

Arcade Theatre

PHOTOPLAYS, MUSIC AND SONG.

"THE BATTLE OF POTTS-BURG BRIDGE"..... Kalem
A war time picture, showing a fighting the timbers of a bridge, southern heroine successfully the timbers of a bridge.

"FLOREAL PARADE AT SAN DIEGO"..... Kalem
The carriages as they pass are pelted with roses and flowers of all kinds.

"THE MELODY OF LOVE"..... Essanay
A masterpiece from every point of view. See reader elsewhere.

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A very pleasing melodramatic picture of office life.

MISS LANGDON IN LATEST ILLUSTRATED SONG "THE SWIMMING PARTY"..... Kalem
A comedy that is a sure enough feature. You will laugh; yes, you will roar with laughter.

THE OBSERVER

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SOME TAFT ACHIEVEMENTS.

1. Arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France.
2. Veto of Arizona statehood bill because of recall of judges provision.
3. Enforcement of Sherman anti-trust law without fear or favor.
4. Veto of Democratic wool, cotton and free list bills as unfair, unscientific and destructive of the Republican principle of protection.
5. Abrogation of discriminating passport treaty with Russia.
6. Postal savings banks established.
7. Railroads prevented from putting rate increases into effect without approval of interstate commerce commission.
8. Panama canal pushed to early completion without hint of scandal.
9. White slave traffic practically destroyed.

10. Admission of Arizona and New Mexico to statehood.
11. Bureau of mines established to safeguard the lives of miners.
12. American capital and labor benefited by extension of foreign markets.
13. Abolition of peonage.
14. Income tax amendment to the constitution submitted to state legislatures for ratification.
15. Boiler inspection law passed by congress.
16. Bond issue to complete irrigation projects in the west.
17. Maintenance and extension of open door policy in China.
18. Peace maintained in Cuba, South and Central America by friendly warnings and intervention.
19. Government business methods modernized and reformed by economy and efficiency commission, saving millions of dollars annually.
20. Nonpolitical methods used in taking the thirteenth census.
21. Bucket shops and get-rich-quick concerns destroyed.
22. Parcels post recommended.
23. New treaty with Japan, ending racial controversies on the Pacific coast.
24. Further extension of safety appliance act.
25. Postoffice department made self sustaining.
26. Canadian reciprocity. Rejected by Canada through fear that the United States would derive the benefits.
27. Publication of campaign funds and expenditures.
28. Indorsement of commission's report and proposed bill concerning employers' liability.
29. Reorganization of customs service, corruption eliminated, frauds exposed and punished and millions of dollars recovered.
30. Court of commerce to review findings of interstate commerce commission.
31. Nonpartisan tariff board to report on the difference in the cost of production at home and abroad.
32. Corporation tax, yielding \$30,000,000 annually; government examination of corporation methods provided.
33. A deficit of \$58,000,000 transformed into a \$30,000,000 surplus.
34. Nonpartisan judicial appointments.
35. Further control of railroads through extension of powers of the interstate commerce commission.
36. Workman's compensation act brought to successful issue in the supreme court.
37. Stock and bonds commission; valuable and exhaustive report submitted as basis for legislation.
38. Extension of civil service by executive order.
39. Practical conservation acts.
40. Courts of customs appeals; undervaluations stopped.

Policies of President Taft.

1. Peace with all the world through just dealing and preparedness for war.
2. Neither race nor creed a bar to appointment to office.
3. The upholding of a righteous judiciary.
4. Economy and efficiency. Including cure of superannuated employees.

5. Penny postage through postal economies.
6. States' rights when not in conflict with federal authority.
7. Extension of practical conservation acts.
8. Parcels post.
9. Federal incorporation act.
10. Revision of currency laws and prevention of panics.
11. Protection of American citizens at home and abroad.
12. High standard set in federal appointments.
13. Scientific study of industrial conditions.
14. International investigation of causes of high cost of living.
15. Scientific revision of the tariff on a protective basis through nonpartisan tariff board.

SUPERFLUOUS CANINES.

