

The Observer

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SUMMARY OF THE OREGON NEWS

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BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The state will spend half a million dollars on new buildings this year.

R. F. Hendricks, a Lane county pioneer of 1848, died in Eugene, aged 78. The Oregon convention of the Congressional Union will be held in Portland in June.

Rev. Frank Thow of Walla, was elected moderator of the Grande Ronde Presbytery.

The Degree of Honor, Grand Lodge of Oregon, held its three-day annual session in Portland.

The Oregon Pioneers' association will hold its forty-third annual convention in Portland.

The people of Florence have decided to give their annual Rhododendron festival May 21 to 23.

A stallion show will be held in connection with Albany's next monthly public sales day, April 24.

The annual institute for the teachers of Lincoln county will be held at Newport April 28, 29 and 30.

To protect birds and dumb animals, a humane society has been formed by students of the Albany high school.

Coquille coal is to be added to the exhibit of Oregon's mineral resources in the new chamber of commerce at Portland.

A. C. Schmidt, president of the First National bank of Albany, was re-elected president of the Oregon-Idaho executive committee of the Y. M. C. A.

Bids for the removal of the old Josephine county courthouse and for the construction of the proposed new one at Grants Pass are being advertised.

Fuyuko Fukai, a Japanese pupil of the Sunnyside school near Clackamas, is the champion speller in the fourth and fifth grades in Clackamas county. She is 11 years old.

A jury at Astoria returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Sam Alakala, who was charged with the death of John Tule, drowned in Youngs Bay, following an altercation.

The industrial club enrollment is about three times as great as it was last year in Wasco county, according to a report from Field Worker Maris to State Superintendent Churchill.

Upon recommendation of Superintendent Minto, the state board of control has adopted a merit system for the penitentiary which is designed to improve the morals of the prisoners.

Ex-President Taft will come to Portland August 23 to address a joint meeting of the Oregon and Washington State bar associations which will hold their annual conventions here simultaneously.

At a meeting of the Roseburg carnival committee it was decided to extend this year's strawberry festival over nearly an entire week instead of two days, as first anticipated. The festivities will begin May 18.

The new road through Cow Creek Canyon, in southern Douglas county, is completed. The new piece of the Pacific Highway is about 2 1/2 miles in length and eliminates some of the worst grades between Portland and San Francisco.

Governor Withycombe has reappointed Mrs. George T. Gerlinger of Dallas as a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon, and also appointed C. C. Colt of Portland and H. B. McKinney of Baker members of the board.

Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, will give a series of three lectures during the session of the Oregon Agricultural college summer school, which opens June 14 and continues for six weeks. Dr. Claxton will speak on July 5, 6 and 7.

May 22 will be "Good Roads day" in Linn county. This date has been chosen by the Linn county court as the day on which all of the residents of the county, whether residing in city or country, will be asked to take a holiday from their usual vocations and labor upon the roads.

The last and longest of the big tunnels on the Willamette-Pacific has been broken through. This tunnel is the one just south of the Umpqua and is 4300 feet long. Excavation work on the other eight tunnels between the Situla and Coos Bay is completed and all grading is finished.

Fifty-eight accidents, none fatal, were reported to Labor Commissioner Hoff during the week. The logging, shingle, box factory and sawmill activities caused a total of 20 accidents, while 18 mishaps occurred among those employed by railroads. Six were injured in paper mills. The other accidents included a wide range of occupations.

About 2,000,000 trout eggs have been taken at the Spencer Creek hatchery, near Klamath Falls, and it is hoped to get about 2,000,000 before the spawning season closes. About 500,000 eggs will be hatched at the Spencer Creek hatchery and the remainder will be shipped to the Bonneville hatchery as soon as they are eyed. It is expected that, after the eggs are hatched and the young fish reach the fingerling stage, a large number of them will be returned to Klamath county to be liberated in the streams there.

OUR COLONIAL SOLONS.

First Legislative Assembly Met at Jamestown, Va. in 1619.

