

PROOF OF PUBLIC CONFIDENCE

The Number of Policies in force is greater than that of any other Company in America and greater than that of all the Regular Life Insurance Companies put together (less one) and can only be appreciated by comparison. It is a greater number than the COMBINED POPULATION of Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Delaware, Florida, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Nevada, Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico, District of Columbia, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Hawaii; or as to CITIES it is as many as the population of Greater New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and St. Louis combined.

This Company has more premium-paying business in force in the United States than any other Company, and for each of the last 10 years has had more New Insurances accepted and issued than any other Company in the World.

ASSETS - - \$105,656,311.60



Largest Office Building in the World—Madison Avenue, Fourth Avenue, 23rd Street and 24th Street, New York City.

SIGNIFICANT FACTS

This Company's Policy-claims paid in 1903 averaged in number one for each minute and a third of each business day of 8 hours each, and, in amount, \$89.00 a minute the year through.

THE DAILY AVERAGE OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESS DURING 1903 WAS:

- 359 per day in Number of Claims Paid.
6,297 per day in Number of Policies Issued.
\$1,803,559.06 per day in New Insurance Written.
\$98,582.76 per day in Payments to Policy-holders and addition to Reserve.
\$53,841.18 per day in Increase of Assets.

Income in 1903.....\$49,887,904.11
Gain over 1902.....6,551,520.50
Asset increase in 1903.....16,475,402.61

HOME OFFICE OF THE

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. (INCORPORATED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK)

The Company OF the People, BY the People, FOR the People

Table with 2 columns: ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Rows include United States, City and R. R. Bonds and Stocks, Bonds and Mortgages, Real Estate, Cash, Loans to Policyholders, Premiums, deferred, and in course of collection (Net), and Accrued Interest, Rents, etc.

Paid to Policyholders since Organization, plus the Amount now Invested for their Security, \$238,295,968.84
Amount of Outstanding Insurance \$1,342,381,457.00
Number of Policies in Force 7,523,915
Amount of Insurance Issued in 1903 \$398,889,074.00

In its Ordinary Department policies are issued for from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000 on individual lives, premiums payable annually, semi-annually and quarterly. In its Industrial Department policies are issued on all the insurable members of the family for weekly premiums. THIS COMPANY'S POLICIES ARE PLAIN BUSINESS CONTRACTS WHICH TELL THEIR WHOLE STORY UPON THEIR FACE; LEAVE NOTHING TO THE IMAGINATION; BORROW NOTHING FROM HOPE; REQUIRE DEFINITE CONDITIONS AND MAKE DEFINITE PROMISES IN DOLLARS AND CENTS.

RECORD OF GROWTH IN TEN YEAR PERIODS

Table with 5 columns: INCOME, ASSETS, SURPLUS, POLICIES IN FORCE, OUTSTANDING INSURANCE. Rows for years 1883, 1893, and 1903.

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OMAHA CLUB PAYS TRIBUTE

Annual Washington's Birthday Banquet Honors Its Predecessors.

ENLARGED FACILITIES ADD TO PLEASURE

After Elaborate Supper Guests Listen to Flow of Oratory, Which is Both Practical and Entertaining.

Could the shade of the immortal Washington have occupied a secluded niche in the banquet rooms of the Omaha club Monday night any doubt that he would exist in his mind as to his place in war, peace or the hearts of his countrymen. As far as the membership of that organization is concerned, would certainly have been most effectively deplored and a pride that even the acumen of the father of his country would hardly have withstood have taken his place. For years the annual day of the great American has been observed by this organization with a dinner and observance that has come to be more and more elaborate and more and more eagerly anticipated by the members as giving promise of notable refreshment for both mind and body. Until now it has come to be the principal function of the club's calendar and is considered and treated as such by all concerned. Last night's affair was no exception to this and was even more enjoyable than former occasions of the kind, owing to a recently completed addition to the main suite of banquet rooms, which admits of all present being in the same apartment, rather than a part of them in the smaller breakfast rooms across the hall, that were necessarily formerly used in the event of largely attended gatherings. The banquet was, as always at this club, the best that a perfect cuisine and splendid service could devise, and from wine to coffee, through a dozen elaborate courses, was highly enjoyed by nearly 200 men.

At its conclusion E. P. Peck, president of the club, called for order and in the capacity of toastmaster, without any preliminary remarks, called upon E. R. Gurney of Fremont as the first speaker of the evening. His toast was announced by the toastmaster as "A Plea for Office," and Mr. Gurney said that in order to be sure of the attention of those present he wanted to announce in the beginning that it wasn't a plea in his own behalf, as he was not a candidate for anything. After the effective telling of one or two rather provoking anecdotes he said that the only proper plea for office should be one that would give all public office and public trust the dignity

to which it is entitled as an American institution. He wished that every office in the land, great and small, might be administered in a way that, should George Washington come back to earth, he would find it in keeping with the lofty ideals that he proposed and lived and died in the furtherance of. But he was afraid, he said, that in many instances he would not find such a state of affairs. The time has come when the word postmaster is far too often justly associated with pull, legislation with graft and aidmen, particularly in the western cities, with thief. This fact is not so much due to the prevalence of misconduct as to the airing that public misdeeds get in these later days. "Where there is a dishonest official and his deeds become known the whole world is given the facts, while nothing is said about the ninety and nine who administer the public's affairs with the same honesty and purpose of execution that they would exercise in their own private business. Bad news always travels fast and far, and in the sight of it we forget the faithful ones. We are prone to say and to think that we are retrograding, but it is not so. The same virtues existed in the time of Washington as exist now, only on a scale in proportion to the time and circumstances in which he lived. If we follow a political corpse there is only one place where we shall inevitably land and that is underground. We must not do that. We must follow such men as the one whose life this day and occasion suggests. To tell of the bad politicians in our country would take hours and to tell of the good ones would be as to try to dip up the waters of the ocean." In this connection Mr. Gurney paid glowing tribute to the memory and political principles of Mark Hanna. His entire address was frequently interrupted with enthusiastic applause.

