

**FAMOUS COW FOR STOCK SHOW.**

**Fair Queen, An Attraction at Lewis and Clark Exposition.**

Fair Queen, the champion of many fairs, and as a cow which has never been beaten, entitled to rank as one of the greatest show cows living, it is entered in the shorthorn class at the stock show which is to be held at the Lewis and Clark Exposition from September 19 to 29. Fair Queen took championship honors at the World's Fair, at St. Louis last year, and also at the International Live Stock Show held at Chicago in 1903 and 1904 and at the American Royal Show at Kansas City in the same years. She is the holder also of various premiums won at leading state fairs all over the country.

"In the shorthorn show the class of cattle will be the highest in the United States," said H. D. Wisdom, livestock superintendent at the Exposition. "It will be a show of great quality and one that people cannot afford to miss. The shorthorn show in general will be equal to any show ever held in America of this breed of cattle.

"In the ho stein class," continued the superintendent, "The Hazelwood Farm Company of Spokane has entered 20 head of show stock chosen from 70 head which the company purchased in Wisconsin. These are the best of the class to be found. They will compete against the world's champion herd of the Pierce Land and Stock Company of California, a herd which is without question the finest in the world. The Pierce Land & Stock Company imported 40 head from Holland last year and the bull that heads the herd is one of the importation. He is considered the finest bull of the breed living today. Besides these two herds, John B. Irvia of Wisconsin, who won at St. Louis last year, and P. A. Frakes of Oregon, who also owns some St. Louis prize winners, will show at the fair.

"In Jerseys there will be shown a fine and select herd from The Hazel Fern Farm owned by the W. S. Ladd estate. This is one of the finest herds of Jerseys in the world, and the stock sent to the showing will be the very finest specimens of the breed procurable anywhere. In competition with the Hazel Fern herd will be the herd of Dr. Still of Missouri, which was prominent among first prize winners at St. Louis last year, and which has been recuperated in size and merit. Besides these two there will be a number of local herds of quality, including those of Harry West, D. H. Looney, A. C. Martin, B. Altman and Atkinson Brothers, all of Oregon. In sheep, swine and goats all the prominent breeds will be represented by the finest type of animals."

The sheds for the stock show, on the Government Peninsula at the Exposition are nearing completion. They are of improved style, in every way adapted to the purpose. Everything will be in readiness for the stock show several days before September 19, the opening day, and prospects are good for a remarkably large attendance from Pacific-Coast states.

**No Long Contracts.**

Salem, Or., Sept. 6.—The Airtight Stove Company, of Portland, has given up its right to a contract for the leasing of convict labor at the State Penitentiary, and Governor Chamberlain has declared its certified check of \$500 forfeited to the state. The company failed to satisfy the Governor as to its ability to fulfill the contract for which it was the successful bidder, the reason given being that the loss of the company's plant in Portland had materially reduced its property holdings. The company had been awarded a ten-year contract at 6.8 cents per hour, but failed to make good.

It is now doubtful whether the Governor will let any contract soon for the leasing of convict labor for a term of years, and it is certain that when a contract is made it will not be for more than five years. The Loewenberg Com-

pany, the present lessees, have made an offer of 4.5 cents an hour on a five-year contract, but Governor Chamberlain is in hope of being able to lease the prisoners to farmers at more favorable terms. At any rate, he will wait a while before making a contract. He has received letters from a number of Valley farmers indicating a willingness to hire convicts to grub land, and this plan of giving employment to the prisoners will be investigated before a new stove-foundry contract is executed.

In speaking of the matter today, Governor Chamberlain said that he believes that many changes will take place in the next ten years, and that if a ten-year contract were made for leasing convict labor to a stove manufacturing company, it would be found in a few years that the men could be employed with more profit to the state and with less competition with free labor. He believes in working convicts on the public roads and on such work as grubbing land—work that free men do not like. If he can see a fair prospect of steady employment for the prisoners at such work, he will not enter into a new contract for leasing the convict labor to the stove company.

However, the Governor is settled in the conviction that the men must be kept employed at some kind of useful work, and if it should be found impracticable to work them on the roads or on farms, they will be leased to a stove company.

