

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE PENNY MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.

HENRY F. WEST, President.

Net Assets January 1, 1904, at book value, \$58,641,032.70.

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR:

For Premiums and Annuities.....\$13,318,854.22
For Interest, etc.....16,775,591.58
Total.....\$30,094,445.80

DISBURSEMENTS:

Claims by Death.....\$3,161,732.75
Matured Endowments and Annuities.....1,320,022.96
Surrender Values.....980,462.26
Premium Abatements.....880,846.94
Total Paid Policyholders.....\$6,342,744.91
Installment Payments.....100,700.00
Pennsylvania, and other State taxes.....338,530.25
Salaries, Medical Fees, Office and Legal Expenses.....324,804.06
Commissions to Agents and Agents.....1,823,538.90
Agency and other Expenses.....119,932.82
Advertising, Printing and Supplies.....97,543.48
Office Furniture, Maintenance of Properties, etc.....145,556.78
Total.....\$10,549,876.96

Net Assets, Jan. 1, 1905.....\$68,866,657.42

In addition to the above statements the Company allowed to derive dividend policies \$24,444.00, making the total apportionment of surplus during 1904 \$1,474,960.72.
Added to reserve \$7,170,744.00

New Business of the Year, 33,871 Policies for.....\$ 80,386,199.00

Insurance Outstanding December 31, 1904, 145,286 Policies for.....342,676,444.00

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Team that Will Meet Lincoln Chosen by
Competitive Methods.

PRELIMINARY EFFORT DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Auditorium at High School Packed
with Students and Friends to Hear
the Arguments and Learn
the Outcome.

The auditorium of the Omaha high school was crowded to overflowing Wednesday afternoon with students and their friends to hear the preliminary debate preparatory to the selection of a team of debaters to compete with the team from the Lincoln high school for the state championship. Prof. Brucell presided at the opening and then introduced Superintendent Davidson, who acted as master of ceremonies. Superintendent Davidson made a brief opening address in which he said he hoped that when the high school building is finally completed that there will be in it an auditorium capable of seating at least 2,000 persons. He commended the formation of debating societies, as they teach their members to think and speak along logical lines.

Superintendent Davidson announced that Attorney H. P. Leavitt and D. J. Riley had been selected as judges of the debate, they to designate the team of three debaters and alternates who will represent the Omaha high school. The question for debate was: "Resolved, That congress was unjust in abolishing the army canteen."

Boys Who Contested.
The speakers for the affirmative were Gilbert Barnes, Glen Wallerstadt, Arthur Proctor, Charles Brome and Carl Vansant. Those advocating the negative side were Donald Douglas, Lyman Bryson, Miles Standish, Walter Hoffman and Harold Thom. The speakers were given five minutes each to present their views in the order named. The affirmative side took the ground that the army canteen caused a decrease in drunkenness in the army and improved its moral tone and fortified the arguments with statements from army officers favoring the maintenance of the canteen. The negative side speakers quoted from just as many authorities that the canteen was nothing more nor less than a licensed saloon and that the principal effort to re-establish it comes from the liquor trust. Its tendency was to encourage drinking in the army and while other arguments were given, the speakers for the affirmative were more convincing.

HEAD SOLD SORE

Awful Suffering of Baby and
Sleepless Nights of
Mother.

CURED BY CUTICURA

Skin Fair as a Lily with No Scar
to Recall Awful Sore
Writes Mother.

"I herewith write out in full the beginning and end of that terrible disease eczema," says Mrs. Wm. Ryan, Elk River, Minn., "which caused my babe untold suffering and myself many sleepless nights. My babe was born seemingly a fair, healthy child, but when she was three weeks old a swelling appeared on the back of her head, and in course of time broke. It did not heal but grew worse, and the sore spread from the size of dime to that of a dollar. I used all kinds of remedies that I could think of, but nothing seemed to help; in fact, it grew worse. Her hair fell out where the sore was, and I feared it would never grow again. It continued until my aged father came on a visit, and when he saw the baby he told me to get Cuticura Soap and Ointment right away.

"To please him I did so, and to my surprise by their use the sore began to heal over, the hair grew over, and to-day she has a nice head of hair, her skin is as fair as a lily, and she has no scar left to recall that awful sore, and it is over eight months and no sign of its returning."

CURE PERMANENT

"Your letter of the 10th inst. received, asking in regard to the cure of my baby some six years ago. Well, the disease has never returned to her head which at that time was a solid sore on top and down the back."

Mrs. Wm. Ryan, Elk River, Minn., Feb. 25, 1903.

Sold throughout the world. Cuticura Soap, 25c. Cuticura Ointment, 10c. Prepared by J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass., U.S.A.

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AFFAIRS AT SOUTH OMAHA

New Fire Hall is Among the Urgent Needs
of the City.

STOCK YARDS AND PACKERS MAY HELP

Establishment of Properly Equipped
Engine House in Easy Reach of
Packing Houses is Among
the Probabilities.