Regardless of the fact that about an even hundred canines—worthless, most of them—have been slain at the direction of the city officials during the past few weeks, there is still an abundance of superfluous dogs rampant in La Grande. This fact has been impressed and emphasized upon those who, following the call of back to the soil, have attempted this spring to prepare small plots of ground for garden purposes. One good lady, to illustrate, heeded the voice of her children who wish to compete in the children's industrial contest this summer, and at the expense of time and money had a garden spot prepared and seeded. One fine morning a day or two ago she and her industrious children found the plot obliterated literally by dogs. Dogs, like wolves, that sneak in at night and uproot gardens and flowers, are like chickens running loose, a pest. In passing let us remark that wanderlust canines are not alone in breeding grief and indignation—chickens carry a no small role in this matter.

The city authorities can do little that will satisfy more people than to continue its effective campaign in ridding the city of wandering "pups." To own a real dog is a treat to many, to own a dog is a personal privilege, but to allow dogs to become nuisances in the city and to infringe on the rights and privileges of others is neither right nor proper.

PRUNING FORKS AND INDISCRETION.

The "orchard carpenters," as an agricultural magazine has contemptu-

ously called the men who "know how" to trim shade trees, are again at work in La Grande with their destructive saws and pruning hooks, taking all the natural beauty and forest grace from the too few shade trees of the city.

La Grande is conspicuous among other towns and cities for a scarcity of fine large, shade-dispensing trees. Nearly every resident in the city has trees about it but there are comparatively few trees that bear resemblance to a natural tree. They have been hacked and sawed to pieces by inexperienced men who, it seems, can see no beauty in a great spreading, graceful tree—such as trees were supposed to be when created.

Chopping the limbs of a tree till there is little but a stub left makes a tree a short post with a little bunch of green at its top. Such trees are not beautiful, according to the best authorities on landscape gardening and by no means can they give the shade to lawns and walks that a tree would if it were allowed to grow, with of course, some proper restriction, in its own natural way.

The trees of La Grande are pretty well arranged in regard to a straight tree line on the streets and this is a matter which adds immeasurably to the beauty of a city's trees, but there is need for more uniformity.

The civic department of the Neighborhood club will do a good and lasting service for the city of La Grande if the committee can persuade its citizens to let nature take less hampered charge of trees and keep desecrating hands off. The club, too, might point out that the wind, which, it is sometimes argued, would destroy a natural tree, has not demolished the few large trees there are in the city.

BETTER FIRE PROTECTION.

Striking examples of what inadequate and antiquated fire protection might do to the city of La Grande are to be seen in the series of events occurring last Monday evening when a fire broke out in West La Grande. The railroad yard engines first announced the fire's existence and a truck was rushed to the scene. Vague information as to where the blaze was delayed the arrival of the department. Then, eventually, the fire bell was sounded and a second trip was made to the scene of the fire. By and by the department was able to drag the carts to the scene through the mud, but to and behold! there wasn't hose enough and an automobile had to be pressed into service to bring more hose from the central station before the water was turned on. All this while, which necessarily consumed much time, a have dozen or more residences could have been fired and probably destroyed. That the present facilities for fighting fire in a city scattered over a large area and handicapped with muddy streets are farcical, must be admitted. The time is here when something to improve it has to be done. What shall be done? Well, that is the all-burning topic but let something be done and that soon for one of these days great loss of property will ensue and then there will be a universal cry for better facilities; when it is too late. Why not take fortune by the forelock and "beat the game" in slang parlance by hurrying up some sort of fire protection that will get La Grande out of the joke class. Let the taxpayer imagine his home burning while trojan-like volunteers battle with the mud in dragging a hose to the scene at snail's pace. He will soon get an inkling of what might really happen some fine night.

