

METHODS OF COMPANY ARE AIRED

PRSEIDENT OF INSURANCE COMPANY STILL IS ON THE STAND.

BIG SUMS WERE DEPENDED

In One Year Sum of \$870,000 Was Paid Out in "Expenses" Out of a Total of \$1,370,000 Collected in Premiums.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—In a hearing yesterday before Master in Chancery Zeisler on the company's application for an injunction to restrain Gustave Meyer from circulating literature attacking the financial soundness of the National Life Insurance Co. of the United States of America, Albert M. Johnson, president of the company admitted of the premiums amounting to \$1,370,000 collected in 1906, \$870,000 was paid out as expenses and that the holders of matured policies received only \$500,00.

D. K. Tone, attorney for Myers, asked Mr. Johnson on the witness stand:

"Is it not a fact that in the year ending December 31, 1905, the company spent \$600,000 in getting \$394,000 in premiums on new business—new policies?"

"That may be, but it always involved large expense to get new business."

"Is it not a fact that you collected in premiums for the year 1906 about \$1,370,000; that of this sum \$870,000 was paid out as expenses and that all the holders of matured policies got was \$500,000?"

"Yes, I believe that's correct."

"In your reports issued between January 1, 1903 and December 31, 1905, the valuation of the National Life Building (a skyscraper in Chicago) was marked up about \$600,000, from \$2,438,000 to \$3,000,000, the average marking up being about

\$200,000 a year. Why was that done?"

"Because the property appreciated just that much."

"Did the company improve the building?" asked Mr. Zeisler.

"No," said Johnson.

"Is it not a fact," said Mr. Tone, "that an impending deficit of \$496,000 in the company's business in 1905 was converted into an apparent surplus of \$104,103 by tagging on the \$600,000 to the value of the building?"

"Well, if that building had not appreciated we might have cut down the operating expenses."

On the topic of the alleged disappearance of funds Mr. Tone put the question to the witness:

"In your 1906 report the receipts from all sources are given as \$3,000,000 and the expenses as \$2,700,000. Yet the surplus was only \$50,000. Now, what became of the \$250,000 here unaccounted for?"

After some hesitation, during which Mr. Tone accused him of being an unwilling witness and striving to evade giving an answer, Mr. Johnson said he could not explain except on the theory that there were additional expenses, of agents in getting new business and that those items had to be "ritten off."

"If you would let me explain," he added, I should say that it is inevitable that large expenses be incurred by a growing, new company, our company being practically new after the reorganization of 1903-04 in a campaign for new business."

After listening to arguments Mr. Zeisler ruled that all books showing receipts and disbursements must be produced, "To explain apparent losses, if they are explicable."

COURT VS. COUNTRY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Honduras has been allowed an extension of 25 days by the Cartago, Costa Rica Court of justice, in which to prepare her case in substantiation of the charges that she made last Summer that Salvador and Guatemala were promoting the revolution in Honduras. Honduras wanted three months extension, but Guatemala objected and the court compromised on 25 days. Within thirty days after this limit a decision will be made.

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ASTORIA HIGH COMES HOME ELATED

TEAM WAS TRIED OUT FINELY AND THE BOYS MADE A GREAT SHOWING.

The Astoria High School football team returned home last night by train, and the boys were met at the station by many friends. In more than one way the trip has been a remarkably fine one and it has demonstrated that the High School has the material for a rattling good eleven. The three games of the week have put them on their mettle and it should prove a safe forecast to say that in the rest of the games scheduled for this season the Astoria High can be depended upon to show up in surprisingly fine shape. It looks as if the school really has the making of an eleven that the town can well be proud of.

Despite the three gruelling games of the one week the eleven arrived home last night in reasonably good shape. There were no bad accidents and Lawrence Rogers, the manager, was the only player to come home limping. He had the knee cap of his right leg thrown out of place during the last half of the Eugene game, but he stayed in the game to the end. Had it not been for this dislocated knee cap Astoria might have won the game, too, for Lawrence had the ball and had won a clear field before him. He was shooting along clear of everybody when the knee cap "went to the bad" again and he went down like a shot.

The Astoria boys say the Salem game was simply a case of 'robbery.' Everything was taken from them! This game should have been theirs, they are willing to aver.

Captain Abercrombie apparently is to be congratulated for the way he took the raw eleven and put them into shape.

At Eugene the Astoria boys were treated in the nicest manner imaginable, they say. The Astoria boys at the University practically took charge of them and made them very welcome. Much of the "rooting" at the game was for them, too.