The first representative legislative assembly ever held in America convened at Jamestown, Va., in July, 1619, a year before the pilgrims landed at Plymouth and a decade before the Massachusetts Bay colony was begun. It consisted of the governor, Sir George Yeardley, his council, two burgesses elected by each of the eleven incorporated plantations. The assembly sat in the chamber of the little church where five years before Pocahontas had been married to John Rolfe. John Twine, the clerk of the assembly, says in his official report:

"The most convenient place we could find to sit in was the quire of the church where Sir George Yeardley, the governor, being set down in his accustomed place, those of the counsel of estate sat next him on both hands, except one only the secretary, then appointed speaker, who sat right before him, John Twine, clerk of the general assembly, being placed next the speaker, and Thomas Pierce, the sergeant, standing at the barre, to be ready for any service the assembly should require. But forasmuch as men's affairs do little prosper where God's service is neglected, all the burgesses took their places in the quire till a prayer was said by Mr. Bucke, the minister, that it would please God to guide and sanctify all our proceedings to his own glory and the good of this plantation."—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

The Greatest Geologist.

The royal name in geology is undoubtedly that of Charles Lyell. It was Lyell who did for geology what Copernicus did for the heavens and Darwin for the realm of biology—gave it true rendering by finding out and stating its true laws. Before Lyell's time geology was largely romance, but in "The Principles of Geology," published in 1830, the old catastrophic view of the formation of the earth heard its death knell, and from the publication of that great work we are to date the birth of real geology—Ex-change.

Aluminium Bronze.

Aluminium bronze was invented by the French chemist Deville in 1850 and was used experimentally for the manufacture of domestic utensils and articles of jewelry. It has the color of gold and retains its brilliancy, not being attacked by salt water or the atmosphere. It consists of 90 per cent of aluminium to 10 of copper. It has tenacity of Bessemer steel and when heated is easily forged and rolled.

Candor.

"Pa, what's a tanglie?" "It's generally the first aid to emity."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Here's a Tanglie.

How easy it is to mix up the average business man was demonstrated the other day when the son of a local merchant leaned against his father's knee and innocently asked: "Daddy, is today tomorrow?" "No, my son, of course today isn't tomorrow," answered the father. "But you said it was," continued the son.

"When did I ever say today was tomorrow?" "Yesterday," answered the son. "Well, it was, today was tomorrow yesterday, but today is today, just as yesterday was today yesterday, but it was yesterday today, and tomorrow will be today tomorrow, which makes today yesterday and tomorrow all at once. Now run along and play," and the father collapsed into his chair with a sigh of relief.—Louisville Times

Origin of "Hip, Hip, Hurray!"

"Hip, hip, hurrah!" our modern yell of delight, is said to have an ancient origin. The word "hip" is supposed to be composed of the initial letters of the Latin phrase, "Hierosolyma est perdit," meaning "Jerusalem est perdit," the "I" in "hip" being substituted for the "e" in "est." When the German knights were persecuting Jews in the middle ages they are said to have run, shouting, "Hip, hip!" as much as to say "Jerusalem is destroyed." "Hurrah" is said to be from the Slavonic "hup, hup, hurrah!" would mean "Jerusalem is lost; we are on our way to paradise."—Indianapolis News.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the Nord Deutsche Insurance Co.

of Hamburg, in Germany, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital paid up \$ 400,000.00
INCOME
Net premiums received during the year \$ 1,307,892.51
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 55,183.93
Income from other sources received during the year 126,340.07
Total income \$ 1,489,416.51

DISBURSEMENTS
Net losses paid during the year \$ 687,974.45
Dividends paid during the year 397,969.91
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 28,492.04
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 1,107.75
Amount of all other expenditures 60,332.40
Total expenditures \$ 1,156,876.55

ASSETS
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$ 1,411,510.00
Cash in banks and on hand 200.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 201,074.37
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914 144,719.18
Interest and rents due and accrued 18,808.02
Total assets \$ 1,776,370.17

LIABILITIES
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$ 103,007.24
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 3,000.00
All other liabilities 21,400.00
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock \$ 127,407.24
Total premiums in force December 31, 1914 \$ 1,191,183.94

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Total risks written during the year \$ 1,702,045.00
Gross premiums received during the year 27,368.07
Premiums returned during the year 15,250.56
Premiums retained during the year 12,117.51
Losses incurred during the year 18,494.66
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914 612,102.00

Nord Deutsche Insurance Co.

