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A Topeka dispatch says: J. T. Brad
ley, receiver for the First National
bank, was preparing to surrender in
surance policies on the life of C. J.
Devlin to the amount of \$667,000 when
word reached here today of the lat
ter's death in Chicago. The policies
are collectable now and are worth
face value, while their surrender value
was only \$68,000. The assets of the
bank without the collection of debts
nearly equal the liabilities. The bank
has paid \$13,000 in premiums on the
policies. The bank will now pay de
positors and have a surplus.

J. Ogden Armour and other defend
ants in the beef trust cases have filed
a plea in which they assert that Com
missioner Garfield of the department
of commerce and labor promised the
packers that whatever testimony they
gave without being under oath, or
whatever documentary evidence they
voluntarily produced, the defendants
should have the same rights, indemni
ties and immunities as though they
had testified under oath and compul
sion.

Eight persons were killed and thirty
others seriously injured in a tornado
November 5 at Mountain View, Ok
lahoma.

The United States supreme court
has upheld the constitutionality of the
Missouri law providing an eight-hour
day for men employed in mines.

The wives of thousands of unem
ployed laborers who are destitute
marched the streets of London No
vember 6 and presented to Premier
Balfour a demand for work for their
husbands.

Adolph Moses, a well known Chi
cago lawyer, died November 6 at
Asheville, N. C.

Thomas A. Stoddart, manager of the
St. Louis Clearing House, is dead.

A strong revival of the struggle for
autonomy in Poland is reported.

President Roosevelt, in answer to
many appeals, has declared his in
ability to take any steps likely to
help the Jews in Russia.

The czar of Russia has formally is
sued his manifesto granting au
tonomy to Finland.

Midshipman J. B. Branch died at
Annapolis naval academy as the re
sult of a fist fight between himself and
a fellow midshipman.

Clarence S. Darrow, special coun
sel in traction matters for Mayor
Dunne of Chicago, has resigned.

The United States consul at Odessa
wires that probably 3,500 Jews were
killed and 12,000 wounded in the at
tacks made upon them.

James W. Alexander, former presi
dent of the Equitable Life Assurance
society, is seriously ill.

Dispatches from Baltimore under
date of November 5 say that that city
was visited by six well defined earth
quakes.

State Insurance Commissioner Hen
dricks, of New York, has made his
report, in which he shows that more

than \$18,000,000 have been cut from
the Equitable Life's surplus. On De
cember 31, 1904, the society claimed
to have a surplus of more than \$80,
000,000, but the insurance inspector's
report says that this surplus is now
only \$62,000,000. On December 31,
1904, the society fixed its assets at
\$413,000,000, but at the end of six
months the insurance superintendent
announced that the assets were only
\$406,000,000, a decrease of more than
\$7,000,000. The superintendent also
found that within six months the com
pany's liabilities had increased to
\$11,000,000.

New York dispatches say that the
municipal ownership legal forces plan
the arrest of one thousand Tammany
election officials.

Walter Wellman, Washington cor
respondent for the Chicago Record
Herald, says that the results of the
recent elections indicate that gov
ernment ownership and general oppo
sition to corporation rule will be the
democratic issues in 1908.

Superintendent of Insurance Van
diver of Missouri has formally sus
pended the license of the New York
Life Insurance company to do busi
ness in that state. He gives as his
reason the large lobby fund main
tained by the company to influence
legislation. The New York Life has
secured an injunction from the fed
eral court.

Mayor Weaver and his associates in
Philadelphia will cause the arrest
and prosecution of the grafters in
that city.

One of the peculiar results of the
recent election was the election of
John B. Moran as district attorney
in Boston. Moran had no party or
organization, and made his race as
an independent candidate.

Referring to the recent election,
Governor Folk of Missouri said: "The
election returns are full of encour
agement and cheer to the lovers of
good government, and should strike
consternation in the rank of bosses
and grafters everywhere. A revolu
tion is being wrought in the con
science of mankind, and this is only
the beginning. The fight for city
and state and nation must be kept
up with ever-increasing vigor, and
the forces of error can be vanquished
everywhere."

General Francis Sherman, chief of
staff under General O. O. Howard in
the Civil war, is dead.

**THE ELECTIONS AND WHAT
THEY TEACH**

The election results of yesterday
were not so much democratic victories
as overwhelming protests against
boss and corporation rule. It was
more nearly a democratic victory in
Ohio than elsewhere, for in Ohio the
democratic party, under the lead of
Tom Johnson, stands for the Bryan
brand of democracy—municipal own
ership of public utilities and the rule
of the people. Turning from the
bossism of Cox and the servility of
Senator Foraker to the railroads, the
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