

INSPECTION OF FOOD PRODUCTS

Secretary of Agriculture Deals With This Interesting Subject.

NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS, 59,158,648.

Act of Congress of 1890 Important Service to the Stock Industry Has Been Per-

ron, D. C., Dec. 9.—The secretary of agriculture dealt with the inspection of products and some of the most interesting and unusual value to the report says: The act of August 30, 1890, provided for the inspection by the department of animal industry of the exportation, and this was first put into effect on March 3, 1891, by an act "for the inspection of the carcasses of sheep, and the carcasses of hogs, and the carcasses of cattle, which are the products of interstate commerce, and for other purposes." This law was the first act which took effect in 1891, providing for the inspection of products for export. Unusually important service to the stock industry has been per-

formance of ante-mortem inspection was 59,158,648, being an increase over the previous year of 2,148,885 carcasses. The number of ante-mortem inspections was 1,452,549 packages, with 116,990,762 pounds; of which there were 85 carcasses and 1,452,549 packages, weighing 1,145,248 pounds. There were 94,862 packages, weighing 658,139 pounds. These packages came from the previous year, amounting to 2,589,611 pounds of pork, 1,024,733 pounds of pork, and 1,571,084 pounds of beef. The export consisting of 1,571,084 pounds, weighing 170,968

of pork examined in 1902, which was exported, amounting to 2,589,611 pounds. This is a little more than the amount from the previous year, and a decreased demand from those countries demanded. The cost of this work was \$268,000.

of the exports of animals and products for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902, amounted to the sum of \$244,733,062. Of this amount \$192,756,608 of the meat products, and \$7,104,770 of the products of animal products was \$60,000 greater than the like of the previous year, but there was a decrease of nearly \$8,000,000 in the value of the products of animal products. The total value of the products of animal products was \$244,733,062, of which \$192,756,608 was the value of the meat products, and \$7,104,770 of the products of animal products.

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previous year—a condition due to the decreased exports of cattle and horses.

A. J. CUMMINGS' LIBRARY.

To Be Given to International Typographical Union.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 9.—The library of the late Amos J. Cummings, the New York congressman and editor, is to be given to the home founded here in 1892 by the International Typographical Union. Mrs. Cummings, the widow, is authority for the announcement. She is here on a visit to the home. Mr. Cummings was a member of the original board of trustees, and his interest in the home was great. He frequently spoke of his intended bequest. His will did not contain the provision, but, knowing it to be his wish, Mrs. Cummings has made the bequest in her own will, recently executed.

The library will reach the home ultimately, perhaps soon, if Mrs. Cummings decides to remove from New York. The library contains many valuable works and manuscripts.

ANARCHIST KILLED.

Police of Rome Broke Up a Secret Meeting—One Officer Mortally Wounded.

Rome, Dec. 9.—A meeting of 13 anarchists was broken up by the police last night as the men were taking oaths on pinnacles. In the struggle, one anarchist was killed and one officer was mortally wounded.

The police overheard the men arrested take an oath to assassinate the king.

Another Pioneer Gone.

La Grande, Dec. 9.—S. P. Romig, one of the earliest settlers in this city, died last night of cancer of the stomach. He was agent for the John Halley Stage Company in the early '60's.

DYNAMITE FELL DOWN SHAFT

FIVE MINERS KILLED IN LEHIGH COLLIERY.

Box of Dynamite Was Handled Carelessly and Allowed to Fall Down the Shaft, Wrecking the Lower Portion—Many Injured.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 9.—A box of dynamite carelessly handled, fell down the shaft of the Lehigh colliery between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning, wrecking the lower portion. It is believed five were killed and several more injured.

Four Bodies Removed.

The bodies of four men have been removed. Nine of the men were injured seriously. Others only slightly.

There were 50 pieces of dynamite in the box which the men had been thawing by a stove.

It is supposed that the man carrying it, slipped and fell. His body was blown to fragments. Although the damage is considerable, it is announced that the operations in the colliery will not be closed.

OREGON MAN SUICIDES.

Crazed by Drink, John Turner Writes a Note to Wife and Child, Then Shoots Himself.

Albany, Dec. 9.—John Turner, agent for the Corvallis & Eastern Railroad at Albany, committed suicide yesterday evening by shooting himself in the head. He was partly delirious from the effects of liquor. He had been drinking heavily for two days. No other reason is assigned for the suicide except drunkenness. He was a prominent and respected citizen, but liquor caused his downfall. Turner left the following note to his wife:

"May God watch over you and my child. Any bills or notes which come to you with my name to them are legitimate. Pay them all. Have the Elks and Woodmen care for me, my wife and child."

