# 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.

# \$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. \$1,303,559.06 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...... \$49,887,804.11 Gain over 1902...... 6,551,520.50 Asset increase in 1903...... 16,475,402.61

# Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

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

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.

#### **ASSETS**

United States, City and R. R. Bonds and Stocks . . . . \$48,175,913.27 Bonds and Mortgages . . . . 31,814,193.06 Real Estate . . . . . . . 14,835,140.61 Cash . . . . . . . . . 5,301,220.90 Loans to Policyholders . . . . 1,850,144.14 Premiums, deferred, and in course of collection (Net) . . . . 3,000,401.30 Accrued Interest, Rents, etc . . . 679,298.32

#### LIABILITIES

Reinsurance Fund and Special Reserves . . . . . \$94,008,251.00 All other Liabilities . . . . . Capital and Surplus . . . . 10,691,872.56 \$105,656,311.60

Paid to Policyholders since Organization, plus \$238,295,968.84 the Amount now Invested for their Security,

\$105,656,311.60

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.

1893-15,216,236.65

1903 49,887,804.11

RECORD OF GROWTH IN TEN YEAR PERIODS ASSETS 1883 \$2,082,619.05

\$627,368.24 \$2,186,622.24 19,343,705.06 4,109,689.92 10,691,872.56 105,656,311.60

531,048 2,940,226 7,523,915 ARTHUR H. ELLIS, Asst. Supt.,

POLICIES IN FORCE

863,425,107.00-1883 353,177,217.00-1893 1,342,381,457.00-1903

2512 North Street, South

OUTSTANDING INSURANCE

OLAF NELSON, Asst. Supt., Omaha. Neb. FRANK A. GORDON, Asst. Supt., Liberty Block, Montgomery and Maple Streets, Creston, Iowa

Amount of Insurance Issued in 1903 . . \$398,889,074.00

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Annual Washington's Brihday Banquet Eclipses 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 may have existed in his mind as to his place in war, peace or the hearts of his countrymen, so far as cerned, would certainly have been most effectually dispelled and a pride that even its place. For years the natal day of the great American has been observed by this organization with a dinner and observance that has come to be more and more elabo rate 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 con sidered and treated as such by all con cerned. Last night's affair was no exception to this and was even more enjoyable than former occasions of the kind, owing to 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 smalle breakfast rooms across the hall, that wer necessarily formerly used in the event of largely attended gatherings. The banque was, as always at this club, the best that a perfect quisine and splendid service could devise, and from wine to coffee, through a dozen elaborate courses, was hugely enjoyed by nearly 200 men.

Plea for Office.

of the club, called for order and in the boroes when this country needed heroisn expacity of toastmaster, without any pre- most and when that alone could save and liminary remarks, called upon E. R. Gur- make it. It is but natural that the green ney of Fremont as the first speaker of the vine of everlasting love and adoration evening. His toast as announced by the should twine around the memory of Wash tonstmaster was "A Plea for Office." and ington, it is so in all countries, said Mr. Mr. Gurney said that in order to be sure Gaines, and it is good that it is so. He to announce in the beginning that it wasn't land's William Tell and of the heroes of a plea in his own behalf, as he was not a candidate for anything. After the effective Rome, to the conclusion that the Almighty ratives he said that the only proper plea for office should be one that would give the cause of the wronged and oppressed. all public office and public trust the dignity The shots at Lexington revolutionized the

WHERE THE SILVERY COLORADO WENDS ITS WAY.

One of the hits of the bill at the Orpheum this week is the rendering of "When

the Silv'ry Colorado Wends its Way" by Charlotte Guyer George. This song has re-cently been declared "the purest, sweetest and most heart-winning ballad before 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 in full of

dation of those not convenient to these houses the publishers. The Tolbert R. In-

of the Omaha music houses have this beautiful ballad on sale, but for the accom-

gram Music Co., Denver, Colo., will send a copy postpaid anywhere for 25 cents.

