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After a quick trip of 17 days from Honolulu, the French bark Rochambeau entered port yesterday at one o'clock and is now at anchor in the lower harbor awaiting towage to the metropolis. The vessel hails from Lieth, Scotland, for the voyage, and Captain Richard reports that the cruise was uneventful and that nothing untoward has been entered upon the log of the ship.

The steamer Sybil Marston came down the river early yesterday morning and left out for San Francisco with a big load of lumber for that port.

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AMUSEMENTS

WELL KNOWN PLAY COMING.

"In Wyoming," Willard Mack's stirring play of western life, will be on view at the Astoria theatre next Sunday. Some one has said that the days of the western play are numbered. This may be true of the many so-called western plays, with the shooting, exaggerated characters, horse play and nonsense; but if the avidity with which "In Wyoming" has been received in each of the cities it has appeared in can be accepted as any criterion, it is safe to say the knell of the genuine, typical western play will not sound for a long time yet. In addition to the sympathetic story it details, there is a spirit of naturalness about the play which gives it an added appeal. The press in nearby cities say the supporting company give the piece a very good presentation, and bring out its beauties in telling fashion.

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HE SUES COMPANY FOR \$2,000 INSURANCE

ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST SUCCESSOR TO ORDER OF WASHINGTON

A proceeding of more than ordinary interest was opened in circuit court yesterday afternoon, when Judge McBride called the case of H. A. Larsen Spande, plaintiff, vs. The Western Life Indemnity Company, a life insurance company, and the successor of the Supreme Union of the Order of Washington. It is an action wherein the plaintiff, Spande, is endeavoring to collect the sum of \$2000 which he alleges to be due him on a policy held in the defendant concern. Inasmuch as there are thought to be quite a few others in this vicinity who also hold policies in the insurance company, probably under the same terms and contractual agreements that are presumed to exist between Spande and the company, the present action may have more than a personal interest to the present plaintiff alone.

G. C. Fulton is the attorney for the plaintiff, Spande, while John H. and A. M. Smith, and Ed Mendenhall, of Portland, are for the defendant company.

When the case was called yesterday Attorney Mendenhall entered a motion to strike out certain portions of the complaint as redundant and irrelevant. Judge McBride will pass upon this motion at the opening of court this morning.

The complaint recites that a little over 20 years ago, on August 28, 1888, the Washington Co-operative Life Insurance Company (a predecessor of the present concern) properly and duly executed and delivered to the plaintiff, Spande, a policy in endorsement and insurance on his life for the period of 20 years, agreeing to pay him that sum at the expiration of the 20 years should he live throughout the term and properly meet his assessments; or to pay the sum of \$2000 to his beneficiary (his wife) should he die within the time. It was apparently the ordinary form of life insurance of the semi-tontine kind, though issued by an assessing company.

The complaint recites further that Spande met all his payments properly. In September, 1898, 10 years ago, the Washington Co-operative was reorganized, and then stood before the world as the Supreme Union of the Order of Washington. The plaintiff still continued his rights. In September, 1904, four years ago, the Supreme Union, made a certain agreement with Spande whereby it took over his insurance policy and issued in lieu thereof a certain benefit certificate and endorsement policy, he apparently having still conserved all his rights during these manifold mutations in the concerns of the company.

Then in March, 1908, came the final change. The Washington Co-operative Company, which had become the Supreme Union Company, last spring either was absorbed by the Western Life Indemnity Company, or at least, that the Western Life, which is the defendant in the present action, took over all of the business of the Supreme Union. Such are the recitals of the complaint.

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plaint, in a general way. The transfer of the business to the present defendant company was made with the approval of the insurance department of the State of Washington.

Spande's policy matured on August 28 of this year. He asked for his \$2000, the complaint states, but he got nothing. He offered to give all the requisite proofs of his claim, but the company is alleged to have waived the question of further proofs, and "refused to pay any part or portion of said \$2000," and denied it was obligated so to do.