**Government Printing.**

The Government Printing Office as now operated is the result of slow and continuous growth. It is doubtful whether the present building and contents could be duplicated for less than \$10,000,000. The entire plant, including the old building, contains nearly 16 acres of floor space. The equipment includes 300 tons of type, 60 typesetting machines, nearly 150 printing presses of all kinds, 600 individual electric motors, and ruling, folding and binding machinery of bewildering variety and vast capacity. The total number of persons employed varies from 4000 to 4500, and the fortnightly disbursement of wages now amounts to nearly \$100,000. The compositors alone number about 1200. The jobwork of the office requires a separate department, employing about 150 compositors and including nearly 40 presses.

During the last fiscal year there were purchased 6,306,955 pounds of machine book paper, costing \$216,486.93; 41,000 reams of super calendered paper of varying sizes, and 5000 reams of coated or "cut" paper, together costing about \$150,000; 57,660 reams of writing and ledger paper, costing approximately \$106,000, together with many other large items, with the lithographs, engravings and cuts purchased by the Public Printer from private contractors, for use in publications printed and bound in the Government plant, cost \$272,243.06.

**GROWTH OF PENSION ROLL.**

Reached Maximum in January, Now is Below Million.

Washington, Sept. 7.—The pension roll reached the maximum number in its history on January 21 last, the number being 1,004,196. The roll passed the million mark in September, 1904, and gradually increased for the next four months. The decline began with the first of last February, and by the following May had dropped below the million mark.

These facts are developed in a synopsis of the annual report of Pension Commissioner Warner, covering the operations of his office for the fiscal year ending June 30 last. At the end of the year the number of pensioners had declined to 998,441, a net increase for the year of 3679.

The report shows the following additional facts:

During the year the bureau issued 185,242 pension certificates, of which number over 50,000 were originals.

The annual value of the pension roll

on June 30, 1905, was \$136,745,295. By the term "annual value" is meant the amount of money required to pay the pensioners from the roll for one year.

During the year 3,883 pensioners were dropped from the roll by reasons of deaths, and of this number 30,324 were survivors of the Civil War.

On June 30, 1905, the roll contained the names of 684,608 survivors of the Civil War—a decrease of over 6000 from the previous year.

The total amount disbursed for pensions for the fiscal year was \$141,142,860, of which amount \$4,197,166 was for Navy pensions and \$3,409,998 was paid to pensioners of the Spanish War and \$133,022,170 to the survivors of the Civil War, their widows and dependents. The total amount paid to Spanish War pensioners since 1899 is \$11,996,198.

The total amount of money paid for pensions since the foundation of the Government is \$3,320,860,022, and of this amount \$3,144,395,405 has been paid on account of the Civil War.

The total number of claims allowed, original and increase, under order No. 78, known as "the age order," since that order went into effect, April 13, 1904, up to June 30, 1905, was 65,612.

**"Give a Dog a Bad Name."**

"It's an old saying, but a true one, nevertheless," said the conductor of a Gates avenue car to a reporter the other day, while the latter was smoking a stogie on the rear platform. "You can't beat the Irish. Now, the other day I had three passengers, two women, a man and a dog. The man sat alone with his dog at the farthest end of the car. When I went to collect the man's

fare I noticed for the first time that some one had expectorated on the floor and I accused the man with breaking the city ordinance.

"Phwat ye talkin' about now?" he said. "Oi ain't broke anything in the city."

"You spat upon the floor," I said, "and consequently are liable to a fine of \$500."

"Oi am, am Oi?" he says. "Well, now, don't get sassay. Oi ain't spat on any floor, Oi'll have yez to understand."

"Well," said I, indicating the spot on the floor, "who did that if you didn't?"

"Sure," said he, "it was the dog that did it."

"The dog, eh?" Well, you just tell that to the cops," I said, determined to have the man arrested.

"Now, don't get hasty; if you do, Oi'll break something else, an' it won't be an ordinance either, do yez moind? Do ye see that dog standin' besides yez? Well, it was him that did it, because he's a Spitz dog, and the poor baste roul in't help it."

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