

PROGRESS OF THE BIG CATTLE SALE

Some Very Fine, Registered and Guaranteed Animals Going Cheap.

FEW CASES OF MILD SCAB ARE AMONG THEM.

All Will Be Dipped in Strict Compliance With Government Law, and Will Be Ready for Shipment in About Two Weeks—Finest Collection of Blooded Herefords and Shorthorns Ever Gotten Together on the Coast—List of Sales to Date.

The sale of the Wade cattle at the O. K. Feed Yard today is a great item of interest to the majority of the people. The yards have been thronged all day with crowds of visitors who have gathered to see the sale and bid on the animals as they are brought out. The sales have been up to the expectation of the owners of the stock, and while prices are not what were originally given for the cattle, in many cases it is all that could be hoped for under present conditions in the market.

It was rumored yesterday afternoon that the herd was afflicted with the mange or scab, and that the sale would be held up this morning, but the owners announced when the sale opened that the officer of the government bureau of animal industry had inspected the stock and found them to be infected in some cases with scab, but that the sale would not be held up by reason of the discovery, and that all cattle in the band would be dipped according to the requirements of the government before being shipped.

The law requires that all animals supposed to be affected with the mange, or scab, shall be dipped twice in a prescribed solution before being transported on any railroad. It will take about two weeks for the stock to be dipped, and allowed time for the second inspection.

The stockmen in attendance are well pleased with the action of the government officers, as they themselves cannot afford to mingle any infected animals with their herds. If the law had been enforced a couple of years ago, Oregon stock would have been today free from any contagious diseases.

It is the freely expressed opinion of those attending the sale from all parts of the country, that the band now on sale is the best collection of blooded cattle ever seen in the West. Every one of the original stock has been bought, regardless of expense, and represents, therefore, the best blood that could be brought together. Some famous cattle are in the list, and their calves show as good points as the old stock.

The cattle which have been sold up to the time of going to press, are:

- Sales in Detail.**
- Shorthorns—English Lady, \$500, bought by A. R. Brett of Bingen, Wash.; Grand Road, \$300, Eastern Oregon Experiment Station; Latent's Own, \$250, same buyer; Fashion's Ruby, \$250, M. McDonald, Walla Walla; Violet Queen, \$205, J. H. Glide, Sacramento; Lady Margaret, \$450, P. Brooker, North Yakima; Sen Sen, \$205, J. H. Glide; Verbank Queen, \$210, M. McDonald, Walla Walla; Roan Myrtle, \$360, Glide; Crimson Pearl, \$390, H. W. Peel; Lovely Lady, \$470, M. McDonald; Lilly of Athelstane, \$290, W. B. Cate, Hillsboro; Moonlight, \$140, Jesse Moore, Echo; Barnston View, \$195, E. S. Waterman, Walla Walla; Fashion of Meadows Law, \$285, Eastern Oregon Experiment Station; Latent 2, \$235, M. McDonald; Sowerby's Gem, \$205, J. H. Glide; Beulah, \$200, Byrrett; Lady Clemmer, \$116, M. F. Gose, Pomeroy; Mary Dairymple, \$160, Gose; Phroso, \$110, R. W. Stanfield, Echo; Mignon, \$95, J. W. Foley, St. John; Dolly Varden, \$85, Stanfield; Dolly Varden 3, \$150, Eastern Oregon Experiment Station; Golden Rose, \$160, C. S. Ladd; Violet Queen, \$105, R. N. Samsfield; Elgitha, \$275, C. S. Ladd;

Offers to Surrender.

Paris, March 12.—The Rappel today asserts that the Mac Mulish of Somaliland finds he is unable to continue the campaign against the British, and has offered to surrender to the Italian government on condition of not being handed over to England. The Italian authorities have so far refused.

Bessie 3, \$150, Moore; Mary Dairymple, \$175, McDonald; Hillcrest Hero, \$1,000, J. H. Glide, Sacramento; Marquis, \$190, J. H. Glide, Heppner; The Bird, \$150, Moore; Verbal, \$195, J. W. Foley.

