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tonight and Sunday; moder-
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BEN HANCOCK
FOUND DEAD
IN HIS SHOPCircumstances Cause Of-
ficers to Believe Death
Due to SuicideDESPONDENCY IS
HELD AS REASONShotgun on Nearby Bed
Discharged By Means
of Fishing Pole, Deputy
Sheriff Says

Ben Hancock, 45 years of age, was found dead yesterday afternoon at Union in his bed, with a charge of buckshot in his body just below the heart. Deputy Sheriff Hugo Klinghammer, of La Grande, investigated and said that, to all appearances it was a case of suicide caused by despondency.

The officers reported that a shotgun had been placed on another bed, pointing toward Hancock, and that a fishing pole had apparently been used by the victim to shove the trigger.

Shock to Community.

According to a report from The Observer correspondent at Union, Hancock is a tailor and killed himself about noon Friday in his shop which is on Main street next door to the Thelma grocery. He was in business at Union for about a year and his sudden death came as a shock to the community.

Mr. Klinghammer said that little was known at Union about his relatives, except that he was divorced from his wife some time ago and that he has some children, now in Arkansas. It is believed that financial worries contributed to his despondency.

County Coroner F. L. Raitson, who investigated, said it was a plain case of suicide.

LIVED AT BAKER

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 29 (Special)—Ben Hancock, found dead at Union yesterday, conducted a clothing establishment in Baker for a number of years and left here in 1927. He resided in Colfax, Wash., for a time and moved to Union about one and a half years ago. The deceased, about 45 years old, is survived by two children, Margaret and Billy, and a brother, Robert. The children went to Arkansas a few days ago to make their home with relatives.

COMMITTS SUICIDE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Jesse Reector, 22, an inmate of the state hospital, committed suicide by hanging from a bed sheet tied to a window guard. He was discovered this morning. Reector was committed from Marshfield a month ago. He has no relatives.

FLU CAUSE OF
PASSING ON OF
HILGARD MAN

William Porter Cantrell, of Hilgard, died Thursday afternoon at St. Elizabeth's hospital where he had been brought a few hours earlier by an ambulance, for treatment for flu and pneumonia. He had been visiting a son at Portland.

Funeral services for Mr. Cantrell, who is about 58 years of age, will be held at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Stedman & Zimmerman chapel. Burial will take place at the Hilgard cemetery.

The deceased was born in Texas June 12, 1871 and came to Oregon in 1888. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Olive Cantrell, a brother, Amos, of Huntington, three sons, William, Ira and Arthur, and the following daughters, Mrs. E. V. Campbell and Mrs. A. N. Peck, of Portland; Mrs. Iren Watson, of Bend; and Mrs. A. V. Rodgers, of Yakima.

BANK DIVIDEND DECLARED

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Checks have been signed by A. A. Schramm, state superintendent of banks, to cover a final dividend of 10 per cent on claims filed against the bank of Stanfield, insolvent. The bank was closed March 12, 1927, and placed into the hands of the superintendent of banks for liquidation. Deposit claims were filed in a total amount of \$29,925.49. Dividends to the amount of 75 per cent of the claims have been paid heretofore, making a total return of 85 per cent to the depositors.

WEATHER TODAY

5:30 a. m.—29 above.
Minimum: 25 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER FORTY-NINE

Maximum 57, minimum 22 above.
Condition: Mostly clear, rain 62 of inch.

WEATHER DEC. 29, 1927

Maximum 34, minimum 23 above.
Condition: Trace of snow.

Buffalo May Be
Released Over
Eastern OregonState Game Warden Has
Hopes of Placing Herds
in Union, Wallowa and
Harney Counties

Scores of years ago herds of buffalo ranged over Eastern Oregon, in Union, Wallowa, Harney and other counties. They were almost exterminated except for the Indians, who killed some of them for their meat and hides.

Then came the white man—and within a comparatively short time there were no more buffalo in Eastern Oregon and few elsewhere in the country.

But the white man sometimes revives what he destroys.

