

ASK FOR CENSUS

Livestock Interests Prepare a Bill.

WOULD COST \$1,800,000

Farming Statistics of Nation Would Be Gathered.

CONGRESS TO BE PETITIONED

Measure of Vital Interest to Stockmen Will Have the Weight of Indorsement of the National Convention.

Itself into a panic, when livestock was rushed into market in numbers never before experienced, resulting in a loss of millions of dollars to the livestock men. This decline was added to a great degree by the uncertainty of the farmers and stockmen as to the supply existing in the country—no data being available since 1900, everything was at sea. Had it been possible for the Government to advise the country as to the number of head of cattle, sheep and swine in the country, by careful estimates made from the census of 1900, it would have to a great degree prevented the catastrophe which has befallen this particular industry.

Accommodations for Visitors.

Preparations for the convention of the livestock men are proceeding apace. In the matter of accommodations for the visitors, lists of the rooming-houses and hotels in the city that will be available are being secured and an estimate will be made from them as to the exact number of persons that can be housed in them. If more room is found necessary, other arrangements will have to be made. Secretary Martin is sending out invitations to the newspaper men in the livestock districts, requesting that as many as can be present during the convention.

State Association to Meet.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Livestock Association will be held in the Rural Spirit office, Saturday, Dec. 19, at 10 A.M.

Election of six delegates to attend the National Livestock Convention to be held in this city next January, and other important matters will be taken up, such as

VICTIM OF SENILE DECAY

DR. W. E. CARLL SO CONSIDERS JOHN R. FOSTER.

Nurse Testifies That Mrs. Savage Attempted to Influence Her Testimony.

At the hearing to determine the mental condition of John R. Foster yesterday in the County Court, Mrs. Foster, who for a long time acted as nurse for Mrs. Foster, was called as a witness by W. D. Fenton, attorney for the guardian, B. G. Whitehouse. She said Foster was very positive in his manner, and she did not think he was demented.

Counsel for the guardian also examined Dr. W. E. Carll as a witness, and the doctor testified that Foster is afflicted with senile dementia. The further hearing of the case has been continued until December 15.

Mrs. Foster testified that Foster was very much worried and he said he didn't have as much money as people thought he had. On December 4, 1903, the date of Mrs. Foster's death, the witness said was the day Foster signed the deed conveying the quarter block at the corner of Seventh and Yamhill streets to Mrs. Doris W. Savage. Mrs. Foster, she said, died at 4:30 o'clock in the morning, and the deed

was signed at 10 o'clock. W. T. Muir acted as attorney in the case. Mrs. Foster said that Foster remarked that he didn't own the property; that it had been taken by the city for a street assessment. The lawyer, she said, informed Foster that the assessment only amounted to \$100, and he said he would sign the deed.

The witness testified further that before Mrs. Foster was taken down with her illness Mrs. Foster told her she had given all of her property to the Savages, and she wanted her to use her influence with "Uncle John" to get him to give them part of his property, but she wouldn't do it. Mrs. Foster said she took care of Mrs. Foster during her last illness, and was with her at other times when she was sick covering a period of 12 years.

She stated that she had never heard Mr. or Mrs. Savage refuse to let any one see John R. Foster, except when he was not feeling well, and did not want to see anybody. Mr. Fenton asked, "Didn't you make the statement that Mrs. Savage did not want any one to see Mr. Foster alone?" "I never knew them to feel that way about it," she replied.

Concerning Foster's eyes, the witness said she did not think there was so much of a stare. She thought he looked that way because he was thinking. If he wanted a thing he was very firm about it, and equally so if he didn't want it; still he was quiet and kind.

The witness called on Mr. Foster last Tuesday.

Mr. Fenton—Is his mind weakened? "I don't think he is demented," he replied.

Mr. Fenton—I don't mean that he is demented, is his mind weakened? "The witness said she thought it was.

The attorney next inquired of the witness if she had seen the Savages recently, and Mrs. Foster replied that she saw Mrs. Savage the last time she called to see Mrs. Foster. Mrs. Savage told her not to say anything to hurt her, and she answered that she would speak the truth.

