ARBITRARY PRICES ARE HELD FAILURE

Minnesota Senator Condemns Government Action in Regard to Wheat.

OTHER CEREALS AFFECTED

Placing Fictitious Value on Wheat, It Is Held, Tends to Advance Market on Other Grains-Oats and Corn Now Abnormaly High.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 12.—Senators from the agricultural states, as disclosed by recent debate, believe that price-fixing as applied to wheat is a failure. The agitation arose over the attempt made by certain Senators to modify the President's proclamation and raise the price of wheat from \$2.20 to \$2.50 a bushel. of wheat from \$2.20 to \$2.50 a bushel. Two main contentions were made, first, that it is wrong to fix the price of wheat and not regulate the prices of other grains and, second, that it is better to allow the wheat-grower, like the grower of corn, rye and bariey, to go in the open market and sell for whatever price he can get.

No stronger statement was made in criticism of the wheat river fiving poly.

criticism of the wheat price-fixing pol-fey of the Government than that of Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, himself a practical farmer. Senator Nelson

"Hefore we passed laws under which a price was fixed last year on wheat, all cereals—wheat, corn, cate, barley, rye and flax—were sold in the open market prices were governed to some extent by the law of supply and demand. What did we do last year? We segregated wheat and said in respect to that one cereal. "We will fix an arbitrary price for wheat that you can arotrary price for wheat that you can-not exceed, but for, which you must sell your crop." What was the result? Putting an arbitrary price on wheat enhanced the other cereal prices. Corn, rye, barley and cate have gone up until most of these cereals are today above

Oats Abnormally High.

"Take outs at 92 cents to a dollar a bushel. There are only 32 pounds of eats in a bushel, while there are 69 pounds in a bushel of wheat. So, for feed or food purposes either for man or beast, it takes two bushels of oats to equal a bushel of wheat. "Barley is today as high in price as

Is wheat, and rye is a good deal higher -59 per cent higher. Corn is also higher.

which to feed their livestock, and if wheat is cheaper than oats, it is cheaper than barley, and cheaper than corn. The farmer who needs feed will grind his wheat instead of going into the market and buying cats, corn, rye or barley for feed purposes. That is the

way it is operating.

"Price-fixing, even if you put the
price of wheat at \$2.50 a bushel—and I
shall probably vote for Ihat—will
prove, Mr. President, an abject failure.
The only fair way is to leave all these
exteals to be soid in the open market,
to be governed by the law of supply
and demand. They the wheat farmer and demand. Then the wheat farmer will get the real market value of his wheat as he is today getting the real value of his corn. oats, rye and barley. You should either do that, or fix prices

on all these cereals. Situation Is Not Remedied.

"Even if we adopt this amendment, even if we fix a price of \$2.50 a bushel, to my mind it will not cure the situa-tion, so long as we leave the door open in respect to the other cereals. We shall still be confounded by the exist-ing situation, because the demand for other cereals will continue to rise. Should the wheat farmer be made

the only victim of price-fixing? We can segregate the wheat farmer and fix the price of wheat; but the farmer is going to raise the crop that he finds most profitable; and instead of taking his cats, barley and rye and feeding t'em to the stock, he will sell them, because they bring a higher price and he will grind his wheat to feed his stock."

Election Officers Named.

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 25 .- (Spe ctal.) - Special election officers were named today by the City Commission for the contest April 20, when it will decided whether a second electric

Stop suffering! Relief comes the moment you apply old "St. Jacobs Liniment"

Rheumatism is "pain only."

Not one case in fifty requires inter-nal treatment. Stop drugging! Rub the misery right way! Apply soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Liniment directly upon the "tender spot" and relisf comes instantly. "St. Jacobs Lini-ment" conquers pain. It is harmless rheumatism liniment which never disappoints and cannot burn the skin.

Limber up! Stop complaining! Get a small trial bottle of "St. Jacobs Liniment" at any drug store, and in just a moment you'll be free from rheumatic soreness and stiffness. Don't suffer! Relief awaits you. "St. Jacobs listed a photograph bureau for the Liniment" is just as good for Sciation, benefit of the Stage Woman's War Re-Liniment" is just as good for Sciation, neuralgia, lumbago, backache, sprains

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10,000 Testimonials From Mothers

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Tay Tor Holmes, Star of Liberty Feature Puggles of Red Gap" With Mms. Schumann Helnik

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Sunset—"The Birth of a Nation." Liberty—Taylor Holmes, "Rug-gles of Red Gap." Majestic—Dorothy Phillips, "The

Grand Passion Earle Williams, "In the Columbia-Dorothy Dalton, "Love

Me."
Star-Douglas Fairbanks, "The
Man From Painted Post"; Toto,
"The One-Night Stand."
Globe-Mary Pickford, "Poor Little Peppina.

