

THE PLATTE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY IN SPLENDID SHAPE

Report of Secretary Henry R. Gering Shows the Flattering Condition of the Company's Business.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Platte Mutual Insurance company was held this morning being 505 stockholders in the corporation present in person or represented by proxy. The meeting disclosed a most flattering state of affairs in the company and showed that the past year has been one of much prosperity for it, and that the policyholders in the company have received the advantage of most excellent business management and have saved large sums in insurance charges.

A study of the report of Henry R. Gering, secretary of the company, is absolute proof of sound business action and management. It discloses a state of business which few companies can show such a remarkable low rate of expense, economy in management and a proportion of cash holdings greater than that of any old line company in the United States. In addition the report discloses that there is not one dollar of outstanding indebtedness of the company, not an unpaid fire loss nor an unpaid claim, a showing of the highest type of business methods.

The report disclosed that there was a total of 585 policies in force during the year with a total amount at risk of \$502,323.00. The cash holdings of the company stand at \$7.56 for every \$1,000 worth of insurance in force which is greater by far than most mutuals, and higher than old line companies in this country. The report of Mr. Gering is printed in full below.

The meeting in addition to hearing this report elected officers for the ensuing year, the old officers being unanimously chosen as a mark of appreciation of the shareholders of their efforts. They are as follows:

Walter J. White—President.
H. M. Soennichsen—Vice President.

C. A. Marshall—Treasurer.
Henry R. Gering—Secretary.
C. A. Marshall and Henry Herold—Directors.

Mr. Gering's report as submitted to the shareholders of the company is verbatim as follows:

The stockholders of the Platte Mutual Insurance company:

Gentlemen:—
It is with pleasure that I submit to you my annual statement of the condition of the Platte Mutual Insurance company, on the 31st day of December, 1909.

The amount of insurance in force at this date is \$502,323.00.

The increase in our cash holdings for each thousand dollars of insurance in force is now \$7.56, which is a larger amount per thousand dollars of insurance in force than any old line company doing business in Nebraska, or for that matter, the United States.

We have 585 policies in force with \$502,323 insurance in force.

We have \$2,000.00 loaned out on first mortgage and have \$1,799.15 deposited, drawing interest.

There is no money in the hands of the secretary, all money being in the hands of the treasurer.

Another thing I wish to point to specially is our low cost of expense.

Our entire expense for stationery, printing, advertising, etc., for the entire year is

Stationery	\$21.32
Commission paid to secretary	217.00
Amount paid out for losses during year	332.00
Amount paid the treasurer	7.50
Amount paid board of directors	114.00
Amount paid to state auditor	1.50
Notary fees	50
Return premium on unpaid and cancelled policies	418.75

There is not a dollar outstanding indebtedness, unpaid fire loss, or unpaid claim.

I thank each and every one of the stockholders and directors for the interest they have taken.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry R. Gering, Sec'y
Platte Mutual Insurance Co.

PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO PIONEER LADY

Funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder Largely Attended by Old Neighbors and Friends.

The last services over the late Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder took place yesterday afternoon at the United Brethren church just south of this city, there being a very large attendance of sorrowing friends gathered to pay a last mark of respect to one of the best of women and a pioneer citizen of Nebraska. The services were conducted by Rev. T. K. Surface, who came to this city from his present pastorate at Shelby, Neb., for that purpose. For many years Rev. Surface was the spiritual adviser of this worthy woman, she being a most devout member of his congregation when he was in charge of the church here. Rev. Surface delivered an address which was full of feeling and which well expressed the deep sorrow which he in common with the members of the congregation felt over the loss of so estimable a friend as she was.

There were also a large number of floral tributes from the many good friends of deceased. The remains were laid to rest in Horning cemetery beside those of her beloved husband who had preceded her to the Better World a number of years ago. Those acting as pall bearers were W. T. Adams, William Gillespie, C. H. Valery, T. W. Vallery, Lincoln Huffer and Frank Shopp, all of whom had been long time friends of the departed and her family. The cortege to the cemetery from the church was a very long one, a large number of carriages and sleighs being in line.

Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder was born in Highland county, Virginia, in the year 1834 and departed this life on January 5, 1910, at the ripe age of 75 years, 7 months and 19 days. She entered into the bonds of matrimony in her early life, marrying William Snyder and to this union three children were born, one of whom died in infancy, the other being George W. Snyder, son, the well known citizen of Plattsmouth precinct and Mrs. Amanda Jean, daughter, the wife of Charles Jean, also well known in this section.

While still in her early years, deceased emigrated to Iowa with the family of her father and a number of other relatives, they settling in that state in the year 1857. Of this colony,

Mrs. Snyder was the last survivor and in her death passed away the sole remaining member. Her life in Iowa was of short duration, she removing to Nebraska at the end of eighteen months and becoming a resident of this state in the year 1859, where she has since continuously resided. Her later years were spent at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Jean, where death claimed her.

In her lifetime the deceased was a most devout and faithful member of the United Brethren church and her death will occasion a void which the members of that congregation must irreparably feel. Her death removes from this community a good and model woman and her children lose a most kind and loving mother, one to whom they could always carry their sorrows and troubles and be sure of a sympathetic hearing. Her many friends realize her loss while hard to them is her own eternal gain. Peace be to her dust while her soul is crowned with glory in a better and brighter world.

Will Go to South Bend.

The M. W. A. orchestra has received and accepted an offer from the M. W. A. of South Bend to play for a dance which they are to give at that place on next Friday, January 14th. The letter is from Jerry McHugh to Manager Roy Holly. This assures the Women of South Bend and vicinity some mighty fine music as the Woodman orchestra of this city is one of the crack musical organizations in southeastern Nebraska and deserves the numerous jobs they are getting. Their reputation is being added to at every place where they have played since their organization, and when they finish their work next Friday night it is safe to say the good people of South Bend will want no other in the future. The orchestra will go to that place on next Friday evening on the Schuyler train, returning on Saturday morning.

In County Court.

Judge Beeson today decided the replevin case of Scott vs. Denson, involving the right to the possession of a wagon and harness, finding in favor of the plaintiff, Glenn Scott, and restoring the property, which had been taken on execution, to him. It is more than probable the case will be appealed to district court.

Andrew Renner who has been in the city making a visit with Andrew Kroehler and wife, is spending today in Omaha, taking with him little master Robert Kroehler and little Theodosia Kroehler, whom he will show the sights of the big city to. Mr. Renner is a resident of Ravenna, Charles Mix county, S. D., and is a relative of Mr. Kroehler's.

SERIOUSLY HURT LOADING A CAR

Riley Hatcher Suttains Injuries Which Will Lay Him Up for Several Days.

Riley Hatcher, a laborer at the Burlington storehouse, is taking an enforced vacation of several days as the result of a nasty fall which he sustained while loading material into a car at the storehouse. In some manner Mr. Hatcher's foot slipped on the step to the car and he was thrown backward to the ground, striking the back of his head on a rail on a parallel track. The force of the fall was sufficient to cut a bad gash in the back of the head and rendered him unconscious. He was hurriedly taken to the office of the company surgeon where an examination disclosed that the injury was not dangerous but was a severe one and such that he cannot return to work for a few days. His head was dressed so as to stop hemorrhage from the wound. Mr. Hatcher is not a member of the Burlington relief and his lost time will have to be borne by himself. It is believed he can return to work during the forepart of the week.

Officers Elected.