Mr. Fenton—You had a feeling of delicacy about coming here at all as a witness? "Yes."

"You are friendly disposed to both parties?" "Mrs. Foster admitted that she was, and continuing, said: "Mrs. Foster said a great many things to me during the last year of her life. Mrs. Savage said to me, 'Wait, Mrs. Foster, you ought to be very careful what you say.' The witness said she responded that H. D. Sanborn had heard many things and could tell them."

Mrs. Foster was next interrogated concerning a conversation she had with Mrs. Savage in January last, after the suit to set aside the deed was filed. She stated that Mrs. Foster, talking over the matter with her, said: "A great many witnesses, people belonging to the best families in the city, will be called to testify on my side, and you had better not say anything against us, or it will not be safe for you to come on this side of the river. I said I did not want to tell anything to hurt them, but if subpoenaed as a witness would be compelled to tell the truth."

Mr. Fenton asked the witness on cross-examination if H. D. Sanborn was not running around saying a great many things and if she had not talked over the case with Mr. Fenton and James Gleason, Foster's friends, said he was in a bad way, was worrying and afraid he was going to lose all his property and die in the poorhouse, although the condition of his property was all right.

Dr. Carll said he had seen Mrs. Foster at various times afterwards and observing that he was falling. He said that he visited him

A BUSY WEEK

Day and Evening Rush Among Piano Buyers at Eilers Piano House. A \$1500.00 Aeolian Orchestral Among the Many Sales Made.

Piano business was at high tide with us the past week. A great number of the choicest instruments provided by us for this year's holiday trade found purchasers. Most of these are now being held by us awaiting the hour of Christmas delivery. Prices, \$50.00. This purchase by the majority are destined for Portland homes.

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We are adhering strictly to our policy of low prices. Not an instrument we have had been advanced on account of the season or the immense demand there has been for these exclusive styles. Eilers Piano House is recognized headquarters for reliable instruments at lowest obtainable prices. Buyers as usual will find it greatly to their advantage to investigate prices and qualities before making any decision about purchasing. Moderate terms for payment by monthly installments and our full written guarantee with every sale.

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A carload was received last week, and another one is due to arrive in a few days. These are the most reliable instruments that can go to a home that already has a piano. They make musicians of everybody. Prices, \$50.00. This purchase may also be made on moderate installments. Remember we are sole North Pacific Coast agents for Eilers Piano House, No. 351 Washington street, corner Park.

Store open evenings.

and for which it is proposed to pay in bonds of the railroad. Mr. Iles had a conference yesterday with Captain Chilcott, and subsequently said that he sustained Captain Chilcott in his position against S. Thornton Langley. "I never gave Langley an option to sell stock," declared Mr. Iles. "Langley was retained by Chilcott and recently was legally discharged. We have a sound proposition to present to the business men of Portland, and have not approached any financiers or promoters, because we think our proposition is good enough for the business community. We are only asking them to raise a certain amount to begin construction of the road. I am entirely satisfied with Mr. Chilcott's operations."

Works Bogus-Check Scheme.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A man giving the name of Gottman and bearing with him a tale of domestic infelicity, has found a profitable field for the accumulation of ready money among lawyers of the East Side. Gottman's scheme was to visit a lawyer and retain him in action for divorce, after telling of his troubles at home. As a retainer he offered an apparently good check for \$100 and asked for change, which always was forthcoming in cash. Gottman never came back, but the checks always did, and they were cashed by the banks. Gottman has not been apprehended. He is supposed to have secured a large sum before the swindle was exposed.

Spencer Cannot Be Buried in Abbey.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The Westminster Abbey authorities have declined to permit the ashes of Herbert Spencer to be sepulchred in the British Valhalla, according to a World dispatch from London. They were informally approached, but expressed regret that it was impossible. Prime Minister Balfour, who had been in many controversial bouts with the dead philosopher, expressed himself as favorably disposed to bury in the Abbey, but the dean and the chapter proved adverse. It is

Sues Murderer for Divorce.

