

**ABOUT INSURANCE**

**MEN WHO INSURE GRAIN ARE NOW BUSY.**

Many People Engaged in the Grain Insurance Business—Life Insurance Men Also Reap a Harvest.

Now is the time of year that the fire insurance agents are going forth into the fields and writing policies on the growing grain. For a certain percentage on the dollar the insurance man tells the farmer that his company will insure grain against the fire monster. If the passing traction engine, used in harvesting and threshing the crop, the carelessly dropped match or cigarette stub sets fire to the dry straw and burns a field of grain the company will make good the loss.

**Insurance Men Numerous.**  
Fort he past two weeks these insurance men have been drifting into Pendleton and Umatilla county and one can hardly turn any way but he is confronted by these individuals. At first they worked in town among the farmers who came in to buy supplies in the fields and work has commenced preparing the golden grain for the market, they are beginning to go forth into the country and mingle with the farmers at their homes. They tell their victims that "all careful farmers insure," and this is becoming more and more to be a fact. The many fires of late years are driving the wheat raiser to take no chances on losing his grain by the fire demon and he takes the first opportunity for insuring. This makes it profitable for the insurance man. The rates for insuring grain in the field are not exorbitant, although quite high.

**Grain Insurance Rates.**  
To insure 25 bushel grain it costs the farmer 75 cents per acre to get \$9.50 on it. Forty bushel grain costs in the neighborhood of \$1.20 per acre to get \$15. This means for a month and includes the time the grain standing in the field, in the sack, or in the warehouse, if it gets this far before the time runs out. After the grain is put in the sack the policy is raised as it becomes more valuable.

**Insurance Costs Something.**  
It costs something for the farmer to insure his grain and it costs the insurance companies something to make the trips into the country to get the business. On the other hand there are many wheat field fires every season. The wheat is dry as chaff, full of natural oil and burns like paper. A passing traction engine, passing by a grain field starts a fire and the result is that some man loses a part of his crop and sometimes all of it. It is the existence of these conditions that makes the business of the fire insurance man profitable. Farmers figure that it is better to spend a little money after their crops are matured and be safe than to take any chances.

**Insurance Men Also Busy.**  
The life insurance man is also doing a lucrative business in the land at the present time and he expects times to get better in his business from now until late in fall. With an immense wheat crop comes plenty of money and with plenty of money comes business for all classes.

**Disaster in Kansas.**  
One can never tell what will happen in Kansas. Sometimes it is a cyclone and sometimes a hatched crusade. Both seem to be taking a rest just now, but a Kansas paper tells what recently happened in that state from borrowing a newspaper. "A man who was too economical to take his home paper, sent his little boy to borrow the copy taken by his neighbor. In haste the boy ran over a \$4 stand of bees and in 10 minutes looked like a warty summer squash. His cries reached his father, who ran to his assistance, and falling to notice a barbed wire fence, ran into that, breaking it down, cutting a handful of flesh from his anatomy, and ruining a \$4 pair of pants. The cow took advantage of the gap in the fence and got into the corn field and killed herself eating green corn. Hearing the racket, the wife ran, upset a 4-gallon churn full of rich cream into a basket of kittens, drowning them; in the hurry she lost a \$7 set of false teeth. The baby, left alone, crawled through the cream and into the parlor, ruining a brand-new \$20 carpet. During the excitement the daughter ran away with the hired man; the dog broke up 11 setting hens, and the calves got out and chewed the tails off four white snirts."

**SIR HIRAM MAXIM'S PLANS.**  
Strong in His Belief of Final Success in Constructing an Airship.  
World's Fair Grounds, St. Louis, July 22.—Sir Hiram Maxim, the famous engineer and inventor, sends word from his London home to President Francis of the World's Fair that he will go to work as soon as his health will permit upon new experiments for a flying machine. Sir Hiram is slowly recovering from an attack of bronchitis and has gone to the south of France for a course of special treatment at one of the baths. He expects to return September 1st. His idea, as is generally known, is a machine which will have either the smallest relation or none at all to a balloon. He firmly believes that an effective machine can be made with which to navigate the air. He has already spent about \$75,000 in experiments and is quite as strong as ever in his belief of final success. It is extremely probable a little later in the year, if his health is fully restored that he will come to St. Louis and enter more fully upon this matter, giving the committee the benefit of his experiments and of his great knowledge of aerostatics.

