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INDUCEMENTS, DISCOURAGEMENTS AND PROBLEMS IN GENERAL FOR INDEPENDENT PACKING COMPANY

Twenty-one of the 37 directors of the Independent Packing company will attend the live stock convention and incidentally will investigate the advantages of Portland as the future packing center of the Pacific coast, says the Telegram. There are few independent packing plants in the country of any magnitude and this will be the first and only one to be established by the stockmen of the United States to remain inviolably independent of any combinations or alliances with others engaged in the business.

Early during the history of the two great organizations which are holding their seventh annual convention in Portland there was discussion among the delegates as to ways and means to prevent the periodical heavy losses to those engaged in stock raising and feeding, occasioned by ruinously low prices. That was before the days of trust combinations, but not before the packing concerns had found a way to fix regulations that governed most of the principal markets of the country.

Money Was Lost.

During the years of 1902 and 1903 a loss was chronic in the live stock industry equal to nearly one-fourth of the value of the live stock of the country. This experience caused more serious action than mere discussion of the problem and resulted in the formation and incorporation of the Independent Packing company. Organized under the laws of Arizona, with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000 and power to increase that as necessity may require, the stockmen propose to meet the meat combine.

It is no part of the plan of the corporation to drive the big plants, with their millions of capital, out of business; but it is the purpose of the men interested to establish plants of the independent concern where its demand for animals will compel the trust to pay fair prices for cattle, hogs and sheep on the hoof.

A large amount of stock has been subscribed already and the affairs of the company have reached a stage where it is only a matter of time until brick and mortar is being handled by artisans to construct its home. Several of the market centers, especially those on the Missouri river, have put in claims to consideration. Fort Worth, Denver and numerous other cities through the medium of their commercial bodies have taken steps in an effort to receive favorable action when the directors decide upon a location.

Nothing definite has been decided and if the members of the directorate who will be here next week become favorably inclined to Portland this city may be chosen.

Question of Advantages.

While certain advantages would accrue to the plant if in one of the central market centers, there are other and indisputably greater advantages that might be realized by location upon a part of the Pacific. It is a curious and notable fact that the great packing industry of the country is located in the interior, although an immense export trade is supplied. Two shipments of canned meat are to be sent from San Francisco to the Russian government January 16. Of this consignment of 7,500 barrels the major portion came from Chicago and Missouri River packers. There is no reason that class of packers' products cannot be supplied from the Pacific slope of the continent as good if not

better than from any other part of the country.

"Every Oregon farmer should be a stock feeder," said M. D. Wisdom, than whom few men are more competent to speak of the problems of producing meat. "If we could educate our people to make the most of their opportunities, this would become one of the principal feeder states of the country. Barley, in combination with alfalfa, makes the finest kind of beef; sugar beets fed with alfalfa or other roughness produces mutton that commands the highest prices in the markets of this country; hogs cannot be grown as cheaply on any other pasturage or grain as on alfalfa, and pork can be produced at a cost astonishingly low. There are numerous combinations of grains, forage and roots that will produce prime beef and meat products without any corn whatever. England is not a corn country and without that grain is credited with producing the finest beef in the world.

There is a vast empire, as great in area as that which pays tribute in fat stock to the Missouri river markets, directly tributary to Portland. Development of the live stock industry would populate this whole region with a prosperous people, establish them substantially, financially and socially, and make this one of the greatest meat packing centers of the United States, with a down hill haul for the live stock. Instead of sending our stock animals to Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois to be fed and then sent on to Chicago and Missouri river markets and paying freight to return the meat we would complete the whole process here.

Why Seek Other Feed?

Thousands of head of Oregon sheep go to Colorado to be fattened and are fed on alfalfa, barley, rye, sugar beets and other similar food stuffs that we grow right here in Oregon. Those same animals go to the markets and bring the highest prices paid for mutton and we have all the materials to fatten the animals here and have home markets for the meat products.

Another Portland man, familiar with the industry, pointed out the saving of waste values that would result from establishing additional packing houses here, saying:

"There is at the present time a loss of \$9 per head on almost every animal produced for beef in this Northwest country. Owing to the absence of extensive packing centers most of the local butchers slaughter their own cattle, swine and sheep. There is no way to take care of the by-product, which therefore goes to waste. Another thing, there is no market for half fat cows, old animals and what is generally called 'canners.' This class of animals would be made valuable and enable the farmer to make up a carload and be assured of receiving fair prices. This class of beef is bought by the trust concerns and used for canning meat and making extract of beef.