Re-Organization of Consular Service.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The national committee of the chamber of commerce met here today to urge congress to pass the bill for the re-organization of the United States consular service. The members of the committee called on a number of leaders of the house and received assurance that a consular re-organization bill would be introduced for consideration at an early date.

Fine Fowls on Parade.

Fayette, Mo., Dec. 9.—The fourth annual exhibition of the Central Missouri Poultry and Pet Stock Association opened here today with a splendid array of feathered stock of prize-winning qualities. The judging was commenced soon after the opening, under the supervision of Frank W. Hitchcock, of Denver, and will continue until the close of the exhibition Saturday.

Seven Teams Tied.

New York, Dec. 9.—In the six-day bicycle race, seven teams tied for first place at 9 o'clock this morning, including McFarland, Maya, of California. They are 24 miles below the world's record.

OPPOSE THE BILL MADE TO FACE DEATH

Commercial Associations Take Measures Against the Single Admission Bill.

KANSAS CITY AND GUTHRIE CITIZENS PROTEST.

Telegrams Lay Before the Senate Urging the Adoption of the Omnibus Statehood Bill, and Opposing Amendment Proposed by Committee.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Two telegrams were laid before the senate this morning urging the adoption of the omnibus statehood bill, and opposing the single admission amendment as proposed by the committee.

One was from the Commercial Club of Kansas City and the other was from the Chamber of Commerce, and numerous citizens of Guthrie, Okla.

At the conclusion of routine business the Dick militia bill was taken up. The house called up the London dockage bill, which provides that there shall be nothing in contracts between shippers and ship companies whereby the latter can make a charge of the dock tax imposed at the port of London.

SUICIDE DOESN'T COUNT.

Supreme Court of United States Makes an Important Decision Concerning Payment of Insurance Policies.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The United States supreme court yesterday affirmed the opinion of the circuit court of appeals in the case of the Knights Templar & Masons' Life Insurance Company vs. Rosa B. Jarman. The case involves the validity of the suicide statute of Missouri providing that suicide shall not be a defense against the payment of life insurance policies, the decision sustained the law and held the company liable for the amount of the policy regardless of the fact that the policy contained a clause for the invalidation of the policy in case of suicide, "whether voluntary or involuntary, sane or insane."

EXHUMED MURDERED "CHINK."

Bullet Taken From Body of Corpse to Be Used in Second Trial of Aitken.

Forest Grove, Dec. 9.—Sheriff J. W. Sewell and Coroner C. L. Large yesterday exhumed the body of Gue She at the Lone Fir cemetery and obtained the bullet that killed him. The Chinaman was murdered two years ago. A man named Aitken was convicted of the crime and sentenced to imprisonment for life. The man has been successful in securing a new second trial, and the bullet will be used as evidence in the trial.

A FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

Ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, Being Sought for in Louisville.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 9.—The sheriff of Minneapolis, assisted by the local police, has been searching the city to find and arrest ex-Mayor Ames, of Minneapolis, for whom a requisition has been issued. They believe now that he has gone to Boston. His bond has been withdrawn and he is now a fugitive from justice.

BOY UNMOVED.

Kentucky Lad Sentenced to Death for Killing Chum.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 9.—The jury in the case of the Obrien boy burglar, who, with his partner, killed Chinn, returned a verdict this afternoon that the boy was guilty and fixed the penalty as death. Obrien was unmoved by the decision.

GAS IN MONTANA.

The Natural Kind of an Excellent Grade Found.

Livingston, Mont., Dec. 9.—A natural gas well has been discovered in the coal measures, two miles west of this city. The well apparently, is of great proportions. The gas is declared by the mining men to be of superior quality.

No More Slave Girls.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The president today sent to the senate a general international agreement in the shape of a treaty for the suppression of traffic in girls for illegitimate purposes.

Zero Weather in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 9.—Zero weather prevails nearly all over Kansas today.

MINER McMEIGLE, EMPLOYED BY MARKLE, WAS THE FIRST WITNESS TODAY.

MINER MAKES ONLY 60 CENTS A DAY.

Testifies That He Was Ordered to Work in a Most Dangerous Breast—Rather Than Risk His Life He Walked Out—Was Evicted From His Home.

Seranton, Pa., Dec. 9.—When the hearing was opened this morning the announcement of the death of Dr. Rice, an independent operator, was made.

Judge Gray paid a tribute to his memory and said he had been one of the most liberal of the operators.

