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My oven had a tendency to burn on the bottom until a friend told me to cut a piece of old wire screen just the size of my oven, and always keep it in place. Since then I have had no further trouble. The cost was nil, as I cut the screen from a discarded door. —Cartoons Magazine.

Notice of Final Settlement

In the County Court of the state of Oregon for Sherman county, in the matter of the Estate of Thomas J. Farns, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled court and cause her final report and account of her administration of the said estate, and that Monday, the 1st day of April A.D. 1918, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m. of said day has been by order of the court appointed as the time and the county court room in the county court house at Moro, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of the said report and account, and the objections thereto, any, and the settlement of the said estate.
Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 1st day of March, A.D. 1918.
Elizabeth A. Dunn, administratrix of said estate.
Bright & Bryant, attorneys for estate.
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Date of last publication, March 29, 1918

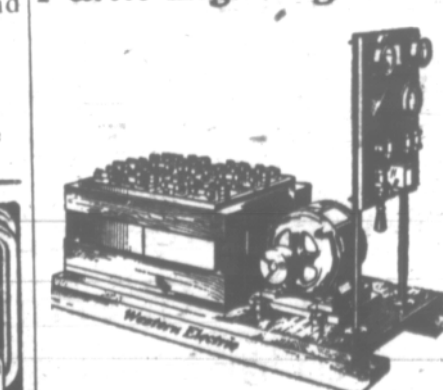
Notice of Final Settlement

In the County Court of the state of Oregon for Sherman county, in the matter of Estate of John Johnson, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled court and cause her final report and account of her administration of the said estate, and that Monday, the 1st day of April A.D. 1918, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock a.m. of said day has been appointed by order of the Court as the time and the county court room in the county court house at Moro, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of the said report and account, and the objections thereto, if any, and the settlement of the said estate.
Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 1st day of March, A.D. 1918.
Gerhardine Johnson, executrix of said estate.
Bright & Bryant, attorneys for estate.
Date of first publication, March 1, 1918
Date of last publication, March 29, 1918

Guardians Sale of Real Property

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman county, in the matter of the estate and guardianship of Edna E. McCaleb, a minor.
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an order, duly made and entered in the said court and matter on the 4th day of February, A.D. 1918, the undersigned will proceed to sell, at private sale, for not less than \$200 of purchase price in cash, balance in not more than two years, note to be given of usual form, secured by first mortgage on the land, bearing interest at not less than six per cent per annum, the following described land: w 1/2 ne 1/4 and w 1/2 sw 1/4 of section 8 in township 1 north range 19 east of Willamette meridian, and also, beginning at a point 80 rods east of the northwest corner of said southeast quarter of section 8, aforesaid, thence east 70 rods; thence south 160 rods; thence west 70 rods; thence north 160 rods, to the place of beginning, containing in all 230 acres more or less, together with the teneaments, hereditaments, and appurtenances thereto belonging and appertaining.
That said sale will be made on or after Friday, the 15th day of March, A.D. 1918, at 2 o'clock p.m., and will be made subject to the dower interest of Phoebe C. DeMoss, and subject to the confirmation of the court.
Dated and first published at Moro, Oregon, February 15, 1918.
Phoebe C. DeMoss, Guardian.
Bright & Bryant, attorneys for guardian.
Last publication, March 15, 1918. (5t)

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MAN POWER OF HUNS

Germany's Full Strength Is Now 5,500,000 Men.

3,180,000 Are on Various Fronts, the Remainder Are Guarding Neutral Frontiers.

Paris.—The Echo de Paris, referring to the distribution of enemy forces on the different fronts, says: "On the Franco-British front there have been for several months past 152 German divisions, of which 64 were opposed by the British and the remainder by the French. Following the recent British offensive at Cambrai, this proportion was modified. There are now exactly 154 divisions on the Franco-British front, each comprising about 5,850 bayonets, and including artillery, engineers, etc., or about 12,000 men in all, thus giving about 2,000,000 German combatants on the Franco-British front.

"In view of the uncertainty of what Russian anarchy has in store for them, the Germans have left about a million men on the Russo-Romanian front. As a matter of fact, the movements effected have resulted not in a diminution of the number of fighting units on this front, but in their quality. "On the Italian front Germany has sent to the assistance of the 45 Austrian divisions only seven divisions, or about 100,000 men.