Clifford Has Plan

That is Harold Clifford's idea and he hopes to be able to "put it across." Mr. Clifford, who is state game warden, expects to lay before the January meeting of the state game commission a plan to bring the buffalo back to his native haunts in Wallowa, Harney and Union counties, under the commission's auspices. "The purpose of the plan is two-fold," it is reported here, "to add to the scenic and wild-life resources of the state and to augment the income of the game commission, for the buffalo will pay their way."

The Arizona state game commission has a herd which they acquired in December, 1927, and in the first year a return of 20 per cent was realized on the investment. The Arizona purchase consisted of 28 animals and in the first year 17 of the animals were taken out of the herd by hunters.

Hunting Scheme

The procedure followed in Arizona in thinning the herd probably would obtain in Oregon, according to Mr. Clifford. In the southern state special licenses are sold to hunters to kill buffalo. The hunter returns the head and hide and 100 pounds of meat, while the game commission gets the balance. Adult buffalo dress from 500 to 1200 pounds, and the meat finds ready sale.

Several places for the buffalo have been offered Mr. Clifford. One of the most likely is on the 26,000-acre ranch of J. W. Higgins, Burns lawyer and stockman, who has offered a portion of his land adjacent to the Jomquist-Miller trail as a buffalo refuge.

Charges Filed
Against Driver
Of Death Auto

Ray Billups, of Walla Walla, was charged with reckless driving at a hearing in justice court late yesterday. He pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for Jan. 26. Small cash bonds were placed by Judge H. E. Brady but he had not raised the sum this morning, although officers expected him to be later today. No charge was placed against Lee Dunham, also of Walla Walla, who was released.

Both men have been in the city jail since before Christmas when they figured in an automobile accident at Island City in which Franklin Hall, of Milwau, was killed. Billups was driving and Dunham was with him in the front seat.

Judge Knowles Is
Affirmed by Belt

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Among opinions handed down by the state supreme court today was the following from Union county: Lillian Zweifel vs. Joseph Zweifel, appellant, a suit for divorce. In the opinion of Justice Belt, Chief Judge J. W. Knowles was affirmed.

Some People
Unlucky; Trustee
Hails Sheriff

Some people are born unlucky. There is a certain trustee in the Yakima county jail that will testify to that with gusto.

To begin at the beginning, a trustee was released at Yakima a short time ago and another trustee took his job, which was firing the furnace. Then he escaped.

Yesterday, while en route to La Grande for a man held here on charges of larceny, Sheriff L. D. Kane and his son, Deputy Sheriff E. E. Lane, of Yakima, were driving along the Old Oregon Trail highway at the foot of Catherine hill. A man with his cap pulled down, partly obscuring his face, called them to a stop. Just as they drew up to him they recognized him as the escaped trustee and he also recognized them. He turned and ran and the two officers, after firing some shot to frighten him, started after him. The young officer is a good runner and soon caught the escaped prisoner.

After coming to La Grande the two officers returned the trustee to the Yakima jail to finish out his unspectacular sentence.

TRADE HEADS
OF COUNTRY
OPTIMISTICLess Viewing With Alarm
in Statements Concern-
ing New YearLABOR EXPECTING
PROSPEROUS 1929Buying Spirit Is Strong
Which Will Mean More
Demand for Manufact-
ured Products

By VICTOR H. SCALES.
Associated Press Financial Writer.

NEW YORK, (AP)—American business men say they see indications that 1929 will be one of the most prosperous years in history. Reviewing 1928 and estimating 1929 for The Associated Press, nearly 200 of them appear to be agreed that fundamental conditions are sound, the American people more prosperous than ever before and that unless some unforeseen and untoward circumstances develop on the new year will bring even further measure the blessings of 1928.

Many of them are convinced that the election of Herbert Hoover virtually assures prosperity for 1929. A few fear somewhat the enormous expansion of speculation in securities. Others see little hope for improvement in industries which, as exceptions to the general rule, in 1928 experienced depression. But all seem to be aware of the causes of depression, to have prepared plans for relief and to show abiding faith in the future.

Probably not in years has there been less "crying with alarm," nor is there much "pointing with pride." The leaders of industry appear to be too busy to do either.

