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C. L. IRELAND .... Manager.

A severe rain and hail storm visited this section Tuesday noon. At this place very little hail fell, but about ten miles east of Moro the hail was as large as hen eggs. Windows in Kenny bros. home was broken, as well as other farm homes in that vicinity. T. J. Henkle was caught at work in the field and injured severely; Todd McCoy, working on the new Hay Canyon road, was knocked down by the hail; George Frantz, at work on the same road, was hit by stray lightning as he was closing a wire gate; the bolt most likely struck the wire fence some distance away from the gate as there was no indication of lightning near the gate. During the storm several teams became unruly and ran away, a few receiving severe cuts by being caught by the wire fences. No damage to crops have been reported.

At the annual congregational meeting of the members of Moro Presbyterian church last Sunday J. F. Foss was elected trustee for the three year term. It was voted that the trustees, elders, and three members of the Dorcas society be a building committee to provide more church facilities. Tentative plans are to build an addition to the present structure next the side walk to accommodate the pulpit and choir; an addition also on the opposite side, size 24x24, with concrete basement. This will provide more room for the Sunday School and social activities of the church. The estimated cost approximates $1500, including a furnace and fixtures.

We are in receipt of a program of an evening vaudeville entertainment recently put on the stage by pupils of Jefferson high school of Portland in that city. Credit on the program was given to Will S. Mowry, a former Moro young man, for directing and adapting several of the clever stunts presented during the evening. About the middle of this month the 1915 graduating class of the Jefferson high school at Portland will put on a drama under direction of Mr. Mowry.

Headache and Nervousness Cured.

"Chamberlain's Tablets are entitled to all the praise I can give them," writes Mrs. Richard Ott, Spencerport, N. Y. "They have cured me of headache and nervousness and restored me to my normal health." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

Bayonet Fencers.

Fencing with bayonets is the most popular as well as the most dangerous game among soldiers in the regular army. Those who participate must be strong and skillful, and the game is not one for weaklings. The regulation outfit is a mask, heavily padded coat and padded gloves. The bayonets are tipped with rubber, but despite all these precautions men are often hurt in the set-to. Each regiment has its champions, selected by a process of elimination from the various companies. When these champions meet on one of the field days often held at brigade posts the rivalry is intense.—Popular Mechanics.

Old Man Time.

"Speaking of the dead languages, professor," inquired a new student, "who killed them?"—Judge.

It Generally Cures.

Jones—What's good for the toothache? Smith—Well, about halfway to the nearest dentist.

Mr. Samples' Sister

By M. QUAD

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I was serving my first and only term of sheriff in an Indiana county when a smart looking aged man who gave the name of Samples arrived at the county seat and gave out that he was looking around for a site for a large factory. He was provided with letters of recommendation and the air of a man of business and soon had the two bankers in the town and other business men interested in his project. His factory was to make a new kind of cloth out of what he called Persian hemp. He had samples of the cloth to show, and it could be made and sold at 400 per cent profit. Samples himself would put $500,000 into the enterprise, but he wanted the town to subscribe $200,000 additional so as to make it a home affair.

On the second night of Samples' arrival in our town a fine horse was stolen from a citizen. During the first week's stay more horses were run off. In three weeks' time twelve of the best horses in our township were taken. As sheriff I was not idle for an hour after the first horse was taken. Even if I was a little green myself as an officer I had two or three constables and deputies who were old hands at the business. Some of the horses we traced a few miles, always headed for the Ohio river, but the thieves were slick fellows and covered their tracks so well that not a horse was recovered.

One day while I was shivering in my boots and expecting to hear that the thirteenth horse had been stolen a flash of light came to me. Every horse taken had gone south by a certain road. At a certain point all trace had been lost. Ten miles to the south of us was a big huckleberry swamp of 2,000 acres. It was a wilderness and had only been explored by hunters. It was a big tangle, full of snakes and wildcats, and even berry pickers took good care not to penetrate too far. It flashed over me that the stolen horses instead of being run out of the state had been corralled in this swamp to wait until the hue and cry were over. Within two hours I had started for the swamp, accompanied by a constable. By pure good luck after a tramp of half a day we came upon a trail showing the hoof prints of horses, and, following it to the very center of the swamp, we came upon the whole twelve stolen animals. Feed had been brought in to them by another trail.

