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Tropical Trinidad Is Cosmopolitan Center

By Lewis C. Kirby

I have been asked to write a short article about the island of Trinidad, British West Indies, the land of my nativity. It is with great pleasure that I try to give the readers of the Breeze a short description of the magnificent island of tropical beauty, known as the Metropolis of the Lesser Antilles. Not only is Trinidad my native land, but it is equally dear to me since I spent the first years of

my Christian ministry in this field. The island is one of a group belonging to Great Britain and is the most southerly of the West India Islands. It is about 50 miles long, varying in breadth from 30 to 35 miles.

The Gulf of Paria separates it from the mainland of Venezuela. On a clear day one can see the mainland of South America in the distance. It is about nine or ten miles at its nearest point from what is called by the natives the Spanish Main.

On nearing the island on a steamship one sees in the far distance three cloud-like objects which soon

prove to be three mountain peaks. It was these heavenward spires that inspired Columbus, its discoverer, on one of his famous voyages, to name it Trinidad, having in mind the Trinity. The mountains extend east and west along the northern coast clothed with stately forests, their margins fringed with the majestic bamboo and all kinds of wild fruit trees. One of my early boyhood reminiscences is that of climbing the sides of these mountains to gather mangoes and oranges as they are first grown by the hand of nature.

The island has two large cities about thirty miles apart. The chief town, Port of Spain, is one of the finest cities in the West Indies. It has a population of 80,000 people. The Streets are long, wide, well paved clean, and shaded with trees. The other town is called San Fernando, a small city of about 20,000 inhabitants. There are also many crude villages scattered over the island. The entire population is about 300,000 people, one third of which are East Indian coolies imported to cultivate the sugar and cocoa plantations.

Trinidad is a cosmopolitan center. One can find there almost anything to be found in the tropics. On this little island there are Spaniards, Portuguese, French, English, East Indians, Chinese and negroes. Three languages are spoken, namely, broken French (patois), Spanish and English. The other nationalities speak their own languages.

Among the places of interest is a beautiful park five miles in circumference called the Grand Savanah. The electric car takes one around for four cents, affording a delightful ride.

Another beauty spot is the Blue Basin, a clear body of fresh water, the depth of which is unknown.

Perhaps the greatest wonder of this island is that remarkable phenomenon known as the pitch lake near the village of LaBrea. It is composed of bituminous matter floating on the surface of fresh water

about three miles in circumference and about eighty miles above sea level.

The climate of Trinidad is hot and moist ranging from 75 degrees to 95 degrees in the shade the year round.

The most important products are cocoa, sugar cane, coffee, arrow-root, and the products made from the coconut. The cocoa grows on a tree the size of a prune tree but it has more and larger leaves. The cocobean, the size of a small lima bean, forms on the inside of a hard, fibrous pod the size of one's fist.

Trinidad is called the home of the humming bird, one can see them at any time along the road side. The island is known for its birds, its fruit and its beautiful palm and shade trees. It is the wealthiest of the small islands, but its morals are much lower than many of the other islands.

Beside the grade schools, there are a number of paid High Schools and two colleges on the island. The principal religion is that of Catholicism. The island is about 500 miles south of Panama and about seven days sail from New York City. It is about 1,900 miles from that city.

—O. N. S. Breeze

OREGON NEWS ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the plant and storage warehouse of the Vale Grain & Feed company at Vale.

Eight dozen China pheasants shipped from the state game farm at Eugene were released in Clackamas county.

The United States forest service, which is under the department of agriculture, is back of two bills submitted by Senator McNary to include large areas of the Oregon & California railroad land grant and the Coos Bay wagon road land grant in national forests.

The Willamette river from Oregon City to its mouth was closed to commercial fishing Saturday noon, March 15, and will not open again until December 1.

Advertisements for bids for approximately 300,000,000 feet of ripe timber on the Klamath Indian reservation in Oregon have been authorized by the department of the interior.

Official notice has been given that the war department on April 1 will sell at public auction all the temporary frame buildings which were erected at Fort Stevens during the war.

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Hood River chamber of commerce has voted to appoint a commission to endeavor to attract new settlers to the valley.

More than 4000 persons attended the Medford American Legion post's indoor circus. The circus netted the post a substantial sum.

A county public health association, which will be a branch of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, is to be organized in Umatilla county.

A landslide one and one-half miles southeast of Lostine, on the La Grande-Wallowa lake state highway, blocked the road to travel.