LABOR OPTIMISTIC
By WILLIAM GREEN.

(President American Federation of Labor)

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Because labor is determined to make its

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NEARLY 40 CAST
IN LEGION SHOWMia F. to Be
Here in Arcade Theater
New Year's Eve

The stage is set and the players are ready for the annual Midwinter Matinee which will take place at the end of one day and the beginning of another at the magic time when the old year dies and the new year is born. The curtain will rise promptly at 12 o'clock New Year's eve.

As the curtain rises, the players will be shown, including business men, politicians, college folk and La Grande's younger people. There will be nearly 40 in all.

The first number on the program will be danced by Miss Jane Rogers and Sally Siegrist, pupils of Miss Miriam Hill.

A student at Whitman college, Merrill Conley, whose home is at Cove, will give a number of vocal selections, singing in his rich, tenor voice, accompanied by Ray Williams, chairman of the musical.

Tom Reiser, of Oregon State college; Robert Guild, of University of Oregon; Jack Colledge, of University of Montana; and Bill Beckel, of La Grande High school, will entertain with a musical selection entitled "A Knight in a Pral." It promises to be a "hot number."

Mr. Williams says, "People know what kind of a show Bruce and Colledge can put on."

Eve Hatt and Elus Goldus will sing in duet, numbers, solos and duets. They are two of the best vocalists in Eastern Oregon, and are a complete entertainment in themselves, says Mr. Williams.

29 in Minors.

The minor proper includes a crew of 29 men. Mr. Williams and Norman Heald are to be end men. Jack Hurd Ready will be inter-locutor. Joke artists scheduled to appear are: Elwood Williams, Jedd Allen, C. V. Talbot, H. M. Scott and Floyd Baxter. They promise to tell jokes which can be seen through within a short time after they are told.

Norman Heald and Ralph Winslow, Ted Christensen, Elwood Williams and Ray Williams are to be soloists.

The trio to be espoused of Lee Mosier, Jedd Allen, and Vincent McKen.

A whistling act will be staged by Nephil Combs. Dr. Ray Murphy will entertain with a group of interesting lead-in stories.

Members of the chorus are: Henry Melanson, Albert Correy, Chas. Thompson, Walter Bean, Harry Barber, Roy Curry, Dave Wythe, Fred Reed, Charles Kross, Oscar Johnson, Ray Murphy, Wendell Crawford, Harley Richardson, E. Russell Scott and E. P. Hollingsworth.

Unofficial News
Indicates King
Not Holding OwnMedical Bulletin, Howev-
er, Says Condition Is
Unchanged; Some Talk
of Blood Transfusion

LONDON, Dec. 29 (AP)—An early edition of the Evening News said today that in an uphill battle for life King George was not holding his own. The paper said that anxiety concerning the king's condition had increased on this, the forty-third day of his illness. However, King George's condition was authoritatively stated at Buckingham Palace to be unchanged at mid-afternoon. Unofficial suggestions that blood transfusions may be used to help King George through his present crisis have brought scores of offers from persons willing to give their blood in an effort to save the life of their ruler.

Many Offer Blood.

"Dozens of people have telephoned me and others have written Buckingham Palace," P. E. O'Brien, honorary secretary of the blood transfusion service of the British Red Cross, said. "But there is not the slightest possibility of any one outside of court circles being required for this purpose. Certainly no one now offering their services is likely to be called on. We have on our register hundreds of people prepared to submit themselves to blood transfusion in any type of case. They have already undergone preliminary blood tests and have been grouped. One of these would be called on before anyone now making an offer, but as I have said there is not a chance in a million of any one outside of court circles being required."

England Worries.

It is understood that the measure decided upon yesterday for the purpose of increasing His Majesty's general strength relate to a new course of medicine.

England continues to wonder whether the king has been suffering from periods of unconsciousness. "This has been definitely stated in the press, but neither the bulletins nor the unofficial palace statements mention this condition."

Heart Disease Is
Fatal to Infant

William Gordon, the three-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Spencer, of La Grande, died unexpectedly this morning at the Spencer home at 1312 O avenue. The baby was born here Sept. 20, 1928. The cause of the death is believed to have been heart disease.

