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INSURANCE AT COST

Merchants' Mutual Company is Preparing to Do Business in Oregon.

The following is a summary of the constitution, by-laws and plans of the Merchants Mutual Insurance Company recently organized in Dayton:

The officers are O. B. Rippey, president; S. W. Sigler, vice-president; S. C. Stuckey, treasurer and B. L. Barry, secretary.

The directors are O. B. Rippey 7 years, B. L. Barry, 6 years, J. G. Van Orsdel 5 years, J. L. Castle 4 years, H. C. Burns 3 years, S. W. Sigler 2 years and S. C. Stuckey 1 year.

The permanent home of the Association is at Dayton, Oregon.

It was incorporated under the laws of the State of Oregon on February 8, 1907.

Officers hold their offices one year.

Members must pay \$2 membership fee, \$1 policy fee, 1-2 present board rate on issue of policy subject to assessment not to exceed present board rates in any one year.

Policy holder must notify Secretary of any increase in hazard.

Short term risks pay 4-5 board rate.

Member may withdraw by giving 5 days' written notice to Secretary and paying all assessments to date.

Policy may be cancelled by the association by giving 5 days notice to assured and returning unearned premium.

Assessments must be paid within 30 days of notice.

Secretary's bond is \$1000, Treasurer's bond \$5000 in bonding Company for the present.

Officers and directors may be removed by vote of two-thirds of directors.

No property insured for more than two-third of its value.

Depository of Insurance funds shall be bonded.

Not more than \$1000 on a risk is taken until \$500,000 is in force.

Two risks to a block unless fire walls or open space of 100 feet between.

No risks in congested districts in cities.

No hazardous risks to be taken.

Amendments to Constitution by 30 days notice deposited with Secretary and two-third votes of members present at annual meeting.

The standard form of insurance policy will be used.

Losses are payable within 60 days after notice of loss.

EASIER TO SECURE PATENT

President Issues Order Concerning Final Proofs on Public Land Claims.

A copy of the order issued by President Roosevelt to the Secretary of the Interior, on January 25, as to final certificates or patents on public lands, has been sent to the Observer for publication. It is as follows:

To prevent the fraud now practiced in the acquisition of public lands of the United States, I have to direct that hereafter no final certificate, patent, or other evidence of title shall be issued under the public land laws until an actual examination has been made on the ground by an authorized officer of the Government; but the following shall be excepted from the force of this order:

1. All claims which have heretofore been examined on the ground by an authorized officer of the Government whose report is found satisfactory.

2. All claims where heretofore an officer of the Government other than officers authorized to take final proof, shall have been present at the taking of final proof to cross-examine claimant and witnesses, if such proof is found satisfactory.

3. All claims where claimant's compliance with law has been established by contest or other regular adverse proceedings.

4. Entries which may have been confirmed by virtue of any act of Congress.

5. Selections and entries in which no residence or improvement is required by law, when the lands embraced therein are strictly speaking in agricultural districts, or when their character has been fixed by investigation and classification made in accordance with law.

6. Cases of reissuance of patents because of some clerical error occurring in the patent heretofore issued.

7. All Indian allotments which have been regularly approved in accordance with instructions of the Secretary of the Interior.

You will issue all necessary instructions to carry this order into effect.

LIKES HIS NEW HOME

M. D. Ellis Writes from Grant's Pass to His Old Friends in Dallas.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 15.—(To the Editor.)—I promised when I left Dallas to let the people hear from me, therefore I will say a word concerning this country, that you may know what we have and what we are doing. We have had the nicest winter I have ever seen. One can ride a bicycle from one end of the street to the other, and we are having nice, warm spring weather now. When you were having your snow storms up there, we were having a little cool weather; when you had your rainy weather, we had some showers. It looks now as if we would have early garden stuff to eat soon.

Yes, this is a fine climate—not quite like California, but about half California and the other half Oregon, so you see we are not bothered with the weather. This is a mining country, here around Grant's Pass, and the prospects are good for a fine clean-up this Spring.

Grant's Pass is a town of 4000 inhabitants—and good people, too. Josephine county is going to be one of the best counties in the state some day. It isn't far from it now. The fruit and melons are simply grand.