"The proposed plant of the Independent Packing company would be adequate for handling 2,000 head daily, 2,000 to 3,000 hogs and as many sheep. That would be a demand sufficient to place our market out here on the same basis as that at Chicago and would mean virtually Chicago prices for the feeder. The reason our people have not looked favorably upon the feeding business is because they have had no assurances of a market for their product."

GOVERNMENT WANTS FISH

Ontario State Hatchery May Be Turned Over to National Control.

Salem, Jan. 12.—At the regular monthly meeting of the state fish commission the other day, at which Master Fish Warden H. G. Van Dusen was in attendance and made his report, the matter of the proposition of the United States department of fisheries, to take over and operate the Ontario fish hatchery from the state, came up for consideration, and the board decided, after a lengthy discussion, to allow the matter to rest for the time being until a more definite understanding can be had as to just what requirements would be exacted from the state in case the transfer was made.

The Ontario hatchery, which was just completed last year at a cost of \$15,000 to the state, complete in its equipment, is the largest and best hatchery and the most advantageously located for effective and satisfactory results of any hatchery on the Pacific coast with the possible exception of the McCloud river hatchery, near Redlands, California, which has a capacity of 30,000,000 fish per year.

The Ontario hatchery, while its full

capacity is given as 20,000,000 fish per year, is really capable of taking care of a much larger number for the last count of last year's output showed that 23,000,000 fish had been hatched and turned out into the stream.

It is understood that if the government will agree to take over the plant without requiring any additional expense to the state, the board is inclined to view the proposition favorably, but the way the matter now stands the proposition is altogether too indefinite, and the board seeks for a fuller understanding as to the details of the requirements before any decision is arrived at one way or another.

With this end in view, Master Fish Warden Van Dusen is instructed to obtain the required information and report his results to the board.

JANUARY STRAWBERRIES.

Lane County Imitates Umatilla in Winter Luxuries.

J. R. Sellers presented this office with a bunch of January strawberries Wednesday that were taken from his garden, says the Eugene Register.

People in the East laugh at the idea of roses and ripe berries in the Willamette valley in January, declaring they are of hot house growth, rather than of nature's own, unaided production, which is a mistake. Those who come to Lane county and Eugene at the present time from the frozen, blizzard blown East, will find roses in our gardens and ripe berries and blueberries still fresh upon the bushes. This is the only country on earth.

Thinks Trib a Good Remedy.

B. F. Gray, Portland, Oregon, July 10th, 1902, writes: "I believe your remedy for the liquor and tobacco habit, 'Trib,' a good one. I took the Keeley cure and it cost me \$150. I think Trib is honestly the best cure of the two. If I ever can be of any assistance to you, let me know. I consider you have done much."

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An Informal Conference at Washington Aims to Bring About an Arbitration Treaty Between the Two Nations—Such a Measure Failed in 1897 by a Close Vote—Eminent Men Favor it.

Washington, Jan. 12.—What the trained diplomats of Great Britain and the United States failed to accomplish, namely, the negotiation of an arbitration treaty between the two nations, may yet be brought about through the efforts of a group of earnest lay advocates of the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

At a conference held in this city a few weeks ago at the residence of General John W. Foster, former secretary of state, and which was attended by Admiral Dewey, General Nelson A. Miles, Wayne MacVeagh, Thomas Nelson Page and other men of wide note, it was decided to call a national arbitration conference for a full discussion of the subject and to formulate plans to bring about the end sought.

Today this national conference began its sessions with an attendance composed of governors of states, mayors of cities, presidents of universities, former ambassadors and ministers to foreign countries, representatives of commercial bodies and labor organizations and many private citizens.

In calling the meeting to order General Foster read the official call and explained the aims and purposes of those interested in the movement. He pointed out that the treaty signed in 1897 by Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote failed of ratification by the senate by a close vote, but that certain questions, particularly the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and the Alaskan boundary dispute now having been disposed of and the creation of a permanent tribunal at The Hague having made renewed effort timely and appropriate, the cause of international arbitration had been greatly strengthened, and that therefore an effort should now be made to secure the adoption of a treaty between the United States and Great Britain by which these two nations would agree to refer to the tribunal at The Hague certain cases under specified conditions.

The conference was opened at 10 o'clock this morning in the assembly hall of the New Willard hotel. The initial session was given over to the work of organization, appointment of necessary committees and opening addresses. This afternoon or tomorrow morning the visitors will call upon President Roosevelt who, it is believed, heartily approves of the movement to secure international arbitration.

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