Portland pastors are seeking ways and means to bring about the abolishment of moving picture shows on Sunday throughout the entire state.

A wagon drawn by the same power that moved pioneers westward across the continent in early days, slow, but reliable oxen, was in Bend last week on the final lap of a 3000 mile trip from Connecticut to Oregon. The oxen were driven by J. C. Berrang, who is accompanied on his slow trek across the United States by his wife. Berrang said he had headed the oxen toward the western prairies and mountains on December 1, 1920. The trip of the Berrangs will end at Medford, where the Berrangs intend to make their home.

The San Francisco chamber of commerce has petitioned to intervene in support of a movement initiated by the public service commission of Oregon to obtain construction of a railroad line intended to lessen the distance between eastern Oregon points and San Francisco by 400 miles. The petition was forwarded to the interstate commerce commission. The action will be heard at Portland March 26. The railroad line is requested from Crane, westward to a connection at Odell with the Natron cut-off of the Southern Pacific.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, on the thirty-first day of December, 1923, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$ 1,800,000.00
INCOME	
Total premium income for the year	\$ 7,189,299.23
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	1,354,058.08
Income from other sources received during the year	138,407.13
Total income	\$ 8,681,764.44
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values	\$ 3,270,653.88
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	176,453.71
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	750,950.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	1,546,347.83
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	148,503.80
Amount of all other expenditures	735,673.28
Total expenditures	\$ 5,528,532.50
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 1,913,292.72
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market or amortized value)	7,184,546.61
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	5,268,581.07
Premium notes and policy loans	5,199,062.26
Cash in banks and on hand	850,188.26
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	486,792.44
Interest and rents due and accrued	443,534.03
Other assets (net)	53,881.58
Total admitted assets	\$25,746,174.90
LIABILITIES	
Net reserves	\$21,877,404.46
Gross claims for losses unpaid	175,171.09
All other liabilities	1,152,434.94
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$1,800,000.00	\$23,205,010.53
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Gross premiums received during the year—Life, Accident and Health	\$ 181,277.06
Premiums and dividends returned during the year—Life, Accident and Health	928.25
Losses paid during the year—Life, Accident and Health	22,837.99
Statutory resident attorney for service: A. M. Johnson, President. Robert D. Lay, Secretary. Statutory resident attorney for service: A. B. Combs, Portland, Oregon.	

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE LONDON & PROVINCIAL MARINE & GENERAL INS. CO., LTD. of London, in the State of England, on the thirty-first day of December, 1923, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$ 200,000.00
INCOME	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 204,347.50
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	35,928.87
Income from other sources received during the year	75,000.00
Total income	\$ 315,276.37
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses	\$ 162,081.69
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	14,956.24
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	35,928.87
Amount of all other expenditures	59,151.82
Total expenditures	\$ 272,128.62
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 0
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	751,019.74
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	1,456,241.70
Cash in banks and on hand	68,242.70
Premiums in course of collection written since Sept. 30, 1923	73,397.66
Interest and rents due and accrued	5,859.18
Other assets	272.95
Total admitted assets	\$ 2,135,734.93
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 25,674.23
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	227,842.00
Due for commission and brokerage	0
All other liabilities	4,000.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock	\$ 257,516.23
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 5,611.67
Losses paid during the year	1,718.70
Losses incurred during the year	1,718.70
Statutory resident attorney for service: Walter E. Bliss, Portland, Oregon. Frank & DuBois, U. S. Managers. Charles J. Okell & Co., General Agents, 334 Pine St., San Francisco. P. R. Weimann, Manager Fire Dept. Farmers Loan and Mortgage Co., Agents, Portland, Ore.	

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NORWICH UNION INDEMNITY COMPANY of New York, in the State of New York, on the thirty-first day of December, 1923, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$ 500,000.00
INCOME	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 2,321,379.90
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	77,823.23
Income from other sources received during the year	175,877.53
Total income	\$ 2,675,080.66
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses	\$ 1,305,085.31
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	122,081.69
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	778,648.27
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	41,008.00
Amount of all other expenditures	111,058.68
Total expenditures	\$ 2,367,881.95
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 0
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	2,105,881.33
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	1,155,000.00
Cash in banks and on hand	131,221.67
Premiums in course of collection written since Sept. 30, 1923	417,784.21
Interest and rents due and accrued \$21,650.46; other assets \$114,271.25	136,921.71
Total admitted assets	\$2,991,268.93
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 695,261.93
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	\$ 2,348,700
Due for commission and brokerage	\$ 2,348.70
All other liabilities	\$ 68,108.48
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$500,000.00	\$ 3,114,319.11
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Gross premiums received during the year	\$ 13,197.37
Losses paid during the year	4,329.24
Losses incurred during the year	2,085.44
Statutory resident attorney for service: W. G. Falconer, President. H. F. Jackson, Vice-President. Statutory resident attorney for service: D. R. Atkinson, Wilcox Building, Portland, Oregon.	

