TORNADO RAMPANT, FIFTEEN KILLED

Depew and Key West, Okla., Destroyed, and Rivers Are Torrents.

TWISTERS COME IN SWARM

Five Seen at Same Time Before Great One Comes—Deluge Cuts Off Escape—House Rolled Over by Tornado.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 29.—At least 15 people were killed tonight in a tornado that devastated the Oklahoma towns of Key West and Depew. Forty or more were injured.

At least ten were killed in Key West. The last figure is confirmed by a number of people who fled from the storm. Five are dead at Depew. The tornado swept over a wide stretch of farming country. Wires are down and many rumors of death and destruction are circulated, but cannot be confirmed tonight.

Town Destroyed; Ten Dead.

Following the wind came a deluge of rain. Floods then added to the terrible situation. The wreckage of Key West soon was overwhelmed by the rising waters. Practically nothing was left of the town of 200 inhabitants. Rescuers hastened to the place, but could not cross Salt Creek, which had become a raging torrent. A few inhabitants of Key West crossed the stream before the rise made it impassable. They confirm reports that at least ten negroes were killed and twice that number injured. Among the injured is a young woman named Brace. She was in the postoffice when the building was blown away. She was seriously hurt.

The residence of J. I. Hart was demolished after being rolled over a half dozen times with the occupants inside. Every member of the family was injured. Mrs. Hart's back was broken. A little girl's leg was wrenched from her thigh and Hart and two children were seriously injured.

Depew was destroyed by a double twister that formed after striking Key West. It then pushed northeast presumably spending its force a few miles further on.

Whole Swarm of Twisters.

At an early hour this afternoon was witnessed a most unusual phenomenon. Small tornadoes rapidly followed one another. They rose high into the air, circulated about and dipped. As many as five were observed during the display. The little tornadoes had spent their force when the big one came along at 5 o'clock. Preceding and following were terrific rain and hail storms. The streets of Stroud and Sapulpa soon were veritable rivers.

A newspaper man tried at 10 o'clock tonight to reach Key West, but was turned back by the high waters. At 11 o'clock he started for Depew. Not a wire was working in that part of the state.

SEVEN ARE KILLED IN DAKOTA

More Than 20 Injured—Town of Lindon Wiped Out.

ST. PAUL, May 29.—Special dispatches state that seven persons are known to have been killed and more than 20 seriously injured by the tornado that swept over Northwestern North Dakota today. At Lindon the residence district was wiped out. Four persons were killed and 20 injured.

JAMESTOWN, N. D., May 29.—Three persons were killed and a number injured by a tornado at Ypsilanti late today. The storm also struck this place, doing much damage. A farmhouse was blown into the James River.

FIRST GRADUATES OF WOODLAND HIGH SCHOOL.

WOODLAND, Wash., May 29.—(Special.)—The Woodland public schools closed a very successful term on May 21. The past year was the first in the High School department and two students were graduated, being Miss Clara Goerig and Claude M. Bozorth. Both of these young people are descendants of two of the pioneer families of the Lewis River Valley.

There was an enrollment of over 200 pupils the past year, and with the opening of the coming term in the new $15,000 school building it is confidently expected that a largely increased attendance will be had. Professor Franks, the principal, has been retained for another year.

ENGAGEMENT IS NEWS TO FAMILY

John D. Spreckels Says He Is Not Opposed to Miss Case, and Has Heard Nothing.

SON NOT SUMMONED BACK

Brother of Young Man Says Claus Is Over 21 and Can Marry as He Wishes—Case Family Has No Definite News.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.—(Special.)—The announcement by cablegram from Paris that Claus Spreckels, Jr., the younger son of John D. Spreckels, had been hastily summoned home by his father because of his engagement to marry Miss Mary Adele Case, of Portland, Or., has created much comment in society circles in this city, but the sensational feature of the story is denied by his brother, John D. Spreckels, Jr.

The latter said today that his brother left for Europe with a tutor four months ago, and wrote to his father recently that he was about to return. He did not announce to his family the news of his engagement to Miss Case.

"My brother is over 21 years of age," said John D. Spreckels, Jr., today "and has a right to marry any one he chooses. Certainly the family can have no objection to the match with Miss Case or any other respectable lady. Miss Case, so far as we are informed, bears an unblemished reputation, so I do not see how any objection can be raised to my brother marrying her.