The baby is survived by his parents and by a brother, Walter, age 5.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at Snodgrass and Zimmerman's.

Two Boys Arrested
By Local Police

Earl DeBelle and Mack Stewart were arrested by the police last night on charges of taking a flashlight, a shirt and other articles from a car parked in front of the Zupari place on Madison avenue. It is expected that the case will be turned over to the district attorney, police officers said today.

Stewart was sent to the reform school some time ago by the county judge but was paroled. He was convicted with several others of car theft and robbery.

Odd Fellows Are
Planning Social

There have been made during the week for the annual New Year's eve dancing and card party to be held next Monday at the L. O. O. F. hall when the local Odd Fellows and Rebekahs entertain their families.

The entertainment committee of the L. O. O. F. met last night to discuss plans for the event. "The Rebekahs met on Wednesday night," the men's committee is composed of: C. E. McPherson, chairman; W. E. McClure and Frank Luke, and the women's committee includes Mrs. W. E. McClure, Mrs. Chadwick and others.

The party will begin at 8:30 o'clock. Refreshments will be served and a very enjoyable time is anticipated, according to the committee. Last year more than 125 persons attended.

Plan Four-Mile
Hoover Parade

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—A parade four miles long, requiring two hours to pass and composed of 25,000 people, is the preliminary plan to accompany the dedication of Herby.

The inaugural parade details announced today by Major General Anton Stephan, chairman of the parade committee, disclosed that the navy department had been asked to lend the dirigible Los Angeles to lead the air circus that is to accompany the street parade.

LAW SHATTERS \$23,000,000 DREAM



Attachment proceedings in the amount of \$1000 ended the dream of a fine arts school in a French chateau that was planned by the Comtesse de Taurin, the former Mrs. J. M. Plausgan, wife of a Wichita, Kas., undertaker. A creditor's suit resulted in attachment of all the countess' belongings except the clothes she wore. The countess, a former singer in this country and abroad, was associated in promotion of "a \$23,000,000 fine arts school" in a chateau decided to her, along with the title, by a Frenchman she interested in her plan.

Frisco Bandit
Arrested After
Reign of Terror

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29 (AP)—After a reign of terror during which he kept two women and their husbands prisoners under a threat of death for two hours in the home of one of the couples, a youth who said he was Joseph H. Tuttle, 22, son of Deputy City Assessor Joseph Tuttle, was held in jail here today.

The two couples, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dominick and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Thaler, had spent the evening at the home of the latter, and were walking to the Dominick home. On their way, they noticed they were being followed by a stranger, and quickened their steps. The stranger, however, drew a revolver, and followed them into the Dominick home.

The youth forced them to sit in a row on aavenport, threatening to kill them, and once did fire a shot, narrowly missing Dominick. He severed the telephone connection, they said, and wrecked the furniture, demanding that he was a great "bad man" and would show them what he could do with a gun.

Tuttle left the house after two hours of this, the victims said, threatening to kill anyone who made an attempt to go outside. Tuttle, however, managed to leave unharmed, and telephoned police from a neighbor's house. A detail arrived shortly and captured Tuttle while the youth was prowling about the front of the house. He refused to give an explanation of his act, and was locked up on charges of robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, malicious mischief and violation of the fire arms ordinance.

R. F. Walter Named
To Supervise Dam

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—Raymond F. Walter, of Colorado, as chief engineer of the bureau of reclamation, will be in charge of the construction of the Boulder Canyon dam project. He is now attached to the bureau's office at Denver.

Bureau officials said they named Walter as probably one of the most capable irrigation engineers in the world, and that his selection from a wide field had been approved by Secretary West and his assistants in the dam construction.

Temperatures Above
Normal Predicted

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29 (AP)—The weather outlook for the week beginning Dec. 30th was announced today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

For western states: The outlook is for temperatures near or above normal and considerable cloudiness with rather frequent rains over the Pacific coast states southward to Central California and snows over the high mountain ranges and the plateau region.

