reported, the humane societies joined with the livestock organizations in an effort to secure better service. One bill after another was introduced in Congress but strong lobbies caused the measures to be side tracked. The stockmen, assisted by the humane societies, kept at work, however. Finally they interested the Department of Agriculture and a bill, known as the 'speed minimum bill,' or the '16-mile-an-hour bill,' was agreed upon and approved by the Department of Agriculture and is now before Congress. It is also known as the Wanger bill.

"For three years committees from the National Woolgrowers' Association have appeared in Washington in support of this measure, in the meantime carrying on a campaign of education, until now, the bill is ready for the proposed legislation is looked upon with favor by many members of Congress.

"The bill, in brief, provides that the railroads should maintain a minimum speed of 16 miles an hour, including all stops, with all trains in which there are 10 or more cars of livestock. The carriers are subject to a heavy fine for failure to comply with this proposed law.

"While it has been shown that the railroads have averaged less than nine miles an hour with trains in which there were cars of livestock, this slow time was due to the heavy trains and not because the carriers could not make better time. A mass of evidence has been compiled and will be submitted to Congress showing that the carriers can easily make and maintain not only 16 miles an hour, but 18 and even 20 miles an hour. In all probability the stockmen and the humane societies will favor a flat rate of 18 miles an hour minimum on the trunk lines and through the prairie country, while the speed rate on branch lines and mountain roads will be left to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"The railroads are preparing to resist the efforts of the stockmen and humane societies in every manner possible, and this proposed speed minimum bill will be one of the chief topics discussed at the annual convention in Portland."

In addition to the judges already named for the mid-winter sheep show, Secretary McIntosh, announced the appointment of Frank Brown, of Carlton, Or., and Thomas Brunk, of Salem. These will assist Noah Gibson, of Millbrook, N. Y., who is on his way to Portland and should arrive by Sunday.

Sheep to Arrive Today.

In advance of the officials of the National Woolgrowers' Association, the first car of sheep for the mid-winter sheep show, which opens January 4, in the Armory, will arrive at the Union Stockyards this morning. It comes direct from Sun Prairie, Wis., and contains 46 head of prize winning Hampshires. It will be followed in the course of the week by cars from Illinois, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Wyoming. Alexander McIntosh, sheep inspector for Eastern Oregon, arrived in Portland yesterday. He said that there would be 2000 sheep owners and sheep herders from the eastern portion of the state in the state in attending the exhibition and convention. "The interest," said Mr. McIntosh, "is intense and there is a strong desire to come and be heard on the tariff question."

Reservations of rooms are reaching the hotels at an unusually rapid rate. It is said that there are a larger number of reservations than have been made for any convention held in Portland within two years.

There will be a meeting of the general Portland committee tomorrow in the Commercial Club convention hall to complete the details of the handling of the convention. Cards of admission to the various official functions, such as the reception, smoker, vaudeville and theater party, were received from the printer yesterday. Details virtually have been closed for the holding the convention and D. O. Livey, the chairman, said last night that the situation was well in hand.

"It will be the largest sheep convention and show ever held," said he. A car of sheep from Waukesha, Wis.

is reported to be on the way and should arrive tomorrow. Entries close tonight for the mid-winter show. Among those who have pens entered for the various prizes are: F. W. Harding, Waukesha, Wis., 40 head Cotswolds and Lincoln; R. H. Jackson, Dayton, Wash., 24 head Rambouillet; C. L. McCoy, McCoy, Or., Lincolns; C. P. Kiser, Harrisburg, Or., Oxford; William Riddell & Sons, Monmouth, Or., Cotswolds, Lincolns and Angoras; Guthrie Brothers, Dallas, Or., Angoras; D. J. Kirby, McMinnville, Or., Cotswolds; C. E. Cleveland, Gresham, Or., Shropshires; I. E. Staples, Portland, Shropshires; John R. Stump, Monmouth, Or., Cotswolds, Lincolns, Angoras; M. W. Potter, Sherburne, Or., Cotswolds; Mrs. W. J. Friley, Dallas, Angoras; F. A. Koser, Rickree, Cotswolds; C. B. Guinn, Oakland, Angoras; H. J. Benk, Hesse, Idaho, Hampshire; W. S. Woodcock, Corvallis, Or., Lincolns; Nunsmaker Sheep & Land Co., Hepper, Or., Rambouillet; Butterfield Land & Livestock Co., Lincoln, Merinos and Delaines; George W. McCarrow & Sons, Illinois, Cotswolds; William Cooper & Nephews, Chicago, Lincoln.

