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THEATRES WERE ALL NEGLIGENT

Not a Playhouse in Chicago Was Conducted According to the City Laws.

HAD ONE-QUARTER NUMBER OF INSPECTORS REQUIRED.

Only Superficial Examinations Were Possible-Two Tubes of Kilfyre the Up in Every Department.

Fire Marshal Musham, Alderman doubling the fund. Mayer and Building Inspector Coroner Trigger to appear before the jury this afternoon in the Iroquois

Inquiry follows the sensational sioner Williams yesterday to the ef- ed for. fect that the city has only one quar-

Two Tubes of Kilfyre. Mayor Harrison will be examined all were violating the city ordinances. it is 10 cents. Ine coroner will ask why the ordinances were not enforced as soon as liable to be bankrupted by such a veillance on the Japanese cruisers. the discovery was made, instead of project. He said \$1,000,000,000 would turning the report over to the city put all the main roads in good condi-

Continued testimony by stage employes today corroborates that prac-

a pigeon hole.

Chicago Short of Money. Mayor Harrison on the stand ad-

closed. He says Chicago has not a systematic campaign of extortion money enough to properly conduct for personal gain. any department.

Trying to Shirk Responsibility. Chicago, Jan. 14.—Building Inspector Loughlin, accused of declaring the Sawtell's branch bank at Santa Mon Iroquois theater "O. K." declared pelica was robbed last night of \$200 such a report, and denounced accusations against him as false.

He said Building Commissioner Williams is trying to shift the blame. He admitted he visited the theater the Reichstag today decided to es the day it opened and found neither tablish German consulates at Atlanta, marked exits, fire extinguishers, hose Seattle, New Orleans and St. Paul. or alarm boxes. Did not report this because it was the duty of the fire that the structural work was all right, but called attention to other features which were violations of the ordinance, and was instructed by Williams to "Let it go."

EVIDENCE ADDUCED AT CORONER'S INQUEST.

Captain Roberts Refused to Take Passengers From Cialiam Onto His Tug-All Who Were Rescued Were Taken From the Water - Other Steamers Were Distressed-Majority of Those Lost Were Women and Children in Boats.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 14 .- At the coroner's inquest into the deaths of victims of the Clallam which commenced today, evidence was given by Ed- Port Arthur states that the Japanes ward Lannon, of Montana, that no are leaving. More than 100 left Daldistress signals were made by the ny in one day. The Aussians regard steamer Clallam.

steamer passed within a mile of the with troops. sinking steamer, whose fires had already been put out by the inrush of water. No attempt was made to attract the attention of the vessel. When the tug Holyoke picked up the Clallam, about 10 o'clock, a num- present

ber of passengers asked Captain Roberts to put them on the tug, but

have been transferred. No one was extremely tense, taken from the steamer when she careened and rolled over at the climax. All who were rescued by the tugs were taken from the water.

ASKS FOR APPHUPRIATION OF 24,000,000 DOLLARS.

Ingenious Argument to Prove That on Highways Sixty Per Cent.

Washington, Jan. 14.-Latimer, of South Carolina, made a speech in the senate today in advocacy of his bill

He said this amount should be di-Only Defense Against Fire at the vided equally between the states and sides. territories according to population, Iroquois-Testimony Reflects Upon the minimum allotment being \$250,000 Mayor Harrison-Chicago is Hard to any state having less than 750,000 inhabitants. It further provides that any state or territory receiving such Chicago, Jan. 14.—Mayor Harrison, dollar from its own treasury, thus cance. Negotiat.ons have reached

Mr. Latimer declared this would Laughlin have been summoned by place a surplus in the government treasury of \$266,000,000, "which really belongs to the people." He declared it wrong to hoard the

peoples' money. It is not necessary to meet the public debt before 1: charges made by Building Commis- and current expenses are all provid-

harbors are improved, so should be Kasage started through yesterday. livestock. the highways.