Sophie Luebecke yesterday filed suit against Theodore Luebecke for a divorce. She says that he was convicted in February, 1895, of murder and is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary. They were married in June, 1891.

MORE WORK AT COOS BAY.

Federal Engineers Find That Entrance Is Shoaling.

Further work will soon be necessary at the entrance to Coos Bay unless the present shoaling of the bar is arrested. An examination showed that the bar at mean low tide June 30, 1903, is about 18 feet. The mean rise and fall of tide on Coos Bay bar is 4.5 feet.

The expenditures during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, were limited to caring for the Government plant used in the work of construction in past years and the transplanting of about 65 acres of Holladay Park to the north spit.

A recommendation that the funds available be withheld owing to the relatively small amount and to the fact that the depths contemplated by the project had been obtained and fairly well maintained, was approved.

"A recent examination showed but 17 feet depth on the crest of the bar at mean low water. Should the shoaling which is thus shown not prove temporary or increase, further work will soon be necessary. It is hoped this will not be the case."

"The funds available will therefore be used for maintaining the present north jetty until such time as further funds are appropriated and necessary for their expansion and improvement."

"The commerce that crosses the bar at the entrance to Coos Bay consists principally of lumber and coal, originating at points on and adjacent to the bay. Practically all of the commerce is marketed in San Francisco, to which point it is taken by coasting vessels. The bay and ocean form the only practicable means of transporting the commerce to market."

LEAVES TONIGHT FOR NEW YORK

Alfred B. Iles, original promoter of the Valdes Copper River and Tanana Railroad, Alaska, leaves tonight for New York and Washington, D. C., to look into the possibilities now pending between Captain Richard Chilcott with reference to the purchase of steamers for the enterprise

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Special Values in Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, White and fancies, 3 for 25c. Holiday Suspenders in Pretty boxes. 50c, 75c, \$1.00. Handsome Neckwear, Four-in-Hands, Tecks, Squares. 50c, 75c, \$1.00.

smaller cities, giving to one the business which at present half a dozen handle. In the larger cities the number will also be limited. Loss in transit is the reason given for the proposed consolidation.

Russian Soldiers Suffer From Cold.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12.—The Novoe Vremya today denies that Russia is temporizing in the Russo-Japanese negotiations. According to the Novokrol of Port Arthur, the Russian troops in the far East are suffering greatly from extreme cold. Although ten degrees of frost were registered at Tallen-Wan, the soldiers are still in tents, and the hospital facilities are inadequate.

Fruit Jobbers to Combine.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 12.—Plans to consolidate fruit jobbing houses in territory bounded by Chicago and Denver and St. Louis and Winnipeg were discussed by the Western Fruit Jobbers' Association, which convened here today. It is proposed to combine houses in the

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NEW RESIDENCE OF RICHARD R. HOGE AT NORTHWEST CORNER OF TWENTY-SECOND AND EVERETT STREETS



THE ACCOMPANYING CUT REPRESENTS THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE RESIDENCE OF RICHARD R. HOGE, NOW BEING BUILT ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF TWENTY-SECOND AND EVERETT STREETS.

looking after the proposed livestock show at the Lewis and Clark Fair in 1905; suggesting any changes in the preliminary list of livestock to State Fair; to encourage a big livestock show in Portland in 1904, and such other matters as may be brought before the meeting.

THERE WILL BE NO BANQUET.

The New Line to St. Johns Hangs in the Balance.

When the question of a new electric line to St. Johns came before the property-owners of the Peninsula, many of them came forward with encouraging offers of assistance. Four land companies guaranteed \$200,000 of the \$250,000 necessary to complete the subsidy. It looked for a time as though the deal would be completed before the first of the year. One of the promoters felt so sure that the whole amount would be raised by that time that he announced that he would give a banquet to the subscribers to the subsidy on New Year's evening if the subsidy was completed before the date.