Millikan Elected
Head of Scientists

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (AP)—Robert A. Millikan, physicist, was elected president of the American association for the advancement of science for 1929, was announced today. Dr. Millikan is one of three Americans to win a Nobel prize. He got the prize for his work in 1926.

FAMOUS DOCTOR
IS THREATENEDJoseph Goldberger, Con-
queror of Pellagra, Has
Mysterious Sickness

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (AP)—The man who found the cause and cure for a mysterious disease has been attacked by a strange malady that threatens him with death.

Two blood transfusions have already been given Dr. Joseph Goldberger, United States public health service physician and conqueror of pellagra, and others will be made semi-weekly. His physicians are at a loss to explain his illness. Though they agree that it is some form of anemia, a further touch of mystery was added, however, when it was said that this might not be the primary cause of his ailment.

Twenty of Dr. Goldberger's associates volunteered for blood transfusions when it was learned that these were needed and 14 of the 20 were accepted.

Cured Pellagra

Dr. Goldberger gained fame by his work with pellagra, his studies showing that it was caused by the absence of a specific vitamin, which he named "PP." Tracing the disease to an unbalanced diet, he worked out a cure during the 13 years that he was in charge of field investigations into the malady for the public health service. This cure was simplicity itself, the use of dried yeast, which also served as a preventive.

Pellagra centered in the United States in the south and after the flood of 1927 which impoverished wide sections, another outbreak of it was feared. The Red Cross distributed several tons of dried yeast among the refugees and there were only occasional and widely scattered cases.

Known among farmers principally for his work with pellagra, and his fellow scientists, Dr. Goldberger's research work on yellow fever, dengue fever, measles, typhus fever, diphtheria and other infectious diseases has commanded attention and respect.

His work with pellagra marked an advance in the study of nutrition in general. He was engaged to dictate studies in the public health service's laboratory, here, when he became ill about three weeks ago.

NAVY AIRSHIP
AIDS SEARCH
FOR SLAYER

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 29 (AP)—The navy airship J-3, two Lakehurst P-10s, 50 troops and hundreds of volunteers today were engaged in a search for the negro slayer of Peter Dinklage, 22-year-old black flowerer.

The aircraft with troops on board cruised over the vicinity of the killing while the ground forces fanned a cordon about the weapons and wounds near Robinsonville. Gladys, who had been graduated from the police training school in June, was interviewed last night by David White, 50 years old as he was taking the matter to Hightown where a complaint of disorderly conduct was to have been made before a justice of the peace.

In the car when the attack occurred was Mrs. Nancy Reaton, 32 years old, who is being held as a material witness by officials.

Fifteen minutes after White had signed the first detachment of troops from the Hightown station to search for the slayer, the navy airship J-3 was in the air.

East and West
All-Stars Meet
On Kezar FieldForty Thousand Spectators
in Stands for Fourth
Annual Grid Shriners'
Benefit Game

KEZAR STADIUM, San Francisco, Dec. 29 (AP)—With the sun striving valiantly to break through a canopy of clouds, the cream of eastern and western football talent clashed here today in the fourth annual contest staged for the benefit of the local Shriners' hospital for crippled children.

Approximately 40,000 spectators were in the stands as the all-star aggregation co-contained by Howard Harpeter of Carnegie Tech and "Butch" Newack of the University of Illinois took the field against the westerners, led by Cliff Hoffman of Stanford and Dan Horan of Washington State.

FIRST PERIOD—Nowack kicked off for the east to Simms who returned 40 yards to almost mid-field. Hoffman got off a beautiful punt that traveled 60 yards through the air and rolled over the goal line. The easterners came back with a dashing pass attack that carried them 65 yards in half a dozen plays. With Holmer, Northwestern university halfback, on the throwing end and Haycraft of Minnesota and Howell of Nebraska on the receiving end they advanced to the westerners' 22-yard line.

The eastern advance was stopped when Sims intercepted Holmer's pass on the four-yard line. Hoffman kicked out to the western 35-yard line. From this point the easterners with Howell and Holmer smashing off the tackle mowed straight to a touchdown. Nowack converted with a place-kick.