Mystic encampment No. 31, I. O. O. F., last evening held the regular installation of officers at their hall on lower Main street, the occasion being marked by a visit from Grand Patriarch J. P. Carson of the order and F. P. Corrick, editor of the official Journal of the order. The ceremonies attendant upon the installation were conducted by Grand Patriarch Carson assisted by Deputy William Holly and members of the encampment and were quite impressive. Another feature of the evening was an extended address by Brother Corrick which was one of brilliancy and ability and which was full of much sound advice to the members of the organization. Brother Corrick demonstrated that he was a most interesting speaker and one who has a great fund of humor as well. His address was appreciated by all in attendance. The officers installed were:

J. E. Jones—C. P.
J. P. Sattler—S. W.
Virgil Mullis—J. W.
F. H. Stelmke—S.
L. C. Anderson—Treasurer.
John Kirkham—H. P.

Need a New Depot.

While at the depot Monday forenoon the Ledger reporter counted 51 people huddled in the one little waiting room, while 17 others were on the outside enjoying (?) the cold. If some of the high officials of the Missouri Pacific had time to investigate they would probably conclude that their patrons here are receiving very shabby accommodations and that Union needs a better depot.—Union Ledger.

We readily agree with the Ledger man. We have been in that depot during the winter when men and women were crowded in the one waiting room like sardines in a box. There should be a new depot at Union by all means. If not a new building entirely, the company should at least put on an annex, especially for the ladies. It is awful for lady passengers to have to wait an hour or two for a train and be compelled to remain in a depot like that at Union, crowded with men and boys, some of them continually smoking a pipe or cigar.

A Record of Fidelity.

Secretary Virgil Mullis of the I. O. O. F. a few days ago received a letter from a member of Platte lodge which is highly interesting reading to the members of the order and which he has kindly permitted the Journal to copy. It presents a splendid record of fidelity to the order which is well worthy of emulation, the writer having been a member of the order for almost fifty-six years. The letter follows:

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 29, 1909.
V. M. Mullis, Sec. I. O. O. F.
Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

Dear Brother:
Sometime ago I wrote to the Odd Fellows lodge with which I first affiliated. I found that I joined Scoto Lodge No. 31, at Portsmouth, Ohio, on March 21, 1854, and I have been in good standing ever since, making me an Odd Fellow for more than fifty-five years. I rather think I am the oldest Odd Fellow in Nebraska in point of continuous membership. I am now seventy-seven years old and seem to be falling some in health but am proud that I have been an Odd Fellow for more than half a century.

Praternally,
1621 Sycamore St. Robt. J. Minford.

A large party of Elmwood citizens were registered at the Hotel Riley last evening, those on the list being Guy H. Shrive, Frank Gillett, S. J. Rosemond, Carl Horton, Milton Preston and St Mairs.

ROBBERS ATTACK BANKER

Desperate Battle Follows Attempted Holdup in New York.

New York, Jan. 7.—In a daring attempt to hold up a private bank in the Green Point section of Brooklyn four men attacked the clerks in the bank, shot one of them, perhaps fatally, and then gave battle to a crowd in the street. Two robbers escaped, but two men were arrested, who were identified by the wounded man as members of the gang.

Simon Korn, owner of the bank and steamship ticket agency, had gone to lunch, leaving his brother, Samuel, in charge with several clerks, when four men, apparently foreigners, entered and inquired about steamship tickets. Samuel Korn suspected their motive and grabbed a tray containing several thousand dollars in coin and currency and attempted to carry it to the safe. Two of the intruders leaped over a counter and tried to seize the money. In the fight, one of the robbers fired several shots at Korn, one of which penetrated his neck, inflicting a wound from which, it is said, he may die.

PLAGUE MENACES

THE CANAL ZONE

Has Broken Out at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Reports to the war department from the canal zone say advances that plague exists in Guayaquil, Ecuador, have been received. This is regarded as a menace to health in the canal zone.

In view of notoriously unsanitary conditions in Guayaquil and the fact that there is a heavy traffic between that city and the canal zone, the war department has asked the secretary of state to consider whether it is not the duty of the United States to enforce quarantine against Guayaquil. The matter is now under consideration.

