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Pleuro-Pneumonia.

Hon. L. T. Barin has introduced a measure of more importance to Oregon than all other legislation of the present assembly. It is senate bill 91, to prevent the spread of contagious diseases among animals, and for the appointment of a veterinary surgeon, at a salary of \$1,000 per annum, and two commissioners on the same work. Barin explained that contagious cattle diseases in the east had killed off many cattle and the infection might make its appearance here any day. An ounce of prevention is worth the usual pound of cure. Veatch objected seriously to a sick cow, horse and cat doctor to the expense of the state. They might as well start in now and levy a ten-mill tax to pay him. He might be located in Portland, and there might be sick sheep in eastern Oregon that he would be called upon to attend to. Veatch admitted that he was skeptical on the subject of doctors anyhow. Hare spoke of the importance of quarantine regulations among bands of cattle, and the great attention to such law in the east. One herd of diseased cattle imported here and turned loose among our stock might wipe out the whole stock industry in a short time. The bill was in the interest of the agricultural classes and should pass. The bill was variously debated on by Chandler, Cauthorne, Shupe, Wager, Coleman, Cartwright and Chamberlin. It was claimed that the bill was too voluminous, but, if so, justly amend it, and make it the law.

Other states are taking very decided action upon this subject. Last week in Washington, Hon. Samuel Shellabarger, in behalf of the cattle growers' association, appeared before the senate committee on agriculture and submitted a constitutional argument in support of the Miller bill pending in congress, to extirpate pleuro-pneumonia. Mr. Shellabarger maintained that the powers conferred on the department

of agriculture were entirely within the constitutional province of the government, and that the disease was so widespread that it could only be eradicated and suppressed by the exercise of national authority. A committee of cattle men submitted a paper urging the passage of the bill in which they say: "We ask you to avert a calamity that will sweep the profit from our dairies and from our farms and drive millions of dollars from the plains of the west. Our cattle exports have fallen off to an enormous extent and we want our cattle to leave our shores with no blemish so that they may be taken to any farm in England with perfect impunity, and thereby save to us the \$15 to \$20 per head which we now lose by reason of the fact that our cattle are killed on landing in England.

The state of Michigan is decidedly in earnest in cattle plague matter, as her legislature recently adopted the following resolution: That the congress of the United States be, and is hereby requested to pass such laws as will most effectually extirpate all contagious diseases among live stock by placing in the hands of competent agents of the general government full and complete power to act in all matters relating thereto; and that a sufficient appropriation be made of not less than \$1,000,000 to pay all necessary expenses of the same.

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