Thus it appears that Spande has faithfully paid in his dues and assessments for 20 long years, and now very naturally wants what his money has earned. The present company apparently denies that it owes him anything. If it doesn't, the preceding company, the Supreme Union, should, perhaps, but it is out of existence and all its business was turned over to the present company.

While no intimation is yet made of the defense of the company, it is not unlikely that it may try to show that it did not assume the obligations of the Supreme Union. If it can show this, it would appear that all those who are in the same boat with Spande may have to whistle for their money—or turn to the Supreme Union for it.

ASTORIA'S SOLDIERS AND THEIR DOINGS

FIRST COMPANY MAKING FULL PREPARATION FOR ANNUAL GENERAL INSPECTION.

Fifty-five young stalwarts out of the registered 70, of First Co., Coast Artillery Corps, of this city, met at their hall last night and attended to the drills, reports and other requisites demanded at their hands, and after the regular drills had been disposed of, there was an added course of drilling preparatory to annual general inspection which will be held at the Armory on next Wednesday night. When the First Company will be sharply scrutinized under the military rules, by Colonel James Jackson, Inspector General, O. N. G., always an extent of interest and generally one of credit.

There were three new members taken into the First Company last evening which brings the roster to 72 all told.

An order was issued last evening by Captain Abercrombie declaring that no excuses would be considered for absenteeism next Wednesday night at general inspection, short of a physician's certificate of illness. This order was made as much for the good name and credit of the company on its first appearance in this relation, as for the added credit of consideration at Washington when the full strength of the Oregon companies becomes the basis for calculating the military appropriations for the State. And it is hoped by all

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SENSIBLE CONCLUSION ON STATEMENT NO. 1

AN OLD CLATSOP CITIZEN IN CALIFORNIA EXPRESSES A FAIR ATTITUDE ON ISSUE

The Astorian has pleasure, this morning, in publishing the opinion of a well known ex-citizen of this city and territory; a man who thinks his way out of all personal and civil conundrums and has a good account to give for every conclusion and act as an elector and citizen, and believes it will find many an interested reader, on account of its peculiar pertinancy. The "advice alluded to, however was in an except from an exchange. It reads as follows:

"Alameda, Cal., Dec. 14, 1908.

Editor Astorian:—

"In your issue of the 11th inst. you advise those elected to the Legislature on 'Statement No. 1' to consider well before going back on their pledge.

"I think so, too. I think the people have a right to expect those pledged to 'Statement No. 1' to stand by their pledge, but the question arises: 'Did the people have a choice?' That is the question I hear asked, and knowing, as all Oregonians know, how the nominations were made, it is hard to say that the people did have a choice.

"Primaries were brought about where the people could vote, and legally nominate their choice of candidates for the different offices, but left them the choice of nominating in the old way if that suited better, 'between two stools, one sits on the ground'—the democrats chose the old way for two reasons: First, they wanted to belittle the primary way of nominating, for it was a Republican Legislature that voted for it; second, it gave them a chance to vote twice in the nominations; as the Republicans, being the ones to adopt the primary method in the Legislature, could not very well go back on it at home.

"Now, I voted on the Republican side in the primaries, and I know that many Democrats voted in the Republican primaries, having registered as Republicans.

"Now, who was defeating the peoples' choice? When those men took the pledge to stand by the peoples' choice in 'Statement No. 1' was it not with the understanding that the people should have a choice? I think that as the peoples' choice was taken from them by trickery, those who took the 'Statement No. 1' pledge cannot be held to any bogus choice, and therefore have only their own good judgment with which to make their final choice.

"Democrats have no right to complain if the peoples' choice is knocked out, for they took the initiative in the knocking-out business. We all see it. "D. E. STAFFORD."

concerned that no one will be missing at that time.

All men who have signed for membership in the Second Company, Coast Artillery Corps, are urged to be present this evening at the armory to size up the exact situation of the new organization and determine the necessary procedure to perfect it. It requires a roster of 63 under the general rule for the establishment of a new company; but in this instance a request is to be filed with Adjutant General Finzer, for an abatement to 55, in behalf of the Second Company. And it is further suggested that any one who has not signed and wished to do so, may be there and perfect his intention in this cause.

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