"He has not been summoned home, so far as I know, and the first intimation we had of the engagement was from the press. Claus is a good boy. He wrote to his father the other day that he was coming home, but did not assign any reason. All we know about the affair is from the newspapers."

MISS CASE IS NOT ENGAGED

Writes Family She Knows Spreckels Only as Good Friend.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—The relatives of Miss Mary Adele Case are indignant over the report of her engagement to young Claus Spreckels, and deny the truth of the rumor. It was learned today that Miss Case has written home of her acquaintance with Mr. Spreckels, and that she has simply known him as a good friend, and there is no engagement or understanding between them. Miss Case leaves Paris June 4 for home and will spend a portion of the Summer in this city.

It is only natural, say the friends of Miss Case here, that she should see something of Mr. Spreckels in Paris. They are both from the Pacific Coast, which makes a bond of common interest. Miss Harriet Case, a sister of the young contralto, stated most emphatically that her sister would certainly have written them of any engagement to the sugar king's son.

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of Oregon does not belong to the drainage of the Columbia River, it being the drainage of Rogue, Umpqua, Siuslaw, Tillamook, Coos, etc., but which no one will dispute is tributary to Portland. This then makes a total of 300,000 square miles as Portland's imperial domain, drawn towards her as irresistibly as the laws of gravitation. By the table given it shows also that less than 20,000 square miles of Washington is left to constitute the drainage system of the Straits of Fuca, Quinault, Chehalis, Willapa and Puget Sound.

The drainage to Puget Sound amounts to less than 9000 square miles, over one-half of which is the mountainous and rugged sides of the Olympic and Cascade ranges. So that it is food for reflection, and of a very indigestible character, for the boastful booster of Puget Sound, that it has less than 4000 square miles of arable lands tributary to the six or seven claimants of that realm, giving them the rather diminutive area of about 700 square miles each, as contrasted with that of Portland with 300,000 square miles.

Manifest destiny has something to say to the wise man in this contrast that I will not mortify the flesh of the Puget Sounder to refer to, rather leaving it to his silent contemplation and prayerful consideration, which will ultimately land him where "no pent-up Utica contracts our powers." CHARLES P. CHURCH.

BARS ARE CLOSED

Philadelphia's Mayor Takes Measure of Precaution.

STREETCARS STILL RUN

Service Is Maintained With Difficulty, However—Company Declares It Will Make No Concessions to Men.

PHILADELPHIA, May 29.—The strike instituted by the conductors and motormen of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company became serious tonight. The company admitted that about 2000 of the 6000 men had quit work. The strikers declare a greater number are out.

Mayor Reyburn ordered all saloons closed at 6 P. M. and to remain closed until 7 A. M. Monday. This is the second time a Mayor of Philadelphia has closed the saloons on account of a streetcar strike.

Trouble was reported tonight in the section known as "Brewerytown." A car was damaged by an explosion believed to have been caused by dynamite placed on the track. The city was virtually tied up at midnight as far as car service was concerned.

Strike for Bigger Advance.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the strike was hastened through the action of the company in raising the wages of the men 1 cent an hour, from 21 to 22 cents. This was done about two weeks ago, and the increase is to go into effect July 1. Prior to the announcement of the increase in wages the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company became the storm center of general protest by abolishing six-for-a quarter tickets and adopting a straight 5-cent fare rate. This matter is now before the State Railroad Commission.

The leaders of the union took advantage of the situation and began agitating for an increase in wages and better conditions. Their demands were for 25 cents an hour, 9 or 10 hours' straight work, instead of splitting up the day, the privilege of buying uniforms in the open market, and the adjustment of minor grievances.

The company, having already increased wages, ignored the union's demand, says there will be no compromise and will not recognize the union.

Car Wrecked by Mob.

Disorder of a minor character has been reported from different sections of the city. At Fifty-second street and Girard avenue, an abandoned car was partly wrecked by boys and men. One policeman accompanied each West Philadelphia car in the early hours, but when reports of minor disturbances began coming to police headquarters, two policemen were put on each car.