TITAGRAPH celebrated its 21st birthday on St. Patrick's day, which is almost equivalent to celebrating the birthday of the motion picture industry. For Vitagraph's hisdom in the United States, for this pioneer has never lost its place at the front rank of motion picture producers

The beginnings of the cor naily date back more than 22 years ut it was on St. Patrick's day, 1897 that the old American Vitagraph Company was formed by Albert E. Smith, present head of the concern, and J. Stuart Blackton, now making pictures for Paramount.

Here are some of the outstanding Vitagraph dates:

In 1896 Mr. Smith perfected his setting device for keeping motion pictures in frame, this being one of the most important inventions in the history of

the commercial production of motion

pictures inaugurated. In 1965 studies were opened in Call-fornia and the first 1000-foot subject

creased to 3000-negative feet weekly. In 1905 the first five-reel motion pic-ture was made in America. It was 'The Life of Moses," made by Vita-

for the training of screen stars. More men and women now famous in the art of screen acting received their start in the Vitagraph studio than in any other company in existence, among them being: Anita Stewart, Clara Kin ball Young, Edith Storey, Norma and Constance Talmadge, Mr. and Mrs. Sid-ney Drew. Earle Williams, Harry Morey and the late John Bunny,"

Manufacturers Censor Pictures.

The National Board of Review of the notion picture industry is a self-in-posed consorship body, brought into seing by the desire of film manufacturers to curb questionable proclivities of fellow producers and protect the in-dustry against assaults by constantly elevating the moral and artistic quali-The personnel of the National board cludes bankers, educators, members

includes bankers, educators, members of the clergy and many people promi-nent in public life, including more than 106 women. These people are voluntary censors, serving without pay, and their recommendations are religiously ob-served by manufacturers. Expenses incidental to censorship are defrayed by the manufacturers, who contribute to a general fund.

The National board is not a legally

constituted body, in the accepted sense, but its standards are high and, with few exceptions, regulate exhibition of pictures throughout the country.

ucts which stready have been carefully scanned by a most representative body of public-spirited men and women

Get Star Photos Here.

Acting upon a suggestion from Eu gene O'Brien, leading man for Norma Talmadge, a number of well-known moving-picture players have estab-

"Fan letters," requesting photo-graphs, come by the hundreds to most of the popular screen actors. Few in the profession receive more of these re-quests than Mr. O'Brien, who conceived the idea of referring applicants to the Stage Woman's War Relief. The photo-Stage Woman's war Relief. The photo-graphic bureau is in charge of Nanon Toby and if film fans will pick out their favorite player and send 50 cents they will receive in return a fine pho-sranh with a genuine autograph. Ad-dress Nanon Toby, Photograph Bureau, Stage Woman's War Hellef. 265 Pifth avenue, New York City.

Screen Gossip.

Charles Fang. Chinese comedian, is to be featured in a series of one-real comedies. They say he's the only funny Chinaman in pictures.

Southern California film activity is now on in full blast. Stars working there at present include the following:

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Charles Chaplin, Mary Pickford, William S. Hart, Douglas Pairbanks, Louise
Huff, Sessue Hayakawa, Itustin Farnum, William Farnum, Theda Bara,
Jawel Carmen, Bessie Harriwals, Clara
Williams, J. Warsen Kerrigan, Henry
B. Walthall, Mac Murray, Olive Thomas,

ron and George Fawcett. A close study of the situation will reveal that the present seasan is one of the most active the Coast has ever had.

Bill Hart, accompanied by his faith-hul horse, Fritz, paraded the streets of

Los Angeles last week in the interests of the Red Cross. They save Bill an encort of troops and a couple of mili-tary bands. All traffic was stopped when the familiar figure of the two-gun man went marching down Broadway.

William Horsiey, well-known film man, was "pinched" in Los Angeles the other day and charged with receiving stolen films.

Instead of employing individual maids at the Goldwyn studio, Mae Marsh, Madge Kennedy and Mabel Normand now use one jointly. The difference in salary they contribute to various war relief organizations, the amount being deposited weekly and distributed according to agreement.

Every film star in and sround New York was present at the opening of "The Squab Farm" last week, a new play by the Hattons, which is said to be a sairs on the "atmosphere, etc.," of the motion picture studio. Between the acts the gossip proved to be quite as interesting as the play. Even during the performance exciamations were overheard from many of the celluloid players, who apparently recognized the prototypes of their employers.