"On the Balkan front she has sent only 30,000 combatants to re-enforce the Turks and Bulgarians. In Asia Germany has restricted her help to furnishing general staffs. "Consequently Germany, whose total strength is 5,500,000 men, has on the various fronts 3,180,000 men, the remainder being required for guarding the Swiss and Dutch frontiers and for the occupation of the invaded territories."

California's Weeping Trees.
California has but two species of native trees that are normally weeping habit. One is Quercus lobata, the valley oak, having its most southerly range near Burbank. The other is Picea Breweriana, the weeping spruce, which is found in a few isolated mountainous sections in the northwest corner of the state.

NEW TODAY

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, of Kansas City, Mo., in the State of Missouri, on the 31st day of December, 1917, 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 received during the year	\$ 8,717,756.75
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	\$ 894,112.65
Income from other sources received during the year	\$ 206,822.11
Total income	\$ 9,818,691.51
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid for losses, endorsements, annuities and surrenders	\$ 651,903.12
Dividends paid to policyholders during the year	\$ 292,061.79
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	\$ 12,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	\$ 1,802,988.85
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	\$ 66,013.17
Amount of all other expenditures	\$ 293,439.91
Total expenditures	\$ 2,916,896.94
Market value of real estate owned	\$ 30,000.00
Market value of bonds owned	\$ 568,602.60
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	\$ 9,852,412.95
Premiums in course of collection	\$ 233,443.10
Cash in banks and on hand	\$ 97,972.86
Net uncollected and deferred premiums	\$ 264,184.67
Other assets (net)	\$ 91,160.25
Total assets	\$ 7,472,726.32
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$ 7,472,726.32
LIABILITIES	
Net reserve	\$ 7,178,807.75
Total policy claims unpaid	\$ 13,378.48
All other liabilities	\$ 1,555,486.94
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock	\$ 8,747,673.23
Total insurance in force December 31, 1917	\$ 1,122,070,058.00
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Total insurance written during the year	\$ 1,166,500.00
Gross premiums received during the year	\$ 81,470.39
Losses paid during the year	\$ 4,000.00
Losses incurred during the year	\$ 7,000.00
Total amount of insurance written in Oregon for the year 1917	\$ 1,832,625.00
KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	
By J. B. REYNOLDS, President.	
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: CHARLES GRAMM, 1801 Northwestern Bank Bldg., Portland, Ore.	

Synopsis of the Annual Statement of the DUQUETTE FIRE & MARINE INS. CO., of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, on the 31st day of December, 1917, 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 premium received during the year	\$ 1,089,410.78
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year	\$ 109,743.78
Income from other sources received during the year	\$ 26.51
Total income	\$ 1,199,201.08
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net losses paid during the year	\$ 518,063.75
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	\$ 40,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	\$ 771,892.45
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	\$ 60,690.87
Amount of all other expenditures	\$ 82,280.10
Total expenditures	\$ 1,973,927.07
ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 16,598.25
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	\$ 862,955.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	\$ 1,184,800.00
Cash in banks and on hand	\$ 123,488.58
Premiums in course of collection	\$ 207,924.40
Written since Sept. 30, 1917	\$ 27,044.00
Interest and rents due and accrued	\$ 27,044.00
Other assets (net)	\$ 631,492.24
Total assets	\$ 2,187,812.23
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$ 2,187,812.23
LIABILITIES	
Net reserve	\$ 2,187,812.23
Total policy claims unpaid	\$ 67,767.21
Amount of unearned premium on all outstanding risks	\$ 1,273,456.57
All other liabilities	\$ 65,000.00
Total liabilities, exclusive of capital stock	\$ 2,323,275.81
Total insurance in force December 31, 1917	\$ 2,420,282.78
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Total insurance written during the year	\$ 1,338,971.00
Gross premiums received during the year	\$ 23,980.72
Premiums returned during the year	\$ 2,202.02
Losses paid during the year	\$ 9,254.81
Losses incurred during the year	\$ 10,754.91
Total amount of insurance written in Oregon for the year 1917	\$ 1,075,444.00
DUQUETTE FIRE & MARINE INSURANCE CO.	
By N. J. SCHUBERT, President.	
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: FRANK M. BARRETT, 404 Kansas Bldg.	

AVIATOR DODGES HUNS 72 DAYS

Lieut. Pat. O'Brien of Illinois Tells of Wild Adventures in Germany.

JUMPS FROM MOVING TRAIN

American Strategy Triumphs Over German Efficiency—One of His Hardest Stunts Was Swimming River Meuse.