Miner McMeigle employed by Markle, was the first witness. He testified that once when working in extremely dangerous ground, he complained to the superintendent and said he feared that he would be killed. He was told that unless he worked that breast he would be given no card for any other, as dangerous ground had to be worked the same as any other.

Rather than risk his life, he walked out. Shortly after he was evicted from his home and followed by another miner who since the strike had been put to work on ground where he only makes sixty cents a day.

WATCHING THE RIVER.

Water May Rise to the Danger Point on Lower Docks—Gauge Today Indicates 12.7 at the Morrison Street Bridge.

Portland, Dec. 9.—The river is now at a critical stage opposite Portland, and wet weather may cause a rise that would put the water on the lower Ash street dock within a week, according to Forecast Official Beals.

"The gauge now, gives the height of the river here at 12.7," he said, "while the tendency is to remain stationary within the next 24 hours. At Eugene the river rose a foot within the past 12 hours, while at Salem and Albany it is falling."

Driftwood gives the gatemen at Morrison and Madison street bridges considerable trouble, and all their spare time is used in ridding the drawheads of the tangle of brush, logs and tree roots that accumulate there. Sometimes the drift can be shoved away into the current with the aid of long poles, while at others the passing street car is used in hauling the mass into the stream.

The rainfall so far in December amounts to 3.86 inches, which, added to November's record of 9.94, keeps the soil of Western Oregon full of water, so that what rain falls hereafter will seek the streams rapidly.

A good deal depends, therefore, on the humidity of the immediate future as to whether goods shall be moved from the lower docks. A strict watch is being kept by the local weather bureau officers.

FIRE AT ATLANTA.

\$1,000,000 Worth of Property Destroyed in Heart of City—Several Lives Lost in Cheap Hotel.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 9.—Fire this morning in the Aurlin Furniture factory in the heart of the city, destroyed the building at a loss of \$500,000.

Six Lives Lost. It is now believed that six lives were lost in the big fire this morning. The property damage, on a re-estimation, is placed at \$1,000,000.

Included in the burned area was a cheap hotel. Firemen struggled through the smoke, arousing and rescuing sleepers. They could not gain access to one entire wing. Six are missing and are supposed to have been smothered.

Hartford Poultry Show.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 9.—High grade poultry and pet stock of every variety fills the Coliseum, where the sixth annual show of the Manchester Poultry Association opened today under auspicious conditions. The show continues through the rest of the week and from all indications will prove the most notable affair of the kind ever given in Connecticut.

To Destroy All.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The secretary of agriculture has sent instructions to Dr. Salmon of the bureau of animal industry, who is personally superintending the work of fighting the foot and mouth disease epidemic in New England, to destroy all animals infected.

Discuss Venezuelan Situation.

London, Dec. 9.—A cabinet meeting was held today for the discussion of the Venezuelan situation.

GRAIN MARKET.

Quotations Furnished by the Coo Commission House—L. C. Majors, Local Manager.

Minneapolis, Dec. 9.—Wheat—The cables come much firmer at the opening, and a material falling off in receipts removed any remaining doubt as to the course of the market. The longs were less disposed to sell and their holdings, while the demand from the shorts was never much in evidence, the general impression is that the trade is divided as to the future course of the market. The close was strong at 1c advance. Corn is keeping well in line with wheat, closing 3/4c up from the opening.

Oats continued showing a steady firmness closing strong at 3/4c up from the opening.

Pork seems to be in the hands of very strong interests, prices showing an advance for the day; 66c in January option and 30c in the May.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Wheat—Opened. Closed. December 73 74 7/8 75 7/8 77

May 76 75 7/8 77

Corn—December 55 54 1/2 54 1/2 54 1/2 54 1/2

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Pork—January 1635 1635 1532 1570

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Wheat in Chicago. Chicago, Dec. 9.—Wheat—73 1/2.

CIVIC FEDERATION MEETING

GROVER CLEVELAND IS WARMLY WELCOMED.

John Gomers was First Speaker—Believed That the Unions Had a Right to Demand Higher Wages, But Should Not Stipulate the Amount of Work to Be Done.

New York, Dec. 9.—Grover Cleveland entered the civic federation meeting immediately preceding the opening this morning and warmly greeted Bishop Ireland and Mark Hanna. He declined a seat on the platform.

John Gomers, who under the direction of Carroll Wright, has charge of the investigation of the question of the restriction of the output of the United States, was the first speaker. He said that the question must be separate from that of wages and believed that the unions had a right to demand high wages, but unfair restrictions came when members stipulated how much work the members could do.

OXYGEN STIMULATES HEART.