Probably the highest price ever of-fered for the film rights of a dramatic production is the sum of \$50,000 pro-posed last week for "Romance." The play, however, is not yet available for the acceeding of the acceeding of the acceeding of the acceeding of the accounting of last the acceeding of the years of the vessel and an accounting of last the acceeding of the accounting of the accountin run being discontinued.

International has hired Julius Steger he's not in the Fairbanks-Hart-Pickford-Chaplin class. They are "bloated pluts" of the business. Yes, Clara Kimball Young will wear

her Easter bonnet in Los Angeles. She's there now ready to make a picture. A feminine admirer of Darrell Foss

Triangle leading man, styles him the "Devilish Fascinator." Another mash

Gloria Swanson used to be a Sennett-Keystone bathing girl. Yet the press agent says she had to learn to swim and dive before working in a recent Triangle picture. Which recalls the story a Portland girl brought up from Les Angeles that Louise Levely could Los Angeles that Louise Lovely could not swim a stroke and was mortally "afsared" of the water when making that aquatic picture, "Sirens of the

Triangle is presenting so many new Triangle is presenting so many accelerating women it's almost impossible to keep track of them. Mary Warren, with Bill Desmond, is one of the latest.

"Mrs. Leffingwell's Boots," the Au-

garet Illington was its star on Broad-

Fatty Arbuckle is to report to the

Fatty Arbuckle is to report to the Los Angeles board this week for reexamination for the National Army. He was exempted a few weeks ago for being everweight. Buster Keaton, one of his funny henchmen, has been accepted and is waiting for the call.

E. V. Durlin, Los Angeles representative of the New York Telegraph, assects that Griffith's new picture,
"Hearts of the World," is the greatest of them all. He says "The only heart that D. W. Griffith's new picture,
"Hearts of the Werld," will not touch is the heart of the Kalser, and it will break his. No medium, written, spoken, break his. No medium, written, spoken, dramatized or screened during the period of the great war carries the appeal of this latest achievement of a man whose real greatness is just begin

ning to be appreciated." Cecil Be DeMille is to train m picture artists in the art of camouflas for the Government. The scenic field of the silent drama has been developed highly along these lines.

"Joan of Plattsburg," the Mabel Nor mand picture which was objected to by the Government, is to be completed in Florida. Many of the scenes of the original picture were filmed at the

Lillian Cook 13-year-old ingenue, who was with World for three years, died recently in New York.

Taxes collected by the Government

First of Holy Week Gatherings Draws Crowd.

PATRIOTIC SPEECHES MADE

Portland Ministerial Association Host to People Who Meet at Hippodrome Theater and Join in Singing Songs of Fighters.

week meetings arranged by the Portical Ministerial Association and the ministers of various denominations occupied places on the stage. "Captain Pag," as the gallant soldier is affectionately termed, called the clergy his choir and he made them all stand up and sing. He had everyone singing before he finished.

And then the Rev. H. H. Griffis, pastor of the First Christian Church, took by Major-General H. A. Greene, com-

and sing. He had everyone singing before he finished.

And then the Rev. H. H. Griffis, pastor of the First Christian Church, took the center of the stage, right in the spotlight, and gave a stirring patriotic and religious message appropriate to the time. Several times he was interrupted by applause.

"America goes forth to battle in the firm conviction that the philosophy of the Babe in the manger is better than that of the 'dog in the manger,' 'declared the speaker. 'Today it seems we are approaching Calvary. God grant that the cross we bear may be an exposition of a redeemed political life. America is standing for democracy, for the common good of all. Autocracy is standing for the subjugation of the many. And I believe that today in this day of great struggle and strife the conflict rages not only on the battle-front, but in the hearts of every person in America. In this larger struggle all are enlisted. There no longer are any neutral citizens. They are either Americans or traitors. Each of us is called to do not only his bit but his best. This is the heart when Germany is cruelfying decency and righteousness and we must flight for the preservation of the principles of Christ.

Officers and 'enlisted men at camp were today notified in an order issued by Major-General H. A. Greene, commander of the camp, that the practice of acting as agents for business houses, is prohibited. Several non-commissioned officers have received letters from business houses offering thefragencies in the sale of goods to enlisted men. This order will work financial hard-ship on a number of the non-commissioned officers have received letters from business houses offering thefragencies in the sale of goods to enlisted men. This order will work financial hard-ship on a number of the non-commissioned officers and enlisted men. This order will work financial hard-ship on a number of the non-commissioned officers and enlisted men. This order will work financial hard-ship on a number of the same of goods to enlisted men. This order wil fight for the preservation of the princi-

o'clock the meeting at the Hippodrome will be addressed by Dr. J. H. Boyd, pastor of First Congregational Church. Barciay Acheson will lead the music.