transportation per ton over a mile of ships Aurora and Donskoi and seven relative to the report he received on dirt road in America is 25 cents, torpedo boat destroyers. Other Rus theaters in November, showing that while in Europe on roads improved sian war vessels are expected here He denied that the government is have been ordered to keep close sur-

council where it evidently landed in tion and require from the government but \$50,000,000 per year for 10 years

consisted of two tubes of kilfyre, Makes Charges of Extortion Against

Des Moines, Jan. 14 .- Governo mitted he failed to take action on Cummings' message, delivered this Commissioner William's report other afternoon, is a sensation. It recomthan referring it to the council, Said mends that \$24,000 which he allege it was the custom that all antiquated former State Auditor Meriam mulcted and impractical laws should not be from eastern insurance companies as fees for alleged examinations, be re-After the fire he looked into the funded. He says Merriam and inmatter and ordered the theaters surance Examiner Behler conducted

Santa Monica, Cal., Jan. 14.

fore the coroner today he never made cash and a small amount of securi-New German Consulates Berlin, Jan. 14.-A committee

VLADIVOSTOCK PORT

CLOSED TO SHIPPING. dent.

Russia Must Modify Her Demands Or A Settlement Not Far Off.

New York, Jan. 14.-A special from the Japanese seizure of Mekphe About 4 o'clock, an hour after the probable, with the object of making women and children and those in the Russia fire the first shot. Trains boats with them had been drowned, a from Russian Europe are crammed

Vladisvostok is Icebound Vladisvostok, Jan. 14.-This port is icebound, thus effectually preventing naval operations from this base at

Situation is Tense Berlin, Jan. 14.—Official intelli

TODAY'S PROGRAM IN LIVESTOCK MEETING ter of a mile by the juage, witnesses and citizens. He fell from exhaus-

Portland, Jan. 14.-Today's session | The resolution cited the fact that of the livestock convention opened in many localities mutton could be with a full house. The program car- obtained at much more reasonable ried out during the day was as fol prices than beef, that it was just as lows: Consideration of resolutions; nutritious meat, just as conducive to address. "Legislation in the Interest health and strength, and that the exof the Livestock Industry," F. J. Hag- clusive use of beef was an unjust disenbarth, of Utah; "Evolution of Live- crimination against the sheepmen, stock Business," Hon, R. W. Wall, of and often a costly and extravagant Texas; "Relation of Transportation practice especially where beef cattle Companies to the Livestock Indus are high priced. try," W. W. Cotton, Portland; "Discrimination of Transportation Companies," L. A Allen, of Missouri; fur-Our Grazing Lands"? J. E. Stubbs, of ed to be one of the most interesting Nevada. F. H. Newell, of Washing-papers of the convention. ton, D. C., in a brief address, "Policy of the Government Relative to Forest He reviewed the origin of the diff address by Gifford Pinchot, Washing-

Feed the Indians Mutton,
One of the most important resolution spassed by the livestock convention was that requesting congress to change the policy of the department in dian wards of the government, and asking that an equal amount of mut to be for some time been appointed the policy of the government, and asking that an equal amount of mut to be for indian wards of the government provisions.

Senator Mitchell was notified today land office, to succeed Asa B. Thomp by Secretary Hitchcock that the selection of Albert A. Roberts for receiver of the La office of the policy of the department of the country. It is believed by some convention adopted a support of the department of the country. It is believed by some of the best known ment to the office of receiver will be made at once.

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Yesterday evening C. E. Stubbs, a ther consideration of resolutions; an delivered an address on the "Horse address, "What Shall We Do With and the Horse Industry," which provmember of the Colorado legislature.

Reserve," Governor Wells, of Utah; erent breeds of horses, and traced their distribution over the earth.

he refused. The sea had gone down gence causes the government to besomewhat and the passengers could lieve the stuation in the orient is

Japs Conciliatory.