Fitting to Pay Tribute. Frank E. Gaines of this city delivered a particularly fluent and polished address with regard to what was the war of the revolution meant to the United States today. Gratitude, he said, has been called the fairest flower that blooms and it is eminently fitting that the day in every year should be dedicated to the study and adoration of the heroism of those who were heroes when this country needed heroism most and when that alone could save and make it. It is but natural that the green vine of everlasting love and adoration should twine around the memory of Washington. It is so in all countries, said Mr. Gaines, and it is good that it is so. He spoke of England's Cromwell, of Switzerland's William Tell and of the heroes of many other countries, even to ancient Rome, to the conclusion that the Almighty in His infinite wisdom and justice always brought forth a man to fight for and win the cause of the wronged and oppressed. The shots at Lexington revolutionized the

JOHN WALKER'S LOVED ONES

Late Recluse Claimed as Relative by Increasingly Large Number.

ALL WANT FINGER IN THE ESTATE

Wife, Mother, Three Sisters, Brother, Uncle, Nephews and Nieces All Seem to Be Strange to Each Other.

The crop of heirs to the property and money of the late John Walker of South Omaha is increasing in a fashion that puts the bean garden of Jack-the-Giant-Killer clearly in the shade so far as rapidity of development is concerned. Mr. Walker lived more or less the life of a recluse and died intestate early part of the winter. Interspersed in various parts of his clothing was found nearly \$10,000 in money and securities. This was at once turned over to the proper authorities and a search was begun for the heirs of the dead man or to ascertain if there were any relatives who could justly lay claim to his estate. To say that this search has been productive is putting it very mildly indeed. For thus far one mother, three sisters, two nephews and four nieces have made claim that Walker was their "really and truly, most beloved and long lost" son, brother or uncle, as the case happened to be, and each claims to be amply able to prove it. This might not be so strange were it not for the fact that Rachael J. Dixon of Baltimore, who says she is Walker's "sure enough mother," does not know and is in no wise related to Catherine Herr of Boston, who is positive that Walker was her brother; and Isabel Scram of Ontario, Canada, who claims to be able to prove beyond the peradventure of a doubt that Walker also was her brother, never heard until now of Rachel J. Dixon, who is sure she was his mother, or of Catherine Herr of Boston, who feels positive she was the dead man's only sister.

TO STOP SPITTING IN CARS

Chief Donahue Responds to Appeals for Strict Enforcement of City Ordinance.

As a result of numerous complaints received by Chief of Police Donahue from persons, particularly women, who are annoyed at the continued and growing practice of men expectorating in street cars, that official has announced that the evil will be stopped so far as the law will permit. Special instructions have been issued to every member of the police force to strictly enforce the city ordinance regarding spitting in street cars, or other places provided for by the ordinance. Whether on or off duty the officers have been ordered to be vigilant in the matter. The chief has been assured of the support and assistance of the street car company. "While the law will be enforced," said the chief, "of course a certain amount of discretion will be used in the matter of the arresting officer; for instance, a stranger within our gates will be leniently dealt with on the first offense should he be ignorant of the ordinance, but with persistent violators, toward whom the ordinance is particularly directed, it will be made clear that the ordinance is a live issue." A fine of \$1 to \$10 is the penalty for violating this ordinance.

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Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the members of Omaha Typographical Union, No. 19, the Ladies' Auxiliary and the many friends on The Bee for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and death of my husband. MRS. W. A. HUNKLER.

AT THE PLAYHOUSES.

"For Her Children's Sake" at Krugs.

CHANCE FOR TWENTY-NINERS

General Anniversary for All Who Have Birthdays Only When Leap Year Comes.

BEWARE OF A COLD.

Every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for more serious diseases. Colds are quickly cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and all dangers avoided.

GOSSIP OF COMMISSION ROW

Hens Are Firm and Eggs Settled Down Since the Weather Has Reformed.

WILL HEAR THE LAND OWNERS

Board of Commissioners Ready for Plans to Curb the Big Muddy.

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All investments of \$100 to \$5,000 are secured by first mortgages on improved real estate, situated in this county, each mortgage growing better by monthly payments; also protected by a growing reserve, present amount of which is \$30,000. Have never paid less than 6 per cent in twelve years' business. CALL OR WRITE FOR INFORMATION.

Billionaire's Song a Big Hit

Advertisement for 'Where the Silvery Colorado Wends Its Way' by Charles Avril. Includes musical notation and promotional text.

One of the hits of the bill at the Orpheum this week is the rendering of "Where the Silvery Colorado Wends Its Way" by Charlotte Guyer George. This song has recently been declared "the most popular and best-selling record in the American public" and those who have heard Miss George sing it declared that the criticism is not too broad. The song has an unusually pretty melody and is full of sentiment, and as it is sung by Miss George it leaves nothing else to be desired. All of the Omaha music houses have this beautiful ballad on sale, but for the accomplishments of those not convenient to those houses the publishers, The Tobert R. Ingram Music Co., Denver, Colo., will send a copy postpaid anywhere for 25 cents.

Advertisement for Brown's Bronchial Troches, 'Quick, Sure Relief for COUGHS and COLDS.'