Score at end of first quarter: East 7, West 0.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (AP)—At the end of the first quarter, the California All-Stars were leading the Fort Worth, Tex., High school football team 6 to 0.

Telephone Firm
To Spend Large
Sum Next Year

SEATTLE, Dec. 29 (AP)—Approximately \$12,000,000 will be spent in the Pacific northwest by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for additions and betterments in 1929.

General Manager C. E. Hickman said here today that the provision for construction in Washington, Idaho and Oregon calls for an increase of \$4,000,000 over the amount expended in 1928. About \$4,000,000 will be expended on long distance leads in the district.

An important project will be the building of a cable from Seattle to Everett with a section if not all the distance underground. Another project is the construction of a section of overhead cable south from Portland to be extended later to Salem.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—More than \$5,000,000 will be spent by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company in construction activities in Oregon during 1929, H. H. Risley, state manager, announced today. This represents an increase of \$1,500,000 over 1928, when \$3,500,000 was spent on construction work.

Long distance construction and improvements call for an expenditure of \$1,250,000 within the state, as compared with \$600,000 for 1928.

Man Electrocuted
While in Bathtub

PALO ALTO, Dec. 29 (AP)—Walter W. Snyder, 34, married, student in English at Stanford university, and a Canadian was yesterday electrocuted in the bathtub of his home when he attempted to disconnect an electric heater plug. He was a former member of the faculty at University of Oregon, and received a degree at University of Arizona.

Ex-Governor Ross'
Son Wreck Victim

SARASOTA, Fla., Dec. 29 (AP)—Andrew Ross, the son of former Governor Nellie Taylor Ross, of Wyoming, was killed here last night when his car turned over on a steel-covered road.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29 (AP)—Grief-stricken over the death of her son and suffering from an attack of influenza, Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, former governor of Wyoming, was almost in a state of collapse when she passed through Kansas City today on her way to Cheyenne.

LEGISLATURE
TO CONVENE
ON JAN. 14Problem of Taxation and
Revision Motor License
Fees OutstandingSEVERAL PLANS
TO BE OFFEREDOther Important Legisla-
tion Also Pending; May
Rewrite Oregon's Blue
Sky Law

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 29 (AP)—Taxation and revision of motor vehicle license fee schedules apparently are going to be the major issues before the 1929 legislature, which meets Jan. 14.

Proposed legislation will center around the recommendations of the property tax relief commission appointed under a resolution of the house at the 1927 session, with a proposed income tax predominating the deliberations.

Three schemes have been offered for revision of motor vehicle licenses. Each one entails addition of one cent to the tax on gasoline, making the total tax 4 cents a gallon, to make up for revenue lost through license reduction.

Other legislation

Legislation defining the status of buncorporations, which came into existence in the state since the last legislative session, is expected to be considered.

Growing out of the failure of Overbeck & Cooke in Portland, bankruptcy house which was corespondent for Logan & Hyatt, of New York, Corporation, Commissioner Mark D. McAllister will have a bill introduced in the legislature requiring all foreign partnerships operating in this state to have an attorney-in-fact in the state on whom service of summons can be had in event of suit.

Some amendments will be introduced to clarify the building and loan act and to give the corporation commissioner more authority by special call.

Emulating it is said, from the spokesman of the state, an amendment will probably be offered to the state reclamation act, providing for a new commission having authority to deny or allow permits for power development on streams, to regulate the construction of dams. The main object of this measure would be game fish preservation.

Would Amend Act

In line with a recommendation of the Oregon reclamation congress there will be a bill to amend the reclamation act by providing that the state waive its claims on the reclamation projects on account of interest advanced on irrigation district bonds, provided that the bondholders of distressed districts accept a plan of reorganization that will assure the future success of the projects. Among other measures affecting reclamation there will be a bill to simplify the procedure for foreclosing delinquent district taxes, and changing the present law so that penalty and interest on delinquent taxes shall accrue to the district instead of to the county.

In the insurance field it is probable that there will be a bill providing that domestic insurance companies be required to pay the expenses of their own examinations by the state department. For the reason that domestic companies do not pay a premium tax to the state as do the foreign companies.