**BIG WESTERN EXPOSITION.**

Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show Will Soon Visit Pendleton.

Buffalo Bill's world-famous Wild West will appear in Pendleton on August 20. Though organized in the West and wholly Western in its basic and distinctive components, this is the first season in which the route of the show has been extended so far toward the setting sun, going clear to the Pacific coast. In many respects Buffalo Bill's Wild West is sui generis. Colonel



U. S. CAVALRY PRACTICE DRILL.

W. F. Cody, in forming it, had the great advantages of such personal experience in every phase of frontier life, exceptional influence through his inestimable service as Chief of Scouts in the army and individual capacity as organizer and disciplinarian, as probably no other man in the country possessed. With him in the enterprise was associated a veteran manager, Mr. Nate Salsbury, whose genius and training enabled him to combine in the most highly effective manner the widely

mere imitators of the deeds of others, but by hundreds of strong, forceful men who had gone through all those things in real life as part of the day's work. Upon all these, as it went along, the Wild West has built up many more novel and quite distinctive features, not wholly Western, but illustrative of the sturdy deeds and gallant lives of virile men in all parts of the world, until it is the greatest exhibition of manhood as well as the most exciting and interesting entertainment ever afforded to the public.

**MR. MOURALLA WAS MAD**

TURK WAS ANGRY BECAUSE HE COULDN'T WIN.

Frank Lewis Refused to Be Thrown and Now a Match is Being Made for \$100 a Side.

When Mouralla, the "Terrible Turk," went on the mat with Frank Lewis in this city last Saturday night, he wasn't sure whether or not he was up against it, but before he had been engaged in keeping the husky fellow who was after his scalp away from him for a few minutes, Mr. Mouralla was certain about it; he was up against it good and proper. Instead of throwing his opponent in seven minutes, as he had proudly agreed to do, he was having the time of his life to keep from rubbing shoulders with the mat himself.

Then Mr. Mouralla was real mad, and deep down in his Turkish throat he said a most guttural and expressive Turkey word, and it didn't sound a bit like "gobble-gobble," either. He was so mad that he wanted revenge, and he wanted it bad, but as there was no axe handy and he didn't care to use any milder argument just at the time, his revenge had to be postponed.

His opportunity came, however, when Lewis stepped to the front of the stage and challenged the big fellow to a bout for three falls in an hour. That is, the Turk was to throw him three times in 60 minutes, while if Lewis stood off the big wrestler for the hour or managed to throw him during that time, he won the match and purse.

Mouralla and his manager left the city without covering the proposition, which was for \$100 a side, the winner to take the pot and the gate receipts to be divided.

The Walla Walla papers, however, announce that the Turk and his manager are in that city arranging for the match, which they say is already made and the money up, the bout to come off in Walla Walla in 10 days.

Lewis did not know definitely last evening whether or not the money

**Seven Gave Their Lives.**

On St. Patrick's day of this year, seven Atlantic Coast guard life-savers were drowned together by the overturning of a boat in a tempestuous sea, while endeavoring to rescue the crew from a wrecked barge, off the end of Cape Cod. Numbers of the brave fellows in that service give their lives to save others, every winter. The crew now on furlough with Buffalo Bill's Wild West, have dauntlessly faced such perils for years. One of the most intensely interesting features in the arena program is their highly realistic demonstration of the way in which the "breeches buoy" is operated to take people from wrecks. All their outfit is loaned by the government for this use. They will be seen here on August 20.

diversified elements brought together by Colonel Cody (Buffalo Bill) and present them to the public in a series of episodic presentations of real life on the Western frontier.