London, Jan. 14.-A special from Tokio says the ministers who attend ed the recent conference state that Japan's attitude was extremely con

Japan's Demands

London, Jan. 14.-Japan's reply to Russia's last note is a modification upon many points according to Minthe Proper Expenditure of That ister Sayashi, who received a copy of Amount Would Be a Measure of the text today. It insists, however, Economy-Declares That Cost of upon Chinese sovereignty in Manchurla and Japan's sphere of influ-Transportation Would Be Reduced ence in Korea. Practically the relations of Russia and Japan are unchanged. Sayashi believes the negotiations liable to be prolonged.

Approaching a Settlement Tokio, Jan. 14.-High Japanese of creating a bureau of highways and ficials today make the statement that carrying appropriations of \$24,000, the belief in official circles is that war with Russia will be averted, and say concessions .ave been made on both

If Russia insists on a neutral zone in Korea it will end negotiations, but Japan intimated to Russia she is ready to recognize Russian trading concessions in Korea providing they benefit must contribute dollar for are entirely without political signifithe point where peaceful or hostile settlement is only a few days off. If Russia insists on a neutral zone, war is inevitable; if she abandons 't, peace is practically assured. Japan expects a conciliatory reply from Russia.

Russians Watching Japanese. Port Sald, Jan. 14.-The Japanese cruiser Nishua, which with the cruis-They are immediately preceded He declared the average cost of through the canal by the Russian wartoday. This proves Russian vessels

DIRECT NOMINATING PRI-

Same Reform Forces That Carried cessful Termination, Start Another former, 8 cretary.

Portland, Jan. 14 -The reformers who launched and arried the initia ive and referendum amendment brough in Oregon, have started an ther movement of equal interest and is far-reacting results as that and he initial steps were taken in this

W. S. U'Ren, C. E. S. Wood, George M. Orton, F. T. Griffitus and Thomas Green issued a call for a meeting ome weeks ago, to be held in this ity for the purpose of organizing a direct primary league, the objects of ind secure the passage of an amendment to the constitution of Oregon, providing for direct nominating primaries, and doing away with political conventions, composed of a small proportion of the voters of the state. In response to this call, a meeting was held in the Mining Exchange in the Chamber of Commerce building. esterday afternoon, and the Direct Primary Nominating League of Oreon was organized, with the following officers: President, A. L. Mills, president of the Portland National Bank, secretary; W. S. U'Ren, of Oregon City, vice-president; George M. Orton, treasurer; F. T. Griffiths and an exec-

voters asking for the abolition of the Expects Russia Will Back Down- tions to be wiped out of the political activity of the state

VANCOUVER PROCURER. renchman Attempts to Escape From

Vancouver, B. C., Jan 14 .- The po-

Desire Bothier, a Frenchman, and Bothler was arrested charged with

'uring girls under 21 from France under false pretenses and selling them for immoral purposes. Bothier's ef- ly in their interest, fects were searched and a pass book on a Paris bank found which shows \$50,000 on deposit. He attempted to escape from the cour room during the trial and was chased for a quartion and was taken back and the trial proceeded with.

STRIKE RENEWED. Drivers and Employers Fail to Agree

in Chicago. Chicago, Jan. 14.—The strike of the livery drivers began anew today. after a truce of 15 days following the Iroquois fire. Ninety-five percent of the 1,600 drivers of carriages and hearses are said to le out, and only als, while the mourners are obliged to resort again to street cars in journeyng to cemeteries. ployes to agree on a wage scale caus-

A. A. ROBERTS OR RECEIVER.

ed a resumption of the strike.

LIVESTOCK CONVENTION

Delegates From New Hampshire to Honolulu and From Intermediate States Make Speeches and Reports.

New Hampshire the Greatest Creamery State of the Entire East-Jerry Simpson Makes the Hit of the Day, Recommending Leasing Range Lands Under Close Restrictions-Forest Reserve Question Precipitates a Hot Debate-Eight Hundred and Fifty Delegates Are Present.