Camp Lewis Notes.

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, March 25.— 'It certainly feels good to be back on the job," said Lieutenant-Colonel Eugene C. Northington, commander of of the base hospital, who left here a month ago, as a Major, on sick leave. Lieutenant-Colonel Northington has en-tirely recovered from an attack of pneumonia, which was so zerious as to necessitate a trip to the Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco. The commander of the base hospital found on his return that several new

buildings had been erected and the offi-cers' quarters doubled in size, the same being a part of the half-million-dollar improvement to the base hospital.

a list to the unit supply officer.
In the monthly report of each organi-zation, the needs of the men as regards.
Red Cross articles are to be stated, as

a man in a similar position. However, two pairs of socks, one pair wristlets one muffler and one knitted helmet.

Plans have been made for giving the men of the 21st Division immediately the benefits of the soldiers' and sailors' civil relief bill which was approved by

for the virtual moratorium for men in the Army and Navy during the war.

Any man in Catan Lewis whose personal affairs have become involved is directed to apply to the Division Judge-advocate for assistance in obtaining the benefit of the new law. A memo to this effect published today has been posted in every barracks.

There have been several instances of hardship caused by the men in camp by unscrupulous business men, who took advantage of the soldier's absence from home. The Red Cross has been handling these cases and through its local organization and virtually through every one in the country has brought relief. The new law is expected to relieve the Red Cross of these duties.

The benefit of the law ceases as soon as a man is discharged from the service, or one year after peace is declared.

as a man is discharged from the service, or one year after Peace is declared, if the man remains in the Service to the end of the war.

Conservation is to be applied to the fir forest which surrounds Camp Lewis, seconding to an order issued today at headquarters of the Sist Division. The readless and reservers of the dist Division. The Pack up your troubles in your eld kit-bag
And smile, smile, smile.

The Hippodrome Theater rang with this song and with others that are favorites of the fighting forces and of the home folk and then fairly vibrated with "Onward, Christian Soldiers," as Captain A. J. Pequegnat, of the Canadian army, led the singing at the noon-day meeting yesterday.

headquarters of the first Division. The needless and useless a

ain A. J. Pequegnat, of the Canadian Inmediately cleared of all dead timber, brought forth the further order that The affair was the first of the holy all organizations which cut trees will

day with the publishing of a memo from the war risk insurance department advising men who fear to lose because, inadvertently they have made an incorrect statement, that they make ples of Christ.

"It is not wrong to fight. The severest blows that were ever struck at evil were struck by Jesus Christ. True, he was the Good Shepherd. But the good shepherd fights with every bit of his strength when it is a case of wolves.

Dr. Joshua Stansfield was chairman and Dr. Alexander Beers and Rev. J. F. Ghormley led in prayer. Today at 12:10 on the recommendation of the Divigion Exemption Board. They are,

on the recommendation of the Divi-sion Exemption Board. They are, Privates Frank A. Hughes, Company L. 363d Infantry; Antonio Bastilli, Ninth Company, 166th Depot Brigade, and Charles G. Hansen, battalion C,

316th Engineers.

CONTEMPT CHARGES FILED

Astoria Men Accused of Refusing to Obey Court Order.

ASTORIA, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Through delivery of a deed today, L. W. Hutton was given absolute possession of all the property in Washington and Idaho, including an interest in the Hercules mine at Wallace, included in the estate of his wife, May Arkwright Hutton.

The transfer of the deed to Mr. Hutton upon payment to the Oid National Bank of \$175,000 closes a legal controlers the purse-seining craft American First. The order was made in the case of Martin Luksich against Anton Kuljis and A. J. Megler & Co. The plaintiff asked for the appointment of a receiver for the vessel and an accounting of last

INDIAN BILL IS APPROVED

Klamath Reservation to Benefit From Federal Appropriation.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 25. the benefits of the soldiers' and sailors' (Special.)—The Senate today adopted civil relief bill which was approved by the provision of the Indian bill allow-President Wilson March 8. It provided ing the Klamath Indians \$500,000 to

THE MOST STUPENDOUS PHOTOPLAY IN FILM HISTORY

Directed by That Master Mind, D. W. Griffith NOW PLAYING TO CAPACITY HOUSES





Read by a host in the Saturday Eve. Post

7—REELS—7—OTHER DOIN'S

buy livestock. Every effort will be used to get the House to concur.

