

BUILD PHONE LINE TO CRATER LAKE FROM PROSPECT

WHI G. Steel returned Tuesday from San Francisco, where he attended the conference of national park superintendents and reports the meeting as a complete success in every particular. Every national park superintendent in the United States was there, as also a number of officials from Washington, D. C., together with representatives of the various concessionaires and transcontinental railroads, all of whom participated in the proceedings with keen interest.

Speaking of local matters, Crater Lake received liberal consideration, as evinced by the fact that Mr. Steel's authority within the park was greatly increased, in connection with which it may be well to refer to the action of the recent legislature in ceding to the general government exclusive jurisdiction within the Crater Lake National Park. The single trip automobile licenses were increased from one to two dollars. In other parks the fee is five dollars. Season licenses will remain at five dollars.

Arrangements have been made by the secretary of the interior to place in such parks as may be necessary, trained men to study and combat the insect scourge, and to this end a specialist will be on duty in Yosemite park to instruct rangers from other parks. It is Mr. Steel's purpose to send a man to Yosemite for two months to study the subject in the field, then to report at Crater Lake for duty.

The ranger force will be materially increased and rangers will be required to appear on duty in full uniform. A telephone line will be constructed to several points within the park and will probably be extended to Prospect, where connection will be made with Medford. A complete, modern gravity system of water will be established during the season, including water for fire protection.

The placing of fish food in the lake will be taken up as soon as climatic conditions will permit and the policy of providing food must be maintained.

AUTOISTS COLLIDE ON ASHLAND PLAZA

ASHLAND, March 17.—At high noon, on Tuesday, March 16, 1915, on the Plaza, Ashland, Oregon, in the presence of two chauffeurs and several uninvited guests, occurred the union of a Flanders and a Cadillac, groomed by Bill Myer and Charley Haas respectively. The impact was severe. The Cadillac sustained minor bruises and managed to limp into port, but the Flanders, with a twisted front axle and other damages, will be at home in the repair shop for an indefinite period. Nobody hurt, but it took two policemen to watch on-lookers while the excitement was at its height.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, observed its 35th anniversary Tuesday evening. These annual gatherings are always the occasion of gala events, and this year's observance was no exception to established rule. Floral decorations were superb and refreshments served ranked unexcelled.

A fine lot on Wimer street, an acre in extent, has recently been transferred through the Beaver Realty Co. to Mrs. Matilda Barnhill and her daughter Bertha, who have already arranged to build a modern bungalow on the premises. The property adjoins that of O. H. Barnhill which was known in former years as the famous Pellett orchard tract.

In spite of the close times and multiplicity of denominations, an even hundred dollars was subscribed on the spot at the Presbyterian church, in response to Pastor Carnahan's appeal in behalf of home missions, last Sunday. This was a free will offering in addition to the regular budget.

The elegant Buick piano auto truck from Hale's music emporium, Medford, which was seen on our streets on Tuesday, is about as fine a transportation accessory as was ever seen in these parts.

DESTRUCTION OF DRESDEN CAUSES NO SURPRISE

BERLIN, March 17.—The destruction of the cruiser Dresden at Juan Fernandez island came as no surprise to the German nation. Newspapers generally express wonder that she should so long have evaded hostile warships. They praise the successful raids of the cruiser on commerce and the heroism of her crew.

HOW SLUSH FUND WAS RAISED FOR INDIANA ELECTION

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 17.—Contributions to the so-called "slush fund" and to the defense of the fund in the present case was described by saloon and gambling house proprietors in the trial of the Terra Haute election fraud case today. Before the gambling housekeepers, were called Frank T. Drake, a progressive election sheriff, told of his arrest at the polls by Dennis Shea, sheriff, told a defendant.

"We had some trouble about voting foreigners," testified Drake, "and I objected to voting men who did not have their citizenship papers. In the afternoon Shea and three others came to the polls, took my gun, struck me, called me vile names, threatened my life, and locked me up."

