

SUMMARY OF THE OREGON NEWS

The Rapid Reader's Review of Recent Reports Rewritten

In the city election at Florence a new charter was adopted by a 6-to-1 vote. It provides for what is practically a commission form of government with a budget for expenses.

A fall of 790 feet, one of the highest in the world, to be used for commercial purposes, will be utilized by David A. McKoon, of Prater City, for placer mining and development of electricity.

One hundred and nine bottles of beer and 12 bottles of whisky went into the Willamette river, via the Albany sewer. Police officers poured it out.

Two months more will be required on preliminary plans and specifications before bids can be called on the \$100,000 classroom and administration building of the university of Oregon.

The fishermen's union at Astoria has asked net 6 cents a pound as the price this year for cannery salmon, and 7 1/2 cents for the cold storage variety. The prices are the same as prevailed last season.

The board of regents of the Oregon agricultural college approved a plan submitted by the student body which will result in the establishment of a students' co-operative bookstore, with a capital of \$2500.

Forty-one schools out of 70 in Polk county have completed the 14 requirements and are standardized. Competition was the outcome of the plan, and each school has received a pennant for its work.

The report of State Treasurer Kay for the quarter ending March 31 shows that there was less money in the treasury at that time than during any preceding quarter for a number of years. The aggregate in all funds was \$612,397.24.

President Wilson wrote to Senator Chamberlain of Oregon endorsing the proposition to land a United States army engineer to China to supervise reclamation and conservation work and flood prevention. He praised the Red Cross for conceiving the idea and expressed the hope that congress will approve it.

Senator Chamberlain reports that the agricultural committee has agreed to the appropriation of \$10,000 for the importation of Corriedale sheep for breeding purposes, \$5000 for continuation of the biological survey in Oregon, \$10,000 for further farm experimental work in Alaska, and \$100,000 for forest protection from fire in cooperation with the states.

Although the federal forestry bureau made announcement a few weeks ago that \$10,000 acres of land in various parts of central Oregon were about to be withdrawn from the forest reserves, it develops upon close analysis that only 30,000 acres of this entire area will be available for actual settlement for other than dry farming purposes.

The Oregon bureau of mines and geology will publish before the end of this year a dozen principal reports besides numerous small ones as the result of investigations made in 1912 and 1913. They will deal with the discussion of building stones, coal resources, clay and clay products, the metal mining industry, cement materials and road materials.

Farmers in Lane county, who recently agreed to plant more than 4000 acres to clover, in hopes of enriching land which has been exhausted by the continual growing of grain for the past 50 years, are preparing to experiment with the use of lime to aid in the clover growing. The experiments are being made under the direction of the Lane county farm expert. Samples of soil from all parts of Lane county are being analyzed to determine parts of lime needed.

State Game Warden C. H. Evans states that the 33 elk, brought from Jackson Hole, Wyo., to the Billy Meadows pasture in Wallawa county, are to be turned loose to shift for themselves. Sportsmen of Joseph petitioned the state fish and game commission to have the elk transferred to the head of Wallawa lake, where they could be seen by tourists, but the board decided that expenditure of about \$4000 for the purpose would not be justified.

State Bank Superintendent Sargent has notified 75 corporations that they would either have to quit business or comply before June 4 with the law relating to trust companies, which was passed at the last session of the legislature. He suggested to the companies having the word "trust" in their names and not doing a trust business that they file supplemental articles of incorporation changing their names.

A uniting of Jackson, Klamath and Josephine counties for the exploiting of Crater lake, upper Klamath lake, upper Rogue river, Oregon caves, Ashland butte and other natural scenery in southern Oregon, is the latest "get-together" movement started. A meeting of delegates from the commercial bodies of Ashland, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, Talent, Gold Hill, Rogue River and other cities will be held in Medford the latter part of the month. The meeting has been called by the Medford commercial club.

Sir Galahad's Reward

Sacrifice of Kirk Stanley Brought Its Reconnoissance

By JAMES B. ALLEN

Little Mrs. Webb clasped her hands convulsively and watched Kirk Stanley's face. Her breath came in gasps, and the lace frill on her breast rose and fell tumultuously.