Dan P. Smythe, of Pendleton, secretary of the Oregon Sheep Association, did not arrive yesterday, but is scheduled to arrive today. He will be at the Imperial. George J. Walker, of Cheyenne, Wyo., secretary of the National association, left the train last night, according to his telegraphed message, and will arrive here tomorrow morning. He will be at the Oregon Hotel.

ODDFELLOWS TO INSTALL

Hassalo Lodge Ceremonies Friday to Be Public.

Hassalo Lodge, No. 11, of Oddfellows, will publicly install officers Friday.



Henry L. Westbrook, Deputy Grand Master, who will assist in the installation of officers of Hassalo Lodge of Oddfellows.

day night. This lodge won the world's championship for conferring the first degree, at the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, at Seattle, and now holds the Stables silver cup, in token of that victory.

The officers-elect are Bert E. Edwards, noble grand; E. W. Wampler, vice grand; F. W. Stewart, treasurer; Fred Cozens, secretary; C. Clayton Wentz, warden; C. T. Boardman, conductor. The installation will be conducted by Thomas F. Ryan, grand master, and his staff, consisting of A. W. Bowersox, deputy grand master; W. A. Wheeler, grand warden; E. E. Sharon, grand secretary; F. W. Stewart, grand marshal, and other officers of the grand lodge, assisted by Henry S. Westbrook, district deputy grand master.

An elaborate programme has been arranged. H. A. Webers' children's orchestra of 25 pieces will furnish instrumental music and Dr. S. W. Stryker's Country Quartet from Gresham will sing.

PROFESSOR IS NOT INSANE

Court Decides Peculiar Actions No Indication of Derangement.

Because Alexander Loveberg plugged the keyhole of his bedroom with paper, jammed paper underneath the door to keep out chilly blasts, and kept his light burning all day for warmth, he is not crazy. Dr. Williamson examined him yesterday, and declaring him to be sane, ordered his release from the County Jail, where he was kept overnight, his landlady at 151 Fifth street causing his arrest for alleged insanity.

Loveberg was a college professor in Austria before coming to Portland, and a former student, now in business here, was instrumental in obtaining his release. He said Loveberg was peculiar at times, but was never mentally weak. When Deputy Sheriff Leonard and Turner went to apprehend Loveberg they knew the vicinity of his abode, but could not identify him and were unable to find an exact address.

While deliberating what to do they saw a man wheeling a self-improvised wheelbarrow, which bore all his goods and chattels. The wheelbarrow was made of a wheel from a baby carriage to which two long sticks and a cross-bar were attached. They seized the man handling the odd conveyance, and by chance he was Loveberg, who they sought. He was moving from the home of the landlady who complained against him to another boarding-house when apprehended.

BIBULOUS YOUTH SCARES

Slayer of Frank Porter, Hearing Cries, Calls Police.

Charles I. Pottage, a contractor, who on November 1, shot and killed Frank Porter and who was exonerated on the ground that the act was done in self-defense, complained to the police Monday night that someone was prowling about his place, pounding on the doors and shouting, "Come out, we want you." Thinking that the demonstration might have been made by some friend of Porter's, seeking satisfaction for his death, Captain Glover sent Patrolmen Stahl and Wiley to Pottage's home at 746 Northwick street. They found that the disturber was Ole Sieder, of 746 Kirby street, a youth, who had become intoxicated. He was found sleeping in the neighborhood of his home, with four bottles of whiskey in his pockets. He refused to tell where he had bought the liquor. Sieder was a reprint by Judge Taxwell yesterday and was allowed to go on promise of good behavior.

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PROFESSOR IS NOT INSANE

Court Decides Peculiar Actions No Indication of Derangement.

