

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

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Cyclone.

We now have over \$225,000.00 insured scattered in 36 counties, and would like for all who have any cyclone insurance to write to us, if you have no agent near you. We are desirous of having one-half million during the year.

Hail.

In our Hail Company we have now about 80,000 acres insured and from present indications we will have 200,000 or more. Our terms are 50 cents membership to be paid when you send in your contract, which calls for 10 cents per acre for amount insured. Said 10 cents or as much thereof as will be needed to pay losses will be collected November, 1st.

ADJUSTMENT.

Many are asking how we will adjust our losses. After looking over the ground and talking with mutual insurance men we have concluded that the most practical way is to pay each man who has a loss the market price per bushel for the number of bushels he loses, and to ascertain the number of bushels to be paid for, we will first find an average of the number of bushels per acre in the neighborhood then deduct the number of bushels that the loser thrashed per acre from the average. Losses in small grain will be adjusted as soon as the thrashing is done, while the corn losses will be adjusted at husking time. The adjusting will be done by some one of each neighborhood if we can find a suitable person, providing the losses are not large, but if large we will have to send some one from another part of the state. In fact we will do the best we can under the circumstances. Now let me say that no one will be allowed to make money out of this except the secretaries and there we only have wages for actual time employed, and the membership fees will more than pay all office work and expenses such as postage and printing.

At the time of making assessments November first, we will make a statement showing all expenses, the name, P. O., and amount of each man's loss. This company has no officers except treasurer and secretary. Mr. J. M. Thompson secretary of State Farmers' Alliance is treasurer and J. Y. M. Swigart secretary of the Nebraska mutual cyclone company is the secretary.

Notice to Committees.

To People's committees desiring a good speaker, Mr. J. B. Romine of Lincoln is respectfully recommended. C. H. PIRTLE, Sec. State Com.

Gen. Van Wyck's Appointments.

Gen. Van Wyck will address independent meetings as follows: Republican City, afternoon and evening July 16th; Neligh, July 19; O'Neill, July 20; Ainsworth, July 21.

Isaac M. Smith of Red Willow county sends us a list of 130 campaign subscribers dated July 6th. Who will beat it?

GLADSTONE MAY TRIUMPH.

Liberal Successes in Great Britain Give Promise of Conservative Defeat.

LONDON, July 6.—The Star to-day says that if the average of yesterday's gains is maintained it will give the Liberals a majority of 150 members in the next parliament, while there is a practical certainty that that average will be exceeded. The defeat of Sir T. Sutherland, the Liberal Unionist candidate at Greenock, by John Bruce, Liberal, is a deathblow to the Unionists' cause in Scotland and justifies the inference that the Scotch Unionist will almost disappear and that the number of English Unionists will be reduced.

Mr. Gladstone is jubilant over the results of yesterday's elections and especially the return of John Bruce, the Liberal candidate in Greenock.

PICTURE OF RIO JANEIRO.

Some Interesting Peculiarities of a Queer Old Portuguese Town.

No regular census has ever been taken of Rio, but it is believed that about 350,000 people are crowded within the narrow, crescent-shaped space between the mountains and the sea, writes Fannie B. Ward, in the Chicago Tribune. Hemmed in by a granite wall on one side and deep water on the other, the city can never grow any wider, and so it has stretched out at both ends, straggling ten or twelve miles around the prodigious harbor—which, by the way, is exactly the shape of a pear, the narrow entrance representing the stem of the fruit.

Most of the streets are extremely narrow, generally not more than ten feet wide, paved with Belgian blocks, with an open central drain, to which they slope, and with three-foot-wide sidewalks, on a level with the street. Canton and others of the great Chinese cities have streets as wide as those of Rio Janeiro. The houses, many of them quite hidden by the towering palms that line some of these cow-path streets, are no two alike, and range from two to four stories in height. One of their curious features is the absence of the veranda, which in the minds of globe-trotters, has become intimately associated with ideas of hot weather. In lieu of the veranda the better houses show in their stories broad, deep notches—a sort of open-air parlor, tinted as delicately as a ladies' boudoir, often elaborately frescoed, furnished with rattan and cane sofas, chairs and tables, embellished with statuary and floored with Talavera tiles. Some of these cool posts of observation have narrow windows of colored glass set in their sides, surrounded by a wealth of gilding, carving and color, and the effect is particularly unique, especially when the outer walls of the house are faced with blue and yellow tiles, as is frequently the case. The best houses lie along the water's edge, notably on that part of the bay known as Botafogo, and on the slopes of the surrounding mountains some of the most charming homes in the world are to be seen, for when the yellow fever season approaches everybody who can afford it seeks refuge on the heights.

About 3 o'clock every afternoon and again in the evening "everybody as is anybody" hies to the Rua do Ouvidor, a narrow alley way in which two meeting carriages could not possibly pass, were carriages allowed in that street, which they are not. Like the portales of Lima, the Alemada of Santiago, the Plaza Victoria of Buenos Ayres and La Independencia of Montevideo, is the fashionable promenade and beauty show of Rio, where flirtations are carried on and matches made between the "gilded youth" and dark-eyed damsels of Portuguese-Spanish-negro blood. During fashionable hours the Ouvidor is literally packed with people, not only from end to end, but from wall to wall—for the middle of the street is as frequently patronized as the three foot wide sidewalk.

Here new dresses direct from Paris "creations" in bonnets are displayed for the first time to the admiring populace while officers of the army and navy, in all the glory of gold lace and gaudy uniforms, and officers from the ships of every nation anchored in the harbor add brilliancy to the scene—the whole watched over by the mulatto gendarmes that constitute the police of Rio, in their ludicrously elaborate costumes. The diamond dealers and other principal merchants have their establishments in the Rua Ouvidor, and so have the curio collectors and the venders of those exquisite feather flowers made by the Brazilian nuns.

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CHINESE NEVER SAVE LIFE.

They Think That God Knows Best When a Man Should Die.

Much has been written of the peculiarities and eccentricities of the Chinese, but it is not generally known that the people of the Celestial empire will not rescue one another from accidental death.

At a fire in San Francisco several years ago six Chinese were imprisoned in a room by three half-inch iron bars, which could easily have been broken away. There were two or three ladders in the neighborhood, which could have been placed at the windows and the unfortunates easily rescued from a horrible death. There were hundreds of their countrymen looking on at their frantic efforts to escape. Yet they offered no assistance and gave no evidence of sorrow, says Fire and Water.

A man who has saved many lives, in speaking with a Chinese, once said they were very heartless, and cited this San Francisco fire as an example, whereupon the Celestial exclaimed:

"I tell you. You sabbee Joss? Gol-Almighty, allee samee. Chinaman call him Joss; Melican call him God. Call him anything. Allee samee. Now you say Gol-Almighty make ebleting?"

"Yes, everything."
"Make allee men?"
"Yes."
"Know ebleting?"
"Yes."
"Now you think you know more than Gol-Almighty?"

"No, I do not."
"He make allee men. He see one man. He think him no good. He say: 'You no use; go die.' You think you know better Gol-Almighty. You go swim; you not let man die. Now Gol-Almighty he say. 'He velly smart. He catchee man I tell go die. Velly well, that man he begin new. He cally that man's life, all his sins, all him troubles, all him bad luck. You have heap good things?"

"You hab much houses, much money, much land?"
"No, not much."
"All light, you nebber hab much luck. How many you save?"
"About fifty."

"Oh, you nebber get out. You cally all fifty life. Ebleting you do, no finish, work allee time heap trouble. You nebber get old; you live long time. Sabbee fifty life! You live hundred years—hab bad luck all time. Gol-Almighty, he sabbee best."

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