Herefords—Bright Hope, \$205, A. J. Splawn, North Yakima; Song Bird, \$350, T. Cate; Caprice, \$250, J. A. Wood; Bonnie Maid, \$135, E. E. Baltzore, Pendleton; Clara Hesiod, \$180, A. J. Splawn.

Hilcrest Hero, the Shorthorn bull bought by J. H. Glide of Sacramento, is a 4-year-old, and one of the finest in the West.

Elgitha, bought by Frank Brown for C. S. Ladd for \$275, was formerly sold by Brown to Wade for \$1,000.

The Herefords are not selling as well as was thought would be brought at the first of the sale.

HUNTINGTON-LEWISTON ROAD.

Charles M. Reed Said to be Backing the Proposition is Reputed to be Bankrupt.

Baker City, March 12.—It is authoritatively stated here that M. O. Reed, who has been at the head of the Huntington-Lewiston Snake river road, is not able to build the road and that Charles M. Reed who was to furnish the capital is a bankrupt and therefore is not able to raise the funds.

It is given out that the Erie, the Pennsylvania and the O. R. & N. are jointly interested in the project, and will endeavor to get any right of way concessions held by the Reeds.

New Catholic Cathedral.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 12.—The new Catholic cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be dedicated tomorrow with much pomp and ceremony. The Papal Delegate Archbishop Falconio, Bishop Burke of Albany and a number of other distinguished prelates arrived today to take part in the ceremonies.

CAR BARNERS WILL ALL HANG

DEATH PENALTY FOR THREE DESPERADOES.

Sentence Received in Stolid Silence—Neidemyer Was Smiling and Contemptuous—Verdict Meets the Approval of Practically the Entire Population.

Chicago, March 12.—The jury returned a verdict of guilty and fixed the penalty of death for Marx, Vandine and Neidemyer, the car barners.

The defendants received the verdict in stolid silence. Neidemyer smiled sarcastically. Vandine's mother gasped, but did not faint. Mrs. Neidemyer apparently did not realize the situation. The lawyers made the usual motion for new trial.

The prisoners, surrounded by 20 officers, filed from the room, Vandine leading, erect and with disdainful smile on his lips. The jurors were overwhelmed by a vast crowd with congratulations.

PACKING HOUSES COMING.

Monte B. Gwinn of Boise, Enthusiastic Over Prospects of Stockmen's Plants.

Monte B. Gwinn, secretary of the Idaho Woolgrowers' Association, and a director of the Independent Packing Company, who visited his brother, J. H. Gwinn in this city, several days this week, says of the prospects of the Independent Packing Company, to the Oregon Daily Journal:

"Within 60 days we expect to be in a position to state just what, where and when we will begin operations," said Monte B. Gwinn of Boise, secretary of the Idaho Woolgrowers' Association, and one of the promoters of the Independent packing concern. Mr. Gwinn, accompanied by A. R. Steunenberg of Caldwell, a prominent banker, arrived in Portland last night. He will be in Portland two or three days.

Continuing in regard to the packing house, Mr. Gwinn said: "Every one is busily at work with his coat off and there is no doubt but that we will make the proposition go. Just as soon as we see where we are and show the people we can do the business, the money will roll in. The Independent Packing Company cannot help but be a success."

Kansas City is looked upon as the base of operations, and it is presumed that the Missouri town will be the site of the main packing plant. Mr. Gwinn, in speaking of Portland's chances of securing one of the branch packing houses, said:

"Personally, I favor Portland, and will give it all the support I can, but just what will be done depends largely upon circumstances."

A Japanese woman, a volunteer spy, is said to have disclosed to the Japanese government, accurate plans of all the Port Arthur and Dalny fortifications.

HOUSE COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE

To Report Upon the Guilt of One-third of the Membership of That Body!

NEW DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL IS APPOINTED.

He Has Been Active in Working Up Evidence in Prior Postal Fraud Swindles—Present Investigation is to Determine the Guilt or Innocence of Over One Hundred Sixty Representatives Who Are Accused of Various Grafts.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—The speaker announced the following committee to investigate the Bristow charges:

McCall of Mass., chairman; Hitt of Illinois; Burton of Ohio; Metcalf of California, republicans; McDermott, of New Jersey; Bartlett of Georgia; Richardson of Alabama, democrats. None named on the committee are mentioned in the Bristow report. The chairman says he will call a committee meeting today to organize to pursue the inquiry without delay.