"Can't you make it all right for Wilbur?" she whispered as his hand set lips made no utterance in response to her frenzied plea for her husband's immunity from punishment.

"How can I make it all right for him?" asked Kirk at last. Emma Webb moved her fair head impatiently. "There must be some way," she said slowly, with his dark eyes fixed on her pleading blue ones, "only one way to save Wilbur Webb from the punishment he deserves for using \$5,000 of the company's funds."

"And that way is?" she asked breathlessly.

"To assume the blame myself," he said in an even tone, his eyes burning into hers. "As Wilbur's coworker in the cashier's office I was equally tempted by the careless methods of the company. Wilbur succumbed to temptation—his case for cards was his undoing. Undoubtedly his intentions were good. He meant to replace the money, but he lost instead of winning; they usually do lose! The examiner came, found the evidence against Wilbur and put it up to him. Your husband denied it, but that very night he tried the cards again and won—think of it, Emma—he won \$5,000 and replaced the money!"

"The guilt was still there, and the company discharged Wilbur. Now you ask me to save him from the disgrace that must inevitably follow when some one's tongue is loosened. Some one will talk, and the secret will come out. Wilbur's standing in the town will be ruined, and he must go to a new place and begin all over again. Why not let him go? If you stand shoulder to shoulder with him, Emma Webb, he will rise again, and his love for you will hold him straight in the future. He will be a better man for the experience."

Mrs. Webb shivered. "I could never go to a strange city, Mr. Stanley. All my family, all my friends are here. I have spent my life in Linwood; I would not be happy elsewhere."

She hid her face in her hands, for she knew that three years ago she had played false to Kirk Stanley and thrown him over to marry the more showy Wilbur Webb, just home from college and a tour of the world. She had married reckless young Webb, and now he had brought disgrace upon her. She was pleading with her old lover to save her husband from the result of his folly.

"Mr. Hardwick says that there is only one way that Wilbur can prove

Again she... It was always her weapon when words failed, and she wept gracefully. After awhile she stole a glance at him and murmured: "Oh, Kirk, please!" "Yes," was his answer as he turned away. "I will write to Mr. Hardwick. I will go away. Remember, if Wilbur yields to temptation again he will have to bear the consequences of his crime, and the discovery will prove my innocence in this case. Please go now, and bear the news to your husband. The strain will be over in a day or two. I must have time to make preparations."

Three days later Arthur Hardwick, president of the Consolidated Gas company, found a brief letter from his chief cashier on his desk. He read the letter several times, and a quizzical smile curved his lips at the corners. He pressed a button, sent for the discharged cashier, and presently the pale face of Wilbur Webb confronted him. "Good morning, Webb. Stanley has resigned, and you may take his place in the office. If you have suffered an injustice at my hands in being accused of the \$5,000 shortage please accept my heartfelt apologies. This letter from Kirk Stanley declares that he is the guilty one, and he is disappearing from Linwood today. In view of the fact that the money has been replaced the company will not prosecute the case. You are not surprised at Stanley's confession?" he rapped out suddenly.

Webb's face turned a sickly greenish pallor. "I am not surprised that he has confessed," he stammered vaguely, his weak eyes blinking back at the official's harsh words.

"Ah, yes, thank you, Webb! The incident is closed now, and so far as Stanley is concerned, the knowledge of his own guilt should be punishment enough, eh?" "Why—er—yes!" gasped Wilbur weakly.

"That will do. Send in Miss Smith. I wish to dictate." Alone once more, the president of the Consolidated Gas company locked Kirk Stanley's confession in his private safe and smiled a very human sort of smile. "Sir Galahad—Don Quixote—old chaps, you're not in it with Kirk Stanley, bless him!"

A year later Kirk Stanley was bawling a gang of men in a Canadian lumber camp. He was a sturdy outdoor life had added breadth to his shoulders and had browned face and hands to a deep bronze tint. In his rough flannel shirt and corduroys tucked into high boots he looked like a man of the woods. He was in the middle of a tirade in the favor of his employers and day by day forgetting all the old life from which he had fled to give a rattle comrade another opportunity to arise and make good.