EVANSVILLE SERVICE POOR

Carmen's Strike Cripples Ability of Company to Keep Schedules.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., May 29.—With only a half-dozen old employes manning cars, the Evansville & Southern Indiana Traction Company began service this morning after the strike declared last night by the carmen. Strikebreakers rode on all cars. The service was irregular and few people rode. No disorders were reported. The carmen hope yet to win over the remainder of the old men.

SEA MYSTERY CLEARED?

WRECK OF H. M. S. CONDOR IS REPORTED DISCOVERED.

Vessel Disappeared in Gale of December, 1901, Drowning 140 Members of Crew.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 29.—The news brought from the west coast of Vancouver Island of the finding of wreckage and indications that the submerged wreck of H. M. S. Condor has been located off Long Beach has been telegraphed to the British Admiralty, and the naval officials at Esquimalt are awaiting instructions as to whether an investigation will be made.

The scene of the alleged discovery is in the open ocean, about 14 miles east of Clayoquot. The bay, which stretches for several miles with a sandy beach which hollows gradually to the seaboard, is located eight miles from Amphitrite Point, where the wreck of the British ship Pass of Melfort lies under the cliffs at the western entrance to Barkley Sound.

Soundings taken from a launch on a fine day would show whether the sunken object from which the naval spar broke and drifted ashore was a hull, and on a good day, when the ground swell was not too heavy, a diver could go down from a vessel to make investigations.

Captain Boyd, of the steamer Aymeric, now in port, says that he commanded the British ship Springbank and was near the Condor during the great gale of December 3, 1901, and sighted the Condor with distress signals flying. His vessel was unable to get to her assistance, having a hard time to weather the terrific weather, and not only the Condor, with 140 men, but the steam collier Mattewan was sunk. The story disposes of the theory that the Condor and the Mattewan collided and foundered together.

HIS WIFE POISONED

Bennet, of Los Angeles, Accused of Murder.

STRYCHNINE IN STOMACH

Exhumed Body Proves Falsity of Charge That Chile Con Carne Caused Death, Though Backed by a Damage Suit.

LOS ANGELES, May 29.—Harper E. Bennett, a local real estate man, was arrested today and is now in the county jail, charged with murder, on information filed by the District Attorney.

Mrs. Eugenia Thompson Bennett died on February 12 and a Coroner's jury decided that her death was due to ptomaine poising from eating chile con carne purchased at a local grocery. Bennett brought suit for $50,000 damages against Royiston's Grocery Company, where the chile con carne was purchased.

Ten days ago the District Attorney caused the body of Mrs. Bennett to be exhumed and placed in the hands of two physicians and chemists of this city. The report of the physicians, it was said by the District Attorney today, was that strychnine had been found in the stomach of the woman in sufficient quantities to kill.

It is alleged that Bennett caused the body to be given extra heavy embalming, on the plea that he would take it East for burial and that he then had it buried in Evergreen Cemetery here.

DEAF MUTES TO BE GUESTS

Superintendent Clarke Invites Inspection of State School.

VANCOUVER, Wash., May 29.—(Special.)—About 50 deaf mutes from different parts of the State of Washington will spend Sunday, Monday and Tuesday as guests of the State School for the Deaf in this city. They will come at the special invitation of Thomas P. Clarke, superintendent of the school.

The object of calling the convention is to acquaint the guests with the state school, its equipment, what is taught here and what the school aims to accomplish, and to make it clear to all of them that the school is not a charitable institution, but is a part of the public school system of the state. Because of the fact that many think it is a charitable institution, many deaf boys and girls are not sent here. Superintendent Clarke desires to have this erroneous impression corrected.

A state organization of the deaf will be formed to further their own interests and bring them closer together.

Twenty-five members of organizations in Spokane and other parts of the Inland Empire will attend the convention and afterwards take in the A-Y-P Exposition at Seattle and visit Portland during the Rose Festival. P. L. Axling, president of the Spokane society and editor of the Northwest Farmer, will make the principal address by the sign language for the delegates from Eastern Washington. The other accredited delegates from Spokane are Claire M. Reeves and A. E. Arnot. Fifteen others from Spokane will attend the convention as visitors.

NEW EVIDENCE AT OMAHA

Police Find Mutilated Bills on Suspects Arrested for Robbery.