Chicago.—Pat O'Brien of Momence, Ill., is back from the fighting front. In the British flying corps the young man from Momence is known as Lieut. Patrick Alva O'Brien. He is famous for several reasons. His real story began when he made a descent of nearly two miles in his airplane after a German bullet in the face had rendered him unconscious. The fall cost him a bump on the head.

He jumped out of the window of a moving train on his way to a German prison camp, and escaped. Then he spent 72 days in getting to Holland, a distance of 250 miles as the airplane flies. And the story ends with one of the longest interviews with a king on record—62 minutes by the royal stopwatch.

Many times during those 72 nights of travel through Germany, Luxemburg, and occupied Belgium, American strategy triumphed over German efficiency.

"Usually," said Lieutenant O'Brien, "when a bunch of fellows get together, they talk about women. But in our first prison in Flanders, we talked only about escape and food, and not very little of either. There were eight officers going to an interior prison camp, and a guard with a rifle for every two prisoners.

Leaps From Train.
"We rode all day and all night. Twice I put up the window to jump and lost my nerve. It looked too much like sudden death. As I put it up again, about four in the morning, the guard gave me an ugly look. I knew it was then or never and dove out.

"For nearly a month afterward I thought my left eye was gone. The scars are there yet. By the time the train stopped, a half-mile on, or more, I was up and scrambled to a hiding place. Those Germans looked everywhere on the side of the tracks to ward the border. I was in the opposite direction.

"It was a month before I got rid of my English uniform. I stole a pair of overalls one night. I got a cap the next and a shirt later. A Belgian gave me a scarf. That was all the help I got."

As an appetizer Lieutenant O'Brien ate turnip. The entree was sugar beet, and the meal closed with a cabbage stomp that even the Germans scorned. "And I never did like vegetables," he said. "I hope I never have to eat another."

One night a German soldier saw him swimming a river, and raised the alarm. "I felt sure they would be on top of me in a few minutes," he said, "so I ran upstream and swam back to the other side. I knew the ways of the Hun pretty well by then. They looked everywhere on the other side, but not a German came near me.

Swam the Meuse.
"One of the hardest things I did was to swim the Meuse river. I had all my clothes on, to my boots, and the river was half a mile across. It nearly got me twenty-five feet from shore. I was choking, and I admit praying. My boyhood on the Kansas saved my life.

"When I got up the bank I fainted. It was the only time I ever fainted." Lieutenant O'Brien could not speak German. As a boy, a Momence baker of Teuton origin taught him a phrase of German, but he did not know what it meant. It was some "ten lifetimes" after swimming the Meuse he found the nine-foot death fence of the Holland frontier. Death all but got him then, as his improvised ladder dropped him on the charged wires.

"A few minutes later," he said, "I could have tripped the guard with my ladder. After he had gone I dug—dug as I never dug before in my life. My back was half an inch from death when I crawled under and into Holland."

GOING OVER TOP IS BETTER THAN FOOTBALL

Anti-fun, Ala.—Tom McClure, former Auburn football star, declares that going over the top in France beats charging into an opposing eleven. In a letter received here McClure tells of going "over the top" with the United States engineers four times. He was in the thick of the recent hostilities that resulted in several American casualties, but declares the game in France beats football at that.

Pigs Stay in City Limits.

Piedmont, W. Va.—"Pigs is pigs," and as such they will be permitted to thrive within the borough limits. The momentous question was decided at a hot special election recently, when the hog supporters won out by a majority of 90.

HELP FRENCH MORALE

General Pershing Asks Encouragement for the Poilus.

Nation Has Kept Up Its Heroic Fight in the Face of Great Odds.

Chicago.—General Pershing was asked by Dr. W. T. Foster, who was sent to France to inspect the work of the American Red Cross, what this organization could do during the winter that would be the greatest help in the prosecution of the war.

"Assist in sustaining the morale of the French army," the commander of the American expeditionary forces replied without hesitation.

According to Doctor Foster, who recently returned to the United States, the Red Cross is accomplishing this purpose. In addition to aiding French army hospitals with surgical dressings and other supplies, the Red Cross is saving many civilians from starvation, caring for orphan children and rebuilding the devastated areas.

"The impression some have that more supplies are being produced in America than there is need for would be quickly dissipated," he declared, "if every one could see as I did, the record of surgical dressings supplied to 1,900 hospitals. I also saw one French soldier so badly wounded a whole case of dressings was used to save him."