Property owners are now invited to offer bids for a site suitable for fire department headquarters. The site must be north of O street and south of L street. The east side of Twenty-fourth street and the west side of Twenty-sixth street is included in this district. Owing to the chance of a fire building being erected on the site of the present No. 1 fire hall, the city must look for property of its own.

The city officials say that there remains in the fire fund at the present time \$11,673. From this money enough can be spared to purchase a site and possibly start the erection of a building. The balance can be provided for out of the general fund. Members of the fire and police board seem to favor a site in the neighborhood of Twenty-fifth and L streets. Some of the property in that locality has been looked over and there seems to be an impression that the ground at the northwest corner of Twenty-fifth and L streets would meet all of the requirements.

While no definite proposition has been made to the city, it is understood that the stock yards company and the packers have agreed to pay for engine and equipment of a first-class fire hall if the city will provide funds for the maintenance of the same. With a company located at Twenty-fifth and L streets the apparatus could reach the packing houses and the stock yards in less time than it now takes to reach the present quarters on Twenty-fourth street. Mr. Kenyon, general manager of the stock yards company, signified his intention to members of the council yesterday to make a liberal donation towards the purchase of fire apparatus in case a new fire hall was built.

Charity Fund About Exhausted.
Councilman William McCraith, chairman of the charity fund, said last night that the charity fund is about all in. "From this time on," said Mr. McCraith, "there will be the most rigid examination of all cases where application for help is made."

Magie City Gossip.
The recent charity ball netted the South Omaha High School \$1,250.

Mayor Koutsky said last night that his wife is recovering rapidly from her severe attack of the flu.

The alumni of the South Omaha High School will meet on Friday night at the high school building.

Z. T. Bailey, who was recently operated on at the South Omaha hospital for appendicitis, is now home.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Winters entertained the East Side Progressive club at their home, 528 North Thirtieth street, Tuesday evening.

There is little doing in police circles these days. Only a few vagrants were arrested yesterday.

John Kulkin, who fell on the sidewalk on Twenty-fifth street and broke his right ankle, is doing well. The injured man is now at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. A. Phillips.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
The Following Signed Statement from the Insurance Companies Explains Itself:

J. L. Brandeis & Sons,
Omaha, Neb.
Gentlemen: We beg to advise you that we sold only to your firm the entire lot of goods that we took from the Martin-Cott Hat company, which were damaged by smoke or water on January 25th.

Yours truly,
(Signed) H. F. BENEDICT,
Chairman Adjusting Committee.

J. L. Brandeis & Sons,
Omaha, Neb.
Gentlemen: We beg to advise you that the stock of the Martin-Cott Hat company that you purchased from the insurance companies comprises all of our stock that was in any way damaged by smoke and water on January 25th.

Yours truly,
(Signed) MARTIN-COTT HAT CO.

Card of Thanks.
We wish to return our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during the sickness and death of our beloved mother.

J. B. GALLATIN
AND SISTERS.

In planning your California trip see that your ticket reads via the Colorado Midland railway. This means that you will enjoy a day's ride through the heart of the Rockies. Ask your local agent about colonial rates, effective March 1 to May 15, or write C. H. Speers, G. P. A., Denver.

Marriage Licenses.
The following marriage licenses were issued February 8:

Name and Residence. Age.
Arthur C. Mills, Omaha, Kan., 34
Lena M. Hill, Pittsburg, Kan., 18
Fred T. Meicher, South Omaha, 22
Minnie Leitch, Omaha, 22
John Siedlik, South Omaha, 22
Mary Kalusa, South Omaha, 22
Harry D. Mills, Lincoln, 32
Harry P. Mills, Omaha, 34
Harry J. Goodstein, Cripple Creek, Colo., 27
Blanche Greenblatt, Omaha, 22
John Miksa, Omaha, 22
Antonia Kogovnikova, Omaha, 22
Walter Smith, Omaha, 22
Norris Lathrop, Omaha, 22
Louis Borsenon, Omaha, 22
John M. Helmerick, Omaha, 22
Nelle Anderson, Omaha, 22
Jennie Peterson, Omaha, 22
Edward R. Benson, Omaha, 22
Jennie C. Bush, Omaha, 22

Edholm, Jeweler, 16th and Harney st.

LOCAL BREVITIES

The members of Prof. Cook's adult Bible class went to Florence on Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. E. Hummon, wife of the pastor of Kountze Memorial church, is ill at her home, 301 Fourth street.

It is in contemplation to give the large choir of Kountze Memorial church an evening sleigh ride.

The Nebraska Cycle company has filed an amendment to its articles of incorporation so that it may buy, sell, lease or take machines, musical instruments and furniture, among other things.

William Wagner has been awarded \$125 damages by Judge Vinson in his suit against the city. He fell into an unprotected sewer hole with his rig and used for \$300 damages.

