

WARE GOWNS TO MAKE APPEARANCE

Chicago Designers Outdo Paris in Beautiful Creations of Latest Fashions.

BATHING SUIT IS DREAM

Foamy Lace Effects, With Wings Cut Over Hips and Filmy Petticoat Peeping Out From Rose-Pecked Skirtette Offered.

CHICAGO, March 12.—(Special.)—Dresses, frocks, gowns, creations—they will all be exhibited at the Fashion Art League's gorgeous display of modish feminine raiment at the Auditorium Hotel Wednesday "Next" fashions they are called by the elect among the modiste clan, probably because they are next to the last word in fashion designing, and are intended to outshine anything that ever came from the workshops of Felix or Worth in that dear Paris.

Such gowns! Beautiful! Yes, more than that, they are the quintessence of all that is odd in up-to-the-minute fashionable attire for midday. It is even hinted that the liberties taken by the modistes in shape, effect and general design will make her highness blink and gasp in amazement and delight.

Harem Gown Coming In.
There's the harem gown, that looks as if it might have been fashioned for the Sultan's favorite, or the darling of the gods; the gown with bodice cut in front to resemble a butterfly, more like a butterfly on the front of the skirt and billows of satin at the hips; the "Jolette" with a skirt that looks like one of mother's prized lace curtains, and which falls unevenly over the ankles, the bodice cut like a vest in front and with wings over the hips; another sleeveless affair with a foamy, ragged effect, lace smothered skirt that hangs as unevenly as a row of icicles from the eaves of a farmhouse; still another with clusters of roses on the sides of a bobbed-off uneven skirtette that successfully avoids covering a filmy lace petticoat.

Some Bathing Suits, Too.
Then the bathing suits. The "dream" of the lot is a striped satin conceit, cut high in the neck and with a skirt that hangs to a point and trimmed nearly half way up with leather. It looks like the wedding dress of a Tyrolean belle and is topped off with a cloak that looks as if it might have been borrowed from Mrs. Mephistopheles.

POTATO CARDS ISSUED

BERLIN TAKES MEASURES TO PUT CHECK ON SPECULATION.

Each Holder to Be Permitted to Buy 11 Pounds Every 12 Days, at Uniform Price of 65 Pfennings.

BERLIN, via London, March 12.—Potato cards, the issue of which has been made necessary by the shortage, etc., it is ascertained, to speculators holding out for higher prices, will be their place under the broad and butter cards in Berlin on March 20.

The first cards will cover a 60-day period and allow the holders to buy 11 English pounds of potatoes every 12 days, probably at the uniform price of 65 pfennings.

Owing to the recent shortage in bread the military authorities today forbade the production of all cakes between March 15 and March 19, inclusive, made of white or potato flour, and their sale between March 15 and 19. This step was taken on the complaint of many bakers that other bakers who are not short of flour were using it for cakes rather than for bread. The shortage is due to unequal distribution, which is expected to be remedied within a week.

"NEEDY BROTHER" FAILS

Brand New Swindle of No Avail When Grips Are Not Shown.

PHILADELPHIA, March 6.—A brand new model confidence game, worked out especially for fraternity men, has arrived. Although it is very simple, it is a risky work. The operator poses as a fraternity brother and obtains a "brotherly loan" from his victim, usually as much as \$100.

Horace B. Reed, an Alpha Tau Omega man, was working in his office late when a shaggy looking individual entered and became friendly. The person, who introduced himself as Jackson Reynolds, of Oakland, Cal., was a "bum" in Reed's opinion. Reed wondered why and whence came the man, the friendliness, until the man, seeing the pin on Reed's vest, exclaimed, "Why, I'm a member of your fraternity."

"What fraternity?" asked Reed. "Your fraternity," parried the man, looking closely at the pin. "The Alpha Tau Omega," Reed replied. Reed, thinking of the G. E. K's, the Gamma Eta Kappa Fraternity, a high school organization, said the man.