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COAL MINERS' CLOCKS.

Telling the Time of Day by a Lamp or an Oil Flask.

Do you know that every miner when descending into the pit to work takes with him a couple of clocks? These are not ordinary timepieces, for they have neither wheels, springs, dials nor any of the usual appurtenances. The "clocks" are simply his lamp and oil flask. By noting the quantity of oil consumed—or that left—the miner can tell to within a few minutes any hour of the day or night.

When a miner's lamp goes out, as it not infrequently does, in almost any circumstance he must not neglect it himself. Instead, though he may be left in pitch darkness, he must grope his way to the lamp cabin or to some other point where he can obtain the proper assistance. He does the "groping" with his hands, stooping down until he touches the tram lines along which the coal is taken, and sliding his hands along the metal until he reaches his destination or meets some one going in the same direction. A coal hewer's earnings depend on the weight of coal he gets and also on the number of fathoms cut. A cubic yard of coal weighs about eighteen hundredweight, and the outstretched arms of an average man extend to about one fathom. By these measurements, independent of the official ones, each man can roughly calculate his earnings for any particular "shift."—London Tit-Bits.

What Is Disappation?

I think sometimes that our common definition of disappation is far too narrow. We confine it to those excesses in the use of intoxicating liquor or the crude gratification of the passions, but often these are only the outward symbols of a more subtle inward disorder. The things of the world—a thousand clamoring interests, desires, possessions—have got the better of us. Man, becoming drunk with the inordinate desire for owning things and disappation with ambition for political office, I knew a man once, a farmer, who debauched himself upon food, fed his appetite upon the happiness of his home, cheated his children of education, and himself went steadily, bookless, joyless, comfortless, that he might buy more land. I call that disappation too.—David Grayson in American Magazine

Royalty in the Kitchen.

Wife tearfully:—John, cook is going. Husband:—When does she abdicate?—Life.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the National Union Fire Insurance Company

of Pittsburgh, in the state of Pennsylvania, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital paid up \$ 1,000,000.00
INCOME
Net premiums received during the year \$ 1,969,371.52
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 176,250.00
Income from other sources received during the year 253,514.87
Total income \$ 2,399,136.39

DISBURSEMENTS
Net losses paid during the year \$ 1,004,025.08
Dividends paid during the year 60,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 622,940.35
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 107,293.63
Amount of all other expenditures 350,304.63
Total expenditures \$ 2,647,559.06

ASSETS
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$ 30,454.40
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 2,784,700.35
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 212,415.96
Cash in banks and on hand 175,908.38
Premiums in course of collection written since Sept. 30, 1914 525,578.39
Interest and rents due and accrued 46,443.23
Total assets admitted in Oregon \$ 4,235,915.98

LIABILITIES
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$ 292,626.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 2,470,628.43
All other liabilities 221,146.47
Surplus 251,540.23
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of \$ 3,000,000.00 \$ 5,244,915.90

Total premiums in force December 31, 1914 \$ 4,417,207.74
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Total risks written during the year \$ 5,122,007.00
Gross premiums received during the year 75,648.75
Premiums returned during the year 38,070.35
Premiums retained during the year 37,578.40
Losses incurred during the year 30,558.30
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914 \$ 3,544,731.09

National Union Fire Insurance Company

By W. P. BRAUN, Secretary. Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: FRANK E. DOOLY, Portland, Or. DOOLY & CO., Agents, 312-314 Board of Trade Bldg., Portland, Ore.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the Oregon Surety & Casualty Co.

of Portland, in the state of Oregon, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital paid up \$ 100,000.00
INCOME
Net premiums received during the year \$ 54,700.72
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 9,523.91
Total income \$ 64,224.63

DISBURSEMENTS
Losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses, etc. 25,407.35
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock 4,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 19,360.50
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 1,107.75
Amount of all other expenditures 5,000.74
Total expenditures \$ 60,326.40