OMAHA CLUB PAYS TRIBUTE to which it is entitled as an American in- world and it showed to it that sovereignty JOHN WALKER'S LOVED ONES claimants that she will not appear further to enforce her claims and thus matters istered 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 further ance of. But he was afraid, he said, that in many instances he would not find such state of affairs. The time has come when the word postmaster is far too often justly associated with pull, legislator with graft and alderman, particularly in the eastern 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 news always travels fast and far, and in the sight of it we forget the faithful ones. the acumen of the father of his country We are prone to say and to think that we buid hardly have withstood have taken are retrograding, but it is not so. The same vices 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 s only one place where we shall inevitably land and that is underground. We must not do that. We must fellow such men as the one whose life this day and occasion suggests. To tell of the bad politicians was the saving and making of a man, no 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 glowdress was frequently interrupted with en-

#### thusiastic applause. Fitting to Pay Tribute.

Frank E. Games of this city delivered particularly fluent and polished address with regard to what 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 this day in every year should be dedicated to the study and adora At its conclusion E. P. Peck, president tion of the herotem of those who were of the attention of those present he wanted spoke of England's Cromwell, of Ewitzermany other countries, even to ancient telling of one or two mirth-provoking nar- in His infinite wisdom and justice always brought forth a man to fight for and wir

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and Farnam Streets, Omaha, Neb.

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and Pearl Streets, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Lafayette Young of Des Moines responde to the toast "Work," and in so masterly and eloquent a fashion as to win unstinted applause. His name was greeted with much enthusiasm and when it subsided he extended his thanks "in the name of John Haldwin and 2,500,000 other Iowans." While he was born in Iowa he had filed a request he asserted, that if he were to be born again that it be in Nebraska. But any of the United States were good enough for any man to be born in. He had never lost faith in this republic and never would have heard the calamity howlers of al kinds and conditions, crops have failed and grasshoppers have come, but never has there been a time when my faith in Uncle Sam has wavered for one moment, nor has there been a time when over and above it all I was not ready to take off my hat and hurrah for the United States. The question of work is not the wage problem, nor one the membership of that organization is con- exercise in their own private business. Bad of hours. The man who dynamites the train is the one who is trying to avoid work, the highwayman who steals your purse is the man who is trying to avoid work, the stock waterer, the unrighteous speculator, the man madly grasping for avoid work. The trying to avoid work is the misfortune and the curse of the American people." The speaker maintained that it was a crime to sow discontent, but that liscontent should not be confounded with ambition, and that good, honest, hard work

> John N. Baldwin was the next and last speaker, and while no toast was announced as his subject, he spoke briefly of Washing tribute to the memory and political ington, taking up with eloquent fairness principles of Mark Hanna. His entire ad- the principles that he yoiced and stood for as applied to the existing conditions of to day. His conclusion was that were Wash ington's policy to be followed now it would result in great embarrasament to the coun-Washington never dreamed of the extent and greatness to which this country would attain and for that reason could not voice a sentiment and policy that would wisely apply to these times and conditions

matter what his walk in life

STOP SPITTING IN CARS Chief Donahue Responds to Appeal for Strict Enforcement of

City Ordinance.

As a result of numerous complaints of the ocean. eceived by Chief of Police Donahue from ersons, particularly women, who are an eved at the continued and growing practice of men expectorating in street cars. that official has announced that the evil soued to every member of the police force garding spitting in street cars, or other faces provided for by the ordinance. Whether on or off duty the officers have Billionaire's Song a Big Hit seen 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 by the arresting officer; for instance, stranger within our gates will be leniently dealt with on the first offense should he be ignofant of the ordinance, but with persistent violaters, toward whom the ordinance is particularly directed, it will be made clear that the ordinance is a live A fine of \$1 to \$10 is the penalty fo

violating this ordinance. The Best Cure for Colds

Is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Sure, pleasant, safe and guarantsed to soon cure, or no pay. 50c, \$1.00. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

Late Recluse Claimed as Relative by Increatingly Large Number.

ALL WANT FINGER IN THE ESTATE

Wife, Mother, Three Staters, Brother Incle, Nephews and Meces All Seem to Be Strange to Each Other.