Reed then explained that he had mistaken his pin, as they are similar, both being Maltese crosses. Reed, however, knew the "Geks" well and didn't like to refuse to aid one. Reed excused himself and phoned R. K. Wolfe, grand recorder, to look in the catalogue for a Jackson Reynolds in the Oakland chapter. The name was there, and Reed was almost convinced. The man then came to the point where he was going to ask for the money, and Reed, seeing the man's difficulties and asked Reed to telegraph his parents at 3101 Summit avenue, Oakland, for a fare to return home. Reed agreed for the story, carried conviction, and told the man to call for the money, which amounted to nearly \$100.

The man arrived on time, but no answer to the telegram. Two "Gek" friends of Reed, Richard Scholtes and Wayne Steel, also arrived to talk with the man. Both "Geks" gave "Reynolds" the fraternity grip, but he failed to respond. They also casually mentioned several passwords in the course of their conversation which were likewise ignored. They then were convinced that the man was not a "Gek."

"Reynolds" explained that he had "only been a member for two months in 1904" and had forgotten the signs. A fraternity man is always a fraternity man and he never forgets his grip and passwords.

The three then excused themselves to phone to Wolfe again, and in their absence the man fled. He did not wait for the elevators, but rushed down four flights of stairs and out into the street, where he disappeared.

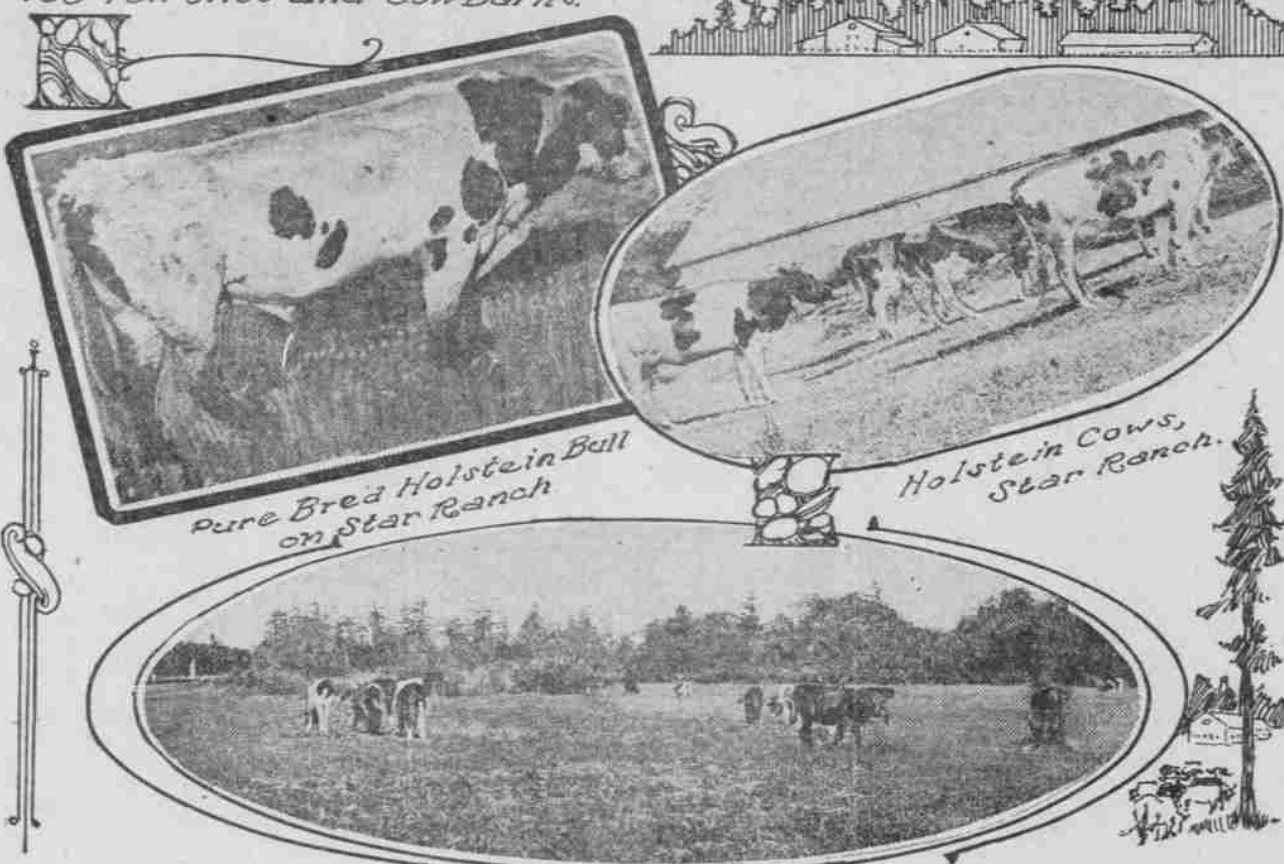
John Coleworthy, the author, was 25 years of age before he began to write.