Portland, Jan. 13 .- (Special to East the Fifty-Seventh Congress providing \$33,000,000 per annum, and we are Oregonian.)-The forenoon session of for federal inspection on all interstate justified in saying that the price of the livestock convention was devoted shipments of live stock, passed the sheep would be reduced, to the figure to reports of stock conditions in diff. senate and became a law. The cn- which prevailed under the free trade each and every one of you, I am. erent states and territories. The roll of states was called and mense saving to the live stock ship to \$1.25 per head. responses made by representative pers of this country. All other measures which we had

tire East. Arizona, Colorado, Kansas, Mon-

He contended that better roads are er Kasage, recently purchased from ington, Oregon, Wyoming, Utah and ter the number of inspectors required a national necessity and proper object Argentine, was received at the en- New Mexico all responded with brief and that only the most superficial 'n- of national aid. As the rivers and trance of the Suez canal today. The speeches on the general conditions of states, with a view of agreeing upon ing great loss to shippers by reason A. Young, alternate; Utah, Jesse 4 Speech of Jerry Simpson.

> briefly on "Shoddy" before the wool. this commission Hon. W. A. Richards, conditions changed for the better growers' meeting and announced he commissioner of the general land of Transportation companies when apspeech today. MARY LEAGUE ORGANIZED. Wall street, the beef trust, the rail- logical Survey, with instructions to claiming that rates were not too high.

West and enriched the East. Equally as important Movement- packing plant, co-operation among this advisable. However, this com- commerce commission. In order to A. L. Mil s, Portland Banker, Pres the cattle and sheepmen, and combi- mission is quite satisfactory and an have a standing before the commisident; W S. U'Ren, Veteran Re. pations of stockmen to fight combina- doubt will be of great service in reach. sion when a hearing is asked for, it outly, as he made humorous and tell. idly growing towards individual con-

> He recommended the leasing of try, and in my opinion it is a question mission in ordering the hearing. range lands under close restrictions, of but a short time before some satis. The Independent Packing Company stockmen with the aim of bringing ack the ruined ranges by limiting between interested parties. the number of stock per acre.

The Anti-Shoddy Bill.

Unloading Time Limit.

Afternoon Debates. he consideration of resolutions. ivestock censuses.

timent being against the policy. Delegates Still Arriving.

Delegates are still arriving and 't s estimated 850 are present today. Will probably finish Thursday even-One interesting paper today was

the livestock industry of the Hawa-ilan islance. He said two-thirds of the population of the islands are non- al inspectors in all of the packing stock in this country during this utive committee of 25 to be named meat eating Chinese, Japanese and from different counties by the presi-falfa each year on land, owing to a detriment to the business. I invited nation is as prosperous as at any time A oill has been prepared to the the rich soil and favorable climate. Stock growing is limited to small political convention and the substitu- holdings on account of the enormous Manufacturers to attend this meeting as great as ever and there has been tion of the direct nominating primary, value of the soil for sugar growing, or designate some person to discuss no material increase in the number all candidates for public office to be and the stock industry has been this question with you, but he re- of head of livestock, these condition Not Tolerate Such a Thing as 'A nominated by vote of the entire peo- slowly crowded out by sugar. More Neutral Zone' Around Korea, and ple, all the schemes of the conven. and more meat is imported each year. Secretary Martin's Address.

