



# ROYAL Baking Powder

*Absolutely Pure*

The Only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar—made from Grapes—

Royal Baking Powder has not its counterpart at home or abroad. Its qualities, which make the food nutritious and healthful, are peculiar to itself and are not constituent in other leavening agents.

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course quite a number of the Portland people will visit La Grande during our aster show.

## MANY CONTEST SHOW TREND

The day of mere formality and careless observance of homestead and timber and stone claim laws, are passed for land of this sort has rapidly become so scarce that those in search of it resort to stringent means to secure the ends.

Proof of this assertion is ascertainable in the land office where since yesterday morning, six contests have been filed, all alleging non-compliance with the homestead and timber and stone claim laws. Hereafter when filing is made on such claims, the applicant must tend to his knitting or some anxious being will make capital out of his negligence that at heart conform with the law perhaps, but in the letter means cancellation of the rights already acquired.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
 Washington Ave. and 6th Street.  
 Rev. S. W. Seemann, D. D. Minister.  
 In the morning Mr. W. G. Beattie of Sitka, Alaska, will speak. Evening sermon by the pastor, "Our Father's Love." Special music at each service. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Mr. W. L. Brenholts, superintendent. C. E. Service, 7:00 p. m. Miss Richardson, leader. Prayer meeting, Thursday, 8:00 p. m.

### HILL GAINS ONE-FOURTH MORE RIGHTS BY DECREE.

**Defendant in Long-Drawn-Out Suit Falzes Worse.**

Judge J. W. Knowles this afternoon filed the findings of the court in the case of Hill vs. Briggs, relative to the waters of McCoy creek. The court found that both parties to the suit are riparian owners of the waters of the creek, and that during all the year except July, August and September, there is plenty of water for both. During the months named the plaintiff is entitled to all the water in the creek except what is needed for the defendant for stock and domestic purposes, on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The defendant likewise may use all the water on the other days of the week. In other words, Mr. Hill is entitled to four-sevenths of the water, and Mr. Briggs the remainder. Costs were adjudged to neither party.

Freedom means the right to a voluntary part in the good of all.

**Rev. I. W. Williamson's Letter.**  
 Rev. I. W. Williamson, Huntington, W. Va., writes: "This to certify that I used Foley's Kidney Remedy for nervous exhaustion and kidney trouble and am free to say that it will do all that you claim for it." Foley's Kidney Remedy has restored health and strength to thousands of weak and

run down people. Contains no harmful drugs and is pleasant to take—  
**A. T. HILL.**

### PASTIME THEATRE

**JOHNSON & BRUCE,**  
 Proprietors.

**WEEK OF MAY 31.**  
 Taylor Stock Co. in Repertoire  
 Tonight: "The Prince of Liara."  
 Sat. & Sun. nights, "The Fight-Hope."  
 Tomorrow night: "The Prince of Liara."  
 Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

### STATEMENT OF THE GERMANIA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Synopsis of the annual statement of the Germania Life Insurance Company, of New York in the State of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1908, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

**Capital.**  
 Amount of capital paid up.....\$200,000.

**Income.**  
 Premiums received during the year.....\$5,073,449.04  
 Interest on investments and rents received during year.....1,871,267.19  
 Income from other sources received during year.....11,205.02  
 Total income.....\$6,955,921.25

**Disbursements.**  
 Paid to policy holders during the year.....\$3,926,218.81  
 Dividends & interests paid during the year.....24,000.00  
 Commission and salaries paid during the year.....669,411.81  
 Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....88,461.02  
 Amount of all other expenditures incl.

25,804.21  
 Agents balances charged off and.....39,807.15  
 Loss on Sales of ledger assets.....462,127.86  
 Total expenditures.....\$5,172,219.89

**Assets.**  
 Market value of real estate owned.....\$2,554,724.22  
 Market value of stocks and bonds owned.....8,320,526.52  
 Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....2,909,692.20  
 Premium notes and policy loans.....3,674,805.02  
 Cash in banks and on hand.....552,864.32  
 Net uncollected and deferred premiums.....762,349.57  
 Other assets (net) interest & rents due and accrued.....546,280.40  
 Total admitted assets.....\$41,021,783.05.