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE MONTANA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of Helena, in the State of Montana, on the thirty-first day of December, 1923, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$ 500,000.00
INCOME	
Total premium income for the year	\$ 1,244,658.43
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	270,166.47
Income from other sources received during the year	122,450.52
Total income	\$ 1,637,275.42
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values	\$ 454,129.74
Coupons paid to policyholders during the year	49,542.93
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	285,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	307,831.77
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	45,958.91
Amount of all other expenditures	178,996.01
Total expenditures	\$ 1,321,459.36
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 129,912.08
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market or amortized value)	1,802,309.72
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	1,328,074.23
Premium notes and policy loans	1,250,774.23
Cash in banks and on hand	191,942.74
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	123,082.18
Interest and rents due and accrued	94,958.21
Other assets (net)	44,737.65
Total admitted assets—(deduct) \$54,124.48	\$ 4,874,229.36
LIABILITIES	
Net reserves	\$ 3,453,481.00
Gross claims for losses unpaid	14,233.92
All other liabilities	1,254,989.94
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$500,000.00	\$ 4,722,704.86
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Gross premiums received during the year	\$ 53,277.37
Coupons returned during the year	1,382.07
Losses paid during the year	5,600.00
Statutory resident attorney for service: W. H. Moore, Commissioner.	

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE LLOYDS PLATE GLASS INSURANCE COMPANY of New York, in the State of New York, on the thirty-first day of December, 1923, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$ 750,000.00
INCOME	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 1,094,239.65
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	79,189.18
Income from other sources received during the year	498.03
Total income	\$ 1,173,927.86
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year including adjustment expenses	\$ 391,546.26
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	75,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	423,234.17
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	71,494.29
Amount of all other expenditures	94,994.56
Total expenditures	\$ 1,056,269.27
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 0
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	1,242,658.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	435,500.00
Cash in banks and on hand	78,577.39
Premiums in course of collection written since Sept. 30, 1923	201,509.01
Interest and rents due and accrued	20,447.43
Total admitted assets	\$ 1,978,682.83
LIABILITIES	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 60,373.72
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	523,970.63
Due for commission and brokerage	62,487.80
All other liabilities	14,956.24
Surplus	462,516.07
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$750,000.00	\$ 1,152,888.42
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Net premiums received during the year	\$ 4,750.01
Losses paid during the year	1,230.19
Losses incurred during the year	1,788.00
Statutory resident attorney for service: William T. Woods, President. Charles E. W. Chambers, Secretary. Statutory resident attorney for service: Fred Tebben, Portland, Ore.	

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE BANKERS LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF NEBRASKA of Lincoln, in the State of Nebraska, on the thirty-first day of December, 1923, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL	
Amount of capital stock paid up	\$ 100,000.00
INCOME	
Total premium income for the year	\$ 2,983,244.04
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	1,376,078.84
Income from other sources received during the year	15,818.95
Total income	\$ 4,375,141.83
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values	\$ 1,345,370.79
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	221,207.41
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	15,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	408,417.37
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	81,907.99
Amount of all other expenditures	201,834.45
Charged off on building and bonds	6,731.92
Total expenditures	\$ 2,388,529.93
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (book value)	\$ 141,239.22
Value of bonds owned (book value)	1,388,730.18
Loans on mortgages	17,787,134.47
Policy loans	5,245,198.83
Cash in banks and on hand	223,274.23
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	185,234.57
Interest and rents due and accrued	254,872.68
Other assets (net)	None
Total admitted assets	\$23,286,713.98
LIABILITIES	
Net reserves	\$15,889,158.43
Gross claims for losses unpaid	30,234.02
All other liabilities	7,298,371.53
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock of \$100,000.00	\$23,267,763.98
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Gross premiums received during the year	\$ 81,740.83
Premiums and dividends returned during the year	9,564.18
Losses paid during the year	1,900.00
Statutory resident attorney for service: H. S. Wilson, President. M. L. Blackburn, Secretary. Statutory resident attorney for service: B. E. Newell, Portland, Oregon.	