Chicago Professor Kept a Turtle's Heart Muscle at Work for 72 Hours After It Was Removed From the Body.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The discovery of a new means of causing rhythmic beats in a strip of heart muscle is announced from the University of Chicago. The stimulus is oxygen, and Dr. David J. Lingle is the discoverer. He has been working on the lines of Professor Jacques Loeb's announcement, made two years ago, that a solution of salt would start a heart to pulsating.

It long has been known that the heart is extremely sensitive to oxygen, and to carbon dioxide, the gas produced in vitiated air. But heretofore the action of oxygen has been thought to be confined to the purification of the blood. Dr. Lingle shows that this gas has been the power directly to sustain the beats of a strip of heart muscle removed from the body of a turtle and to keep it going for more than 24 to 72 hours. Even then the muscle stopped only because dissolution set in, and in fact, the strip continued to beat for 24 hours of the 72 with part of it already dead.

HOMEWARD BOUND.

Annual Exodus of Scandinavians for the Old Country. Chicago, Dec. 9.—The annual exodus from the Northwest and the Middle West of Scandinavians who return to the mother land for Christmas holidays, is unusually heavy this year. A special train that left Chicago for New York carried 600 of these excursionists to Norway and Sweden. The train, which was elaborately decorated with the flags of the United States and Norway and Sweden, carried a brass band. Practically all of the excursionists will return to the United States and a large number of them have arranged to bring kinsmen with them on the return trip.

Miss Bunker—Your brother plays golf, does he not? Sinner—Yes, but I assure you he's perfectly rational in every other respect.—Philadelphia Press.

ULTIMATUM SENT TO VENEZUELAN

England and Germany Give Castro Notice That He Must Pay or Fight.

VENEZUELAN AFFAIRS DISCUSSED BY CABINET.

Dispatch Received at the State Department From Minister Bowen, Confirming the Presentation of the Ultimatum—Turn Over Their Business to American Minister.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A long dispatch was received at the state department this morning from Minister Bowen at Caracas, confirming the presentation of an ultimatum from Germany and Britain to Venezuela, and the departure of the representatives to the gunboats.

Both legations turned over all their records and business to the American minister.

Shortly after Bowen's message was received the German embassy at Washington left a communication from the British ambassador to Secretary Hay containing presumably a formal notification of the action of Germany and Britain. At the cabinet meeting this morning the Venezuelan affairs were discussed.

FUNERAL OF REED.

Occurred at 2 p. m. Today—3000 View the Body—Many Distinguished Guests—Short Service.

Portland, Me., Dec. 9.—The funeral of Thoman B. Reed occurred at 2 o'clock this afternoon. It is estimated that 3000 people viewed the body where it lay in state in the First Parish church during the two hours preceding.

The casket was draped in the Stars and Stripes and surrounded by immense heaps of flowers from all over the East.

The distinguished guests were Governor Crane, of Massachusetts; Governor Hill, of Maine, and Congressman Littlefield, Allen and Burleigh.

The entire service was severely unostentatious, requiring only a half hour's time. The body was laid to rest in the family vault.

To Promote Negroes' Welfare.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 9.—The American Protective League, an organization of colored people designed to buy land and found communities to give employment to negroes, is holding its annual convention in Chicago this week. Those in attendance represent many parts of the country and include some prominent leaders of the colored race. Joseph W. Henderson, of Providence, R. I., founder and president of the league, is in charge of the proceedings.

To Discuss Child Labor.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 9.—The International Association of Factory Inspectors began its sixteenth annual meeting in this city today with James Mitchell, of Montreal, presiding. The sessions will continue several days. The principal matter of consideration is the question of state or national legislation providing for safety appliances in factories to prevent operatives from being injured. The convention will also discuss child labor in mills and factories.

Art Exhibit at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 9.—The seventeenth annual exhibition of the Artists' Association of New Orleans was opened to the public today and will continue through the remainder of the month. The exhibition this year is the best in the history of the association and embraces a large number of the best works of contemporary American artists.

Ontario's Branch Line.

Kingston, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The new Ellensville & Kingston branch of the Ontario & Western railroad is now practically completed and it is expected to open the line for regular passenger and freight traffic early next week. The handsome new passenger station in this city is ready for service.

CRACKER CREEK FACTS.

The value of the Company's operating on the mother lode is as follows, based on the same capital as South Pole

Columbia \$1 per share
E. and E. 90c per share
North Pole \$5 per share
Goldcanda started at 10c now selling at 50c and worth more
South Pole is starting at 15c

The time to buy is on the first offering of stock and profit by all advances. (Gahagan at Hartman's abstract office.)