To the members of the executive committee of the National Live-

In making my annual report to the members of the National Livestock Association, I shall go into a detailed ce today raided the residence of statement as to the efforts put forth during the past year, what the stockfound a dozen girls, all alleged to men desire of the association in the have recently been innocent girls of future, and the condition of the organization, with the hope that this in-

conditions which the industry has ex-perienced during the past year has not tions of traffic, and also for relief from W. Flato, Jr., treasurer, Missouri, and prompted the generous financial or the maintenance of rates unreasonable C. F. Martin, secretary, Colorado moral support we have had hereto in themselves fore, and has prevented a large num-

ton, Hon. William M. Springer,

black undertakers' wagons are put in- ly in February the bill which the as- states and territories will be com-

nal's Washington special says:

Wool Hides and Tariff.

tempt would immediately be made much credit cannot be given ou to remove the tariff from wool. If a worthy president for what he has law of this character should be enacted, it would mean a loss to the sheep industry because of the reducion in the price of wool of at least actment of this bill will be an im- law when they varied from 98 cents

Transportation.

During the past year I have receiv-New Hampshire is the only Eastern before last congress failed of passage ed a great many letters from ship-tee of the National Woolgrowers' Asstate represented. L. E. Wright, of because of the deadlock in the senate pers, complaining that transportation that state, read a paper showing how over the Pansma canal and Statehood companies failed to furnish the necesthe livestock industry had been sup- bills. These measures were re-intro- pary equipment in which to transport planted by manufacturing, and gave duced at the beginning of the special stock, often necessitating shipments statistics showing that the creamery session of the Forty-eighth congress, to be held for weeks near the load | Louis Alcock; Colorado, J. H. Halley; industry of his state leads the en- being as follows: "A Bill Providing ing point; that rates have been mafor a Classified Census of Livestock," terially increased; that the time in York, W. H. Markham and J. Howard calling upon the president to appoint hauling to market often did not extana, Texas, California, Idaho, Wash- a commission to investigate and re- ceed six or seven miles per hour; Ohio, A. A. Bates; Montana, T. C. port upon the forest reserves and con- and trains were sidetracked and deditions of the arid and semi arid layed for dead freight, thereby caussome bill for the amiable adjustment of increased feed bills and shrinkage; of these difficulties. In this connectalso that railroad companies had de-The hit of the day was made by tion I am glad to report that the cided to withdraw return transporta-Jerry Simpson, on behalf of New president compiled with our request, tion to shippers on January 1, and Michigan, Mexico. Yesterday evening he spoke and on November 30th appointed as we were asked to seek to have these would deliver his usual four-hours' fice; Hon. Gifford Pinchot, Chief proached on these subjects did not Forester of the Department of Agn- seem to be inclined to be willing to He reviewed the livestock industry culture, and Hon. F. H. Newell, Chief entertain any proposition looking to the United States and scored Engineer of the Department of Geo a reconsideration of their rulings. roads, stockyards, trusts and other report at the earnest possible date. considering the service rendered, and agencies for squeezing the stockmen. This association desired in addition that cars were furnished as promptly He said the industry had civilized the to these three, one practical cattle as possible. The only way to secure man and one practical sheep man, relief seems to be through a hearing He recommended an independent but the C ief Executive did not deem of these matters before the interstate tions of capital and railroads, and hig the desired conclusion. I desire is necessary that the case be made was interrupted by applause continu- also to say that the sentiment is rap- up with a sufficient number of affidavits or witnesses who shall give per trol of the grazing lands of this coun- sonal testimony, to justify the com