Nominations by President.

The president has sent the following nominations to the senate:

Robert M. Richardson, postmaster at Sacramento; Charles E. Robb, of Vermont, to be assistant attorney general. Robb is now assistant attorney general in the postoffice department and active in the investigation of postal frauds.

Passed Pension Bills.

The house this morning passed 256 pension bills, and made Salt Lake a port of delivery.

EXPOSITION STAMPS.

Four Hundred Million Will Be Issued May 1.

Washington, D. C., March 12.—The Bureau of Printing and Engraving is working overtime just now on the new stamps to be issued in commemoration of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Though the stamps will not be placed on sale before May 1 considerable time is required to turn them out as the total number will amount to almost 400,000,000.

Those who have seen advance proofs of the stamps declare them to be superior from an artistic standpoint to either the Chicago or Buffalo exposition issues. The series is to include a one-cent stamp, with a portrait of Robert R. Livingston; two-cent, with a portrait of Thomas Jefferson; three-cent, with a portrait of James Monroe; five-cent, with a portrait of William McKinley; and ten-cent, with small map outlining the territory of the Louisiana Purchase.

THREE DROWNED.

Vast Areas Inundated by California High Water.

Stockton, Cal., March 12.—An aged white man and two Japanese are known to have been drowned Friday in the storm flooded district.

The gale raised immense waves on the 50,000 acres of inundated reclamations, which is completely submerged. The coroner left in a launch for the flooded country to-day. Many rescue parties are out in boats and will not return before night.

Terrific Prairie Fires.

Ft. Worth, Texas, March 12.—Terrific prairie fires are raging in the Indian Territory, north of Vinita. The country is completely swept of farm houses and barns. Loss is heavy.

Murder and Suicide.

New York, March 12.—Lizzie Gray was found dead in bed this morning with her skull crushed. Robert J. Gray, her husband, was asphyxiated. The police believe it was murder and suicide.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, March 12.—May wheat opened 95½, closed 96¼; old July opened 91½, closed 92; new opened 90½, closed 91½. July corn opened 51½, closed 51¾.

Profits Falling Off.

New York, March 12.—A reduction of profits of nearly 66 per cent is shown in the annual statement of the United States Steel Corporation, which was made public today.

Oklahoma Fire.

Frederick, Okla., March 12.—Fourteen business houses burned last night. Loss, \$75,000.

PORT ARTHUR WAS AGAIN UNDER FIRE

Property Damaged, Lives Lost and Persons Wounded During Bombardment.

BELIEVED A JAPANESE CRUISER WAS CRIPPLED.

Russians Burned the Korean Side of Wiju and Are Evacuating the Place and Fleeing Northward on Account of Japanese Advances Northward—Siberian Railway in Bad Shape, and Famine Threatens in Some Provinces.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—During Thursday's bombardment of Port Arthur, says a dispatch this afternoon, the new town sustained the greatest damage. A lawyer named Sidorski, a woman and several Chinamen were killed, and several Chinese wounded. Gen. Steessel and staff were sprinkled with shell splinters, but received no injury.

A Jap ironclad was struck by a Russian shell, and seen to slowly draw out of range, crippled. During the bombardment a shell burst eight yards from the house of Colonel Baron Frank, injuring his wife and decapitating his daughter, both of whom were in the house.

Russians on the Run.

Seoul, March 12.—It is reported here that the Russians set fire to Wi-Ju on the Korean side of the Yalu, and retreated across the river into Manchuria. A complete Russian evacuation is proceeding, due to the Japanese advances to the northward.

Railroad in Bad Shape.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—The chief inspector of the Trans-Siberian railway reports the line in bad condition. Trackmen are neglecting their duties, snow is piling and landslides threaten.

Other reports revert to the fact that famine threatens Tomskiki, Verkholekiski and all intermediate villages on account of the stoppage of ordinary traffic to allow the transportation of troops. Food at these places has reached prohibitive prices.