Americans who think our army expansion is cutting deeply into our civil life will find a comparison with the situation in France decidedly illuminating. A Red Cross official just back from France said:

"In a city of 15,000 people which I visited only one man, an old doctor, too old even longer to practice his profession, was left. I passed through 20 French villages in which there was not a single able-bodied man remaining."

It is stripping France in this manner that the nation has kept up its heroic fight against great odds. Today the French army is larger and more effective than ever, and hundreds of thousands of African and Asiatic workmen have been imported to carry on the duties abandoned by the French to fight for their country.

"Can a nation be whipped that has such a spirit as that?" asked the Red Cross official.

MISS MAY PERSHING



Miss May Pershing, sister of Gen. John J. Pershing, is jointly responsible with a married sister for some interesting sidelights on General Pershing. They vouch for the statement that his hobby is gardening and that but for a newspaper story he would never have entered the army through West Point.

NO-TOBACCO DAYS IN PARIS

Shops Open Half Hour Each Week When Police Guard Smokers' Lines.

Paris.—French tobacco and cigarettes are now obtainable in Paris only once each week and even then during the space of but about thirty minutes. During that half hour the tobaccoists' shops present about the same appearance as did the coal and wood yards during the fuel famine last winter. It takes from three to a half-dozen policemen for each shop to keep waiting smokers orderly while the weekly supply is being dealt out, and to pacify those that are still in line when the "no more tobacco" sign is hung out.

Bumper Ice Crop.

New Haven, Conn.—The Connecticut ice crop is to be a bumper one. Already the majority of ice houses in the state are filled and in many places ice is being stacked.

HIRSUITE CONSERVATION LATEST WAR MEASURE

Los Angeles, Cal.—Conservation of whiskers is the latest war-time measure advocated here. If every man and youth would refrain from getting a haircut and shave for a month, mathematicians figure something like \$5,000,000 would be saved in labor, time, rent, electricity and gas.

This, however, admittedly would be hard on the barber and the opposition of the ladies to a month's growth of picturesque hirsute adornments on beau and husband is insurmountable.

BETTER CLOTHES FOR TOMMY

Britain's Discharged Soldiers to Get "Regular" Outfit Hereafter.

London.—A long-standing grievance of Tommy Atkins is to be remedied. On discharge he was served out with a suit of shoddy, described in the trade as "reach me downs," a cheap twing cap and a muffler, the value being fixed at \$4.20.

A newspaper man who witnessed the discharge of the men who fought at Mons described the returning heroes as looking like charity pensioners.

The press dealt with the complaint and the war office amended the scheme by substituting for the muffler a collar and a tie and suggesting greater care in the fitting of individual suits. Henceforth these men are to be released for civilian life wearing suits of decent quality and cut, representing \$10, wholesale value.

USE COLOGNE BELL FOR GUNS

Great 56,000-Pound Bello of 1870 Dismantled and Saved into Parts for War Purposes.

The Hague.—The great "kaiser's bell," whose sonorous voice many Americans may have heard above the roars of Cologne, has now been removed from its cage in the southern tower of the grand cathedral to be melted for war uses. It rang its funeral chant on New Year's night.

The bell weighed 56,000 pounds and it was necessary to saw it in pieces to get it down.

French guns captured in 1870 and 1871 were the material from which the bell was made, and it was first sounded on March 21, 1877, the birthday of William I. It took 27 bell ringers to operate it.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY

of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, on the thirty-first day of December, 1917, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Net premiums received during the year	\$ 1,504,627.76
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	\$ 2,536.71
Income from other sources received during the year	\$ 158,847.00
Total income	\$ 1,765,011.47
Losses paid during the year, including adjustment expenses, etc.	\$ 662,111.94
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year	\$ 30,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	\$ 718,753.38
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year	\$ 44,283.34
Amount of all other expenditures	\$ 247,413.42
Total expenditures	\$ 1,719,471.16
Assets	\$ 675,475.05
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be)	\$ 2,270.00
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$ 673,205.05
Liabilities	\$ 464,487.57
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 146,454.20
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	\$ 229,225.00
Due for commission and brokerage	\$ 18,715.98
All other liabilities	\$ 29,192.38
Total liabilities	\$ 464,487.57
Total premiums in force December 31, 1917	\$ 499,373.33