EFFICIENCY RULES IN MANAGING BIGGEST RANCH WEST OF CASCADES

Of 1100 Acres, 700 Are Tillable, and Only Latest Methods Are Used in Cattle Raising and in Handling of Dairy Products—Reasons for Use of Only One Breed Are Enumerated.



150 Ton Silos and Cow Barns.



Pure Bred Holstein Bull on Star Ranch.

Holstein Cows, Star Ranch.

Calves in Pasture, Star Ranch.

BY MELVIN T. SOLVE.
BANDON, Or., March 12.—(Special.)—The Star Ranch, Curry County, 17 miles south of Bandon, lying between the county road and the ocean, is the largest piece of cleared land west of the Cascade Mountains. It contains 1100 acres, 700 of which are tillable.

The ranch is made up of a great many homestead claims taken up years ago by Humboldt County, California, people, who saw here a similarity to the soil and climate of the former favored section. This ranch is included in the three agricultural surveys made by the Federal Government in the State of Oregon and their mapping shows that most of the soil of the Star Ranch is Coghile silt, than which no better soil has been found.

Until recently the ranch was managed by Dr. J. K. Wetherbee, formerly a prominent resident of Portland, who went to the place about three years ago at the solicitation of the owners, who are for the most part San Francisco people. In relinquishing his leasehold a few weeks ago to H. H. Hansen, a newcomer from Norway, Dr. Wetherbee sold most of his blooded stock, which included Holstein cattle, Belgian horses and Duroc Jersey hogs. Dr.

Wetherbee says a breeder should stick to one breed. The Star Ranch has a herd of 400 full-blooded Holstein-Friesian cattle. They raise 100 calves a year most of which are sold to neighboring ranchers who are sold to improving their own herds. Professor Pitts, of Oregon Agricultural College, says there are no finer bred cattle anywhere than those on the Star Ranch. Seven hundred Holstein bulls head the Star Ranch herd.

Pastureage Afforded All Year.
The mild equable climate furnishes green pasturage the year round. Stock cattle are not fed at all, but the dairy herd is fed and vetch hay. Three huge silos each holding 150 tons insure an abundance of green feed during the short season when green feed is not abundant in the pastures.

Two large fields are planted in artichokes. The yield from artichokes is prodigious. The stalks are fed green to the cattle which eagerly devour them. The stalks are also fed to the hogs. Artichokes will furnish sufficient green feed for a herd of 100 cows for a period of six weeks. The yields below ground are as important as that above. After the stalks have been cut the hogs are turned in the field to root out the tubers which are nourishing and excellent food. This method of harvest-

ing is efficient and economical. The yield of artichokes is greater to the acre than that of potatoes. After the artichokes are gone beets, rutabagas and kale are fed. These vegetables grow well here, rutabagas having been grown on this ranch weighing 15 pounds apiece. Considerable grain is grown also, 22 acres having been devoted to oats and vetch last season.

Calf-Raising Is Profitable.
A great source of profit in raising pure bred cattle is the calf, 3-month-old calves bringing as much as \$125. The calves are fed very carefully. "It's cold milk that kills calves," says Dr. Wetherbee in speaking of methods of feeding. The calf barns are divided into a great many sections where the calves are placed according to age. Each calf has a separate stallion, where it cannot waste its food or suck its neighbors' ears. They are fed with milk before being fed. All their food, milk, whole oats and barley, is accurately weighed and measured. The calves are fed whole milk and are months old. They run on natural clover

pasture, white clover being native to this part of Curry County. Dr. Wetherbee explains the interesting and simple method of treatment for throat worm. If the case is not too far gone, an injection of two cubic centimeters of turpentine into the windpipe will cure it. Running the fingers along the calf's throat the windpipe is seized firmly and the hypodermic needle is forced through.