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Synopsis of the annual statement of the **PALATINE INSURANCE CO. LTD., OF LONDON, ENGLAND**, on the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital	\$ 500,000.00
Premiums received during the year in cash	\$1,769,971.98
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	126,617.32
Income from other sources received during the year	3,044.95
Total income	\$1,899,634.25
Losses paid during the year	\$1,077,258.04
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	511,979.10
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year	68,736.08
Amount of all other expenditures	143,424.23
Total expenditures	\$1,801,397.45
Value of stock and bonds owned during the year	\$2,861,220.00
Cash in banks and on hand	136,719.62
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission	399,744.33
Interest and rents due and accrued	32,301.00
Total assets	\$3,429,984.95
Less special deposits in any state	69,720.00
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$3,360,264.95
Gross claims for losses unpaid on all outstanding risks	\$ 138,369.43
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	1,626,452.30
Due for commission and brokerage	43,828.33
All other liabilities	97,185.38
Total liabilities	\$1,905,785.44
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911	\$279,978,184.00
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Total risks written during the year	\$2,738,691.96
Gross premiums received during the year	39,645.80
Premiums returned during the year	9,070.44
Losses paid during the year	19,944.05
Losses incurred during the year	22,807.03
Total amount of premiums outstanding in Oregon Dec. 31, 1911	1,929,047.90
THE PALATINE INSURANCE CO. LTD., By A. B. Wray, Manager, Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: H. E. Parkhurst, Gen'l Agt.	

Synopsis of the annual statement of the **CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY**, of Hammond, in the State of Indiana, on the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital	\$ 300,000.00
Premiums received during the year	\$2,927,094.69
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	61,717.79
Income from other sources received during the year	138,774.55
Total income	\$3,127,586.83
Losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses, etc.	\$1,267,217.80
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	60,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	939,675.02
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year	74,281.87
Amount of all other expenditures	796,495.13
Total expenditures	\$9,147,669.34
Value of real estate owned	\$ 58,875.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned	430,130.44
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	759,950.00
Cash in banks and on hand	91,620.93
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission	708,973.98
Interest and rents due and accrued	16,882.67
Total assets	\$2,068,413.02
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$2,068,413.02
Gross claims for losses unpaid on all outstanding risks	\$ 238,009.31
Due for commission and brokerage	719,974.08
All other liabilities (Incl. Contingent Reserve \$220,000.00)	260,735.26
Total liabilities	\$1,318,718.67
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911	\$1,439,949.36
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Total risks written during the year	\$2,015,096.00
Gross premiums received during the year	26,736.34
Premiums returned during the year	23.23
Losses paid during the year	8,612.70
Losses incurred during the year	9,338.46
Total amount of premiums outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1911	12,858.09
CONTINENTAL CASUALTY COMPANY, By W. H. Bates, Secretary, Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: A. J. Kraemer, Chamber of Commerce Building, Portland, Oregon.	

Synopsis of the annual statement of the **METROPOLITAN CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY 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	\$ 200,000.00
Premiums received during the year	\$ 717,269.71
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	26,027.79
Income from other sources received during the year	6.24
Total income	\$ 743,303.74
Losses paid during the year, including equipment expenses, etc.	\$ 328,442.05
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	20,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	304,624.84
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year	16,446.05
Amount of all other expenditures	56,193.25
Total expenditures	\$ 725,706.19
Value of stocks and bonds owned	638,267.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. Re-insurance, Loss Acct.	983.30
Cash in banks and on hand	59,523.93
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission	148,423.02
Interest and rents due and accrued	4,824.13
Total assets	\$ 852,016.96
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$ 852,016.96
Gross claims for losses unpaid on all outstanding risks	\$ 23,303.50
Due for commission and brokerage	363,398.37
All other liabilities	48,693.73
Total liabilities	\$ 444,395.60
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911	\$ 726,796.74
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Total risks written during the year	1,095.58
Premiums returned during the year	32.53
Losses paid during the year	369.21
Losses incurred during the year	369.21
Total amount of premiums outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1911	1,043.05
THE METROPOLITAN CASUALTY INSURANCE CO. OF N. Y., By S. Wm. Burton, Secretary, Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: T. E. Manner, Portland, Or.	

