SPORTING NEWS

The present warm weather has started the golf bug to working in Pendleton in earnest and, as a result, golf enthusiasts there are planning to put the great pastime on a better basis. The links will be improved and a professional instructor will be hired for a period of two months to teach the game to beginners and coach the older players.

A meeting of the golf club was held this week and the old officers re-elected as follows: Dr. W. D. McNary, president; J. T. Lambirth, secretary, and Brooke Dickson, treasurer. The decision to hire the professional met with popular favor. A straight salary will be paid to him and instruction to members will cost nothing. A committee consisting of W. L. Thompson, G. W. Phelps and J. V. Tallman, was appointed to secure new members and a grounds committee was instructed to put the links in good condition. It is the plan to have the city represented at the golf tournament in Walla Walla.

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Baker, March 20.—In addition to the track features already arranged for May 13, when the Eastern Oregon Interscholastic meet will be held in Baker, additional athletic attractions have been provided by Athletic Director W. W. Williams, in charge of the meet, in the shape of two games between the Baker and Weiser high school teams, one to be played on May 12, the second on the morning of the meet.

The existence of an official high school team this year is to be made conditional on track success, for Mr. Williams has ruled that baseball candidates must turn out for track work on each alternate night.

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To decide whether or not Pendleton wants baseball this year a mass meeting will be held tonight in the Commercial association rooms and every fan and near fan in that city is asked to be present. The towns of Pilot Rock, Athena and Weston have decided to revive the Blue Mountain league and will hold a meeting in Athena for that purpose Tuesday. They want Pendleton to put in the fourth club and at the meeting Monday night, delegations will be selected to represent Pendleton at Athena Tuesday.

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J. G. Snodgrass and Jay Van Buren each have a Super-six Hudson today, the two arriving yesterday. These are the first of the super-six variety to reach the city, and others are on the way.

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According to "Bob" Leigthon, of the local Maxwell agency, the most noticeable refinement of the mechanical construction of the 1916 Maxwell and the one that has brought out the most favorable comment of users of the Maxwell is the new clutch assembly. It is the only cone clutch that has ever been designed to run in a bath of oil eliminating all possibility of grabbing or jerking.

"The velvety action of the clutch in our 1916 Maxwell is the wonder of every purchaser who has ever driven an automobile," said Mr. Leighton. "In fact, it is the wonder of all mechanical men, for the construction is such as has long been sought as ideal and yet has not before been achieved by any other manufacturer." The Maxwell clutch spider is of cast aluminum and the facing, a woven asbestos fabric, is attached thereto in one piece by means of rivets. The unit is entirely enclosed in an oil-tight case and the entire mechanism operates in a bath of lubricating oil. The resultant smoothness in operation is remarkable. The self-starting unit is mounted flush to the flywheel housing and all starting gears and mechanism run in the bath of oil contained in the clutch case, which insures long life for all of those parts through abundant lubrication.

Mexican Editor is Under Arrest.

El Paso, March 14.—Fernando Gamiochipi, editor and proprietor of the El Paso Del Norte, official local organ of the Carranza government, was arrested tonight. The Edition which was to have been circulated tomorrow was confiscated. The direct cause of the action was an article in which the editor called on all to be prepared to defend themselves against a "common enemy," predicting all factions would unite if the Americans crossed the border. "The Americans are prepared," he said, "and Mexicans must prepare."

Beavers Interfere With Improvements

Lewiston, Idaho, March 15.—A colony of beavers inhabiting a branch of the Clearwater river, east of Lewiston, has constructed a dam of such magnitude that it caused the waters of the stream to back into Delso park, where the city is engaged in improvement work. The waters backed up to such an extent that it was necessary to cut the dam in several places so that workmen could continue with improvements. The little animals felled trees measuring 18 inches in diameter and carried an untold amount of wood from adjacent territory. There is a heavy penalty attached to trapping or killing beavers in Idaho, and they have never been molested at the park. Patrons residing in the vicinity have taken great care in their protection, and as a result the number is increasing annually.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the North River Insurance Company, Williamsburgh City Insurance Company, New Brunswick Fire Insurance Company, Merchants Assurance Corporation, United States Fire Insurance Company

Pacific Department---Wm. W. Alvorson, Mgr. 374 Pine St., San Francisco

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

North River Insurance Company

of New York City, in the state of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1915, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.

Amount of capital paid up	$ 500,000.00

Income.

Net premiums received during the year	$1,783,339.07
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	115,206.35
Income from other sources received during the year	55,251.86
Total income	$1,953,797.28

Disbursements.

Net losses paid during the year	$ 858,027.60
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	49,985.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	622,380.26
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	18,225.57
Amount of all other expenditures	165,259.02
Total expenditures	$1,713,827.45

Assets.

Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses per schedule E, column 1	$ 1,505.19
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	2,266,790.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	210,400.00
Cash in banks and on hand	341,178.00
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1915	335,012.14
Interest and rents due and accrued	11,828.15
Total assets	$3,166,706.48
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$3,166,706.48

Liabilities.

Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 191,385.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	1,566,080.21
Due for commission and brokerage	2,000.00
All other liabilities	25,226.25
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $500,000	$1,785,141.46
Total premiums in force December 31, 1915	$3,036,027.81

Business in Oregon for the Year.

Total insurance written during the year	$2,581,258.00
Gross premiums received during the year	36,884.77
Premiums returned during the year	10,967.69
Losses paid during the year	7,930.96
Losses incurred during the year	10,194.96
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1915	1,729,115.00

THE NORTH RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY.