I get a little homesick at times to see my old Dallas friends, but I read the Observer every week, and that makes me feel as though I had seen you all again. Dallas is a good town, and will be better. I am proud of Dallas, and I am proud of the basketball team. I hope they will win—and they will.

I see by the papers that U. S. Loughary and Dr. McCallon are doing some good work over at Salem. Well, I knew they would, for they are from the "Siletz," and I used to live over there. There is where people do things. Say, I think it would be a good move to send the Normal school up to Black Rock. That country seems to be coming to the front this winter.

I don't see much in your paper about my old friend, W. R. Craven, since he returned from North Bend. I am afraid he lost his identity over there.

I have been reading what one of your correspondents has to say concerning "Polk County; Its Past, Present and Future." I believe he is right, and if my wings are in good shape in 2007, I am coming back to see.

Mrs. Ellis and Floyd join me in wishing the Observer and the town of Dallas a prosperous 1907.

M. D. ELLIS.

Johnson Road Law.

"The best road law ever proposed in Oregon," says the Oregonian, was the description given of Senator Johnson's bill by Senator Kay when that bill came up for final action in the senate. The bill passed by a vote of 16 to 8. It provides for state, county, and local co-operation in the permanent improvement of roads. When the people within two miles of a road petition for permanent improvement, the county court refers the matter to a state road engineer, and if approved and the remonstrances do not exceed the petitions the road will be improved, one-third of the cost being made a charge upon the land within two miles on either side, one-third to be paid by the county and one-third by the state. The state expenditure in any one county is limited to \$20,000, until each county has been awarded a similar sum.

Surveyors at Salmon River.

The A. & C. R. R. surveying crew are still surveying at the Salmon River Cape. This seems to be the greatest obstacle on the route of the proposed railroad. The surveying crew, last summer, attempted to run a line around the cape at the ocean's edge. To do this would require great engineering skill and would necessarily cost an enormous sum, if the railroad should be built there. The A. & C. surveyors think that by following the canyons near the cape, they can get through the divide with about a half mile of tunnel.—Tillamook Herald.

Farewell Party.

Over fifty neighbors and friends gathered Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Koenenman near Rickreall to give them a farewell party. Games and dancing were enjoyed until midnight when a bounteous supper was served. It is with deep regret that Rickreall is to lose this worthy couple who have lived near there the past four years and have made many friends. They will move to Pioneer near Dallas the coming week.

DEVELOPING OREGON

Correspondent Tells of Railroad and Irrigation Work in Inland Empire.

BURNS, Or., February 7.—(To the Editor.)—I thought I would write you a letter for publication. This winter has been fine for the stockmen of Harney county, as they have not had to do much feeding up to the present time, and most of the stock is grazing on the range. Much less snow fell than in former years, but there has been more rainfall than for several years past. The coldest day we have had so far was 8 degrees below zero.

New settlers are coming here every day, looking for Government land, both improved and unimproved. Several large land holdings have changed hands in the last few months, the most important being the closing out of the French-Glenn Livestock Company to Portland business men and William Hanley, of this county. This was one of the largest stock ranches in the United States. It contained about 300,000 acres of deeded land, all under one fence. The ranch, including 20,000 head of stock, was sold for \$1,800,000.

There has been considerable trouble over desert land in the valley during the last year. The success of raising grain on sage-brush land without irrigation has caused lots of trouble for desert-land locators. The principal contest in which the people of this county are interested is that between the Pacific Livestock Company and the Harney Valley Improvement Company. The Livestock company is trying to prove that the land held by the Improvement company under the Carey act is not desert land. The tract contains 60,000 acres of the best farming land in Harney Valley, and last year the same kind of soil produced from 30 to 40 bushels of wheat per acre without irrigation. This large tract has been held for over six years without any effort to get water on the land. If the Livestock company wins, it will be the means of the Government throwing this fine body of land open to settlement under the homestead law.

The Oregon-Eastern has commenced the permanent location of its railroad from Ontario to Natron, and has four surveying parties in the field between Vale and Christmas Lake Valley. From present indications, the road will be completed as soon as possible and will do more to develop Oregon's inland empire than all the big irrigation projects combined.

