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The Commoner.



A Topeka dispatch says: J. T. Brad-1 than \$18,000,000 have been cut from ley, receiver for the First National the Equitable Life's surplus. On Desurance policies on the life of C. J. to have a surplus of more than \$80,ter's death in Chicago. The policies only \$62,000,000. are collectable now and are worth 1904, the society fixed its assets at bank without the collection of debts announced that the assets were only policies. The bank will now pay depositors and have a surplus.

J. Ogden Armour and other defendants in the beef trust cases have filed a plea in which they assert that Commissioner 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, indemnities and immunities as though they tad testified under oath and compul s'on.

Eight persons were killed and thirty others seriously injured in a tornado pended the license of the New York November 5 at Mountain View, Oklahoma.

has upheld the constitutionality of the Missouri law providing an eight-hour day for men employed in mines.

The wives of thousands of unemployed laborers who are destitute marched the streets of London November 6 and presented to Premier Balfour a demand for work for their husbands.

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

bank, was preparing to surrender in- cember 31, 1904, the society claimed Devlin to the amount of \$667,000 when 000,000, but the insurance inspector's word reached here today of the lat- report says that this surplus is now On December 31, face value, while their surrender value \$413,000,000, but at the end of six was only \$68,000. The assets of the months the insurance superintendent nearly equal the liabilities. The bank \$406,000,000, a decrease of more than has paid \$13,000 in premiums on the \$7,000,000. The superintendent also found that within six months the company'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 correspondent for the Chicago Record-Herald, says that the results of the recent elections indicate that government ownership and general opposition to corporation rule will be the democrátic issues in 1908.

Superintendent of Insurance Vandiver of Missouri has formally sus-Life Insurance company to do business in that state. He gives as his reason the large lobby fund main-The United States supreme court tained by the company to influence legislation. The New York Life has secured an injunction from the federal court.

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

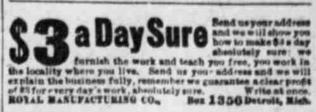
One of the peculiar results of the recent election was the election of John B. Moran as district attorney in Boston. Moran had no party or organization, and made his race as an independent candidate.

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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 inability to take any steps likely to help the Jews in Russia.

The czar of Russia has formally issued his manifesto granting autonomy to Finland.

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

Clarence S. Darrow, special counsel 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 attacks made upon them.

James W. Alexander, former presisociety, is seriously ill.

was visited by six well defined earthquakes.

Referring to the recent election, Governor Folk of Missouri said: "The election returns are full of encouragement and cheer to the lovers of good government, and should strike consternation in the rank. of bosses and grafters everywhere. A revolution is being wrought in the conscience 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 dent of the Equitable Life Assurance Tom Johnson, stands for the Bryan brand of democracy-municipal ownership of public utilities and the rule Dispatches from Baltimore under of the people. Turning from the date of November 5 sav that that city bossism of Cox and the servility of Senator Foraker to the railroads, the independent republican voters of Ohio found a pleasant atmosphere in State Insurance Commissioner Hen- the democratic wigwam. The Ohio dricks, of New York, has made his democracy offered those republicans Dr. Bye, 900 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo, report, in which he shows that more who voted against Herrick what they



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