

DEPOSIT LAW IS A SAFFEGUARD

Fire Insurance Underwriters, However, Deny Authorship of Circular Letter.

PRESENT LAWS KEEP OUT WILDCAT COMPANIES

California Now Sees Error of Her Insurance Code and Is Changing Laws to Conform With Oregon Requirements.

Should Portland be swept by a great conflagration similar to that which visited San Francisco property-owners here would not have half the trouble collecting their insurance money as did the people of the Bay city.

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Was a Deposit Kept. While the Portland board of underwriters disclaims all responsibility for the circular letter, stating its purpose to fight the bill to repeal the law requiring a \$50,000 deposit of insurance companies doing business in Oregon, the board, nevertheless, wishes it distinctly understood that it is opposed to the bill.

"The board," said Mr. Deering, "considers the letter very ill-advised and would not for a moment favor any such proposition. We believe, however, that the deposit is for the benefit of the people. At the present time," continued the insurance man, "there is not a single reliable fire insurance company doing business in the state. Withdraw the deposit and you do not bring in more than four or five more reputable companies, while the disreputable ones will come in without number. The state is full of wilicat insurance companies. In case of a great conflagration, what action could the people get on small companies who wished to withdraw without paying. None, that was proven by the experience of San Francisco.

Cannot Be Insured. "It has been said by those who favor the repeal that there are firms which cannot get sufficient insurance from the companies now active. The fact is, when a firm cannot get insurance within the state, the law allows it to go out of the state to get it. I only know of one firm that cannot get all the insurance it wants. That is the W. P. Fuller company. The case is a peculiar one. In the first place, many companies do not like the paint and oil business. Then Fuller has had so many fires. No, the change might slightly depress rates, but cheap insurance means cheap adjustments and is never any cheaper in the end.

The board of underwriters has issued a letter setting forth its attitude on the proposed legislation, as follows:

Discrimination. The insurance fraternity of Portland, better known as the Portland board of fire underwriters, desires unanimously to disclaim authorship, as well as all knowledge, of a certain anonymous circular letter advocating drastic measures to prevent the repeal of the so-called deposit law of the state of Oregon.

We believe that the deposit law is a good one and of material benefit and protection to the people of this state, as a law-abiding citizen, knowing that the majority should rule, and confident of the wisdom of our legislators, we would not for a moment wish to make any effort to influence legislation or to thwart the will of the people. Today the great majority of the fire insurance companies of recognized standing and solvency in the United States are already doing business in this state; the unreliable and the weakling mostly have been turned away.

We desire to place ourselves on record as being in favor of any law or record that will bring the state of Oregon to the greatest number of our fellow citizens, but we note that the disaster of San Francisco has resulted in a decided effort to place upon the statute books of the state of California a deposit law or some protected measure against irresponsible insurance companies.

Milwaukee Country Club. Eastern and California races. Take Ballwood and Oregon City cars at First and Alder.

STEALS GOLD FROM BUREAU OF EMPLOYER. Young Italian Has a Brief Good Time, but is Landed in City Prison.

Alberto Salani, a young Italian laborer, was taken into custody at the union depot at 11 o'clock last night by Detectives Mallett and Hill and booked at the city prison on a charge of burglary. Salani is accused of having stolen \$40 in gold and a watch chain valued at \$25 from Leo Perry, residing at 423 1/2 Main street.

Salani secured employment on Perry's farm and during the absence of the family stole \$40 from a bureau drawer. He came to town with the money stolen and purchased a new suit of clothes, a pair of shoes and a hat. Emboldened by his success in avoiding detection, the alleged thief returned to his employer's residence and while rummaging one of the rooms for more plunder was surprised by Perry, who heard the thief at work and had armed himself with an ax. Salani bolted the door as Perry approached and escaped by leaping through an open window.

Detectives Mallett and Hill were detailed on the case by Inspector Bruin and upon the description furnished by Perry located Salani at the depot as he was about to purchase a ticket. The prisoner was positively identified by Perry.

In the municipal court this morning Salani entered a plea of not guilty and the case was continued until Tuesday to allow him an opportunity of securing counsel. The money and watch and chain were found in his possession when searched at the city prison.

DANCE AND SING IN HONOR OF IMMORTAL BOBBIE

Scotch Lads and Lassies Make Merry Until the Wee Sma' 'Oors Ayout the Twae.

If the shade of the immortal Bobbie Burns had stalked into Arion hall last night during Chas. Macleay's celebration of the one hundred and forty-eighth anniversary of his birth, he might have rubbed his eyes and wondered if through some Titanic force the map of the world had not been changed and Scotland suddenly shifted to Oregon.