ASSETS
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$ 10,980.85
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 14,757.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 153,740.00
Cash in banks and on hand 1,102.60
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914 4,250.00
Interest and rents due and accrued 2,011.92
Total assets \$ 171,830.05

LIABILITIES
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$ 10,900.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 10,042.00
All other liabilities, reserve for taxes 284.00
Premiums paid in advance 430.20
Total liabilities \$ 21,656.20

Total premiums in force December 31, 1914 \$ 39,323.43
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Total risks written during the year \$ 4,106,982.85
Gross premiums received during the year 64,810.78
Premiums returned during the year 9,553.21
Premiums retained during the year 55,257.57
Losses incurred during the year 30,117.20
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914 5,338.90

Oregon Surety & Casualty Co.

By (Signed) GAY LONNARD, President. Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: FRANK E. DOOLY & CO., Agents, 312-314 Board of Trade Bldg., Portland, Ore.

His Family Tree.

Andy:—And you say that is a picture of your family tree? "But the tree has no foliage on it?" "No. You see, I'm Scotch descent and my ancestors were kilts and went with bare limbs."—Yonkers Statesman

On the Right Track.

"But I no spik ze English koot." "It's a chink, kid. You stick around here and I'll soon put you wise to the right dope."—Life.

We must all toll or steal, which is worse.

—Thomas Carlyle.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the Casualty Company of America

of 65 William Street, New York City, 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:

Amount of capital paid up \$ 750,000.00
INCOME
Net premiums received during the year \$ 3,403,398.82
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 90,938.35
Income from other sources received during the year 329,404.90
Total income \$ 3,823,742.07

DISBURSEMENTS
Losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses, etc. \$ 1,845,445.07
Dividends paid during the year 45,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 942,531.17
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 237,072.56
Amount of all other expenditures 56,888.01
Total expenditures \$ 3,126,532.81

ASSETS
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) \$ 1,540,026.53
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 294,883.42
Cash in banks and on hand 906,130.51
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914 808,354.20
Cash in banks and on hand 154,325.75
Interest and rents due and accrued 18,024.42
Total assets \$ 3,400,400.58

LIABILITIES
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$ 1,073,778.02
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 1,027,590.88
Due for commissions and brokerage 180,000.00
All other liabilities 1,106,211.88
Total liabilities \$ 3,387,569.78

Total premiums in force December 31, 1914 \$ 2,194,857.31
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Gross premiums received during the year 55,200.09
Premiums returned during the year 25,513.54
Losses paid during the year 32,385.51

Casualty Company of America

By EDWIN W. DEKOR, President. Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: FRANK E. DOOLY, Board of Trade Bldg., Portland, Ore. DOOLY & CO., Agents, 312-314 Board of Trade Bldg., Portland, Ore.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the New Brunswick Fire Insurance Company

of New Brunswick, 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:

Amount of capital paid up \$ 400,000.00
INCOME
Net premiums received during the year \$ 600,795.22
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 55,455.94
Income from other sources received during the year 151,847.90
Total income \$ 808,099.06

DISBURSEMENTS
Net losses paid during the year \$ 319,305.46
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock 46,400.13
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 230,025.14
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 32,165.44
Amount of all other expenditures 41,240.63
Total expenditures \$ 628,826.90

ASSETS
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$ 132,362.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 678,920.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 205,854.00
Cash in banks and on hand 154,325.75
Premiums in course of collection written since Sept. 30, 1914 118,140.00
Interest and rents due and accrued 6,005.54
Total assets \$ 1,297,507.29

LIABILITIES
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$ 52,086.00
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 574,057.68
All other liabilities 12,542.97
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of \$ 600,000.00 \$ 648,686.65

Total premiums in force December 31, 1914 \$ 1,050,145.00
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Total risks written during the year \$ 2,261,700.00
Gross premiums received during the year 38,070.35
Premiums returned during the year 10,770.00
Premiums retained during the year 27,300.35
Losses incurred during the year 15,864.24
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914 2,362,096.00