Fleet Disappeared.

London, March 12.—A Port Arthur Central News wire last evening states that the Japanese squadron, which disappeared after the bombardment and torpedo fight of the 19th, had not yet returned yesterday morning. The Russian squadron proceeded to sea, returning in the afternoon without sighting the enemy.

Departing Japanese.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—All the Jap residents along the Trans-Siberian railroad, and those living at Blagovestchensk, have been removed to Irkutsk, as the authorities fear they might injure the railway.

Jap Soldiers Going North.

Seoul, March 12.—The city is almost deserted by the Japanese soldiers, who have gone north. The streets are patrolled by Korean soldiers, while the foreign legations continue to be guarded by marines.

The funeral of the late dowager empress will take place Monday. American Minister Allen has gone to China on a Japanese transport.

Russian Rejoinder.

St. Petersburg, March 12.—The official rejoinder is made to the Japanese disclaimer of a violation of Korean neutrality. It says the latter argument is valueless, as Korea in January promulgated her neutrality to the powers, therefore, no state of war can give the Japanese the right to violate her neutrality.

Japan's contention of self-defense in her attack on the Russian ships at Chemulpo Feb. 9 is false, because of Korea's neutrality proclamation. Japan's denial of interference with Russian telegrams over the Danish cable is termed false, and an instance cited wherein Baron de Rosen at Tokio, did not receive a message for three days.

Suit for Divorce.

A suit for divorce was filed this morning in the office of the county clerk by Barney D. Sherry against his wife, Laura E. Sherry. The plaintiff alleges that he and the defendant were married on June 3, 1897, in this city, and asserts cruel and inhuman treatment as the cause of the action. His attorney is Dan P. Smythe.

It sometimes happens that a man who fails at everything else marries well.

OPPOSED TO CLEVELAND.

Formidable Opposition in New Jersey, His Home State.

Camden, N. J., March 12.—The movement started in this state to prevent the friends of ex-President Cleveland from controlling the New Jersey delegation to the democratic national convention will gather headway at a dinner to be given here today and which will be attended by a number of anti-Cleveland men from Washington, Philadelphia and other cities.

Representative Cochran of Missouri, who recently made a vehement speech against the ex-president in the house has accepted an invitation to deliver an address at the dinner. Mr. Cochran, it is expected, will reiterate the sentiments expressed in his recent address on the floor of the house, in the course of which he said that he would rather vote for Booker Washington than for Grover Cleveland, and than rather than vote for Washington he would go to jail.

JAPANESE DIET.

Will Be Expected to Approropriate 70,000,000 Yen.

Tokio, March 12.—Owing to the unanimity with which all parties and classes are supporting the government in its conduct of the war the program prepared by the mikado and his advisors will be carried through without a hitch by the Diet which meets in special session tomorrow.

It is not believed the session will last more than ten days. The principal business will be to make the necessary arrangements for the proposed loan of 70,000,000 yen. The amount will be raised partly by increasing the income and land taxes, by increasing the duties on spirits and tobacco and by creating certain new taxes.

PROPATRIA IS PROBABLY LOST

WEALTHY PARISIANS WERE THE PASSENGERS.

Last Seen Off the Newfoundland Banks, With Heavy Fogs Prevailing—It is Probable She Went Down in Collision With Fishing Boat or Ice.

Halifax, March 12.—It is generally believed the steamer Propatria, from St. Pierre to Martinique, has gone down.

A few weeks ago the steamer struck bottom. Temporary repairs were made, but probably not sufficient to stand an ice jam.

The Propatria had, besides her crew, 60 passengers, many of them wealthy Parisians going home. The captain and crew of the French cable steamer Pouvler Quartier, were also aboard.

A Gloucester fishing schooner, The Back Bay Bonus, 650 tons, was last sighted nearby on the southern Liverpool route the day before the Propatria was last seen, and like the latter has not since been seen. Experienced coast and banks navigators incline to the belief that there has been a disastrous collision in the fogs, or that both have been run down by the same ice field.

Senator Clark Recovering.