Astoria will have a chance to see what the eleven can do, for there are several games scheduled to be played here this fall and winter. Astoria will play Portland Academy here on November 14. On November 21 a game is scheduled with the second Multnomah team at Portland, as a preliminary to the big game of the season between Oregon and O. A. C. Salem is expected to play here on Thanksgiving. On December 5th the second Multnomah eleven will play a return game in Astoria. There has been some correspondence with Aberdeen and Hoquiam, but nothing definite has been reached yet with them.

Financially the week's trip in the valley came out all right. "I think we can defeat any High School eleven in Western Oregon," said the manager last night.

JUST PLAIN LIE.

Zublin Never Advocated Inter-Marriage Of Blacks And Whites.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 31.—Professor Charles Zublin, of Chicago, who was quoted by two Kansas City papers last week as having advocated in a university extension lecture here the inter-marriage of the whites and black races, denies hotly that he ever said anything of the kind.

"It was a plain lie," he said last night, "manufactured to injure one whose views on many social and economic questions do not suit the conventions of men who are getting an undue advantage of society."

"Right in this connection the attention of the thoughtful men and women of this country should be aroused to the great menace to free speech and square dealing in this country. It is those that have special interests or graft to protect who conspire to ruin any man whose ideas are not conventional or safe to those interests."

NURSE IS FINED.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Miss Claire Sillman, the Connecticut nurse who was arrested on a charge of larceny several days ago was yesterday sentenced in the criminal court to pay a fine of \$50 or serve thirty days in jail for the theft of a 25 cent souvenir spoon. She was unable to pay the fine and was sent to jail. Miss Sillman first appeared in Washington October 20.



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THREE LITTLE BOYS IN TROUBLE

STOLE \$10 FROM FISHERMAN, AND FINALLY ARE ROUND-ED UP BY THE POLICE.

Three little boys from Uppertown were before Judge Goodman in the justice court yesterday on a charge of having stolen a \$10 gold piece from James Eleas, a fisherman, and before the boys got through with the proceedings they must have thought that "honesty is the best policy." They were John Flink, John Stanovitch and Johan Avanic. The boys were found guilty, but sentence was suspended against them during good behavior, though their parents had to make good the stolen money.

Eleas has a houseboat, it seems, and the boys have been in the habit of visiting him there, according to their stories. One day recently they went to the boat and found no one at home, and it was an easy matter to gain ingress to the floating residence. In a pair of trousers hanging on the wall Stanovitch found the gold piece, and with it a plug of tobacco. He took both. He thought the money was a two-bit piece, he says. Later they discovered it to be gold, and soon they changed it and each took a share, though it seems that Stanovitch kept a few cents the most. One of the boys bought ducks with his share. Other boys of the neighborhood soon heard of the fabulous sums that the three lads had and soon the police heard of the money in the hands of the miscreants.

In court the lads admitted the crime, or admitted sharing in the proceeds. Each is about a dozen years old.

The testimony tended to show that Eleas the fisherman had perhaps taught the lads to smoke tobacco. He denied vehemently that he had given them strong drink. At the conclusion of the matter Justice Goodman severely lectured the boys

OCEAN, BAR, BAY, DOCK AND RIVER

for their misdeeds, and Mr. Eleas, The French bark Vincennes, laden with wheat for the United Kingdom, is due to arrive down this morning on the lines of the Ocklahoma, and the Harvest Queen should also be down with the Germany ship Dahgill, bound, and loaded likewise.

The Elmore motor schooners Evie and Gerald C. were among the get-aways to Tillamook Bay points, loaded to the scuppers.

The State of California, with fine business of all kinds, left out yesterday morning early, for California.

The fine O. R. & N. steamer Potter is doing a good business daily on the Hassalo run.

The Lurline made it down in fair time last evening, and went up with the following named people: Mrs. J. M. A. Laue, A. Von Jessen, Fred Walter and Thomas Galvin.

The steamer Hercules arrived down from the quarries yesterday morning with a couple of rock barges. She looks none the worse for her recent clash with the Hassalo.

The American barkentine J. M. Griffith cleared and sailed yesterday for Guaymas, Mexico, with her big cargo of lumber.

The steamer South Bay was among the departing craft from this port yesterday evening.

The motor sloop Condor came in from Waldport yesterday and kept on her way to Portland.

The motor craft Hoo-Hoo, Captain Kile, is in port, from Portland, and will sail for Tillamook this morning.

the fisherman, also came in for a part of the lecture, for his alleged

action in initiating the boys in the doubtful joys of the pipe and plug. The tug Geo. R. Vosburg arrived in from the Nehalem, and is loading supplies and stores of all kinds for railway use, at the A. & C. docks, and will sail tomorrow.

The schooners Sausaleto and Oregon are both loading at Tillamook for the Bay City.

The steamer Homer arrived down and left out yesterday morning for San Francisco.

The steamer Alliance is due to sail this morning for the Coos country, as usual.

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