Senator McNary has sent this information to the Klamath Commercial Club, which has used its influence to secure the appropriation for the use of the Indians in getting a start in

FIGHT OVER ESTATE ENDS L. W. Hutton Gains Possession of Property Left by Wife.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 25 .- (Spe-

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATE-

Occidental Life Insurance

Amount of capital paid up \$ 250,000.00 Life department—
Premiums received during the year \$ 539,007.97
Ledger assets received from other companies for assuming their risks 232,078.15
Interests dividends and rents received during the year \$7.471.93
Income from other sources received during the year \$4,626.59
Accident department—
Premiums received during the year 227.504.93 87,471.93 84,626,59

25,019.64

240,375.96

.....\$1,817,013.31

Paid for losses endowments, annuities and surrender values
Dividends and coupons paid pelloyholders during the year Commissions and salaries paid during the year Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year.

Amount of all other expenditures tures
Accident department—
Losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses,

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Policy fees retained by agents.
Commissions and salaries paid
during the year
Life department—
Taxes, licenses and fees paid
during the year
Amount of all other expenditures 14,707.71 Total expenditures 762,931.49

Total expenditures \$702,931.49

Assets.

Book value of real estate \$58,756.42

Loans on mortgages and collatteral, etc. \$254,081.29

Policy loans \$285,646.08

Bonds \$67,230.00

Cash in bunks and on hand \$00,013.26

Net uncollected and deferred premiums, life department. Admitted premiums in course of collection, accident department \$3,487.12

Interest due and accrued \$26,241.08

Other assets \$1,506.42 Total assets admitted in Ore got: Liabilities.

Life department— \$1,314,031.31
Net reserve \$1,314,031.31
All other liabilities 124,260.75
Accident department—
Gross claims for losses unpaid. 16,194.07
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks. 23,964.49
Due or to become due for commission and dbrokerage 13,79.25
All other liabilities 8,234.00

cember 31. 1917, accident department

Business in Oregon for the Kear.

Life department
Total insurance written during the year
Gross premiums received during the year including surrender values and dividends paid.

Losses paid during the year.

1,500.00

Total amount of insurance outstanding in Oregon, December 31, 1917
Accident department—Gross premiums received during the year permiums returned during the year consequence of the year consequence of the year losses paid during the year consequence of the year losses paid during the year consequence of the year losses paid during th

Premiums returned using year year paid during the year.... OCCIDENTAL LIFE INSURANCE COM-PANY.

By JOSEPH BURKHARD, President. One of a Series of Informative Articles on Dental Hygiene-No. 2

Good Health Demands **Good Teeth**

"MORE physical de-generacy can be traced to neglect of the teeth than to the use of alcohol," says Dr. William Osler, the eminent authority. And Prof. Lewis M. Terman, in his treatise, entitled, "The Hygiene of the Child." says that out of 20 million school children in this country. 18 million treatise. country, 18 million are affected by disease of the mouth and teeth which undermines their health and progress.

Decayed and neglected teeth cause indigestion and mental backwardness. Tooth-troubles may affect the heart, the eyes and ears—in fact, all our faculties are weakened by discased teeth and a neglected mouth. "A decaying tooth, unpleasant as it may sound.

Diseased tonsils or a neglected Diseased tonsils or a neglected mouth is not a joke. It is a constant menace to your health. There is no real excuse, except neglect and indifference. Once your teeth are in order you can keep them that way—for remember this—decay does not start on a clean tooth.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT 124,002.68 Massachusetts Mutual Life

Insurance Company of Springfield, in the state of Manuschusetts, on the Jist day of December, 1917, made to the Issurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law: 12,329.84

Amount of capital stock paid Income. Total premium income.....\$ 14,619,930.66
Interest, dividends and rents
received during the year....\$ 4,600,074.03
Income from other sources received during the year....\$ 1,000,235.74 Total income 20,235,262,83

Disbursements.

Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values

Dividends paid to policyholders during the year.

Taxes, liconses and salaries paid during the year.

Amount of all other expenditures.

Total income

Disbursements.

\$ 20,235,262,53

\$ 260,120,70

2,910,875,49

2,274,566.52

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Net reservo \$ 87.050.688.08 Total policy cialms unpaid ... 208.008.49 All other liabilities 6.701.825.08

Total insurance written during the year \$ 747,200.00
Gross promiums received during the year 204.381.65
Premiums returned during the \$4,819.75

\$4,519 TS 55,849.00

MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSUR-ANCE COMPANY.

By WHEELER H. HALL, Secretary, Statutory resident general agent and at-torney for service, H. G. Colton, Portland, Oregon.