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The only metal that is found in more than one color is iron, which appears in almost every shade.

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the EQUITY FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE CO., of Springfield, Mass., made to the insurance commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law.

CAPITAL.	
Amount of capital paid up.....	\$ 2,500,000.00
INCOME.	
Net premiums received during the year.....	\$ 1,115,916.97
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year.....	431,407.80
Income from other sources received during the year.....	60,771.92
Total income.....	\$ 1,608,095.69
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Net losses paid during the year.....	\$ 3,800,770.98
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year.....	300,000.00
Commission and salaries paid during the year.....	1,844,616.15
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year.....	887,385.36
Amount of all other expenditures.....	141,238.17
Total disbursements.....	\$ 6,974,771.56

ASSETS.	
Value of real estate owned (market value).....	\$ 800,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value).....	\$ 4,500,000.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral.....	2,112,770.00
Cash in banks and on hand.....	1,470,071.45
Prepayments in course of collection written since September 30, 1915.....	1,844,616.15
Interest and rents due and accrued.....	16,571.23
Total assets.....	\$ 11,744,168.83

LIABILITIES.	
Gross claims for losses unpaid.....	\$ 11,744,168.83
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks.....	68,732.90
All other liabilities.....	0.00
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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

Oregon's metal production for 1915 will exceed \$2,000,000 in value.

A co-operative cream shippers' association was organized at Dayton.

The Grangers of Linn county plan to open a public market in Albany.

A \$30,000 or \$35,000 school building is to be erected in the near future at Hood River.

An agitation is on in Morrow county for the improvement of the Heppner-Lexington road.

The Coos-Curry Cheese association was formed at a convention of factory owners in Coquille.

J. L. Stockton, of Salem, president of the Oregon Retail Merchants' association, has resigned.

"Oregon," a White Leghorn hen at the Oregon agricultural college, has laid her thousandth egg.

General resumption of all the idle lumber mills in Baker county is planned within the next few weeks.

As the result of mass meetings held last week, a beet sugar factory is assured for Sutherlin next year.

One hundred dollars in prizes will be given to the boy corn growers at the Wasco county fair next September.

A contract has been closed for the sale of 50,000,000 feet of Coos bay spruce lumber to the Russian government.

H. A. Ray and George Huff are reported to have discovered a ledge of sheelite tungsten three miles north of Gold Hill.

Governor Withycombe has issued a proclamation designating the first week in April "Western Club Women Consumers' Week."

For the week ending March 15, 188 accidents were reported to the state industrial accident commission, of which five were fatal.

Professor George Haskell Collier, one of the first members of the faculty of the University of Oregon, died at Eugene, aged 89 years.

Preliminary steps have been taken by the state association of county judges and commissioners to revise the road laws of Oregon.

An organization to be composed entirely of attorneys and to be known as the Oregon Naval Militia auxiliary will be formed at Portland.

Stock holders of the Willamette Valley Southern Railway company have voted an increase of \$500,000 in the capital stock of the company.

Cornelius Mowerson, a convict employed at the Oregon penitentiary as a trusty teamster, escaped while employed in work outside the prison.

The citizens of Enterprise are discussing spending \$40,000 for additions to its grade schools and the erection of a commodious high school building.

Cresced from drinking alcohol, Oscar Bridges and Oliver Riesbeck of Salem, engaged in a fight with a beer bottle and a knife and both were severely injured.

State Engineer Lewis has directed a rough survey of a proposed state road through McMinnville, up Yamhill river and across the mountains to Tillamook.

A rich strike of gold ore at the Champion mine in the Bohemia district near Cottage Grove has been made. The quartz assays about \$2500 per ton.

O. A. C. won second place in the northwestern wrestling championship by defeating Washington state college three bouts to two in a meet held at Corvallis.

State Engineer Lewis is trying to standardize the practice of the state highway department with reference to location, work and construction of the state roads.

Baker county Spanish War Veterans are anxious to join the United States troops in their invasion of Mexico. There are about 100 veterans in the county.

Mrs. Anna Booth, found guilty by a jury of killing her husband, William Booth, near Willamina, on October 8 last, was sentenced to life imprisonment at McMinnville.

Arle Van Vleet, ex-managing director of the horticultural exhibit of Holland at the Panama exposition, has been removed to Ashland, where he will be kept in the nursery business.

Five hundred acres of burned-over mountain land in Linn county will be replanted by the government forest service this summer. Work will begin as soon as the snow in the mountains melts.

With the acquisition of 1200 feet of frontage on Young's bay, the J. A. McKeen company, of Seattle and Astoria, has completed final details that will give Astoria a \$300,000 shipbuilding concern.

Bids for the construction of the post office building at Roseburg, to cost \$100,000, will be opened April 24. The structure will be two stories and basement and the principal materials used will be brick and stone.

Preservative Paste:

Past possesses wonderful antiseptic and preservative qualities owing to the presence of tannin, iron and other substances in it. Here is an instance: At the time of the covenants, in 1055, three men were shot at a place called Crogeloch, on the moor above Old Cunneock, in Scotland. In 1825, when a monument was being erected to their memory, the workmen came upon the bodies rolled in their places. The bodies were in exactly the same state as when they were buried. The moor had preserved them as if they had been embalmed.

OUR VANISHING DEER.

The Most Graceful and Most Hunted of All Our Animals.

No animal on the North American continent has been hunted so relentlessly as the deer. That's why he is getting scarcer every year, and you'll have to look in a park or go into the mountains to find one today.

For convenience in distinguishing this animal from other members of the family scattered over the earth, we call him the "common American deer." He is also referred to at times as the roebuck, the jumping deer and the long tailed deer. He is small, compared with others of his family, like the moose and elk, and his color is brown in summer and gray-brown in winter. He weighs between 100 and 200 pounds.

The male deer carries a pair of horns, which he sheds each year after the breeding season. Then he grows a new pair, which also increases as the year grows older. The female deer, called the doe, has no horns.

They are vegetarians and live most of the year on shrubs, grass and the buds of trees. Sometimes they become bolder and visit a farmer's corn or wheat field. They also like berries.

The American deer is one of the most graceful animals on the continent, speeds over the open ground through the forest with equal ease. It has no antlers, yet it is a most hunted animal. The reason is that the animal's flesh is most delicious. If you have ever tasted venison you'll say you've hunted the deer so relentlessly.—Philadelphia North American.

Short Christmas.

"Christmas day is only three hours long in the Flamingo town of Tormen," a traveler wrote. "I spent last Christmas there. At sunrise I got up to see my presents and to read my Christmas mail and night had fallen before I got through breakfast."—Exchange.

Cynical.

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Waterproof Matchbox.

A waterproof matchbox is good for emergencies, but not for a smoker's daily supply. Waterproof matches are made by dipping them half length in a solution of varnish thinned with alcohol and laying them out separately on a newspaper to dry. Shellac is better than paraffin or colloid because it does not wear off, and it is itself inflammable, like sealing wax. Matches so treated can be left in water a long time without spoiling.—Outing.

Clever Fish Hawks.

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