The perils of the pioneer, ever threatened by the merciless red men; the reckless sports of the roughest of "rough riders" with the most vicious of all animals ridden; the hazards of travel and the marvellous service of the mail riders; with much more that need not be recounted here, all were vividly, even thrillingly, shown in the Wild West's arena, not by a few trained actors

**TENNESSEE TEACHERS.**

Educators of That State in Convention at Monteagle.

Monteagle, Tenn., July 23.—Teachers from every nook and corner of Tennessee have rallied here for the annual convention of their state association. They began to arrive yesterday and by noon today there was a force of record-breaking proportions on the field. The visitors include representatives of every branch of educational work, from the kindergarten to the university.

The opening session today was devoted to the work of organization and preliminaries. The address of welcome was delivered by Dr. J. O. Rust and the response by Prof. P. A. Lyon. The presidential address followed by Homer L. Higgs of Greenfield.

The convention will take up the regular program tomorrow morning and the discussion of educational topics will continue until Saturday when the convention will close with the annual election of officers.

**Young People's Christian Union.**

Tacoma, Wash., July 23.—Tacoma has thrown her doors wide open to the delegates and other visitors to the national convention of the Young People's Christian Union of the United Presbyterian church, which began its sessions today. Since the first of the week delegates have been arriving on every train and the total attendance is estimated in excess of 2,000. Nearly every state and territory is represented and among the visitors are many eminent divines and other speakers who will address the convention.

**Island Park Assembly.**

Rome City, Ind., July 23.—The annual summer assembly at Island Park opened today and will continue until the middle of August. The program of speakers and other attractions is considered one of the best ever arranged for a gathering of the kind in this part of the country.

**FIRES AT WALLA WALLA.**

Mysterious Blazes at That Place Cause Much Comment.

Walla Walla, July 23.—An epidemic of mysterious fires seems to have struck this town. The origin of the fire which destroyed the Powell home a few days ago, still remains a mystery. Monday afternoon fire caught in the Whitehouse-Crimmins lumber yard and it took hard work to save the mill and immense piles of lumber in the yards. The origin of this fire is also a mystery. Tuesday afternoon the fire demon totally destroyed the beautiful home of Frank Rigby, near the Dement Bros. mill, and like all the rest of the conflagrations, is mysterious. This makes five fires since last Sunday morning and no clew to the origin of any of them.

**Fire at Touchet.**

The large barn of J. M. Cummings, at Touchet Station, a few miles from this city, was destroyed by fire yesterday. The barn was filled with hay, farm machinery and two calves were consumed in the flames. Mr. Cummings was in the field, and noticing the fire, rushed to the barn. His little son was sitting on the hill near the barn, apparently enjoying the scene. The father asked the little fellow how it caught, and he replied: "I set it afire with a big parlor match." The loss was about \$800 with no insurance.

**Demand for Normal Graduates.**

The State Normal School at Mouth, reports that the demand for its graduates during the past year has been much beyond the supply. Graduation from the normal practically assures a place worth from \$40 to \$100 per month. The students take the state examinations during the regular course and are easily able to pass on all subjects required for state papers before graduation. The school has a well-equipped training department, consisting of a nine-grade town school and typical country school.

At bedtime take a pleasant herb drink, the next morning I feel bright and my complexion is better. My doctor says that it acts gently on the stomach, liver and kidneys and is a pleasant laxative. It is made from herbs, and is prepared as easily as tea. It is called Lane's Medicine. Lane's Family Medicine moves the bowels each day. Price 25c and 50c. For sale by Tallman & Co., sole Agents.

**Colorado Fruit Growers.**

Boulder, Col., July 23.—Well known fruit growers from many parts of the state thronged the court house, this morning at the opening of the first midsummer meeting of the Colorado State Horticultural Society. The members were welcomed by R. H. Whiteley, to whose address response was made by J. S. McClelland of Fort Collins. This afternoon the delegates assembled at W. L. Scott's orchard, east of the state university, and witnessed a practical demonstration of spraying conducted by Prof. W. L. Paddock. W. H. Barnes, secretary of the Kansas Horticultural Society, is slated to address the convention this evening.

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