Some time ago the conditions of this leading city of Ecuador became so bad that an appeal was made to the United States to loan that government some competent government officials and an authority on sanitation to undertake the renovation of Guayaquil. Complying with that request, Dr. Lloyd of the health department and marine hospital service was appointed. Better things are hoped for, but up to this time the conditions continue unsatisfactory.

SEVEN FROZEN TO DEATH

Recent Storm in Manitoba Results in Fatalities.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—The storm of the last few days in the country along the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railroad resulted in these seven deaths: Sheriff White head of Weyburn, Joseph Clark of Lang, a homesteader named Hillborn living south of Rolaux; Lawrence Trembley of Estevan, Andrew Cole and Clem Bradley, employed in the Marwin wood camp, and a little boy, who was found dead in a hay stack south of Yellow Grass. Beside the boy were found his two sisters. The latter had been kept warm by the boy and were living.

TWO MEN DIE IN CHICAGO FIRE

Flames Starting From Mysterious Explosion Prove Fatal.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Philip Dolen and Michael O'Donnell, who were burned in an explosion of mysterious origin at the Lawdale pumping station, died here. The victims were within a few feet of some cans of oil, one of which exploded, shattering the south end of the boiler room. Flames ignited the clothing of Dolen and O'Donnell, burning them beyond recognition.

SLAIN BY BLACK HAND

Chicago Merchant Failed to Comply With Demand for \$5,000.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Failing to comply with a demand for \$5,000 contained in letters signed "The Black Hand," which he received through the mail some time ago, B. Senen, sixty years old, an Italian merchant, was shot and instantly killed by three men while he lay asleep in the rear of his store. The assailants escaped.

Two Men Killed in Snowslides.

Silverton, Colo., Jan. 7.—But two deaths are known to have resulted from snowslides following the recent storm. Arthur Rice was killed at Animas Forks and Carl Brun was caught by a slide at the Iowa-Tiger mine. Train service is still blocked between Silverton and Durango and the coal supply is short.

Founder of D. A. R. Dead.

New York, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Flora Adams Darling, founder of the Daughters of the Revolution and United States Daughters of 1812, died suddenly here from apoplexy at the home of her brother, John Quincy Adams. She was seventy years old.

Young Heiress Who Elopel Is Located
Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—Miss Roberta De Janon and Ferdinand Cohen, the waiter, with whom she is said to have left this city on Dec. 29, are said to have been found.

Efforts to Settle Road Strike fail.
Washington, Jan. 7.—Efforts to gain an adjustment of the strike of switchmen on the railroads of the northwest have been abandoned.

PRESIDENT LETS

PINCHOT OUT

Taft Directs Secretary Wilson to Remove Chief Forester.

WRITES LETTER OF DISMISSAL

Executive Declares Pinchot Has Destroyed His Usefulness as a Helpful Servant—Forester Had Arranged With Dooliver to Have Letter Read in Senate Against Secretary Wilson's Advice—Rouses Taft's Ire.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Gifford Pinchot was removed from his office as forester by President Taft. In doing this the president gave out a copy of a letter he had written to Mr. Pinchot in which he says, in conclusion:

"By your conduct you have destroyed your usefulness as a helpful subordinate of the government and it



GIFFORD PINCHOT.

therefore now becomes my duty to order the secretary of agriculture to remove you from your office as forester."

It developed at the cabinet meeting that Pinchot wrote the famous letter to Senator Dooliver at his own volition and against the direct advice of his superior, the secretary of agriculture. It also appeared that Pinchot induced Senator Dooliver in advance to have the letter read at the same time the president's message exonerating Secretary Ballinger through a report of the attorney general should be presented.

PLANT SEEDS IN FULL MOON

If You Do Not, They May Not Grow, Says Expert.

New York, Jan. 8.—Plant your seed when the moon is growing full. If you plant them when it is on the wane ten chances to one they won't grow. That is one of the most important things to know about growing plants from the seed, according to Mrs. A. Fechtig. Mrs. Fechtig has been raising plants for her own amusement in a city flat and on the roof of that flat for thirty-eight years.