OMAHA, May 29.—What is regarded as the strongest bit of evidence against the three men now under arrest for the Union Pacific train robbery is the finding upon them of certain mutilated bills which a Western bank was sending to Washington for redemption.

The hearing of the three suspects has been set for June 2, the first date having been postponed.

Spokane Suspects Released.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 29.—A. O. Olmsted and John Bellups, arrested here on suspicion of being the men who held up the Great Northern mail train May 16, were released today, the train crew declaring these men were not the right men.

BIDS ON FIVE DESTROYERS

Will Have Turbine Engines, Travel 30 Knots, Burn Oil.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Bids for the construction of five torpedoboat-destroyers authorized by the last Naval appropriation bill, were opened at the Navy Department today. The vessels are to be of 742 tons trial displacement, and will have a speed of about 30 knots. It is probable all the boats will be constructed on the Atlantic Coast. They will be equipped with turbine engines and will burn fuel oil.

The Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company of Newport News, Va., submitted the lowest bid, which was for one destroyer at $629,000.

CITY'S IMPERIAL DOMAIN

Not Less Than 300,000 Square Miles the Territorial Dominion.

PORTLAND, May 29.—(To the Editor.)—You were too modest by half in giving Portland's territorial dominion in your excellent editorial of the 28th. By reference to the pamphlet issued by the Government in 1906, entitled "The North Pacific Coast Drainage," on page 18 will be found as follows: "The Columbia and its tributaries drain a total area of 259,000 square miles, distributed as follows:

Oregon	56,270
Washington	48,000
Idaho	81,380
Montana	25,020
Nevada	5,250
Wyoming	5,270
British Columbia	38,700
Total	259,000

As will be seen, some 40,000 square miles

OAKS IS THROWN OPEN

MANY NEW ATTRACTIONS AT AMUSEMENT RESORT.

Crowd Braves Rain and Gives Liberal Patronage to Concessions of Popular Park.

Not even rain nor the discomforts of a semi-Spring night could detract from the enthusiasm of the big crowd in attendance at the opening of The Oaks last night. The attractive grounds were ablaze with myriads of colored lights, while Donatelli's Italian band discoursed good music. The musical programme was especially interesting, consisting of nine numbers of varied range, including four special solos, which were particularly well received. Monsieur Cioppi's baritone solo, and the numbers by Messrs. Muscente and Macario were pleasing.

The various concessions with their brilliantly lighted and decorated fronts, resembled in appearance a replica of our famous Trail. Many new attractions have been added this year to the already lengthy list of the preceding seasons. Among the new offerings is a moving picture theater, Sibley's Museum, containing all sorts of fascinating things usually not found elsewhere, and a suggestive creation, entitled "From Fairyland to Hell."

The old mill has been revived and has had many new features added to its channel, the chutes, tickler and figure eight were in working order, and a steady stream of patrons kept the ticket taker at the skating rink busy.

The crowd was a most optimistic and cheerful one, despite the falling drops, and the concessions and grillroom were well patronized.

Plans are under way to make Wednesday and Thursday of Rose Festival week a carnival of good things, with an especial feature offering of Pain's celebrated fireworks display from a barge on the Willamette.

HOOD RIVER CALLS FOR AID

Berrypickers Badly Needed, and Growers Fear Big Loss.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Berries ripening and no pickers is still the story at Hood River. Growers are anxiously meeting each train and boat in the hope of getting help for the rush of berry picking which is near at hand.

Showers yesterday and this morning have been succeeded by warmer weather, and it is said by strawberry men that the fruit will now come on with a rush. Dispatches are being sent to towns in the eastern part of the state asking that notices be posted informing residents of the need of help, and towns in the Willamette Valley are also being notified. It is hoped that Monday will see a large number of pickers arrive, as many claim that berries will have to go unpicked if help does not arrive.

Brunswicks Win Bowling Title.

NEW YORK, May 29.—The Brunswick bowlers of New York, holders of the championship title, defeated the Thompson F. Colls, of Chicago, ex-champions, tonight in the first three games of a nine-game world championship series at the Madison Square Garden tournament. The score was 2712 to 2618.

WIDOW SUES MAN SLAYER

Demands $7500 Damages for Death of Husband, Killed by Ryan.