Everything was distinctly Scotch from the decorations to the bottles, and in a right royal manner did the "braw



Robert Burns.

lads and bonnie lassies" of Portland do honor to the memory of the great poet. The evening was devoted to vocal and instrumental music, with Highland dances and the enthusiasm of the immense crowd knew no bounds at this latter feature.

Miss H. Ithelen Lawler, Mrs. Walter Reed, Mrs. Lulu Dahl Miller, J. Adrian Epping and Professor J. S. Carrick of Newberg were the soloists and the Treble Clef club and Everest's orchestra furnished the instrumental music. Pipe major J. H. MacDonald donned his kilts and rendered some excellent selections on the bagpipes.

Messrs. Robertson, Hood, Bennie and Stewart tripped off a Highland reel in a manner that evoked a storm of applause and called for a number of encores. J. D. Murray, a clever dialect reader, rendered several of Burns' poems and proved to be one of the favorites of the evening. All of the singers were in excellent voice and a duet, "Come Under My Plaidie," by Mrs. Reed and Mr. Epping was most pleasing.

For an encore Mr. Epping sang "O Oregon's Gathering" in his own imitable style, to the great joy of the audience. Miss Lawler rendered "Blue Bells of Scotland" in a most pleasing fashion and Mrs. Miller's selections were well taken.

Professor Carrick, whose numbers were among the best of the evening, is a native of Ayrshire, the county in which Burns was born.

At the conclusion of the program the audience clasped hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne," after which the floor was cleared and Highland reels and schottisches were danced until the "wee sma' 'oors ayout the twae."

The committee of arrangements, to whom the success of the entertainment in a great measure is due, was composed of James Carmack, chairman; F. N. Alexander, A. G. Brown, J. Dickson, J. L. Quinn, James Shearer. The floor committee consisted of William Hood, J. L. Quinn and R. D. Renzie.

NEW PHONE COMPANY FAVORED BY FARMERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 28.—The farmers of the Brooks, Chemawa and Lake Labish neighborhoods have formed an incorporation for the purpose of operating a new telephone line. There is a telephone line in that section, but an attractive proposition made by another company is considered advantageous. Articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state by the Chemawa Mutual Telephone company, with a capital stock of \$1,000.

BRIDE AND GROOM ARE THREE SCORE AND NINE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Silveston, Or., Jan. 28.—William H. Stanoff and Mrs. Florence Minter, both of Scotts Mills, were married in this city yesterday by Rev. E. M. Marsters at the latter's home. Mr. Stanoff is 49 years of age and this is his first marriage. The bride is the same age. They will reside at Scotts Mills.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

The question of changing the position of the draw for the proposed new Madison bridge will be taken up by the Port of Portland soon.

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CEMENT CARRIER FROM SAN PEDRO

British Ship Queen Elizabeth Leaves for Portland With Part Cargo.

DEPARTURE A SURPRISE IN SHIPPING CIRCLES

Ice-bound Steamers Will Be Rushed Out of Port in Order to Get Back on Original Schedule as Quickly as Possible.

The British ship Queen Elizabeth left San Pedro this morning for Portland with a cargo of cement consigned to W. F. Fuller & Co. The report, which was received by this merchants' exchange, came as a surprise because the vessel had not been listed as coming here, although she left Europe many months ago. The Queen Elizabeth is under charter to load wheat outward for Europe.

The British bark Glenelch cleared last night for Queenstown or Ealmouth for orders with 152,468 bushels of wheat, valued at \$22,814. She will leave down today in tow of the Harvest Queen. The Glenelch will be followed by the schooner H. J. Lunemann, which has been lying in "dry dock" for several days waiting for the breaking of the ice jam.

The steamers E. A. Kilburn, Roanoke and Geo. W. Elder will sail this evening. The Elder will go direct to San Francisco this trip and return without going to Port Los Angeles, while the Roanoke will make the regular run. The E. A. Kilburn will go to San Francisco and touch at Coos Bay and Eureka. The longshoremen have been very busy filling these steamers with cargo since they got in yesterday morning.

The large British steamer Suveric will sail this afternoon for Siberia via Puget sound ports; where she will take on additional cargo and coal. Her cargo from here consists mainly of wheat. She draws 24 feet aft but will have no trouble getting to sea. The 24 liner Nicomedea left up this morning and will be at Montgomery dock No. 1 at 6 o'clock this evening. The liner Aragonia will shift to Alaska dock this afternoon to give room for the Nicomedea.

HAD EXCITING VOYAGE

Oriental Liner Aragonia Wallowed in Rough Seas.

On her way out to Portland from Japan the oriental liner Aragonia sighted a small vessel since going to Alaska type which evidently had been wrecked in one of the typhoons that raged off the coast about that time. There was no one on board of her, so far as could be made out she had been abandoned in the belief that she would soon go down.