Phillip ("Hop") Burns testified he conducted a "little game of chance" over a restaurant run by William Doyle, one of the twenty eight defendants on trial. He said Doyle was his partner. He said together they gave \$100 for registration and \$300 for the election and that he gave Eli H. Redman, another defendant, \$100. He testified Redman said he would pay it back.

Albert and James Shea, who conduct Shea Brothers' saloon and gambling house, testified they had paid \$200 for registration, \$400 for the election and that James gave \$200 to Mayor Donn M. Roberts for the defense in the present trial.

James also testified that he loaned Eli H. Redman \$300 and gave him another \$100. He said he had never collected any part of the \$200 loan.

REPARATION PROMISED FOR M'MANUS' DEATH

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Enrique C. Llorente, representative here of General Villa, conferred with Secretary Bryan today on the killing of John B. McManus, an American in Mexico City by Zapata troops. He assured the secretary of the strength of a message from General Villa that proper reparation would be made.

VIGOROUS PROTEST AGAINST BLOCKADE ORDER EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, March 17.—With the publication by the state department today of the complete text of the correspondence between the United States and the belligerent nations respecting the rights of neutrals, interest was renewed in the probable course the American government would pursue in seeking free commercial intercourse with other countries.

This correspondence included the British order in council, aimed at the stoppage of all commerce by sea to and from Germany, together with the full text of the notes to and from Great Britain and Germany, in which the United States sought to bring about an abandonment of submarine warfare and the shipment of conditional contraband to civilians. It had also been arranged to make public late today the British reply to the American note of inquiry as to how the British embargo on commerce with Germany was to be carried out in practice.

It is generally believed here that vigorous protest will be made against the action of the British government. Senator Walsh of Montana, who discussed the situation with President Wilson last night, strongly favors such a step. He said afterward that senators generally regretted that congress had not empowered the president to place an embargo on American exports to the belligerents, although he did not believe that the president would call an extra session for that purpose.

UNWRITTEN LAW FREES MURDERER

WEST POINT, Neb., March 17.—Joseph E. Vance, a retired business man, after a sensational trial for the killing of A. J. Krause, a former friend, was acquitted of the charge of murder, the defense being the "unwritten law." The main witness for the defense was the defendant's wife, who made a confession of her relations with Krause.

PRISON CAR FOR UNCLE SAM GOES THROUGH ASHLAND

ASHLAND, March 17.—Monday afternoon a fine and extra large Pullman tourist car went north, attached to No. 16. The coach was numbered but nameless, and every window was screened with an extra heavy iron mesh. It transpired that the car was a government one, used for the transportation of "undesirables," and it was amusing to note how some gave it a wide berth when its mission became known to the crowd of loafers on the depot platform. The car is personally conducted by a party of government officials who gather up at the big terminals those who seek to evade the federal immigration laws or otherwise incur the penalty of deportation. Its visits are sporadic, and on this occasion it was being routed from San Francisco to Seattle.

The first actual work in preliminaries in connection with the springs project as outlined by Smith, Emery & Co., started Monday morning when Engineer Miller, in their employ, began surveys near the sulphur spring in the Bellevue district. Ralph Hedges is assisting in the work.

Rastus Hall has been elected venerable consul of the Modern Woodmen camp, replacing Charley Johnson, who has been appointed to a position on the police squad.

Mrs. Will Dodge has returned from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hunt, of Portland. Her sister, Myrtle, accompanied her. John Hunt was also here last week investigating the sheep market, but found the price of wool almost prohibitive.

DROPS BOMB ON BRITISH STEAMER

SOUTH SHIELDS, Eng., March 17, via London 2:55 p. m.—The British steamship Blonde arriving here today reports that she was attacked in the North Sea by a German aeroplane which dropped a bomb on the deck of the vessel. One member of the crew was killed.