New York, March 12.—Convalescing from a recent operation, Senator Clark of Montana, returned today from Bermuda on the steamer Trinidad.

PREPARING FOR BEET CROP.

Land is Being Plowed and Experts Will Plant First Seed.

Echo is going to give the sugar beet a thorough test this year. The sugar company is now preparing land on the farms of C. R. Lisle, S. I. Lisle and O. D. Teel, for experimental crops and will use every effort to try the plants on the different kinds of soil in that vicinity.

The recent storms have somewhat hindered the work of preparation, but plowing is now being done, and F. S. Bramwell, field superintendent of the sugar company will superintend the planting when the time comes, and the crop will be watched and cultivated in the most scrupulously careful manner, in order to secure the best results from the experiment.

How Radium is Secured.

The news comes from Paris that the operation of extracting radium from the ores has been considerably shortened. The preliminary process, which reduces the material to laboratory dimensions, now occupies one month, whereas it has previously taken three months. It is estimated that up to the present about 750 tons of ore have been used to produce about one-fifth of an ounce of radium.

CRITCHLOW BEING CROSS-EXAMINED

Ex-Attorney-General Insisted That There is No Bitterness in His War on Smoot.

CONDITIONS ARE NO WORSE THERE THAN PRIOR TO 1890.

Critchlow Thinks Unlawful Cohabitation is Worse Than Legalized Polygamy, But it is Not So Regarded by Anti-Mormon Legislation—His Only Opposition to Smoot Arose From the Latter's Subserviency to His Church.

Washington, March 12.—Dr. Mary Walker was first to reach the senate committee room this morning to hear the testimony in the Smoot case. Vancot for the defense, resuming the examination, of ex-Attorney General Critchlow, asked whether he expected to receive pay for his services in preparing a case against Smoot, and received a negative reply.

Mr. Critchlow added he did not believe it was fair to say his opposition to the Mormon church had the slightest bitterness in it. He admitted he knew of no general conditions existing in Utah today not fully disclosed to congress prior to the passage of the act admitting Utah as a state.

Examined as to which he held to be the more serious offense, Utah polygamy or unlawful cohabitation, Critchlow gave the opinion that among people generally unlawful cohabitation was more serious. It was shown, however, that in all laws passed in Utah polygamy was the more severely punished.

Discussing Smoot's candidacy for the senate he said he himself was a member of the convention that chose Smoot and moved as a matter of courtesy to make the nomination unanimous after having fought it. Admitted that if Smoot were a non-Mormon, or thought a member of the church, if he were not at one with its general authorities, he would be thoroughly acceptable to the witness as a senator.

As to the control of my church over Smoot's actions, Smoot, being a member of the highest council, would be so imbued with a desire for harmony that if it decided to do certain things he would have to do it or get out of the apostolate. The witness declared there was a reserve force maintained by the church, which would enable it to affect political elections as it pleased.

Prominent La Grande Woman.

La Grande, March 12.—Mrs. N. K. West, wife of La Grande's leading merchant, died after a lingering illness, at 9 o'clock last night. She was a native of Salem, and came to this city four years ago.

IDAHO IRRIGATION LAW.

State Commission Gradually Removing the Old Tangles.

The members of the state board of irrigation continued their labors yesterday, says the Boise Statesman. Reports from the various sections show an increasing tendency among water users to take full advantage of the law in respect to the distribution of water and a clearer understanding of the provisions of the act.

In connection with present litigation it should be remembered that the litigation over water rights now going on in different parts of the state is not by any means caused by the operation of the present law but is the result of complications arising from long years of a lack of a system of ascertaining and recording water rights.

In fact, much of the friction, so far arising in the operation of the law has been, the commissioners have found, in the construction and application of decrees of the courts which in many cases have been vague and sometimes conflicting. These matters however, are being gradually straightened out.

The "Green-Eyed Monster."

Buda Pest, March 12.—Count Csaky, related to Kubelek, the violinist, by marriage, and who is secretary to the Bulgarian minister of the interior, shot his wife and a commercial traveler Friday evening. Both were injured and are in a serious condition. They deny being acquainted with each other.