Ever since leaving Portland about two months ago the Aragonia has had an exciting career. On her way out to the orient she ran into a raging typhoon one night with the result that her tiller gear gave way. All night the big four-masted liner lay tossing in the waves barely able to hold her head to the sea by the use of the two propellers. Third Officer Mebusius, while assisting in fixing the tiller cables, received a broken leg and was otherwise injured. He is well again, however, and returned here with the liner. While delivering an assignment of flour at one of the Siberian ports, winter came on in good style and nearly crossed the liner in the lee. It delayed her two days.

Coming this way a series of typhoons was encountered and the coolie sailors had a merry time of it. Several of them became near being washed overboard about midway between the two continents one dark and chilly night when the wind blew so hard that it tore away the fore stay with the result of a canvas topmast schooner was swept over the boat and it was while trying to save the sail that the frothing sea threatened to swallow half a dozen of the olive-headed tars. By making a grand rush for the foremast they saved themselves at the last moment.

The Aragonia's sailors brought three monkeys with them to be disposed of here to the highest bidder. One of them is big enough to be a match for the other two are little bits of fellows. The Chinese guard them carefully in their bamboo cages in the forepeak of the vessel.

DEPTH ON THE BAR

Water Shows an Increase of Two Feet During Past Few Years.

To the Editor of The Journal.—Please let me know how much water there was on the Columbia river bar in 1900 and how much water there is now. Yours truly, J. J. DAVOREN.

The government survey of June, 1900, shows 21 and 32 feet of governing depth on the bar and the survey of June, 1904, shows 24 feet at mean low water. The rise of the tide is about eight feet.

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REINDEER GOOD FOR HIDES AND FLESH

Returned Alaskan Believes, However, They Are Worthless for Transportation.

That reindeer culture in Alaska will solve the Eskimo problem if undertaken for the fur, hides and flesh and not for transportation purposes, is the opinion of Charles Elliott, who has returned from a recent visit to that territory and who left for Minneapolis last night after a short visit in Portland.

Mr. Elliott has made the reindeer subject a study in Alaska and has come to the conclusion that the efforts of the government to raise the fleet-footed animals for sledding power over the snows of that country is destined to fail owing to many adverse conditions.

In the first place dogs are superior to reindeer as draft animals for many reasons. They are easier to handle and less and more easily secured food, require less care and are fleet of foot when in front of a sled than are the reindeer.

"For traveling long distances across the ice and snow fields," said Mr. Elliott, "dogs are the best. They are more easily handled and mind their drivers better than do the deer, which make up their minds to start in a certain direction and are changed into the desired course with difficulty. Again, when reaching a station with a team of dogs meat is always easily procured. The dogs eat their rations and curl up to sleep, waking in the morning fresh for the next day's work. With the reindeer it is different as they have to be led some distance from the town or camp and allowed to forage around for a small ration of moss, sometimes taking the most of the night to appease their hunger. In winter, when they are tired and sluggish when they take up the trail the following day, and on long trips break down if pressed too hard.

The effort of the government to solve the reindeer and Eskimo problem by the deer-raising industry in the hands of Laplanders is about as practical as getting a station with a team of foreigners to make wooden shoes for that purpose are a drunken crew of American consumption," continued Mr. Elliott. "The Laplanders brought primitive methods of handling reindeer are outdated and not practicable to American use. It is true some are becoming wealthy as a result of their business, but the Eskimos are not to benefit from their work, which could be done by white men with profit."

Use Animals in Other Ways. "The use of the reindeer for meat, fur and hides would be a profitable industry and in its completion would solve the Eskimo problem."

Mr. Elliott left last night for the east, where he will deliver a series of illustrated lectures on Alaska. He is from Iowa and since going to Alaska has had his name changed from Charles Elliott Byberg to Charles Elliott on account of the confusion resulting from the difficulty of pronouncing his patronymic.

lower Columbia, will also be the schooner San Buena Ventura.

The steamer Columbia is scheduled to leave San Francisco for Portland today.

The steamer Crusader crossed out this morning bound for Calcutta with a cargo of lumber.

The lower harbor presents a vivid picture these days with a dozen large ocean steamers loading or discharging freight at the various docks.

The machinery will soon be installed on the steam schooner Helden at the Willamette Iron Works when the craft will be given a trial trip on the river.

MARINE NOTES

Astoria, Jan. 28.—Arrived at 8:30 a. m., steamer Thomas L. Wand, from San Francisco. Left up at 8 a. m., schooner Alvina and San Buena Ventura. Arrived down at 5:30 a. m. and sailed at 10:40 a. m., British steamer Crusader, for Calcutta. Arrived down at 9:40 a. m., schooner J. H. Lunemann, sailed for Alaska.