New Brunswick Fire Insurance Company

By CHAS. D. BOSS, Secretary. Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: (Signed) LUKK J. PETERSON, Portland, Ore. DOOLY & CO., Agents, 312-314 Board of Trade Bldg., Portland, Ore.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the Fire Association of Philadelphia

of Philadelphia, in the state of Pennsylvania, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital paid up \$ 750,000.00
INCOME
Net premiums received during the year \$ 4,307,131.75
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 407,327.34
Income from other sources received during the year 1,841.14
Total income \$ 4,716,300.23

DISBURSEMENTS
Net losses paid during the year \$ 2,583,480.02
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock 300,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 1,321,430.00
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 132,903.12
Amount of all other expenditures 57,961.71
Total expenditures \$ 4,395,874.85

ASSETS
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$ 714,400.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 4,983,274.25
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 2,063,037.00
Cash in banks and on hand 720,512.74
Premiums in course of collection written since Sept. 30, 1914 720,512.74
Interest and rents due and accrued 113,775.30
Total assets \$ 9,315,833.81

LIABILITIES
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$ 470,704.02
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 5,540,447.50
All other liabilities 74,683.07
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of \$ 6,085,834.59

Total premiums in force December 31, 1914 \$ 3,330,019.00
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Total risks written during the year \$ 78,057.02
Gross premiums received during the year 15,013.95
Premiums returned during the year 37,425.00
Premiums retained during the year 18,588.95
Losses incurred during the year 27,427.50
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914 4,702,117.07

Fire Association of Philadelphia

By E. C. IRVIN, President. Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: FRANK E. DOOLY & CO., Portland, Ore. DOOLY & CO., Agents, 312-314 Board of Trade Bldg., Portland, Ore.

Synopsis of the annual statement of the ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CO. OF LONDON, in England, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital paid up \$ 400,000.00
INCOME
Net premiums received during the year \$ 5,909,721.55
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 105,918.45
Income from other sources received during the year 184,045.18
Total income \$ 6,199,685.18

DISBURSEMENTS
Net losses paid during the year \$ 1,087,163.96
Dividends paid during the year 549,472.98
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 86,244.85
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 457,040.01
Amount of all other expenditures 1,217,911.48
Total expenditures \$ 3,487,832.28

ASSETS
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) \$ 2,374,382.50
Cash in banks and on hand 285,087.53
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 2,063,037.00
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914 184,045.18
Interest and rents due and accrued 31,025.36
Total assets \$ 5,137,582.57

LIABILITIES
Gross claims for losses unpaid \$ 227,843.92
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks 1,536,487.74
Due for commission and brokerage 1,267.05
All other liabilities 48,662.11
Total liabilities exclusive of deposit capital \$ 1,814,200.82

Total premiums in force December 31, 1914 \$ 3,327,837.21
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR
Total risks written during the year \$ 2,429,552.00
Gross premiums received during the year 31,402.72
Premiums returned during the year 7,477.90
Premiums retained during the year 6,910.34
Losses incurred during the year 6,714.11
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914 2,323,235.00

ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE CO.

By N. D. HARVEY, President. Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: FRANK E. DOOLY, Portland, Ore. DOOLY & CO., Agents, 312-314 Board of Trade Bldg., Portland, Ore.

Synopsis of the annual statement of the GERMAN AMERICAN INS. CO. OF PA.

of Pittsburgh, in the state of Pennsylvania, on the 31st day of December, 1914, made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Amount of capital paid up \$ 200,000.00
INCOME
Net premiums received during the year \$ 368,106.87
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year 43,126.71
Income from other sources received during the year 307.33
Total income \$ 411,540.91

DISBURSEMENTS
Net losses paid during the year \$ 203,372.55
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock 28,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year 118,755.10
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year 10,950.97
Amount of all other expenditures 1,845.41
Total expenditures \$ 362,924.03

ASSETS
Value of real estate owned (market value) \$ 42,322.46
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value) 62,450.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. 569,140.53
Cash in banks and on hand 78,607.60
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914 471,519.76
Interest and rents due and accrued 54,286.36
Total assets \$ 1,278,326.61