factory agreement will be reached This association has gone on record at its last annual meeting as opposing any combination which seeks to con The Grosvenor Anti-Shoddy bill trol the price of livestock at our lead The afternoon session is devoted to was also re-introduced at this session. ing markets, and also dictates prices The principal opposition to the past of meat and meat products to the The chief subjects discussed are sage of the measure comes from mem- consumer, and recommending the es prest reserves, cheaper transporta- bers of the National Association of tablishment of an independent pack tion and cheaper stockyard charges. Wool Manufacturers. Their argument ing plant as the only method by which aster time on the railroads with is, that we seek to prevent the manu- ompetition may be had and thereby which would be to circulate petitions stock trains, and a resolution asking facture of shoddy in any form. Their secure for both the producer and conthe government to take five year promises being false, it follows that sumer an equitable price. It is an their argument against this measure undisputed fact that the decline in The debate of the session was on is eminently unfair as well as unrea- the values of beef animals during the the forest reserve policy of the gov- sonable. This association seeks only ast 18 months amounts to more than ernment, the almost unanimous sen- to have manufacturers stamp their \$3 per hundred; hogs, an average of goods, giving the percentage of shod- \$5 per animal, and sheep from 75 dy the same as manufacturers of cents to \$1 per head. Consumers Oleomargarine are compelled to stamp however, are paying the same price their product. The manufacturers al- for their meats as during the time so object to the section of our bill maximum prices were realized by providing for federal inspection, the growers. The loss to every man laiming that it would be a detriment who fed cattle in the feeding states to their business to have their mills of the Missouri and Mississippi valread by J. C. Lowe, of Honolulu, on alled with these officials. It does not leys during the winter of 1902 and seem that this argument should have spring of 1903, ranges from \$15 to \$30 any weight, for the reason that feder- per head, and the total decline of live houses of the country, oleomargarine period amounts to more than \$750. the Hon. C. H. Harding, president of during the past two years, the homthe National Association of Wool and export demand for meat product are uncalled for, the only apparer

reason being the unjust manipulation of prices at market centers, assist A bill has also been re-introduced, ed by the lack of knowledge on the providing for extension of the time part of producers as to the visible limit for unloading live stock in transupply. These conditions will neve sit west of the one hundredth meridchange until the stockmen them ian from twenty-eight to forty hours selves take decided measures to realso a bill transferring matters per move them. taining to forest reserves from the Officers and Directors Department of the Interior to the D-

Prompted by this idea, a number of partment of Agriculture: a bill compelling transportation companies to stockmen met in Kansas City in the haul all livestock in trainload lots middle of June, for the purpose of formation may prompt the members so given our endorsement to a bill in- sulted in incorporating the Indepento give it the support and assistance troduced by the Interstate Commerce dent Packing Company under the laws which it deserves, taking into con- Law Commission which seeks to of Arizona, with a capital of \$5,000, sideration the fact that it is absolute amend the Interstate Commerce Act | 000. The officers and directors wer so as to prevent discrimination be elected at a meeting held in Denver I regret to say that the unfavorable tween competing localities and second October 20, 1903, as follows: I

The stockmen while not opposed Arizona; M. A. Jastro, Colifornia; ber of delegates from the central and convention as they very much desired to do.

It is with deep regret that I am obliged to announce to you the death of our General Counsel at Washing.

The stockmen while not opposed to the protection of the forests, have a decided and pronounced objection to the policy which has been adopted by the interior department regarding forest reserves. I refer particularly to the segregation of vast areas of T. B. Thombs and N. H. Gentry. grazing and agricultural land as a T. B. Thombs and N. H. Gentry, portion of those reserves, and the isfrom pneumonia after an illness of but a few days.

Legislation. 'co; George Russell and George omething is not done very soon the I am pleased to advise you that ear- industry in several of the Western Ernst, Nevada; E. B. Johnson, Tonk mith and W. E. Bolton, Oklahoma; o service in lieu of hearses at funer sociation caused to be introduced in pletely destroyed. Our efforts in this J. H. Gwinn, Oregon; Noah New nance and rights in that country banks and C. J. Buell. South Dakota; The failure of employers and em- A. A. ROBERTS FOR LA GRANDE RECEIVER Utab: R. R. Solway, Wyoming. It is

Portland, Jan. 13.—The Daily Jour. Ellis, of this city, and has been pal's Washington special says: prominently identified with the Address by Gifford Pinchot, Washing address by Gifford Pinchot, Washing ton, D. C.; "Our Pony, Its Uses and Abuses," How Mortimer Levering, of Indiana, and the election of a new executive committee.