PENDLETON, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Damages in the sum of $7500 are demanded of Mike Ryan, in a suit filed here this afternoon, by Mrs. H. E. Dixon, widow of the man Ryan killed last week.

Ryan is one of the wealthy ranchers of the county and, being a bachelor, has no one dependent upon him. The man he killed left a widow and five small children in destitute circumstances. Under these conditions the attorneys feel and the belief is general that if the case ever gets to a jury the aged bachelor will be called upon to pay the sum demanded.

The killing is characterized as malicious and unprovoked. A larger sum would have been sued for but for the fact that $7500 is the value placed upon a human life by the Oregon law.

FINDS LAWYER NECESSARY

Railroad Contractor Gives Up Idea of Being Own Counsel.

HILLSBORO, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Josephine Case, teacher in the public schools here, and wife of the County School Superintendent, has sued A. J. McCabe for timber alleged to have been cut and destroyed by the defendant on her land.

McCabe was to have answered today in order to get his defense into Circuit Court. He appeared today, but said that he would not answer the case and that he needed no attorney. When told that it would require an answer to protect his rights, he objected, but finally procured the services of an attorney. Mr. McCabe says this is the first time he has been sued while acting as a railroad contractor, and he begins to understand that attorneys are sometimes needful.

Theodore Roosevelt's Nurse.

NEW YORK, May 29.—Mrs. Dora Watkins, who was Theodore Roosevelt's nurse from the time he was born until he was sent away to school, died here today at the age of 68 years. Mrs. Watkins always claimed to be the "original Roosevelt woman," she having known that he would become President from her earliest association with him. When he was 2 years old, Mrs. Watkins said he was so bright that she was certain he would become President.

MANY NOTED TRAVELERS

China Steamer Also Brings $2,000,000 Cargo and Swarm of Chinese.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 29.—With 116 saloon passengers, including many notable travelers, and 1400 tons of cargo, worth nearly $2,000,000, and 528 Chinese, of whom two-thirds are for Cuba, Mauritius and Mexico, the Empress of China, Captain Archibald, reached port today from Hongkong and way ports.

Admiral Sir Henry H. Rawson, retiring Governor of New South Wales, his son and daughter, the Marquis of Linlithgow, who recently succeeded to the titles and estates of his father, the Earl of Hopetown; Vicomte de Marsay and Vicomte du Halgouet, French noblemen and wives; Sir George Errington and Lady Errington, Sir Robert Tooth and Lady Tooth, Bishop Moule, of South China; Admiral Hewitt, R. N., and the Misses Dunsmuir, daughters of Lieutenant-Governor Dunsmuir, were among the many notable travelers included in the long saloon list.

W. T. R. Preston, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Japan, transferred to Holland, will sail by the Chiyo Maru, bound to San Francisco, on Monday next.

AT THE HOTELS.

Hotel Portland—J. L. Sewell, Worcester; H. K. Dent, Seattle; F. E. Clark, Boston; W. F. Kamelback, Lewiston; J. B. Smith, San Francisco; L. Pinkeres, Cleveland; F. L. Betts, San Francisco; C. R. Green and wife, Aberdeen; S. M. Hirschberg, Chicago; J. Reisenberg, New York; C. A. Miller, Philadelphia; I. M. Anderson, Aurora; W. C. and S. A. Barrett, Oakland; G. E. Youle, Seattle; E. H. Entwistle, Pittsburg; R. G. Calbreath, Seattle; A. Eisenberg, Jr., San Francisco; Mrs. D. H. Leadbard, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wheeler, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lombard, Kansas City; G. H. Baker, Boston; P. Pierce, Los Angeles; J. Mara, New York; W. L. White, San Francisco; Mrs. N. Blockerlock, New York; J. A. Cowan, St. Louis; A. A. Smith, Root; H. D. White, New York; A. L. Passd, Chicago; D. Carmber, St. Joe; F. E. Gobusky, San Francisco; E. J. Bussey, Omaha; H. H. Dalton, New York; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Zellinger, D. H. Chried, L. A. Blackinton, New York; M. H. Arneson, Seattle; E. P. Mossman, City; E. Rhodes Mohler, B. J. Groyuns, Hood River; J. H. Keehler, Wausau; H. G. Miller and wife, Kalispel; T. Hall, A. Loeffler, Chicago; R. Loveridge, Philadelphia; W. F. Collins, New York; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson, Cascade Locks; D. Dallas Hare, Pittsburg; William Pigott, Seattle; C. M. Weatherwax, Aberdeen; W. L. Caw, Raymond; J. M. Lawrence, Roseburg; Mary E. Quinn, Chicago; G. L. Hanaman, Eugene; E. Friedman, New York.