The crop of heirs to the property and noney 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 the early part of the winter. Intersewn in various parts of his clothing was found nearly \$10, 006 in money and securities. This was at once turned over to the proper authorities and a search was begun for the beirs 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

fuctive is putting it very mildly, indeed, for thus far one mother, three sisters, two sieces and four nephews have made claim that Walker was their "really and truly, or uncle, as the case happened to be, and is widely known and deferred to. each claims to be amply able to prove it. This might not be so strange were it not lin E. Brooke, president of the Security for the fact that Rachael J. Dixon of Bal- and Investment company of Cedar Rapids ion, who is positive that Walker was her rother; and Isabel Scram of Ontario, Canada, who claims to be able to prove beyoud the peradventure of a doubt that Walker also was her brother, never heard until new of Rachel J. Dixon, who is sure she was his mother, or of Catherine Herr perfected for putting the land upon the of Boston, who feels positive she was the dead man's only sister.

## Kin of Old Kilkenny.

Thomas, Matthew and Martin Lafflin, all of County Kilkenny, Ireland, and Mary McCanbery and Ellen Whiteby of this side

Catherine Herr of Boston was at the ounty clerk's office bright and carly Tuesday and spoke with much sadness of the demise of her "brother." incidentally, a remonstrance was filled by her to the apwill be stopped so far as the law will pointing of Martin Fahay of South Omaha permit. Special instructions have been as administrator of his estate. She was City Passenger and Ticket Agent, S. E. they are made. accompanied by one or two of her living to strictly enforce the city ordinance re- relatives and the attorneys for the other claimants to the estate also were there is the interests of their clients. Perspiration Clerk Sundblad as he tried to figure out who was who until finally, by agreement the whole matter was put over for two weeks and the corridors were slowly cleared of relatives and attorneys. The woman who some time ago filed laim against the estate on the ground that she was Walker's wife was not pres ent at the gathering, much to the relief oncerned. It is believed by the other

> BROWN'S Bronchial Troches Quick, Sure Relief for COUGHS AND COLDS.

# will be simplified to a certain extent.

BUYS BIG TRACT IN KANSAS R. C. Peters & Co. Secures Twenty Thousand Acres of Land for

Colonization. The real estate concern of R. C. Peters & Co. of this city has just succeeded in ing a sick nother to deny her father and consummating, in its own behalf, one of go into a circus ring to do a daring ride, the largest real estate deals that has been while her girlhood rival gloats and her made in Omaha for many a day, and by fond true lover sobs in impotent anguish means of it will be enabled to carry out a and rage; and then when the wife tablish a new department in its already and is carried from the ring in a dying

The deal referred to consists of the purchase of a tract of land in the wheat belt and curse her in his deepest note of Kansas, consisting of more than 20,000 because the horse is dead, pick up her litacres near Colby, the county seat of the girl and toss her across the stage like Thomas county. For many weeks and even a bundle of rags, and then strike the nonths R. C. Peters & Co., have had two dying woman with a heavy horsewhip, if experts in the persons of R. C. Butler and you can fix up anything warmer than this, J. Fitzgerald on the lookout for just all you have to do is to write two introsuch a tract of low-priced land as they have now secured. All that Texas, Oklahoma and other places have had to offer has been inspected and rejected in favor about to strike the suffering heroine a of the advantages of the Kansas property. Mr. Butler was identified for fifteen years with the Rock Island and the Union Pacific railroads and is well fitted to have charge of the "department of immigration." nuch beloved and long lost" son, brother Mr. Flizgerald's experience in land matters

The sale was negotiated through Frank timore, who says she is Walker's "sure and involves an approximate outlay on the nough mother," does not know and is in part of the Omaha concern of more than o wise related to Catherine Herr of Bos- \$100,000, R. C. Peters & Co, will at once proceed to colonize this section and have little or no misgivings as to the success of their enterprise, many homeseekers and investors having already opened negotiations, even before the plans are entirely

## NOW IS THE TIME

The nephews and nicces are John, To Visit Hot Springs, Arkansas, Via

The season at the Great National Health and Pleasure resort is now in full blast, Climate unsurpassed. Hot Springs Special the run in less than twelve hours. Three other fast trains daily. Handsome de-Cor. 14th and Douglas St., Omaha, Neb.

## LOW RATES TO NEW YORK.

poured from the usually mobile brow of For Merchants' Association-Spring Meeting Via Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway.