When the day's work was over and the axes ceased their ringing clamor and the crash of falling trees was hushed, Kirk dropped his air of authority, and with a new glad look in his eyes he would hasten along a winding, rocky path that led to the cabin of John Locksley. The cabin was perched on a hill among pines, and John Locksley was a student who had left civilization to live in the wilderness and regain whittled health.

Kirk Stanley had met him when he first came to the lumber camp and had been grateful when Locksley invited him to share his comfortable little four roomed cabin. Six months afterward Locksley's daughter, Nellie, came from the states to keep house for her father, and, as the girl had made no objection to doing for the quiet young boarder, the three had spent six idyllic months amid the Canadian woods.

On this particular evening Kirk was hastening homeward, his eyes eager for the first glimpse of Nellie Locksley. He hoped she would be standing in the cabin porch watching for his return. He loved to watch her unseen and revel in the sweetness of his love for her and the budding hope that it was returned. But mingled with the sweetness was the bitterness of recollection. What could he offer her but a tarnished name? Before he could ask her hand in marriage he must tell her father about his life in Linwood and he must reveal the past to Nellie. Whether he regretted his past in sacrificing himself for Wilbur Webb he did not know, but it is certain that he was very grave in those latter days of his wooing, and he did not whistle joyously as he had been wont to do in his first acquaintance with Locksley's lovely daughter.

The sternness of his face relaxed as he glimpsed the girl in the shadow of the porch, and a tender smile curved his lips as she vanished at the first sight of him. When he entered the cabin Nellie was reading a week old newspaper that had arrived with the mail that day, and her father was enjoying the dry paragraphs of some scientific journal.

"Mail day?" asked Kirk, with the careless indifference of one who never receives any letters.

John Locksley laid down his paper and looked over his spectacles at the younger man.

"Yes, Kirk; you will be surprised to hear that my physician says I may come home and try it for a year. I want to be off by the end of next week. How would you like to keep the cabin for your headquarters?"

Kirk paled under his tan, and there was an uncomfortable tugging at his heart. So he was to lose Nellie as well as honor and everything else!

"Thank you, sir, I shall be glad to," he said grimly. "It will seem the more like home to me because you and Miss Nellie have made it so pleasant for me. But I shall be mighty lonesome."

"Come, back into the world, Kirk!" cried Locksley impulsively. "You are cut out for better things. I can give you to be in this mountain cabin. I appear to be in this mountain cabin. I have money and influence. I can push you along to the front. Why should you bury yourself in a lumber camp?"

Kirk looked from father to daughter. Nellie was regarding him with shy eagerness, but her eyes would not meet his.

His hands gripped the arms of his chair. It was time to tell them. The punishment of seeing their kind faces

Barren against him was almost more than he could bear, but Kirk was not a coward. "I came away. I came into the wilderness to lose the past," he said slowly, meeting their glances openly, frankly. "I was cashier with the Consolidated Gas company."



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dated Gas company of Linwood, and one day \$5,000 was missing, and I confessed."

He bowed his head and awaited their denunciation. There was silence, and he spoke again: "It is harder to tell you, sir, because I love Nellie. I cannot offer her a tarnished name—and yet, if you knew the truth you would not blame me."

John Locksley slapped his hand upon the table and interrupted Kirk's words. "I do know the truth, Kirk! I have known it for months, and I have honored you above all men for your heroic sacrifice! It is a small world and Arthur Hardwick happens to be one of my best friends. In writing to him one day I inclosed a snapshot photograph of the lumber camp, and he recognized your picture. He wrote me and said: 'I see you have my Sir Galahad with you. Locksley, you cannot do much honor for me, he is expiating the crime of another man. Some day, when the time seems proper to you, tell him that Wilbur Webb has recovered his manhood and confessed his own guilt; tell him his old place awaits him with certain promotion, for our treasurer is growing old. Tell him I never believed his proposition for a moment.' That's what Locksley said," ended John Locksley, as he clasped his hand on Kirk's bowed shoulder and left the room.