It was a fine "plant" we uncovered. There were two men to take care of the horses. One of them was a blacksmith, and he had a forge and dozens of horseshoes. As the animals were run out the plan was to shoe each one with the shoes reversed and thus deceive us in case we struck a trail. We made a cautious approach, but in spite of us the two men got away. We scarcely regretted it, however, in view of the capture of the third one, who had just arrived. It was Mr. Samples, the great cloth man, the factory man, the man with letters of introduction. Yes, sir, he had arrived to give his subordinates directions, and as he fled with the others he tripped and fell, and we were enabled to overhaul him. We didn't even bluff. We had got him so pat that he could not say anything. In his pockets were letters sufficient to convict him twice over, and his game was up.

You know what human nature is in a small town. I had been maligned and abused without stint for failing to capture the horse thieves. Now that I had got all the stolen horses in a lump and the horse thief in addition nothing was too good for me. I was called a hero and all that and got a serenade from the band and had bonfires galore in my honor. The arrest of Samples was a thunderclap, but the public soon got over its astonishment and demanded that he receive the maximum punishment of the law. He was examined, committed for trial, and I took care to give him the strongest cell in the county jail. The man gave me no trouble. After recovering his cheek a little he claimed that he would be able to prove his entire innocence before a jury, and he was so cheery and good natured that I came to like him. He had three months to wait for the circuit court, and he made no move in regard to lawyers or witnesses until half the time had expired. By that time the public had lost most of its interest in the case.

One day Samples announced to me that his sister would soon arrive to see about getting him a lawyer and so forth, and a day or two later she called at the jail. She was a rather quiet looking woman of about twenty-five, spoke in a choked voice and wore a veil, and without questioning her much I led her to Samples' cell and left them alone. It so happened that I had to go into court directly after, and I left it to a turnkey to let her out. He did so, and it was three hours later when I made the discovery that the two had exchanged clothes, and the woman had been left behind. The turnkey hadn't noticed anything out of the way as the "woman" passed out.

I didn't faint away or have a fit or commit suicide. I simply tendered my resignation and went off on a vacation. I knew my public, and I knew that although I had recovered the horses that "sister" business had taken me out of politics forever. She got ninety days in jail as punishment, I believe, but Samples got clear off and, no doubt, worked his little game to advantage in other localities.

America's First Brick House.

The first brick house in America was Penn's Letitia house, in Philadelphia, built of imported bricks in 1682.

Cured of Indigestion.

Mrs. Sadie P. Clawson, Indiana, Pa., was bothered with indigestion. "My stomach pained me night and day," she writes. "I would feel bloated and have headache and belching after eating. I also suffered from constipation. My daughter had used Chamberlain's Tablets and they did her so much good that I took them and a few doses of them and insisted on my trying them. They helped me as nothing else has done." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

Synopsis of the annual statement of the **LAW UNION & ROCK INS. CO. Ltd.** of London, in the Kingdom of Great Britain, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up	$1,382,844.88
Income.	
Net premiums received during the year	$ 372,513.81
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	50,298.20
Income from other sources received during the year	101,500.08
Total income	$ 524,312.09
Disbursements.	
Net losses paid during the year	$ 283,147.40
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	103,664.27
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	12,310.26
Amount of all other expenditures	97,249.28
Total expenditures	496,371.21
Assets.	
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	$1,180,095.00
Accrued interest	10,134.11
Cash in banks and on hand	40,282.51
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914	77,131.97
Reinsurance recoverable on losses	13,244.17
Total assets	$1,320,887.76
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$1,320,887.76
Liabilities.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 43,299.90
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	392,149.45
Due for commission and brokerage	639.82
All other liabilities—Taxes (estimated)	9,507.00
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock	$ 445,596.17
Total premiums in force December 31, 1914	$ 770,331.90
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total risks written during the year	$1,846,890.00
Gross premiums received during the year	20,385.90
Premiums returned during the year	8,692.68
Losses paid during the year	23,105.33
Losses incurred during the year	25,355.33
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914	1,743,749.00

By MESSRS. HALL & HENSHAW, U. S. Managers.

Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: M. B. Boothby, Portland, Oregon.

Synopsis of the annual statement of **THE COMMONWEALTH INSURANCE CO. OF NEW YORK** of New York, in the State of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up	$ 500,000.00
Income.	
Net premiums received during the year	$ 900,787.84
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	110,633.85
Income from other sources received during the year	1,744.44
Total income	$1,013,166.13
Disbursements.	
Net losses paid during the year	$ 513,886.43
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	50,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	240,558.00
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	35,329.11
Amount of all other expenditures	57,079.83
Total expenditures	$ 896,853.37
Assets.	
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	$2,203,998.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	290,200.00
Cash in banks and on hand	95,459.90
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914	157,303.60
Interest and rents due and accrued	20,496.67
Total assets	$2,767,458.67
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be)	15,959.48
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$2,751,499.19
Liabilities.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 92,492.28
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	807,218.81
All other liabilities	34,200.00
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of $500,000	$ 933,911.09
Total premiums in force December 31, 1914	$1,557,382.21
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total risks written during the year	$1,781,747.00
Gross premiums received during the year	25,914.45
Premiums returned during the year	5,103.41
Losses paid during the year	9,125.83
Losses incurred during the year	8,733.83
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914	1,470,084.00

By ROBERT NEWBOULT, Secretary.

Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: H. E. Smith, Portland, Oregon, 524 Henry Bldg.

Synopsis of the annual statement of the **MANHATTAN LIFE INSURANCE CO.** of New York, in the State of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1914, 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	$2,077,275.34
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	1,050,850.54
Income from other sources received during the year	45,498.93
Total income	$3,173,624.81
Disbursements.	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrender values	$2,352,683.88
Dividends paid to policy holders during the year	246,740.72
Dividends and interest paid on capital stock during the year	74,265.24
Agency Supervision, Branch Office Expenses, Medical fees, Commissions and salaries paid during the year	406,371.45
Advertising, Printing, Stationery, etc.	27,656.65
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year and Repairs and Expenses on Real Estate	237,248.98
Rent	76,691.60
Amount of all other expenditures	29,045.11
Total expenditures	$3,450,703.67
Assets.	
Market value of real estate owned	$5,545,618.81
Market value of stocks and amortized value of bonds owned	3,294,405.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	7,264,750.00
Premium notes and policy loans	4,578,291.86
Cash in banks and on hand	385,045.25
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	190,041.19
Other assets (net)	400,238.24
Total assets	$21,658,390.35
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be)	
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$21,658,390.35
Liabilities.	
Net reserve	$19,485,745.00
Total policy claims unpaid	144,370.87
All other liabilities	416,157.36
Amount held subject to contingencies for Survivorship Dividend Policies $1,224,615.33; Contingent Reserve Fund $287,501.79	1,512,117.12
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of $100,000	$21,558,390.35
Total insurance in force December 31, 1914	$67,687,959.00
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total risks written during the year	$ 154,980.00
Gross premiums received during the year	47,409.33
Losses paid during the year	5,470.12
Losses incurred during the year	5,470.12
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914	1,572,207.00

By M. DeMOTT, Secretary.

Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: Wm. Goldman, 309 Oregonian Building, Portland, Or.