Mrs. Lilla Mary Detweiler has been named divorcee from her husband, John Detweiler by Judge Rees. The ground for the divorce is given in the decree as refusal to provide for the plaintiff's needs. It is decreed that in lieu of alimony, a reasonable support of and kind, the plaintiff shall have clear title to the said real estate, lot 6, block 4, in the city of Omaha.

OUR LETTER BOX

Sears' Rejoinder to Mockett.
OMAHA, Feb. 8.—To the Editor of The Bee: Mr. Mockett's letter in your issue of some days ago was couched in such terms that I have no desire to reply directly thereto. However, some statements require answering. I have not done so at an early date, as I wished to keep a copy of the evidence taken before the Stueffer investigation committee; a copy having been made, I transmit the original to Mr. Rouse.

I have asked Mr. Nelson to answer Mr. Mockett's charge that I had a secret understanding with him, which answer is as follows:

In reply to Judge Sears in The Omaha Bee you inquire, "Will you say that you did not have a private arrangement with Nelson of Douglas county, by which he moved for an investigation committee?" I do not wish to be drawn into this controversy, but will say that the statement Judge Sears made to the house was a surprise to me. I saw that the charges were serious and demanded action of the house. Then I inquired that Judge Sears had arranged to make a motion for an investigation. He replied that the house had been made with anyone. After a long silence on the part of the members of the house, I made the motion for the investigation and did so without any private arrangement whatever with Judge Sears or any other person.

Member from Douglas County.
The original I transmit to Mr. Mockett. Meeting the charge that I have been actuated by personal animosity at not receiving a certain nomination at the state convention of three years ago, I can only say at such time I did not desire the nomination at the time the convention met and so stated to the other candidates before the nomination was made. Neither did I have any feeling against any member of the house because I was not again elected to the speakership. I had known some months before that it was impossible that I would be again chosen, and so told E. J. Haines and John F. Nesbitt. I have never sought a vote at a convention or at the polls because of any attitude in the treasury matter and, so far as I know, neither have my friends for me. In the whole matter I have tried to give Mr. Stueffer full opportunity to explain and clear his record and have opposed him and his bill because he more than failed.

I take it that the following should be one rule governing the state treasurer's conduct:

He should conduct the office honestly and should have no private dealings directly or indirectly with its funds. If he did not come up to this rule of action his bond should not be paid for by the state.

It was the law of the state that the state money should be kept in authorized banks, paying as high as 1 per cent quarterly, to be added as increment to the current funds.

Mr. Stueffer admitted before the committee that in one unauthorized bank he had a deposit of \$5,000, without interest, and another as high as \$70,000, paying him, under private contract, 2 per cent interest, payable monthly. (The unlawful deposit being so placed at the request of the company that furnished the bond.) This being the same old Mervette trick of profiting while he was treasurer, this was not beyond what I had charged, which in my opinion was fully proven, instead of being explained, and was ignored by the committee's report.

The committee were selected largely from those who had previously—no matter how honestly—declared that the state should pay the bond of \$5,000, because Mr. Stueffer had paid for it, and if any wrong had been done, the proper state officers might take action, and one member had previously tried to prevent the investigation.

Between what has been paid treasurers for their bond, who have been privately profiting with state funds, and what has gone to the middleman in the Burt county bond deal, the public are out much more than \$10,000.

When the evidence was in the committee refused to hear argument from one they had chosen as their attorney.

In my opinion as a whole, they did not realize that Mr. Stueffer's admissions, and the evidence received meant, and they were largely selected because of their prior attitude, and that they, from some one, received a suggestion where hear argument I have no doubt whatever.

I perhaps have an exaggerated idea of the value of publicity in the public affairs of the state, such as the suggested inquiry would have, and of the supervision of the affairs of the state by legislative inquiry. However, that responsibility is not mine, and I leave it to those possessed of it.

At the request of Mr. Fishback I will state that as far as I am advised, and believe, he was the first one to object to the chairman first named for the committee, which he did me, of his own motion. I suggested to him that he mention the matter of his objections to the speaker. He told me then that he would and since informed me that he did at such time.

I have always thought that had the committee known the meaning of the evidence received, there would have been a different report and that had the house been likewise informed the result would have been a different conclusion by practically a unanimous vote. I tried in each

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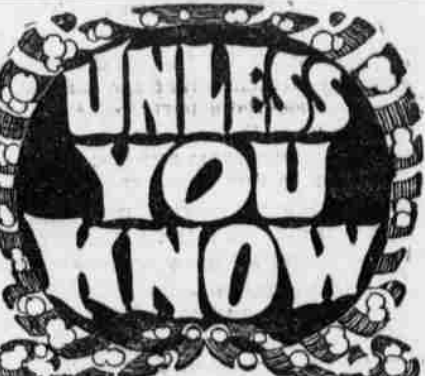
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