The Oregon—R. M. Schmidt, Seattle; D. P. Murphy, San Francisco; Clarence Fogg, Oakland; T. C. Cutler, Washington, D. C.; A. J. Hall, McCormick; J. N. Haig and wife, Vindiel; J. S. Slack, Portland; W. J. Dromody, O. B. Hinsdale, Gardiner; E. King, wife and children, Los Angeles; J. Perry and wife, San Francisco; B. Day, J. E. Winstanley, city; L. Hodgen, Pendleton; C. Peterson, Denver; F. W. Schmidt, wife and children, Astoria; J. C. Allen, New York; E. P. Strickland, George E. Beloit, Chicago; T. H. Cooper, city; W. B. Jerome, Kay McKay, John C. Mininger, Seattle; L. E. Yerunde, Tacoma; M. T. O'Connell, Winlock; Axtel Schott, Chicago; Isaac Baum, wife and daughter, Spokane; C. C. Miller, Fort Wayne; Roland S. Peters, San Francisco; S. J. Sweet and wife, New York; W. R. Beach, Seattle; C. R. Suffron, Spokane; W. E. Jones, San Francisco; W. S. McCausland, Miss McCausland, Oakland; John E. Hess and wife, Walter E. Hess, Mildred Hess, George W. Hess, Uniontown; J. T. Scott, Walla Walla; W. B. Jervalle, Chicago; H. F. Duryea, San Francisco; D. Heyman, Boston; D. Ben Baplugie, San Francisco; Miss S. Louise Height, Miss H. H. Height, Rome, N. Y.; E. Davis, San Francisco; Eugene De Pinz, Hood River; F. L. Dunning, C. V. Indersenden, Chicago; M. Lerinson, San Francisco; Sherwin Swank, Annaville; H. P. Collins, L. P. Peyman, New York; R. C. Roland and wife, Olympia; J. C. Allen, Chicago; T. C. McNamara and wife, North Yakima; C. Volk, Wichita; Miss F. B. Hatch, Salem; Jacob Banning and wife, Salem; H. M. Alden, San Francisco; R. R. Howe, New York; H. Nathan, J. W. King, San Francisco; M. W. Hauck, Tacoma; Otta S. Greenbaum, Seattle; John Anisfield, Cleveland; B. K. Lawson, Cottage Grove; J. W. O'Brien, Colorado Falls; E. K. Darts, H. Parker, San Francisco; W. D. Hopkins, Seattle; L. M. Cohen and son, Omaha; W. A. Reid and wife, W. H. Hoover, Kansas City; R. B. Brierly, Seattle; J. M. Christy, Des Moines; B. Williams and wife, Tacoma; F. V. McAllister, Grand Junction.

The Perkins—E. C. Hitchcock, New York; H. T. Young, Tacoma; W. T. Perkins, Salem; Rev. A. Beers, Seattle; W. Kennedy and family, Rainier; Miss E. M. Green, Turner; George W. Rainier, Butte; W. M. Bell, McMinnville; M. H. Wright and wife, Stockdale; Victor Hatter, Grumam; W. A. Cox, Florence; Mrs. Himpel, Ramona, Himpel, Mrs. A. F. Myers, Clatskanie; F. A. Larson and wife, W. R. Parker, Spokane; A. G. Beals, Salem; D. Lincoln, Milford Center; G. A. Starrett, Sheldore; F. Weigel, The Dalles; J. W. Bell and wife, Modesto; M. Allen, Pendleton; Miss J. Deane, Centralia; E. Sandberg, Thomas Biegaard, Tacoma; W. H. Grassmeyer, Kearney; H. E. Dove, Lansing; F. S. Norton, Algona; F. E. Booth, Chicago; H. H. Parent, San Francisco; Mrs. V. Opdyke, Grants Pass; R. W. Haskens and wife, Ouray; W. Bain, H. N. Dovery, Albany; A. Kohn, New York; C. N. Butterworth and wife, Harry Butterworth, Seattle; E. R. Fenton, Detroit; William Cunningham, Edgewood; Mrs. N. V. Plum, Hastings, Neb.; K. C. Jones, Los Angeles; T. A. Lindstrom, Salem; Mrs. C. Hansen, Miss E. Hansen, Clatskanie; A. W. Olinger, Kearney; A. M. Fanning, Sheridan; C. M. Beasen, Ogden; W. Patterson, Hillsboro; J. E. Sullivan, Cedar Mill; C. A. Ramstead, Hoquiam.