NORRIS CHOSEN AS SECRETARY OF ASHLAND CLUB

ASHLAND, March 17.—Dorsey D. Norris will be the next secretary of the Ashland Commercial club. This action was decided upon at a meeting of the club trustees Monday evening. Mr. Norris has been the bookkeeper for some time past of the Fruit & Produce association. The office is an appointive instead of an elective one, owing to recent amendment of the by-laws. The appointment goes into effect April 1. G. W. Seager, the retiring secretary, will resume the practice of law here.

H. H. A. Dunkel, foreman of the job on the Warren Construction company's paving operations here in the days gone by, was in town the first of the week renewing the acquaintance of many friends with whom he became more or less associated during the spreading of the bitulithic dope which has made the lasting qualities of Ashland's streets famous. He was accompanied by Mrs. Dunkel and they had been on a southern trip, visiting the exposition.

W. E. Glendenning, expert in reforestation, has returned from a trip to Washington, whether he was summoned in consultation with government officials over matters pertaining to his office, that of superintendent of a wide area of the national forest domain extending over several states.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

The Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Company

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:

Capital	
Amount of capital paid up	\$ 750,000.00
Income	
Net premiums received during the year	\$3,648,190.54
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	329,756.34
Income from other sources received during the year	39,844.51
Total income	\$4,017,791.39
Disbursements	
Net losses paid during the year	\$2,332,893.58
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	225,000.00
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year	1,026,462.16
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year	175,718.56
Amount of all other expenditures	201,639.79
Total expenditures	\$3,961,714.09
Assets	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$ 139,000.00
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	6,547,736.50
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	295,729.12
Cash in banks and on hand	215,168.02
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914	777,021.70
Interest and rents due and accrued	95,474.73
Total assets	\$8,090,190.07
Less special deposits in any State (if any there be)	\$ 47,109.41
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$8,043,080.66
Liabilities	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 424,945.66
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	4,649,191.07
Due for commission and brokerage	25,000.00
All other liabilities	52,500.00
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of \$750,000	\$5,151,636.73
Total premiums in force December 31, 1914	\$7,945,081.91
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Total risks written during the year	\$2,174,878.00
Gross premiums received during the year	31,274.52
Premiums returned during the year	5,851.49
Losses paid during the year	17,883.18
Losses incurred during the year	20,885.42
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914	\$2,292,698.00
By W. M. GARDNER CROWELL,	
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: Chas. V. McCathy.	
D. R. WOOD & CO., LOCAL AGENTS	

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

The Home Insurance Company

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	\$ 6,000,000.00
Income	
Net premiums received during the year	15,259,556.58
Interest, dividends, and rents received during the year	1,519,315.65
Income from other sources received during the year	510,495.30
Total income	\$17,289,280.53
Disbursements	
Net losses paid during the year	\$ 8,280,049.20
Dividends paid during the year on capital stock	1,200,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year	3,548,864.32
Taxes, licenses, and fees paid during the year	411,919.49
Amount of all other expenditures	1,907,805.30
Total expenditures	\$15,348,638.31
Assets	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	\$
Value of stocks and bonds owned (market value)	30,038,378.32
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	5,500.00
Cash in banks and on hand	2,161,179.98
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1914	2,857,845.96
Interest and rents due and accrued	250,635.27
Total assets	\$35,313,539.27
Total assets admitted in Oregon	\$35,313,539.27
Liabilities	
Gross claims for losses unpaid	\$ 1,554,284.79
Amount of unearned premiums on all outstanding risks	14,268,024.00
All other liabilities	787,656.32
Reserve as a conflagration surplus	2,000,000.00
Total liabilities exclusive of capital stock of \$6,000,000	\$18,610,065.11
Total premiums in force December 31, 1914	\$27,420,320.00
Business in Oregon for the Year	
Total risks written during the year	\$11,114,471.00
Gross premiums received during the year	143,708.70
Premiums returned during the year	31,150.50
Losses paid during the year	84,477.49
Losses incurred during the year	83,673.76
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon December 31, 1914	\$13,978,068.00
By C. H. TYNER, Secretary.	
Statutory resident general agent and attorney for service: John D. Coleman, 311 1/2 Stark Street, Portland.	
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