Synopsis of the annual statement of the **MILWAUKEE MECHANICS' INSURANCE COMPANY** of Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up	$1,000,000.00
Income.	
Net premiums received during the year	$1,926,810.27
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	187,918.82
Income from other sources received during the year	68,049.15
Total income	$2,182,778.24
Disbursements.	
Net losses paid during the year	$1,288,789.58
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	120,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	643,138.89
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	110,490.47
Amount of all other expenditures	244,570.10
Total expenditures	$2,406,989.04
Assets.	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	$ 27,300.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	1,842,717.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	1,719,784.96
Cash in banks and on hand	237,872.15
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914	337,822.53
Due from Munich Reinsurance Company	1,481.17
Interest and rents due and accrued	44,021.61
Total assets	$4,210,999.92
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be)	7,784.45
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$4,203,215.47
Liabilities.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 228,230.67
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	2,259,601.15
All other liabilities	130,000.00
Funds held under Reinsurance treaties	8,228.18
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock	$2,626,060.00
Total premiums in force December 31, 1914	$4,438,559.64
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total risks written during the year	$3,968,334.00
Gross premiums received during the year	58,485.99
Premiums returned during the year	15,408.21
Losses paid during the year	40,768.15
Losses incurred during the year	45,206.63
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914	4,935,902.00

By WILLIAM L. JONES, President.

Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service. William A. Liston, Salem.

Synopsis of the annual statement of **UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE ATLAS ASSURANCE CO., LTD.** of London, in the Kingdom of Great Britain, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up (Home Office)	$1,320,000.00
Income.	
Net premiums received during the year	$1,779,864.01
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	111,492.77
Income from other sources received during the year	18,559.97
Total income	$1,909,916.75
Disbursements.	
Net losses paid during the year	$ 945,134.59
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	501,780.77
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	51,778.75
Amount of all other expenditures	316,194.76
Total expenditures	$1,814,888.87
Assets.	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	$ 60,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	2,359,435.00
Cash in banks and on hand	182,171.58
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914	357,853.17
Interest and rents due and accrued	29,092.73
Total assets	$2,960,272.96
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be)	28,279.52
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$2,960,272.96
Liabilities.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 129,723.95
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	1,691,756.56
Due for commission and brokerage	9,959.45
All other liabilities	35,737.32
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock	$1,867,177.28
Total premiums in force December 31, 1914	$3,269,638.60
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total risks written during the year	$3,045,180.00
Gross premiums received during the year	44,340.23
Premiums returned during the year	13,379.60
Losses paid during the year	12,974.51
Losses incurred during the year	12,804.51
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914	2,624,584.00

By FRANK J. DEVLIN, San Francisco, Cal., Pacific Coast Branch Manager.

Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: A. E. Ehrhorn, Sherlock Bldg., Portland, Oregon.

Synopsis of the annual statement of the **FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY** of Jersey City, in the State of New Jersey, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Capital.	
Amount of capital paid up	$1,000,000.00
Income.	
Net premiums received during the year	$1,621,297.65
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	128,031.46
Income from other sources received during the year	3,283.65
Total income	$1,752,612.76
Disbursements.	
Net losses paid during the year	$ 734,244.65
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	120,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	563,022.09
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	50,286.00
Amount of all other expenditures	54,502.34
Total expenditures	$1,522,055.08
Assets.	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	Nil
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	2,659,260.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	30,000.00
Cash in banks and on hand	504,836.83
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914	301,443.89
Interest and rents due and accrued	34,245.41
Total assets	$3,529,786.13
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be)	24,546.44
Total assets admitted in Oregon	$3,505,239.69
Liabilities.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	$ 588,165.53
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	567,485.88
Due for commission and brokerage	34,295.44
All other liabilities	110,438.39
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of $1,000,000	$1,300,385.24
Total premiums in force December 31, 1914	$1,053,363.99
Business in Oregon for the Year.	
Total risks written during the year	$4,227,554.00
Gross premiums received during the year	14,432.86
Premiums returned during the year	3,293.19
Losses paid during the year	3,512.96
Losses incurred during the year	3,650.06
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914	142,215.00

By M. GRUNDNER, Secretary.

Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: Frank E. Dooly, Portland.

Severe Attack of Colic Cured.

E. E. Cross, who travels in Virginia and other Southern States, was taken suddenly and severely ill with colic. At the first store he came to the merchant recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. Two doses of it cured him. No one should leave home on a journey without a bottle of this preparation. For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

Her State of Mind.

Attorney—You can sue him for breach of promise, madam, but it seems to me that it's preposterous to claim $250,000 damages. Fair Client—I want to get so heavy a judgment against him that he'll just have to marry me—the scoundrel!—Chicago Tribune.

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