Tickets will be sold from Chicago to New ork and return, February 27, 28, 29 and March 1, at one and one-third fare for the round trip on the certificate plan. Return imit 30 days. Tickets good going on all trains, including the Twentieth Century Limited and the Lake Shore Limited. For nformation concerning train service, sleeping car reservations, etc., address M. S. Giles, T. P. A., Chicago, or C. F. Duly Chief A. C. P. A., Chicago.

## Card of Thanks.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks Union, No. 190, the Ladies' Auxiliary and the many friends on The Bee for their kinddeath of my husband.

MRS. W. A. RUNKLES.

Theodore Kremer certainly pulled 'er wide open when he started out to write If you can conceive of a more thrilling situation than a heavy-voiced villian forclong cherished plan of the concern to es- mother falls under the stumbling horse complicated business-the immigration de- condition, to have this same girlhood and the heavy-voiced villain come in ductory acts and you'll have the warmes thing in the way of a melodrama now on the road. And, just as the he-villain is second time as she lies on her couch, her period. The stored eggs, practically all, son, hardly more than a baoy, shoots the cruel monster and opens the way to his mother's future happiness. This all winds up the second act of the play. A prologue and one act introduces the story, and the third act sees all set right again.

> Beryl Hope, who heads the company, well known hereabouts as a capable emotional actress, and she puts much power into her role. John E. Ince, jr., who han-Edwin Walter, the deep-voiced villain, excels anything of the sort seen in Omaha this or any other season. The company as a whole is a good one, the two children being particularly worthy of praise. The piece will remain until after Wednes day night, with a matinee Wednesday

#### CHANCE FOR TWENTY-NINERS General Anniversary for All Who Have Birthdays Only When Leap Year Comes.

The "Mulual Society of Twenty-niners, or, in plainer terms, those persons in Omaha who were born February 29, will leaves St. Louis daily at \$:20 p. m., making | meet for mutual consolation next Monday evening at the Paxton cafe. This much of the celebration previously announced in scriptive literature can be obtained free by The Ree has been decided on. The entire calling on or addressing T. F. Godfrey, ararngements will be announced later when

A banquet will begin at 6 p. m. and it is the plan to perfect a permanent organization afterward. All persons who, because and old, rich and poor, have been urged to avoided. present themselves on this occasion and mingle their exuitations.

#### GOSSIP OF COMMISSION ROW Hens Are Firm and Eggs Settled

Down Some Since the Weather Has Reformed.

Hens are very firm. Three hundred and eleven persons have commented on this condition of the hen during recent months Especially have those with false teeththe individuals, not the hens-noticed the prize ring-like condition of the fowls. But the firmness has now extended to the market. Ten cents is the wholesale price. Light springs-debutantes of 1903-are well liked at 91/2 cents, but the customer is wrinkling his brow at the heavy spring chicken with the changing voice. Herlooks almost like the 5-cent rooster of commerce, There the demand is slack. High-class turkeys are doing a nice little business with the hotels at 17 cents for the well-dressed bird having the accomplishments to make it a fitting companion for the cold bottle. Private houses are buying few turkeys. Eggs are coming in from the country

The warmer weather has broken the market and the egg now wholesales at 24 cents per. Even a sharp, snappy, cold wave will not put the egg in the deplorable condition which prevalled during the midwinter have been marketed and the public now depends on the regular daily editions, with occasional extras.

The butter situation has cleared up immensely. The eastern markets are not glutted as they were, and Omaha' is working off its surplus. Numerous cars have been sent out during the last three weeks. The prospect for cheap butter this summer is good, for some of the men who have dies the heroic role, is acceptable, and formerly been cager to make collections of butter, showing all possible specimens of the Nebraska and Iowa flora, have got over the mania and decline to collect this year, because they have had to unload this win

#### WILL HEAR THE LAND OWNERS Board of Commissioners Ready for Plans to Curb the Big

The Board of County Commissioners will meet this afternoon to give a hearing land owners who have petitioned the board that dikes be constructed to keep the Missouri river from encroaching upon and washing away their land. An official survey of the situation has been completed and will be submitted to the board at this

## Beware of a Cold.

Every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for more serious of inherent misfortune, have been deprived diseases. Colds are quickly cured by Chamof a birthday anniversary since 1896, young beriain's Cough Remedy and all danger

6 sterling teaspoons \$3.20. Edholm, je'l'r.

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