BY F. H. CRUM, Secretary.

Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service, Luke J. Feeney, 1400 Yeon bldg., Portland, Oregon.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Williamsburgh City Fire Insurance Company

of New York, in the state of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1915, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.

Amount of capital paid up	$1,000,000.00

Income.

Net premiums received during the year	$2,589,516.69
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	199,745.34
Income from other sources received during the year	29,333.40
Total income	$2,818,595.43

Disbursements.

Net losses paid during the year	$1,351,906.95
Dividends on capital stock during the year	100,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	1,000,923.95
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	126,880.12
Amount of all other expenditures	135,721.36
Total expenditures	$2,715,452.38

Assets.

Value of real estate owned (market value)	$ 102,931.82
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	3,520,422.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	508,800.00
Cash in banks and on hand	378,099.90
Premimus in course of collection written since September 30, 1915	480,674.24
Interest and rents due and accrued	24,477.68
Total assets	$5,015,405.64
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be)	18,820.16
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$4,996,585.48

Liabilities.

Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 229,388.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	2,611,599.96
Due for commission and brokerage	[illegible],509.89
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $1,000,000	$2,885,797.85
Total premiums in force December 31, 1915	$5,201,784.70

Business in Oregon for the Year.

Total insurance written during the year	$3,187,613.00
Gross premiums received during the year	[illegible],560.91
Premiums returned during the year	14,983.44
Losses paid during the year	15,398.62
Losses incurred during the year	14,844.62
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1915	1,728,200.00

BY D. J. BURTIS, Vice-President.

Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service, Luke J. Feeney, Portland, Or.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

New Brunswick Fire Insurance Company

of New Brunswick, in the state of New Jersey, on the 31st day of December, 1915, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.

Amount of capital paid up	$ 400,000.00

Income.

Net premiums received during the year	$ 758,342.35
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	59,962.51
Income from all other sources during the year	13,451.25
Total income	$ 831,756.11

Disbursements.

Net losses paid during the year	$367,334.33
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	46,557.55
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	278,448.01
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	23,618.92
Amount of all other expenditures	54,533.10
Total expenditures	$ 770,491.91

Assets.

Value of real estate owned (market value)	$ 132,362.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	686,517.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	249,554.00
Cash in banks and on hand	131,754.95
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1915	134,754.42
Other assets	1,752.03
Interest and rents due and accrued	7,034.17
Total assets	$1,343,701.57
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be)	2,012.81
Total assets admitted in Oregon	1,341,688.76

Liabilities.

Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 44,950.15
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	686,658.21
All other liabilities	7,542.97
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $400,000	$ 739,151.33
Total premiums in force December 31, 1915	$1,257,611.25

Business in Oregon for the Year.

Total insurance written during the year	$2,438,850.00
Gross premiums received during the year	38,435.32
Premiums returned during the year	12,358 [illegible]
Losses paid during the year	16,093.54
Losses incurred during the year	15,081.59
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1915	2,770,697.00

BY GEO. A. VIEHMANN, President.

Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service, Luke J. Feeney, Portland, Or.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Merchants Fire Assurance Corporation of New York

of New York, in the state of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1915, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.

Amount of capital paid up	$ 200,000.00

Income.

Net premiums received during the year	$ 596,855.40
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	45,436.82
Income from other sources received during the year	51,756.53
Total income	$ 694,048.75

Disbursements.

Net losses paid during the year	$ 216,386.20
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	32,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	154,065.93
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	11,687.31
Amount of all other expenditures	37,752.55
Total expenditures	$ 451,891.99

Assets.

Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	$ 916,021.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	199,400.00
Cash in banks and on hand	39,327.86
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1915	117,496.96
Interest and rents due and accrued	8,320.74
Total assets	$1,280,566.56
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$1,280,566.56

Liabilities.

Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 55,530.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	418,997.81
All other liabilities	80,000.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $200,000	$ 554,527.81
Total premiums in force December 31, 1915	$ 773,993.54

Business in Oregon for the Year.

Total insurance written during the year	$1,096,234.00
Gross premiums received during the year	17,324.94
Premiums returned during the year	5,591.98
Losses paid during the year	6,295.92
Losses incurred during the year	5,616.21
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1915	655,492.00

BY E. L. BANARD, President.

Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service, Luke J. Feeney, Portland, Or.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

United States Fire Insurance Company

of New York City, in the state of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1915, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.

Amount of capital paid up	$ 400,000.00

Income.

Net premiums received during the year	708,561.61
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	49,167.72
Income from other sources received during the year	1,333.01
Total income	$ 759,062.34

Disbursements.

Net losses paid during the year	$ 221,365.98
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	28,000.06
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	253,808.55
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	35,171.65
Amount of all other expenditures	27,866.09
Total expenditures	$ 666,207.08

Assets.

Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	$1,027,485.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	61,000.00
Cash in banks and on hand	149,997.86
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1915	124,048.37
Reinsurance recoverable	2,043.71
Interests and rents due and accrued	5,079.97
Total assets	$1,369,654.91
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be)	11,173.16
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$1,358,481.75

Liabilities.

Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 76,454.28
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	550,767.74
All other liabilities	10,700.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of $400,000	$ 637,922.02
Total premiums in force December 31, 1915	$1,064,020.51

Business in Oregon for the Year.

Total insurance written during the year	$1,568,132.00
Gross premiums received during the year	25,238.26
Premiums returned during the year	9,934.64
Losses paid during the year	6,630.88
Losses incurred during the year	7,470.05
Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1915	7,890.35

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

BY CHARLES A. NORIS, President.

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