Leaving an unsatisfied penal bond in the sum of \$500, a shortage in accounting with his former employers of nearly \$500, and many checks which were not backed by money in the bank, Charles H. Crawford, formerly local manager of the Monarch Oil Company, under pending indictment in the Circuit Court charging a statutory offense, left this city very suddenly, about midnight last Saturday.

Crawford Sued by Wife.

Crawford first appeared in the public eye a few weeks ago, when his wife, whom he had married in California a year ago, sued him for non-support, and secured a maintenance of \$50 a month. Soon afterward she employed private detectives to trace her husband and thereafter resorted his arrest in a room in an apartment-house at Fourteenth and Columbia streets, in company with a young woman who was charged jointly with him.

Man Last Seen Saturday.

Crawford was to have appeared to plead this week. He was last seen in this city at 11:15 Saturday night. It is known that he left the city soon afterward. Nothing is known of the direction he took, but acquaintances believe that he is either headed for Calgary, Alberta, or Pittsburg, Pa., where his parents live.

Another Woman Involved.

In addition to the girl with whom Crawford was arrested, another is in this city who was his companion for a time, and

Wife Lives Here.

Mrs. Crawford is living at the McKinley apartments on the East Side. She knows nothing of the whereabouts of her husband. The manner in which Crawford worked upon her was shown by his attitude in the courtroom at the time of his arrest. Almost in the presence of the woman who was arrested with him, he caressed the complaining wife, and soothed her with blandishments in an effort to secure a withdrawal of the prosecution.

The new developments have been laid before District Attorney Cameron, and as the bench warrant issued yesterday by Judge Cleland is sufficient upon which to base a request for his apprehension, wherever he may be found, action on the new charges will probably be deferred until the meeting of the next grand jury, the time remaining for the present one being very short.

You Must Read This if You Want Relief.

J. W. Greer, Greenwood, La., suffered with a severe case of lumbago. "At times the pains were so intense I was forced to hypodermic injections for relief," he says. "These attacks started with a slight pain in the small of my back which gradually became fairly paralyzing in effect. My attention was attracted to Foley's Kidney and Bladder Pills in any way by my old using this wonderful medicine I am no longer bothered in any way by my old lumbago." Sold by all druggists.

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MAIN QUESTION ARGUED

SIX-INCH REGULATION AROUSES SOME CRITICISM.

Action of Water Board Is Approved, However, by Number of Persons Owning Property.

Refusal of the Water Board to take over pipes of less than six inches has aroused some criticism in the suburbs among property owners, who have laid smaller mains, but on the whole the action is approved by L. E. Rice and Ben Riesland.

For several years the Water Board has declined to lay any mains smaller than six inches, but many miles of

mains have been laid in the suburbs, one, two and four inches by private individuals. Nearly all the suburban water systems are composed of mains ranging from four inches down, but the city has not laid mains of less than six inches for years.

L. E. Rice, chairman of the committee which framed the present water amendment, approves the attitude of the Water Board and says that the action is a wise one. He thinks that the Water Board had to draw the line somewhere and drew it at the six-inch main line. Ben Riesland, president of the Seventh Ward Improvement League and chairman of the South East Side water committee, approves the action of the Water Board.

"It strikes me that the Water Board is correct," said Mr. Riesland, "in declining to take over pipes less than six inches. I am talking against my own interest, as I laid a lot of two-inch pipe, which I cannot expect the city to pay for. Mains less than six inches can serve only a temporary purpose and must be replaced, and there

is no reason why the city should waste a lot of money in paying for temporary mains. However, I think that the city should take over the suburban water plants and supply water until such time as larger mains can be laid like the Woodmere and Woodstock plants. This was done in the case of Mountville, Woodlawn and Mount Tabor. But I don't think the city should pay exorbitant prices for these plants when they are taken over. The city will have to use these plants until it can replace them, as it would be impossible to lay new systems in these outlying districts at once.

Christmas Happy Day for Medford.

MEDFORD, Or., Dec. 27.—(Special)—Christmas day was a doubly gala day in Medford for no less than four couples. At noon two couples were united in marriage and in the evening two more wedding ceremonies were performed. The birth record shows an increase of four inhabitants in the city, all four children being born on Christmas day.



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