Feed the Indiana Mutton,

Feed the Indiana Mutton, company is that the stockmen

direction before the interior depart are holders of stock in the company, ment have so far been without effect, in addition to receiving handsome adbut I believe that if our request to vances in the price of livestock, will have the division of forest reserves receive a material dividend each year, transferred to the agricultural depart- which in itself would be a justificament that the stockmen as a rule will tion for stockmen to subscribe, have no further cause for complaint. It is the intention of the officers of

this association to make this the I have to advise you that Senator greatest organization in the United Lodge has introduced a bill in con-gress providing for the removal of the purpose for which it was organiz-tariff on hides. Should this bill be-States and one which will accomplish come a law, the loss would not fall cannot be done unless it is support. upon the importer or manufacturer, ed by every livestock organization and but upon the man who produces the animal. The average tariff being With this object in view, I hope that \$1.25 for every hide, it would cause the cattle raisers of the nation to lose \$12,500,000 annually. In the event Mr. Lodon annually. In the loss of the nation to lose \$12,500,000 annually. In the loss of the nation to our membership roll event Mr. Lodge's bill should meet of such organizations and men as are with favor at the hands of congress, not now upon it, there is no question but that an at-

> done in your interests. In all mat ters, which I have undertaken for your benefit, I have been greatly assisted by his counsel and advice. Thanking you for the courtesy have received at your hands, and trusting that prosperity may be with

> > Respectfully, SECRETARY.

Woolgrowers' Association. The following are the newly electsociation, several members from various states not yet having been named:

Arizona, E. S. Gosney; California. New Mexico, Solomon Luna; New Powers; Washington, J. C. McClement; Oregon, Douglas Belts, George Smith, Heber Smith; Idoha, John Mc-Millan, E. Ormsby; Texas, John Mcymount; Wyoming, William Dally;

ARMSTRONG IN SUSPENSE. To Hang or Not to Hang Is the Ques-

tion Agitating the Minds of the Legal Fraternity. Salem, Or. Jan. 13.—Captain Sam-sel White, of Baker City, the district attorney, cane to Salem yesterday norning to appear before the supreme ourt, in opposition to the attorneys of Pleasant Armstrong, the man con lemned to be hanged in Baker City. lanuary 22, for murder. Armstrong's attorneys have made an application lain was introduced and welcomed or a certificate of probable cause to tay the execution of their client, cultarly happy manner. He called at-

ending an appeal. The appeal is com the ord er of the circuit court. ixing the execution for January 22. Baker county. His counsel object er county, for the reason that the aw under which the death warrant blaring trails to new empires. vas issued has been repealed, and hey also object to the hanging of beir client by the penitentiary auth rities under the new law providing he Baker county murder was com osto facto, and they urge that the efendant carnot be executed at all The case was argued this afternoon and will doubtless be decided by the

court in ample time. FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE

Japan Has Accepted Russia's Counter Propositions, Which Is Tantamount to Declaration of a Settlement-Russia Recognizes the Validity and Binding Force of Trade Treaties

TAKES THAT VIEW OF CASE

Paris, Jan. 12.-The foreign office persists in the belief that peace will be maintained in the far east. Office ials say the news today indicates that war is definitely averted.

Made With China Governing Com-

Japanese-Russian Compromise. Paris, Jan. 12 .- A dispatch from St Petersburg says it is reported in diplomatic circles that Japan has ac cepted the last Russian counter proposition. This decision was arrived a atter a lengthy conference between foreign minister Lammdorff and the Japanese minister, Kurino.

Relating to Manchurian Treaties. Washington, Jan. 12.-The following bulletin is posted in the state department today: "The Russian ambassador called yesterday upon the secretary of state and conveyed the assurances of his government that Russia will place no obstacles in the way of the full enjoyment of the powers having treaties with China of all rights and privileges guaranteed by such treaties in Manchuria."