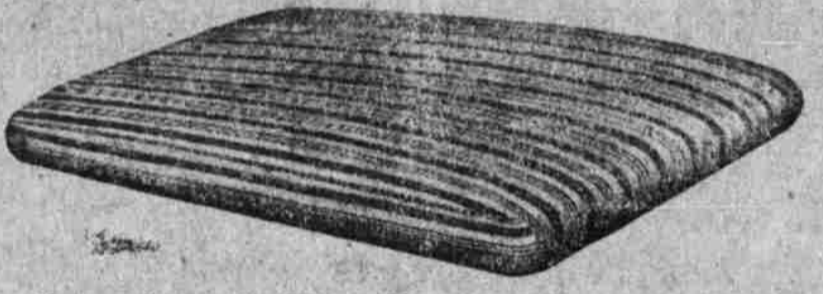
### Liabilities.

Net reserve.....\$34,628,343.00  
 Total policy claims.....193,863.95  
 All other liabilities.....384,510.39  
 Guarantee & dividend funds (surplus funds).....5,815,065.71  
 Total liabilities.....\$41,021,783.05  
 Total insurance in force December 31, 1908.....\$116,670,260.00

**Business in Oregon For the Year.**  
 Total risks written during the year.....\$136,500.00  
 Gross premiums received during the year.....31,367.68  
 Premiums returned during the year.....8,896.00  
 Losses incurred during the year.....8,896.00  
 Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon, December 31, 1908, 688,291.00

**THE GERMANIA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.**  
 By C. DOREMUS, President.  
 Statutory resident general agent and attorney in fact:  
 CHIEF E. CURTISS, 314 Lumber Exchange Bldg., Portland, Oregon.  
 G. R. CARLOCK, Superintendent of Agents, La Grande, Oregon, office Foley block.

### One-Third of Your Life



Is spent in bed—What did you pay for the mattress?  
 In bed we laugh, in bed we cry;  
 And born in bed, in bed we die;  
 The near approach a bed may show  
 Of human bliss or human woe.

Do you recognize the importance of the mattress? Do you select it with the same care you do the other comforts of home? Have you ever stopped to consider that in this age of advancement it has received little attention—little improvement was made until the renowned Sealy Mattress was invented? This marked the entry of a new era in mattress making.

The Sealy Mattress is different! Features that stand out in bold contrast: First successful and only Non-Tufted Mattress; First mattress made along scientific lines. Constructed of one single bat of long staple cotton, Without Tuft or Binding. See this wonderful mattress now on exhibition at our store. The success of the century. Let us explain its merits.

**W. H. BOHNENKAMP Co.**  
 HARDWARE and FURNITURE

## HOUSEKEEPERS ATTENTION!!

Do You Know  
 That the  
**ELECTRIC IRON**  
 Furnishes the  
**CHEAPEST and BEST**  
 Method of Doing Domestic Ironing?  
 The Heat is Where You Need It—You Owe it to  
**YOURSELF**  
 Five Days Free Trial.  
**GRANDE RONDE**  
**ELECTRIC CO.**

# Swift's Premium Hams and Bacon

New Lot Just In

**City Grocery and Bakery,**  
 E. POLACK, Prop  
 Bell Phone Main 75 Independent 241

# Hand Bags

ALL THE NEW STYLES.

We have a large line of new hand bags that we are going to sell at one-half price and less. We have displayed this line of bags on the big table in our store, and have marked them "Your Choice for Two Dollars." Whether or not you need one at present, you cannot afford to miss this sale. Twenty or more different kinds. Call and see them.

\$2.00. \$2.00.

# HILL'S DRUG STORE

LA GRANDE, OREGON

Complete equipment for resetting and repairing rubber buggy tires.

**LA GRANDE IRON WORKS**  
 D. FITZGERALD, Proprietor  
 Complete Machine Shops and Foundry

# SEASON OPENED AT SELDER'S

ICE||CREAM and  
 SOFT |DRINKS

N. K. WEST, Pres. T. J. SCROGGIN, Cash  
 Wm. MILLER, Vice Pres. H. E. COOLIDGE, Asst. Cash

## ADDING NEW ACCOUNTS

We are constantly adding new accounts and our business is increasing at a very satisfactory rate. Probably you might be glad and join us.

The  
**United States National Bank**  
 Of La Grande

**DIRECTORS**  
 N. K. West Wm. Miller J. L. Cavines  
 E. P. Staples P. E. Coolidge Frank Conley  
 C. T. Bacon T. J. Scroggin A. T. Hill

La Grande has her celebration well in hand. Few cities have made any plans at all. It requires a lot of hard work and time to inaugurate and carry out a successful celebration and La Grande's celebration this year will please all who are fortunate enough to attend.

A few more days of this delightful cool weather and the flood period along the Columbia and its tributaries due in June will be passed over without damage.

Quite a number of our people will visit the Portland Rose show and of