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#### BIG CATTLE DEAL.

#### Great Tract Secured in South for Feeding Grounds.

Chicago, Jan. 15 .- The Swifts, the Armours, Nelson Morris and Schwarzs child & Sulzberger, "the stockvard family," have purchased 1,000,000 acres of land in Southern Alabama and northern Florida. The news of the purchase has startled the stockyards, Lasalle street and the railway world. These interests see behind the purchase a move intended to revolutionize the meat in-Justry of America.

The great tract, it is declared, was purchased from the Louisville and Nashville Railway at an average price of \$3.75 an acre, making the total money consideration \$3,750,000. It is declared that the great Chicago packers intend to establish, on the reclaimed swamp land and the pine lands o Georgia and Florida, the greatest cattle feeding ground in the world, and to escape from rates and double hauls, "the local" rates between Montana and Chicago and New York, in short, to rid themselves of the great expense of shipping, and to fatten cattle or cassava.

It is said, before the purchase was consummated, an agreement was reached by the agents of the packers with the Alabama Agricultural Commission in regard to lands which were held by the Louisville & Nashville Railway on Government grants. The industrial commission, it is said, saw in the move the opening of a new era for the South-the acquisition of a great part of the huge cattleraising industry of the West.

The secret of the whole deal lies in one word-cassava. The word cassava an connection with the deal has startled the Lasalie street men and shocked the corn products trust. Cassava is a shrubbery plant. It has a flesh root which produces edible starch. It is also called Manioc.

It was upon this plant that the deal hinged, and it is upon this plant, so the authorities declare, that the future of the South now rests. The plant has o e) found to flourish in the region of Southern Alabama. It is declared to be the greatest fattening agent for cattle yet discovered.

The Chicago packers have agreed with the Alabama Agricultural Commission, it is asserted, to plant the 1,000,000 acres in cassava, and to feed

because it is said the packers intend, in ling the calendar year 1908 than from connection with their feeding ground, to any other point on the West Coast, and establish great starch factories, and was greater than the exports of any to manufacture starch and other prod other cities in the United States except gcts of the cassava root and put them New York and Galveston. In fact the

in the field in competition with the corn products of the trust,

#### REDAY WITH GUN.

W. F. Butcher Shoots J. C. White at Baker City.

Baker City, Or., Jan. 15 .- W. F. Butcher one of the leading attorneys of Eastern Oregon, and the democratic candidate for congress from the second district, two years ago, shot J. C. White a prominent sewer and waterworks contractor, this evening about 9:15.

Butcher shot twice, one ball passing through the fleshy part of White's right arm and the other striking him in the side of the neck. White was able to walk from in front of the postoffice, where the shooting occurred, to a newspaper office, almost a block away, where he stopped and medical aid was

Butcher walked to Justice Messick's office and gave himself up immediately after the shooting. Butcher refused to make a statement tonight, further than to say that White assaulted him and he shot him in self defense.

Eye-witnesses to the shooting say that White accosted Butcher as he came down from his office, which is over the postoffice. White is said to have ex-

"Are you ready, Butcher?" and to have started forward in a threatening manner, when Butcher drew his revolver and shot twice.

The trouble grew out of a contract in which White and Butcher are interested | cific Coast. at Weiser, Idaho, for the construction of an electric light plant and waterworks system. White says that Butcher drew a gun on him in Butcher's office this afternoon. Butcher denies this.

At last accounts White was resting

#### Money in Belt.

Tacoma, Wash.. Jan 16.-The sum of \$25,000 in gold was found in a worn leather belt on the body of Wong Lee Qui, an aged Chinaman who died yesterday on the steamer Ching Wo. He shipped at San Francisco, and was on his way home to die.

According to the sory of the officers of the steamer, Qui was a miser. He tried in every cunning way known to the artful Chinese to get his fare for less than the regular rate and to get abso-Inte necessaries without paying for them. It is said that he came to San Francisco 20 years ago, and was a wealthy merchant of that place, when he sold out to go home to die.

When the steamer Ching Wo reached Tacoma from San Francisco the aged miser was sick. He decided that he must land and go to a hospital if he would live, and he petitioned the immigration officers to that effect. Yesterday when they visited the ship to talk with him he was dead. This makes the fourth death that has occurred on the steamer from old age and exposure, and the ship's doctor says there are others that cannot live until the vessel reaches the Orient.

#### Kennedy is Free.

Hillsboro, Or., Jan. 17 .- Rey. Richard H. Kennedy, the Congregational minister, has been acquitted of the charge of having entered the house of E. H. Warren, a slight distance East of Hillsboro, on the early morning of September 1, and committing a burglary. The jury was out until about 4:30 this morning, when they agreed, and signed a sealed verdict.

Just as soon as it was known that an and no extra fare charged. agreement had been effected Mr. Kennedy was apprised of the fact. It had come to light that the verdict was acquittal, and the minister was greatly

#### Leads in Trade.

Washington, Jan. 17 .- Government statistics now acknowledge Portland's supremacy in the wheat trade on the Pacific. These figures show that more The corn products trust is interested, wheat was shipped from Portland dur-

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shipments from Portland were greater than the combined export from Seattle and Tacoma.

To be exact, Portland during the 12 months ended December last exported 5,614,719 bushels of wheat, as compared with 4,428,112 bushels from San Francisco and 4,597,780 bushels from Puget Sound. It is true that wheat exports all over the country, except at Galveston, were lighter in 1903 than in the year previous, but the decline in Portland is far less than is proportionately shown in the other districts on the Pa-

#### Bemocrats Fear Commoner.

Washington, Jan. 17 .- The determination of Bryan to publish a daily Commoner at St. Louis during the Democratic convention has given conservative Democrate much concern.

This fact, coupled with the report that there has been an understanding between Bryan and Hearst that they will control more than a third of the delegates and under the two-thirds rule of the convention prevent the nomination of any man act to their eatistaction has caused much uneasiness.

Bryan's main object is to prevent the adoption of a platform which in effect will repudiate the platforms of 1896 and 1900. Or course, he wants a candidate to his liking, and he will use his power to that end. Bryan is for harmony if the ag eement is in his direction, but he is not for harmony that means the recognition of preferment of the gold Democrats of the last campaigu.

With a paper issued daily and a following believing him to be a great and only Democrat of the country, Bryan can make a great deal of trouble. A daily Commoner at the convention is more feared by the conservative Democrate than a daily Hearst paper.

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