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EASTERN OREGON LIVE STOCK

Eastern Oregon certainly was in the eye of the people of the northwest this week at the Portland live stock show. The Union Flouring Mill company grabbed the first prize on fat hogs, and Benson Bros. got inside of the money on the two-year-old steers. They also scored when the University of Idaho paid them \$170 for a steer to stand alongside of the prize winner at the International stock show, which was also purchased by the Oregon institution. In other words a Grande Ronde valley steer is so near perfection that the university purposes putting the finish on it for show purposes.

Baker county was in the game in good shape. Coles of Haines took first money on steers, and Pollman, Mack & Phillips took second. Each of these exhibits was first class and the eyes of everyone were on the two pens from the time the show opened until it closed.

As a whole the stock show was a great success. It is an indication that

Oregon continues its loyalty to live stock and that the future will see more money invested in stock to be fed. Portland was full of stock men, and they are among the strongest developers of the state. The subject of high taxes was frequently mentioned and upon every side there is the same rigid criticism of the way business is carried on for the public.

A bartender in Portland says the prohibition question is solving itself. "Do you know," he remarked, "that it is really surprising how many men who used to spend their money for liquor are now drinking mineral water. This means that the stockmen from Eastern Oregon, for instance, are refusing to drink as much as they as they once did, and that the day for hilarious imbibing of intoxicating liquors is almost at an end."

Reports from various sections of the state indicate the success of Frank Fields for secretary of state. Ben W. Olcott who seeks the republican nomination was Governor West's campaign manager and spent considerable money to assist West in his election. While the spirit of laying down party lines is pretty well pronounced in Oregon, yet the republicans insist that Olcott should ask for his nomination through the democratic ranks, probably the same as many republican think that Jerry Rusk should seek his nomination for congress through the non-partisans. At any rate, Olcott is not going to have it very easy in many places. He maintains a good press agent at Salem and gets his name in the newspapers every day, but the secretary of state's office in all probability will go to Frank Fields, who is not only capable of holding it but will use real economy in state affairs, instead of making a big talk. He will apply business tactics to the state house for Fields has never been accused of playing politics nor attempting to fool the people.

Jonathan Bourne certainly broke his pick with the people of Oregon when he voted with Aldrich on the tariff measure. Bourne had a cotton goods factory to favor in the east, hence he stood with Aldrich. But Oregon neither raises cotton nor manufactures cotton goods. We are consumers and are paying the high duty in order that Jonathan's dividends may be greater from his mills. He has fooled the people a long time, because he advocated direct legislation. But his day is done. Direct legislation and all the principles of Oregon's plan are advocated by Ben Selling and practiced by Ben Selling, when Bourne was a machine man and held up the legislature. The people have a chance to elect a business man who thinks right, acts right, and is right, and they are going to do it.

Buying of state supplies would be an interesting thing for the taxpayers' league to investigate. Do you know that the state board makes its own contracts, transacts all the business and then audits its own bills? This is no accusation of any individual, but how would any private business get along with such procedure? The colleges of Oregon should also be looked into, and ascertain how much money is required to maintain these institu-

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tions and then figure out the value received. Education is a fine thing, but there should be some reason used as to the expense incurred.

Apparently the fruit land grafters have gone into their holes since the federal grand jury got after them. Oregon has been the headquarters for these fruitland grafts and it is to be regretted that federal action was necessary. Why could not the state have entered into this matter? We have prison reform, and every other reform, but have been overlooking a reform that took money from the shop girl and the delivery boy, giving them nothing in return. Surely such eminent statesmen as we have in charge of affairs have reason to hide their faces. Pardon us, we forgot the chicken farm at Salem required considerable attention and there is not time to devote to everything.

Orme J. Smith

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS.

The socialists and prohibitionists have filed complete state tickets to be voted for in the coming primaries in Illinois.

Pasadena, Cal., will vote on a proposal to adopt the commission plan of government at a special election to be held in May.

Mayor William J. Gaynor of New York has announced positively that he will not be a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination.

The Taft league of New Hampshire, through its president, has accepted the proposition of the Roosevelt league for a state-wide presidential primary. Former Congressman Edwin Denby

has declined an invitation from his friends to become a candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Michigan.

The democratic state convention of Indiana, meeting in Indianapolis this week, is expected to endorse Governor Marshall for the presidential nomination.

Republicans of North Carolina will meet in state convention in Raleigh on May 15th to select four delegates at large to the national convention at Chicago.

Theodore Roosevelt, Governor Stubbs of Kansas and Governor Johnson of California are to take part in a speaking campaign in Ohio, preliminary to the May primaries.

After a continuous service of 11 years in the lower house of congress, Representative William G. Brantley of the Eleventh Georgia district, will voluntarily retire from public life at the end of his present term.

Judge Le Baron B. Cot, who contested the last senatorial election in Rhode Island with Henry F. Lippitt, is regarded as the most likely candidate for another term.