Some who had intimated that they could be depended on for assistance seem to have concluded that they can get the benefits of the new line without subscribing anything. This now threatens the success of the whole enterprise. The new company has arranged terms with the Portland Railway Company for the operation of the new line, but that corporation will put no money in the construction. If any money is paid out for rights of way, it must come out of the pockets of the subscribers to the subsidy.

The movement is a popular one among those who reside on the Peninsula, and warm blood is beginning to circulate against the obstructionists. It is perfectly plain that if it were many years before the Peninsula will get another street-car line if this effort should fail. No company would attempt to compete with the old line unless a route could be found to get a diagonal course similar to the one followed by the proposed line.

The distance between St. Johns and Portland would be two miles greater by following the streets than by the City & Suburban or by the proposed line.

It will only require about \$200,000 more to complete the subsidy necessary for construction, but the cost of right of way must be added to this amount. A few of the larger property-owners are still hanging back. While the present outlook is discouraging, chances of success are few before the first of the year may save the day for the new line.

LOCATED IN PORTLAND.

The Dr. Liebig staff of specialists for men of Seattle and San Francisco, visiting the great future of Portland and opening World's Fair, 1906, have opened a branch here at 74 Sixth street, corner Oak street, near the postoffice. These well-known old specialists for men are not new on the Pacific Coast. The medical director, Dr. Stoddard, is one of the first special doctors who practiced in Oregon before the railroads were built into this state, 30 years ago. The Dr. Liebig staff has leased the fine new store in the Oxford block for a term of years. They give scientific lectures to men in their Liebig hall, 74 Sixth street, every night.

A GRAND CLAMBAKE FESTIVAL

Will be given by the Congregation Ahava Shalom on Sunday evening, December 13, at 8 o'clock, at the Clambake House, which will be conducted by the Rev. R. Abramson, and assisted by Mr. Phil Goveur. Dr. Levine will lecture following occasion. Public is cordially invited.

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What a Livestock Census Would Show.

The number of farms in the United States, their values and their acreage.

A classified census of livestock, together with their values.

The acreage, quantity, and value of cotton, corn, wheat, oats, rice, barley, buckwheat, hay, flax, rye, and potatoes.

One of the most important issues to come before the convention of the National Livestock Association and National Woolgrowers' Association, which convene in Portland in January, will be that of securing the passage by Congress of a bill providing for a census of agricultural statistics, including a classified census of livestock in the United States. The gathering of this information every ten years by the Government is looked upon as a matter of vital interest to the livestock industries of the country, and it is expected that a unanimous petition for the passage of such a bill will be indorsed by the associations, in convention assembled. The bill providing for the agricultural and livestock census was introduced to the last session of Congress, but was not acted upon. The livestock men and woolgrowers propose to take this matter up at the coming convention and make every endeavor to have the bill passed during the present session, that the first census may be taken in 1906. A bulletin was issued yesterday from local headquarters of the convention committee, calling the attention of every stockman to the importance of this proposed act, and urging that he be in attendance upon the convention, prepared to take action urging its passage.

Value to Stockraisers.

In the eyes of those interested or engaged in stockraising, the gathering of the information desired would be of inestimable value to not only the stockraisers, but to all other interests identified with those of the stockman. As for the cost of this census, it is estimated that returns in benefits will more than repay the necessary expenditure to secure the data. The further argument is made that the Government is spending a large sum of money each year to gather statistics relative to the cotton-growing interests, and that the plea of the stockmen is for nothing more than equity in Government statistics. For two years or more the associations interested have endeavored to have this bill passed by Congress. The present session offers the last chance to have it passed in time to secure the 1906 census, and those interested in the proposition do not propose to allow it to pass without being improved. The bill which the National lawmakers will be called upon to adopt is as follows:

Text of the Bill.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, that, in addition to the census now required by law to be taken every ten years, there shall be taken in the year 1906 and every tenth year thereafter a census of the statistics of agriculture, which shall show:

First—The number of farms in the United States, their values and their acreage.

Second—A classified census of livestock, together with their value.

Third—The acre, quantity and value of cotton, corn, wheat, oats, rice, barley, buckwheat, hay, flax, rye and potatoes.