Two Immense Barns Used.
The cattle are housed in two immense barns, one having stanchions for 100 cows and the other for 150 cows. These barns are equipped with an automatic milk collector, which takes the milk direct to the cheese factory, and with automatic manure carriers. The milking has been done for five years with E. C. K. milking machine, which have been found perfectly satisfactory, the cost of milking having been reduced 50 per cent by their use. Five machines milk 150 cows in two hours.

The Star Ranch has its own threshing machine, feed-grinding machinery, wood-sawing machine, blacksmith shop and steam and gasoline engines for many purposes. Water is piped by gravity to every part of the ranch from pure, sparkling springs. The great business of the ranch is cheese-making. They have a modern, well-equipped and sanitary factory in charge of an Oregon Agricultural College man who is an expert at the business. In all, 12 men, graduates and undergraduates of Oregon Agricultural College, are employed upon the Star Ranch, a tribute to the efficiency of that school.

The fact that all of the Star Ranch cheese is made from Holstein milk which has been properly handled insures its uniform excellence. The cheese is hauled to Bandon, from whence it is shipped to the best cheese markets on the Pacific Coast.

Hogs Bring in Profit.
In addition to the sale of dairy products and livestock, hogs are a lucrative source of income. The Star Ranch has 22 pure-bred Duroc Jersey hogs and a fine boar which Dr. Wetherbee bought at the State Fair grounds in Salem, wearing the blue ribbon which had been awarded him in competition with all comers. The ranch also possesses a prize sow which produces 22 pigs in a period of 12 months. The pigs from the Star Ranch are sold to North Curry County farmers.

Curry County has a cow-testing association comprising 800 cows. This is in charge of a dairy herd expert from Corvallis, who makes accurate tests and keeps records of each cow in the association. Several days of each month he spends on the Star Ranch testing the herd.

In this way it is easily determined which cows are producers and which are merely boarders and an expense on the business. Those not up to the standard are fattened and sold for beef. The Star Ranch enjoys the benefits of advanced registry.

Lectures Given at Conventions.
On July 26, 150 dairymen of the neighboring section met at Denmark, Curry County, in convention. Lectures were given by professors from the Oregon Agricultural College and by a prominent out by the United States Department of Agriculture. Stereoscopic views were displayed showing the best practice of cattle and sanitary methods. An exposition was given of the standard breeds of dairy cattle and a cattle-judging contest was held. Demonstrations were given on the Star Ranch of proper methods of feeding and the care of calves, and the model calf barn properly housing 100 calves was shown to the visiting dairymen.

Dr. Wetherbee explained why he chose Holstein-Friesian cattle in preference to other standard breeds by producing statistics compiled by Government experts and leading agricultural journals which showed their superior productivity. While Jersey milk will test higher, the Holstein cow will test heavier, more than overcomes this disadvantage. Jersey milk gets its rich, yellow color from the comparatively large size of the fat globules.

The fat globules in the Holstein milk are minute, and hence it is easy to digest and is much sought by physicians for feeding invalids. It is a great demand by manufacturers of baby foods. Holstein milk is superior for cheese-making.

Dr. Wetherbee had charge of the Star Ranch for only three years, but in that time made great improvements in the farm buildings and cattle raising, and skill in the management of the big ranch.

BOSTON MAN AIDS IRISH
Rich Dry Goods Merchant Gives \$26,000 to Town of His Birth.

BELFAST, Ireland, March 6.—The Mayor of Bangor, County Down, has received a bank draft for \$26,000 from William Kennedy Crosby, dry goods merchant of Boston, to be used as follows: \$15,000 for the Bangor endowed school fund, \$10,000 for the Bangor cottage hospital and \$1000 for the Bangor Free Library.

The donor left the north of Ireland for the United States nearly 60 years ago, but has returned for his home visits. Among the gifts he has made to Bangor was a fully equipped girls' home in memory of his daughter, Florence.

Mr. Post is the son of George B. Post, head of the firm of George B. Post & Sons, architects.

NOTED BEAUTY TO WED

Daughter of C. D. Gibson Engaged to George B. Post, Jr.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Irene Langhorne Gibson, to George B. Post, Jr., of this city.