CLYDE EMBREE.

Grange Holds Session.

The regular session of the Dallas Grange was held last Saturday. William Howard, state lecturer, was a visitor. Officers were installed and two candidates received the final degrees. Three delegates and three alternates were elected to go to the annual County Convention, to be held in Independence on March 6, at 2 p. m., at which time a delegate will be elected to go to the State Grange at Hood River in May.

FRANK BUTLER,
Dep. Master for Polk County.

R. J. F. Thurston, president of the Calapooia Lumber Company, was in the city Tuesday. He says they now have more than four million feet of fine logs in their pond—enough to keep them sawing for six months.—Brownsville Times.

Sometimes even post cards, the latest of fads, carry a dubious meaning. A Eugene young man is in receipt of a card from a young lady friend that has on it the picture of a court house, and the fellow is at his wits end to know whether it is intended as an invitation to secure a marriage license or an intimation of breach of promise proceedings.

A tissue builder, reconstructor, builds up waste force, makes strong nerves and muscle. You will realize after taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea what a wonderful benefit it will be to you. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Belt & Cherrington.

Rev. W. L. Arnold, who has been stationed at Lewlsville, and wife met with a number of their friends Monday at an afternoon tea, given by the Ladies' Aid at the Evangelical church, in their honor. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold will soon take their departure for their old home in Ohio, to remain with Mrs. Arnold's aged father.—Dayton Optimist.

It's the highest standard of quality, a natural tonic, cleanses your system, reddens the cheeks, brightens the eyes, gives flavor to all you eat. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do this for you. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Belt & Cherrington.

MARO'S LATEST SENSATION

Weird Exhibition of Magic as Performed by Famous East Indian Fakirs.

This is Maro's latest magical sensation wherein he gives a weird and wonderful exhibition of magic as performed by the East India fakirs. From a small Indian shawl previously shown empty he produces first, two white table cloths, which are placed on two empty tables. From the shawl of Mystery he then produces dish after dish of viands, fruits, nuts, etc., etc., until the two large tables are covered with fifteen large dishes all filled with edibles, portions of which Maro distributes among the audience. He also produces a tray with six glasses, each filled to the brim with water, Maro then produces from this wonderful scarf first, a small bird cage containing a live canary, then another larger cage containing a large white dove—then a very large cage standing three feet high full of other white doves. Then suddenly there appears an immense bouquet nearly three and a half feet across from which he produces a very mysterious and inexhaustible dish out of which he takes many beautiful nosegays, hands full of bonbons, etc. Suddenly and without warning the audience are much surprised to see in Maro's hand a large oriental pagoda from which a large tub (which is previously shown empty) is entirely filled with confetti. Then to the wonderment of all, The Great Maro produces from this empty tub several white doves, then several rabbits, a hen and rooster, and a duck, until the stage does indeed look like a glimpse into fairy land. You must see Maro if you wish to see the greatest wonder of the age.

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SURPRISE THEIR FRIENDS

Mr. Charles Lane, Jr., and Miss Ola Grant Are Quietly Married in Vancouver.

Mr. Charles Lane, Jr., of Portland, and Miss Ola E. Grant, of this city, were married in Vancouver, Wash., Saturday, February 16, Judge McCredie officiating.

It seems that Cupid had been working on the sly, as this wedding comes as a complete surprise to the many friends of this well-known couple. The marriage is the outcome of a delightful romance, which began in Portland last August when the bride was visiting friends there.

Mrs. Lane is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Grant, and was one of Dallas' highly esteemed and popular young women. The groom is a skilled engraver and is in the employ of the jewelry firm of Fety Bros. Mr. and Mrs. Lane will reside in Portland.

Married.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Bedwell, in this city, on Monday, February 18, Miss Jean D. Bedwell was united in marriage to Charles A. Smith, Rev. C. H. Davis officiating. A large gathering of friends and relatives were present to witness the ceremony. The worthy young couple have the best wishes of a large circle of friends in their new relation.

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It's a good old world after all; If you have no friends or money, In the river you can fall; Marriages are quite common and, More people there would be, Provided you take Rocky Mountain Tea. Belt & Cherrington.

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