Section 2. That the Director of the Census is hereby authorized and required to prepare such schedules and to make such rules and regulations and to submit such reports as may be necessary to carry this act into effect.

Cost of Cotton Census.

The bulletin issued yesterday calling attention to this bill and urging its support is entitled "Livestock vs. Cotton." Notice is directed to the fact that the Government spends \$200,000 each year in securing the cotton census or \$1 for every \$200 worth of the crop. "How does this expenditure for the cotton census compare with the expenditures asked for by the National Livestock Association?" asks the bulletin. The answer to this inquiry can be seen in the following figures: The value of domestic animals on farms in 1900 was \$1,281,726. The value of the products derived from these animals and classified by the census as animal products was \$1,411,242. The value of the staple crops, the census of which the Livestock Association would connect with the statistics of animals, was in 1900 \$2,514,433.47. The total of these amounts makes the enormous aggregate of \$3,927,225.47. The cost of this census is estimated at about \$1,800,000, or \$1 for every \$2184 of these investments. When the period of time is taken into consideration, the cost of this census is only one-sixth of that for the cotton product of the South.

Value of the Census.

"In the discussion of the cotton census in the United States Congress," the bulletin says, "no one has raised the question of exorbitant cost, or unjustified expenditure. The only discussion that has arisen is whether this expenditure should be made by the Census Office or by the Division of Statistics of the Agricultural Department. The outlay of this money for this product has been commensured by every commercial and agricultural paper North, South, East and West. This has been done although more and better statistics of cotton are available outside of those by the census than are in existence with reference to livestock or any farm product other than the cotton crop every year by accurate data relating to its shipment by rail and boat. This can be done for no other product of the farm, and nothing parallel to it is responsible for the livestock on farms."

"Everyone in any way connected with the livestock industry is familiar with the unprecedented decline in value experienced at market centers during the past 12 months. This decline was started by manipulation in prices in the interest of speculators, and after a time resolved

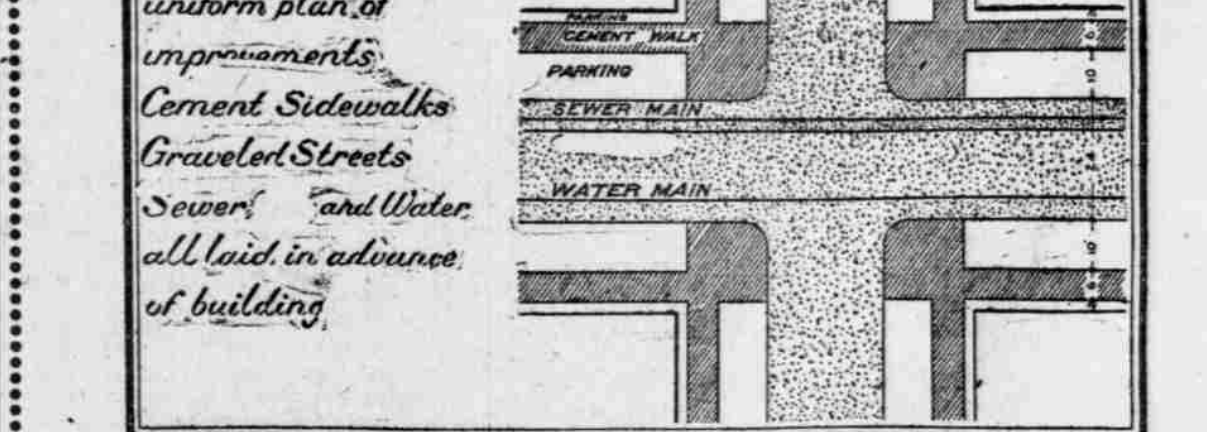
A MODERN ADDITION

The Old Way and the New

THE OLD WAY of laying out an addition for residence purposes was simply to survey and plat it—setting stakes where the streets would eventually be made, and letting it go at that. Some of us know how many years we had to wait for improved streets, to say nothing of sewers and street-cars. Some of us are waiting yet.

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