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Synopsis of the annual statement of **THE HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE CO.**, of New York, in the State of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	Income.
Amount of capital paid up.....\$1,000,000.00	Premiums received during the year.....\$ 5,038,328.54
Premiums received during the year in cash.....\$2,971,863.77	Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year..... 1,544,754.94
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year..... 215,536.86	Income from other sources received during the year..... 115,999.80
Income from other sources received during the year..... 81.67	Total income.....\$ 6,699,088.28
Total income.....\$2,587,482.30	Disbursements.
Losses paid during the year.....\$1,285,995.22	Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values.....\$ 2,546,666.51
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock..... 195,000.00	Dividends paid to policy holders during the year..... 702,103.09
Commissions and salaries paid during the year..... 669,534.54	Commissions and salaries paid during the year..... 887,462.63
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year..... 85,484.18	Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year..... 161,750.43
Amount of all other expenditures..... 324,635.21	Amount of all other expenditures..... 269,653.11
Total expenditures.....\$2,558,649.15	Total expenditures.....\$ 4,507,641.77
Assets.	Assets.
Value of real estate owned.....\$1,129,479.00	Market value of real estate owned.....\$ 726,443.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned..... 3,105,985.00	Market value of stocks and bonds owned..... 6,715,204.60
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc..... 3,500.00	Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc..... 19,186,232.73
Cash in banks and on hand..... 144,426.06	Premium notes and policy loans..... 4,272,580.93
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission..... 398,455.84	Cash in banks and on hand..... 552,462.35
Interest and rents due and accrued, etc..... 36,942.25	Net uncollected and deferred premiums..... 406,820.65
Total assets.....\$4,818,183.05	Other assets (net)..... 462,430.27
Less special deposits in any state..... 19,809.17	Total assets.....\$32,322,124.54
Total assets admitted in Oregon.....\$4,798,373.88	Less special deposits in any state..... 146,845.60
Liabilities.	Liabilities.
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....\$ 254,847.86	Total claims for losses unpaid.....\$ 254,847.86
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks..... 2,275,288.23	Due for commission and brokerage..... 8,239.16
Due for commission and brokerage..... 8,239.16	All other liabilities..... 177,205.09
All other liabilities..... 177,205.09	Total liabilities.....\$2,655,580.34
Total liabilities.....\$2,655,580.34	Total insurance in force December 31, 1911.....\$424,407,353.77
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911.....\$424,407,353.77	Business in Oregon for the Year.
Business in Oregon for the Year.	Total risks written during the year.....\$1,070,455.00
Total risks written during the year.....\$1,070,455.00	Gross premiums received during the year..... 18,682.53
Gross premiums received during the year..... 18,682.53	Premiums returned during the year..... 3,456.06
Premiums returned during the year..... 3,456.06	Losses paid during the year..... 3,093.40
Losses paid during the year..... 3,093.40	Losses incurred during the year..... 8,093.40
Losses incurred during the year..... 8,093.40	Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon Dec. 31, 1911..... 434,245.00
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THE HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE CO.	By R. Emory Warfield, President.
By R. Emory Warfield, President.	Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: William Deans, Portland.

Synopsis of the annual statement of the **PHOENIX MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HARTFORD**, in the State of Connecticut, on the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Income.	Disbursements.
Premiums received during the year.....\$ 5,038,328.54	Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values.....\$ 2,546,666.51
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year..... 1,544,754.94	Dividends paid to policy holders during the year..... 702,103.09
Income from other sources received during the year..... 115,999.80	Commissions and salaries paid during the year..... 887,462.63
Total income.....\$ 6,699,088.28	Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year..... 161,750.43
Disbursements.	Amount of all other expenditures..... 269,653.11
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values.....\$ 2,546,666.51	Total expenditures.....\$ 4,507,641.77
Dividends paid to policy holders during the year..... 702,103.09	Assets.
Commissions and salaries paid during the year..... 887,462.63	Market value of real estate owned.....\$ 726,443.00
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year..... 161,750.43	Market value of stocks and bonds owned..... 6,715,204.60
Amount of all other expenditures..... 269,653.11	Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc..... 19,186,232.73
Total expenditures.....\$ 4,507,641.77	Premium notes and policy loans..... 4,272,580.93
Assets.	Cash in banks and on hand..... 552,462.35
Market value of real estate owned.....\$ 726,443.00	Net uncollected and deferred premiums..... 406,820.65
Market value of stocks and bonds owned..... 6,715,204.60	Other assets (net)..... 462,430.27
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc..... 19,186,232.73	Total assets.....\$32,322,124.54
Premium notes and policy loans..... 4,272,580.93	Less special deposits in any state..... 146,845.60
Cash in banks and on hand..... 552,462.35	Total assets admitted in Oregon.....\$32,175,278.94
Net uncollected and deferred premiums..... 406,820.65	Liabilities.
Other assets (net)..... 462,430.27	Total claims for losses unpaid.....\$ 254,847.86
Total assets.....\$32,322,124.54	Net reserve.....\$29,695,689.00
Less special deposits in any state..... 146,845.60	Losses paid during the year..... 69,769.09
Total assets admitted in Oregon.....\$32,175,278.94	All other liabilities, less special deposits..... 1,226,546.81
Liabilities.	Total liabilities.....\$30,992,093.81
Total claims for losses unpaid.....\$ 254,847.86	Total insurance in force December 31, 1911.....\$135,807,216.00
Net reserve.....\$29,695,689.00	Business in Oregon for the Year.
Losses paid during the year..... 69,769.09	Total risks written during the year.....\$ 7,000.00
All other liabilities, less special deposits..... 1,226,546.81	Gross premiums received during the year..... 18,682.53
Total liabilities.....\$30,992,093.81	Premiums returned during the year..... 3,456.06
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911.....\$135,807,216.00	Losses paid during the year..... 3,093.40
Business in Oregon for the Year.	Losses incurred during the year..... 8,093.40
Total risks written during the year.....\$ 7,000.00	Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon Dec. 31, 1911..... 434,245.00
Gross premiums received during the year..... 18,682.53	PHOENIX MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.
Premiums returned during the year..... 3,456.06	By S. H. Cornwell, Secretary.
Losses paid during the year..... 3,093.40	Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: A. B. Donaldson, Mohawk Bldg., Portland, Oregon.
Losses incurred during the year..... 8,093.40	

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