Synopsis of the annual statement of the **COMMERCIAL UNION 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	\$ 200,000.00
Premiums received during the year in cash	\$ 365,726.56
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	30,114.46
Income from other sources received during the year	739.75
Total income	\$ 396,577.77
Losses paid during the year	\$ 191,629.24
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	20,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	90,478.55
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year	14,877.79
Amount of all other expenditures	39,597.75
Total expenditures	\$ 356,583.33
Value of stocks and bonds owned	\$ 767,010.00
Cash in banks and on hand	31,623.66
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission	119,600.81
Interest and rents due and accrued	6,325.00
Total assets	\$ 924,559.47
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$ 924,559.47
Gross claims for losses unpaid on all outstanding risks	\$ 31,024.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	342,366.27
Due for commission and brokerage	9,438.00
All other liabilities	31,072.54
Total liabilities	\$ 414,500.81
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911	\$ 64,648,014.00
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Total risks written during the year	\$ 254,271.00
Gross premiums received during the year	3,271.42
Premiums returned during the year	1,021.08
Losses paid during the year	1,659.10
Losses incurred during the year	1,623.17
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon Dec. 31, 1911	138,042.90
COMMERCIAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF N. Y., By (signed) A. H. Wray, President, Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: H. E. Parkhurst, Gen'l Agt.	

Synopsis of the annual statement of the **DELAWARE INSURANCE COMPANY**, of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital	\$ 400,000.00
Premiums received during the year	\$ 603,651.24
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	96,075.73
Income from other sources received during the year	463.62
Total income	\$ 700,190.59
Losses paid during the year	\$ 331,388.90
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	72,500.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	186,384.85
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year	17,100.92
Amount of all other expenditures	50,777.79
Total expenditures	\$ 658,038.46
Value of real estate owned	\$ 174,785.51
Value of stocks and bonds owned	1,021,249.47
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	707,433.85
Cash in banks and on hand	96,143.03
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission	90,525.18
Interest and rents due and accrued	25,918.62
Total assets	\$2,116,053.66
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$2,116,053.66
Gross claims for losses unpaid on all outstanding risks	\$ 61,410.45
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	521,748.78
Due for commission and brokerage	249.20
All other liabilities	7,500.00
Total liabilities	\$ 590,908.43
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911	\$93,854,671.00
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Total risks written during the year	\$ 385,759.69
Gross premiums received during the year	6,032.65
Premiums returned during the year	1,300.31
Losses paid during the year	98.00
Losses incurred during the year	98.00
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon Dec. 31, 1911	254,501.00
DELAWARE INSURANCE CO., By A. W. Thornton, General Agent, Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: Rod. E. Smith, Portland.	

Synopsis of the annual statement of the **TEUTONIA INSURANCE COMPANY**, of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, on the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital	\$ 250,000.00
Premiums received during the year in cash	\$ 868,828.53
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	36,005.40
Income from other sources received during the year	2,359.99
Total income	\$ 907,393.92
Losses paid during the year	\$ 507,597.01
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	25,985.90
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	236,126.92
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year	24,937.99
Amount of all other expenditures	77,215.32
Total expenditures	\$ 873,390.47
Value of real estate owned	\$ 70,090.90
Value of stocks and bonds owned	787,451.00
Cash in banks and on hand	94,827.61
Premiums in course of collection and in transmission	117,648.55
Interest and rents due and accrued	9,244.16
Total assets	\$1,078,671.42
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$1,078,671.42
Gross claims for losses unpaid on all outstanding risks	\$ 57,495.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	595,887.92
Due for commission and brokerage	1,000.30
All other liabilities	9,135.00
Total liabilities	\$ 663,517.92
Total insurance in force December 31, 1911	\$82,086,060.00
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Total risks written during the year	\$ 4,089.12
Gross premiums received during the year	9,377.95
Premiums returned during the year	3,990.94
Losses paid during the year	4,956.61
Losses incurred during the year	5,025.61
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon Dec. 31, 1911	92,100.00
TEUTONIA INSURANCE COMPANY, By Albert P. Noll, President, Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: Ben Riesland, Portland, Or.	

Synopsis of the annual statement of the **DETROIT FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF DETROIT**, in the State of Michigan, on the 31st day of December, 1911, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital	\$ 500,000.00
Premiums received during the year in cash	\$ 603,951.24
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DETROIT FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE CO., By A. W. Thornton, General Agent, Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: Rod. E. Smith, Portland.	

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