The clock ticked on the shelf and outside a bird sang a lullaby in the pine tree. Nellie arose and went softly to Kirk. She knelt down and laid her cheek against his.

Kirk's arm went around her, and he lifted her face and looked down into her eyes.

"Kirk, can I make up to you for some of the suffering you have endured?" she whispered.

"My dearest," he said, "what I did is not worthy this great reward. I took the blame because I had no kin who would be ashamed by my disgrace. I had lost father, mother and sisters. I came here into the wilderness, and I have found a father and a wife!"

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FINED \$1 WHEN HE CURSED HIS HORSE

Magistrate Discouraged Profanity of Ill-Tempered Driver.

Huntington, W. Va.—The finer feelings of horses must not be hurt by blasphemous and profane words, even if the animals do give their drivers great provocation, according to a ruling handed down here by Magistrate Null in the case of A. J. West, who was charged with "cursing" his horse when he didn't understand what the driver was saying.

To make his ruling more effective Magistrate Null tacked a fine of \$1 and costs on West.

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Magistrate Null, however, was adamant and refused to remit the fine of the costs. He declared that he is going to make a special effort hereafter to locate all men who "cuss" their horses and when he does he will bring them into court, no matter what their social standing may be. When met he gets them into court, the magistrate declares, he will fine them to the limit of the law.

SEEKS TO SHIELD MIGRATORY BIRDS

Virginia, "Sportsman's Paradise," Wants Laws Enforced.

RIGID MEASURE PROPOSED.

Game Killed in Violation of Both State and Federal Statutes Is Offered For Sale in Many Cities—Game Warden System Urged—Pothunters' Gun Is Captured.

Norfolk, Va.—Warned by Charles E. Brewster, game expert of the department of agriculture in charge of game preservation, that Virginia is rapidly declining from its position as a "sportsman's paradise," a bill has been prepared which if enacted into law will exert stringent protection over all migratory birds.

Tidewater Virginia has been the meeting place for sportsmen of the north. Down toward the Dismal swamp and along the section in the extreme southeastern part of the state there are scores of shooting clubs, many of them owned by New York men who make this section their headquarters for weeks at a time during the duck season. It is not at this class of sportsmen that the new laws will be aimed, but at pothunters and others who are depleting the game supply for market purposes.

Mr. Brewster exhibited a pothunter's gun which was captured between Washington and Alexandria. It is eight feet six inches long, with a one and five-eighths inch bore, and weighs more than 100 pounds. The gun used and a pound of giant powder and one and a half pounds of double B shot. This charge was in the gun when it was captured. The man from whom the gun was taken, Mr. Brewster said, was fined \$20 for having the gun in his possession.

Mr. Brewster delivered an address and declared that the case was one that required immediate attention. He said: "Unless steps are taken for the protection of the wholesale slaughter of wild game and its shipment from the state Virginia will soon be deprived of one of her greatest resources. Game killed in violation of your state laws, which, by the way, are most atrocious, is exposed for sale in markets every day, and yet nothing is done to prevent it. I saw a trapped duck, offered for sale right here—game killed in violation of both your state laws and federal statutes."

"The only way that game laws can be effectively enforced is by the employment of a game warden system, and I shall strongly advocate at every opportunity the adoption of this system in Virginia. It is impossible to enforce your present laws because you cannot get a local ward to testify against his neighbor. Virginia is one of four states that have not adopted the game warden system, and when one considers that Virginia once was the most prolific producer of all sorts of wild game this statement becomes more astounding. The wild turkeys that once were plentiful have nearly all been killed off. The Virginia deer, which has been more than a memory, has become little more than a memory. What has happened to the wild turkeys and the deer will happen to the pheasants, partridges and some of the other species. The slaughter of wild ducks by pot and market hunters continues under the archaic laws of your state. The federal government is doing everything possible to aid in the preservation of game and is interested in Virginia because here is offered a great opportunity to see the enforcement of the federal laws."