Statement by Japanese Minister. London, Jan. 12.-The Japanese ambassador this afternoon issued the (ollowing official statement: "Russia's last reply suggests the

neutralization of a part of Korea, meeting. while recognizing Japanese predomi-Japan is unable to accept this, and W. F. Halsell and R. H. Harris, Tex. is now preparing a reply sending out this afternoon, attended by delegates us; Jesse M. Smith and M. E. Parsons, suggestions. If Japan secures what of the Livestock Association.

Utab: R. R. Solway, Wyoming. It is she wants, Korean negotiations re

STOCK MEETING

Interesting Account of the Opening Session by Our Special Correspondent.

LARGEST DELEGATION IS FROM STATE OF IDAHO

Largest County Delegation in Fron Received a Hearty Welcome From Portland-The President's Address Masterly Presentation of the Rights and Opportunities Stock Growers,

Portland, Or., Jan. 12 .- (Special to the East Oregonian.)-The seventh annual convention of the National ivestock Association met this mornng at 9:30 at the Baker theater. It estimated 800 delegates are pres ent besides 1,000 visitors in the city The delegates were slow in arriv ng and the orchestra of the Baker theater rendered music while the visitors waited. As the delegates flied into the hall the orchestra began playing "Dixie," amid loud and hearty cheers from the entire audience. As the convention was called to or der President Springer and many prominent visitors and officers took seats on the stage, including Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon; Governor Wells, of Utah; United States Senator Warren, of Wyoming; Mayor Williams, of Portland; Gifford Pinchot, United States forester; J. L. Wilson, of Texas, and many promi-

After brief introductory remarks by President Springer, Rev. Edgar P. Hill of Portland, offered prayer.

Following this Governor Chamber the delegates and visitors in his petention to the hardships of the pioity and wealth of the West pos the place named is the jail yard He praised the stockmen for being the place county. His counsel object one of the hardlest, happiest, most one of the hardlest, happiest, most one of the hardlest, happiest, most the execution by the sheriff of Ba- loyal and stanch class of citizens-

rie said this convention should promote and complete plans for an independent packing company to relieve the stockmen from the exactions or executions there, and passed after of the beef trust, and amid cheers, he Baker county murder was com said Portland should be one of the nitted, claiming that the act is ex arst cities to secure a packing plant. owing to its prominent position the markets of the Orient. He invited all the delegates to re-

turn to the Lewis and Clark fair in 1905 and bring their wives and fami-

Mayor George H. Williams follow ed Governor Chamberlain and wel-comed the delegates on behalf x Portland. Following the address of Mayor Williams, J. L. Wilson, of Texas, responded in a happy speech on behalf of the livestock convention and Senator Warren responded for

the woolgrowers. Between each number on the program the orchestra played selections which were highly complimented by the convention, being the first city in which the convention was ever held to furnish a large orchestra during the entire program. Senator

President's Annual Address. The annual address of President Springer was a most able paper. He ommended the stockmen for their loyalty to the organization in the past and rejoiced in the promise of the future.

He mercilessly scored the railroads for taking free transportation from the stockmen returning from market, and rebuked in bitter terms the railway traffic managers who arbitrarily raised freight rates and held Western stock on slow trains while specials," "orange specials," "tea trains" and all other perishable stuff ran around livestock on the way to market at 50 miles per hour. The address was interspersed by

constant applause, as he defaulty acthe face o fthe earth one-fourth of the wealth of the stockmen with one stroke of a leadpencil in lowering the prices of stock in the markets over plant into execution and at once re Heve the stockmen from the grasp the octopus

He paid a touching tribute to William M. Springer, general counsel of the association, who died December 3. He announced that he would retire from the office of president at this

Woolgrowers' Conventio The convention adjourned at mom and the woolgrowers hold a session The weather is delightful and Port irtended to elect the president during the time of this meeting.

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The seather is delightful and Portland is at her best. The delegates more friendly tone and the crisis will be considered passed. At present it is impossible to say if war will result." Many visitors and delegates