San Pedro, Jan. 28.—Sailed, schooner Melrose, for Columbia river, and British ship Queen Elizabeth, for Portland.

Port Townsend, Jan. 28.—Arrived, schooner Rodolph, Dan, in tow of tug Dauntless, from Astoria.

Astoria, Jan. 28.—Condition of the bar at 8 a. m. smooth; wind, east; weather, clear.

Salem, Jan. 28.—Left up at 12 o'clock, schooner Alcoa McDonald and Brigantine Lurline.

ABERDEEN'S DEBATERS SCORE THIRD VICTORY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Aberdeen, Jan. 28.—The full house greeted the Vancouver and Aberdeen intercollegiate debating teams at the Congregational church last night. The question was as to whether or not subsidies for American ships should be granted.

For Vancouver, Charles McKinlay and Fred Bennett had the negative. For Aberdeen, Florence Sammons and Ralph Callahan had the affirmative. Attorney E. E. Boner was chairman of the meeting.

A verdict of two to one in favor of Vancouver was pronounced by the judge, but the Aberdeen team, by a majority of five, won the question. Aberdeen has won one contest.

DEBATING HONORS WON BY WALLACE G. TRILL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Jan. 28.—The annual oratorical contest at Willamette university was one of the best held by the local college. Wallace G. Trill, a member of the junior class in the law school, was the winner, with an oration on "The March of Democracy." George Simpson spoke on "Webster and the Union," Charles McKnight on "The Advent of Poese" and Jonas Jorstad on "An Appeal to Action." Andrew R. Barker, who represented the university two years ago, presided and presented the prize to the winner. The orations were interspersed with musical selections.

Mr. Trill will represent Willamette university in the state oratorical contest at McMinnville next March.

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PUT MORTGAGE ON TOMORROW

People Who Neglect Child Problems Are Doing This, Says Jacob Rlis.

GIVE BOILER CHANCE TO BLOW OFF STEAM

Lecturer Warns Hearers of Allowing Their Public Schools to Get Under Thumb of the Politicians—Is Heard With Interest.

Jacob A. Rlis of New York, ex-police reporter, whose friendship with President Roosevelt dates from the time when Roosevelt was police commissioner of New York, and unconventional lecturer, talked himself into the hearts of a houseful at the White Temple last evening.

"How to help the small boy who hasn't any show at all" was Rlis' theme. No formal subject was announced and none was needed. The fact that Jacob Rlis was to talk drew the crowd and the two hours passed quickly.

That neglect of the street urchin is "laying a heavy mortgage on tomorrow" is the way Rlis puts it. He told how he became interested in his first "child," who was a street urchin in the windows of St. George's church simply because the stained glass represented law, order, Christianity and everything the gamins felt to be outside his world. Then Rlis told more of his gospel of common sense kindness.

Marring Better Off. How "Tony," his name for any unit in the multitude, lived and breathed the tenement house to a herring barrel, "except that the herring have the advantage of being dead."

A tremendous warning to Portland against allowing its public schools to get under political control was pounded into his hearers by the big, boy man of Danish birth, who beamed at them through his spectacles and swung his arms like flags. Then he drank another class of water—his eighth—and plunged into the topic nearest his heart of all—the right of the boy and girl to play. "Playing is the normal condition of the child," said he. "A small boy is like a boiler with the steam always up; it's justizzling and ready to bust the boiler. So when the boy of the tenement finds a sign 'No ball playing here,' in his 10 by 25 foot back yard and the policeman won't let him play ball on the street, it's no wonder that he runs with the gang. When we read of his beating up a policeman it's simply that the boiler has busted."

"Pay Up, Own Up, Shut Up." Mr. Rlis told of the athletic league of the New York public schools whose membership is now 100,000 and whose motto is, "Pay up, own up, shut up." Incidentally this league has done more to stop cigarette smoking among boys than all the laws ever passed, he declared.

"The right of the boy to play ball is as sacred as the habeas corpus and should be as sacredly preserved," cried Mr. Rlis, finishing his lecture with the question which has perhaps made him better known as a common sense reformer than anything else he has ever said or written.

The Rlis lecture was one of the Y. M. C. A.'s star lecture series.

WHY OSBORNE WANTED HIS WIFE TO GO EAST

William Osborne, who is alleged to have induced his wife and child to take a trip to Tennessee and then eloped from San Francisco with the daughter of J. S. McPherson, was arrested last night by Detectives Jones and Tichenor in a lodging house at 251 East Morrison street, where he has been residing with the woman. The capture was continuous in the police court this morning until Monday, but Osborne has signified his intention of pleading guilty to the charge made.

A Hint

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EARLING A BETTER LISTENER THAN TALKER

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