The Imperial—L. H. Bates, Salem; H. R. Harris, Forest Grove; Mrs. A. H. McKean, A. M. Patterson, Tacoma; Dr. T. Ball, 1909; Mrs. A. T. Striker and baby, Wasco; J. C. Cooper and wife, Independence; J. B. Van Houten, Seaside; Mrs. A. I. Trumbus, Dallas; W. E. Dempsey, Hoquiam; Laura Pullman, Jackson; M. White, St. Helens; W. A. Bardek, St. Helens; R. H. Lloyd, Elgin; F. S. Hoff, Goldendale; J. H. Small, city; P. W. Wyman, Weston; E. McKnight, Langdon; Mrs. G. H. Derrborn, Grants Pass; Mrs. J. D. D. Shampter, Pasadena; A. F. McClellan, Spokane; F. Eden, Heppner; Mrs. H. W. Pauling, A. Binsheimer, Condon; Miss P. Doughty, Monmouth; Mrs. J. P. Doughty, Monmouth; B. F. Jones, Independence; J. B. Horner, Corvallis; J. L. Page and wife, Eugene; O. C. Wolfe, Springfield; E. Sheppard, Sheppard; O. C. Wolfe, Springfield; J. R. Williams and wife, Seaside; J. Thompson, Klamath; F. N. Skinner and wife, Newberg; G. S. Snider, Pennsylvania; M. Weddell, South Bend; J. K. Cheney, La Grande; J. N. Black, La Grande; G. Rinestaker, city; J. E. Reynolds, Arlington; J. F. Wehren, wife and daughter, Woodburn; Mrs. G. A. Holmes, Sacramento; Miss E. Hall, Ontario; Mrs. J. W. Hurt, Madras; F. B. Golden and family, Maxville; E. S. Waterman, Walla Walla; F. A. Seufert, The Dalles; G. A. Ahrens, Spokane; A. M. Pope and wife, Hood River; T. H. Lucas, Jr., Baker; V. A. Miller, Detroit.

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of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, on the 31st day of December, 1908, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up	$ 300,000.00
Income.	
Premiums received during the year	1,898,337.73
Interest, dividends and rents received during year	400,624.77
Income from other sources received during year	612,063.26
Total income	$2,911,025.76
Disbursements.	
Paid to policyholders during the year	$ 450,864.54
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	50,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	385,253.90
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	89,938.11
Amount of all other expenditures	122,718.85
Total expenditures	$ 1,098,775.30
Assets.	
Market value of real estate owned	$ 200,000.00
Market value of stocks and bonds owned	4,942,767.23
Loans on mortgages and collaterals, etc.	2,526,482.58
Premium notes and policy loans	633,784.48
Cash in banks and on hand	288,320.11
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	195,172.88
Other assets (net)	57,228.62
Total admitted assets	$ 8,864,946.40
Liabilities.	
Net reserves	$ 7,624,833.54
Total policy claims	49,558.40
All other liabilities	141,181.24
Surplus assigned and unassigned and capital stock	1,049,371.22
Total liabilities	$ 8,864,946.40
Total insurance in force December 31, 1908	$44,320,390.07
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total risks written during the year	$ 227,406.90
Gross premiums received during the year	12,618.42
Losses paid during the year	3,255.00
Losses incurred during the year	3,255.00
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1908	367,862.00

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By ROBERT D. LAY, Secretary.

Statutory resident general agent and attorney in fact: JNO. A. CARSON, Salem, Or.