"I can raise almost any plant from the seed," said Mrs. Fechtig. "Geraniums, which are believed to be the hardest possible flower to grow, except from slips, have been one of my successes. Twice I have raised crops of geraniums from the seed."

RUNAWAY GIRL NOT FOUND

Friends Deny Report That Eloping Heiress Has Been Located.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—Every one connected with the search for Roberta De Janon, the heiress who is believed to have disappeared with Ferdinand Cohen, a waiter, denied the report that the girl had been found. Robert Buiat, the wealthy grandfather of the missing girl; Henry A. Walton, his attorney, and the police officials all issued denials of the report, which gained wide circulation. The police are still running out clues which they believe will lead to the finding of the missing couple. A report that the girl and her alleged companion are in Boston is being investigated.

PAPER TRUST INDICTED

Combination Accused of Being Illegal and in Restraint of Trade.

New York, Jan. 8.—An indictment against the Paper Board association, alleging it to be an illegal combination in restraint of trade, was returned by the federal grand jury. The association comprises 140 paper manufacturers, who were indicted as individuals and firms. Ninety defendants represented by counsel pleaded not guilty. Bench warrants were ordered issued for the remaining defendants.

Favor Naturalization Bill.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The immigration commission reported favorably to the house the bill by Mr. Bennett of New York, making changes in the national naturalization laws, by means of which it is hoped that the naturalization of aliens will be expedited. Statements were made by Messrs. Bennett and Goldforle to the committee to the effect that in the larger cities long lines of men frequently waited all night in order to get action on their applications for citizenship. The new measure proposes extra clerks.

1 to 1 off
8 to 2 off

Is bringing the wise ones in. They know when we say it we do it. Our January

Clearance Sale

- includes all winter
- Overcoats,
- Suits,
- Trousers,
- Shirts,
- Sweaters,
- Underwear,
- Hosiery,
- Duck coats,
- Gloves,
- Mittens.

We are determined to clean up each seasons line as we go. Acquaint yourself with these bargains.

C. E. WESCOTT'S SONS
THE HOME OF SATISFACTION

PUBLIC SALE!

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction at his farm two miles south and a half mile west of Murray and five miles north of Nehawka.

MONDAY, Jan. 17

the following described property, to wit:

16 Head of Good Horses and Mules

One span dapple gray geldings, 5 years old, weight 3250. One bay gelding, 5 years old, weight 1650. One bay gelding, 7 years old, weight 1550. One black gelding, 7 years old, weight 1300. One black gelding, 2 years old, weight 1500. One bay mare, 8 years old, weight 1700. One bay mare, 7 years old, weight 1550. One black mare, 2 years old, weight 1250. One black mare, 1 year old. One bay sucking colt. One stallion, coming 4 years old, weight 1800. One sorrell horse, 6 years old, weight 1350. One span of mules, 5 years old, weight 1900. One mule, 10 years old, weight 1050.

FARM IMPLEMENTS, ETC.

One spring wagon, one Jumbo seeder, one corn drill, four farm wagons, Badger cultivator, Deere 2-row cultivator, Avery corn planter, Avery walking cultivator, Deere walking lister, one 7 foot Deering binder, mower, one top buggy, 3-section harrow, 2-section harrow, 16-inch stirring plow, new Departure cultivator, one wood rack, 40-gallon iron kettle, six dozen chickens, one riding lister, one tank heater, Kemp manure spreader, one disc, stack cover, 24x40, four sets work harness, McCormick hay rake, one saddle, one milk cow, 40 tons prairie hay, two hay racks, 100 rods wire and numerous other articles.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock sharp. Lunch served at noon.

TERMS OF SALE.

All sums of \$10 and under, cash in hand; over \$10 a credit of ten months will be given, the purchaser giving good bankable paper bearing eight per cent from date. All property must be settled for before being removed.

C. M. Chriswiser, Owner.
Robert Wilkinson, Auctioneer.
W. G. Boedeker, Clerk.