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Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the MISSOURI STATE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	
of St. Louis, in the State of Missouri, on the 31st day of December, 1912, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:	
Amount of capital stock paid up.....	\$1,000,000.00
Total premium income.....	\$2,891,730.56
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....	485,484.49
Income from other sources received during the year.....	759,112.76
Total income.....	\$3,136,327.81
Paid for losses, annuities, dividends, and surrenders.....	\$1,075,646.42
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year.....	122,530.00
Stock during the year.....	6,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	218,347.48
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year.....	73,309.14
Amount of all other expenditures.....	\$32,194.27
Total expenditures.....	\$1,525,933.31
Assets:	
Market value of stocks and bonds owned.....	\$2,510,000.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	\$325,358.63
Premium notes and policy loans.....	\$124,354.28
Cash in banks and on hand.....	\$98,941.33
Net uncollected and deferred premiums.....	\$294,354.63
Other assets (net).....	\$248,708.48
Total assets.....	\$3,982,756.68
Less special deposits in excess of reserve in any state (if any there be).....	None
Total assets admitted in Oregon.....	\$3,982,756.68
Net reserve.....	\$6,852,624.22
Total policy claims unpaid.....	\$4,554.55
All other liabilities, including interest on bonds and other portions of provisionally ascertained.....	\$62,302.71
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of \$400,000.00.....	\$7,519,523.56
Total insurance in force December 31, 1912.....	\$21,826,190.90
Business in Oregon for the year.....	\$900,328.00
Gross premiums received during the year.....	\$229.51
Losses paid during the year.....	2,000.00
Losses incurred during the year.....	2,000.00
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1912.....	\$29,334.00

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the NORTHWESTERN FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY	
of Minneapolis, in the State of Minnesota, on the 31st day of December, 1912, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:	
Amount of capital stock paid up.....	\$500,000.00
Net premiums received during the year.....	\$28,056.40
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....	45,000.11
Total income.....	\$73,056.51
Net losses paid during the year.....	\$41,684.08
Dividends paid during the year.....	\$30,400.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	\$91,361.98
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year.....	\$9,309.20
Amount of all other expenditures.....	\$7,317.73
Total expenditures.....	\$179,566.09
Assets:	
Market value of stocks and bonds owned.....	\$7,500.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....	155,576.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	\$25,991.71
Premium notes and policy loans.....	\$75,317.03
Cash in banks and on hand.....	\$6,504.31
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1912.....	\$6,504.31
Interest and rents due and accrued.....	\$12,582.43
Total assets.....	\$1,120,968.54
Total assets admitted in Oregon.....	\$1,120,968.54
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....	\$2,736.84
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks.....	\$20,991.25
All other liabilities, including interest on bonds and other portions of provisionally ascertained.....	\$4,925.31
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of \$500,000.00.....	\$27,304.61
Total income.....	\$73,056.51
Total premiums in force December 31, 1912.....	\$12,772.31
Business in Oregon for the year.....	\$11,772.00
Gross premiums received during the year.....	\$7,800.51
Premiums returned during the year.....	\$7,029.57
Losses paid during the year.....	\$1,772.03
Losses incurred during the year.....	\$1,772.03
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1912.....	\$146,400.00

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of THE PACIFIC MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	
of California, in the State of California, on the 31st day of December, 1912, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:	
Amount of capital stock paid up.....	\$1,000,000.00
Total premium income.....	\$5,416,597.50
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year.....	1,457,654.13
Income from other sources received during the year.....	\$4,623.95
Total income.....	\$6,878,875.58
Paid for losses, annuities, and surrenders.....	\$2,065,797.24
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year.....	\$50,608.91
Stock during the year.....	115,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year.....	1,064,477.79
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year.....	149,405.04
Amount of all other expenditures.....	\$57,642.14
Total expenditures.....	\$4,130,915.32
Assets:	
Market value of stocks and bonds owned.....	\$1,094,257.61
Market value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....	\$3,127,125.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.....	\$14,660,728.38
Premium notes and policy loans.....	\$1,530,695.94
Cash in banks and on hand.....	\$37,613.23
Less \$115,455.64 Retn. fund.....	\$27,613.23
Net uncollected and deferred premiums.....	\$68,4