Miss Gibson, whose father has been one of the foremost American illustrators since 1880, is a cousin of Mrs. Langhorne, who was one of the famous Langhorne sisters, daughters of Colonel Langhorne, of Richmond, Va., all of whom were noted for their beauty.

Like her mother, she is both beautiful and popular. Her aunts are Mrs. Waldorf Astor, wife of the future Baron Astor of Hever Castle; Mrs. Paul H. Phipps, of London, and Mrs. Phyllis L. Brooks, Miss Gibson is a cousin of Miss Nancy Perkins, of Baltimore, who has been spending the Winter in New York as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gibson.

Mr. Post is the son of George B. Post, head of the firm of George B. Post & Sons, architects.

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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

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.....\$1,783,539.01

Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....115,206.33

Income from other sources received during the year.....35,251.86

Total income.....\$1,933,797.20

Disbursements.
Net losses paid during the year.....\$ 805,027.60

Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.....49,935.60

Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....622,336.26

Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....18,225.57

Amount of all other expenditures during the year.....166,230.02

Total expenditures.....\$1,713,827.45

Assets.
Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses per schedule 3, column 1.....1,805.19

Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....2,066,700.00

Loans on mortgages and collateral.....241,470.00

Cash in banks and on hand.....341,170.00

Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1915.....555,012.14

Interest and rents due and accrued.....11,823.35

Total assets.....\$3,106,706.48

Total assets admitted in Oregon.....\$3,106,706.48

Liabilities.
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....\$ 191,850.00

Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks.....3,996,095.21

Due for commission and broker's fees.....2,000.00

All other liabilities.....23,230.33

Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$500,000.....\$1,783,144.46

Total premiums in force December 31, 1915.....\$2,086,027.81

Business in Oregon for the Year.
Total insurance written during the year.....\$2,581,258.00

Gross premiums received during the year.....36,854.77

Premiums returned during the year.....10,927.60

Losses paid during the year.....7,950.94

Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1915.....\$729,115.00

THE NORTH RIVER INSURANCE COMPANY.
BY P. H. CRIMM, Secretary.
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service, Luke J. Feeney, 1400 Love Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Williamsburgh City 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.....\$1,000,000.00

Income.
Net premiums received during the year.....\$2,589,516.00

Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....199,745.34

Income from other sources received during the year.....29,332.40

Total income.....\$2,818,593.74

Disbursements.
Net losses paid during the year.....\$1,851,906.05

Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.....100,000.00

Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....1,095,928.35

Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....120,880.12

Amount of all other expenditures during the year.....155,721.34

Total expenditures.....\$3,715,425.86

Assets.
Value of real estate owned (market value).....102,931.82

Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....2,066,700.00

Loans on mortgages and collateral.....241,470.00

Cash in banks and on hand.....341,170.00

Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1915.....555,012.14

Interest and rents due and accrued.....11,823.35

Total assets.....\$3,015,405.64

Total assets admitted in Oregon.....\$3,015,405.64

Liabilities.
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....\$ 220,388.00

Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks.....2,611,990.99

Due for commission and broker's fees.....5,599.89

All other liabilities.....23,230.33

Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$1,000,000.....\$2,589,707.85

Total premiums in force December 31, 1915.....\$3,201,784.70

Business in Oregon for the Year.
Total insurance written during the year.....\$2,187,615.00

Gross premiums received during the year.....43,560.91

Premiums returned during the year.....12,325.42

Losses paid during the year.....14,008.54

Losses incurred during the year.....14,844.62

Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1915.....\$729,115.00

BY D. J. BUNYIS, 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.....\$783,542.33

Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....99,962.51

Income from all other sources received during the year.....15,451.27

Total income.....\$903,956.11

Disbursements.
Net losses paid during the year.....\$307,354.33

Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.....46,537.55

Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....278,448.01

Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.....23,618.02

Amount of all other expenditures during the year.....54,533.10

Total expenditures.....\$710,491.91

Assets.
Value of real estate owned (market value).....122,362.00

Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....656,317.00

Loans on mortgages and collateral.....241,470.00

Cash in banks and on hand.....151,724.95

Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1915.....134,754.42

Interest and rents due and accrued.....1,792.08

Total assets.....\$1,543,701.57

Total assets admitted in Oregon.....\$1,543,701.57