

SHORTS TALKS IN KANSAS CITY

Head of Canal Commission Guest of Knife and Fork Club.

WORK ON BIG DITCH IS DISCUSSED

Speaker Says Creative Period Has Come to an End and the Period of Actual Construction.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 24.—Theodore P. Shonts, who yesterday resigned the chairmanship of the Isthmian Canal commission, was the guest of honor here last evening at the monthly dinner of the Knife and Fork club of Kansas City.

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Jamaicans Starve Themselves.

In regard to the common laborers from the West Indies, experience has shown that no price for food can be low enough to induce them to eat a sufficient quantity to keep them in good physical condition.

Actual Work on Canal.

As I said to you in the opening part of my address, the work of actual excavation was restricted to the Panama canal, and to merely preparatory lines. Still, something has been done in the direction of making the Panama canal a reality.

Planned with Results.

The speaker then told of action taken to place shipments from Atlantic and Gulf ports on an equality and for bids on the work as heretofore given in press dispatches, and then concluded:

Naval Appropriation Large.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—An appropriation of about \$6,000,000 is provided for in the naval appropriation bill agreed upon today by the house committee on naval affairs.

Now is the Time to Make Your Wanta Known.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

(INCORPORATED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK, STOCK COMPANY)

JOHN R. HEGEMAN, PRESIDENT

OVER TWO MILLION DOLLARS

Additional Voluntary Contribution to Industrial Policy-holders over and above all obligations expressed or implied in their policies. A cash Dividend of \$1,000,000 for Whole Life Policies Over Five Years Old.

CASH DIVIDEND

Repeating its generous action of the last eight years, and doubling the amount of the annual bonus, there has been declared by the Company this year a cash dividend estimated at one million dollars.

A MORTUARY DIVIDEND

has been declared in the Industrial Department, applicable to all death claims incurred during the current year, where policies on the day of death had been in force over five years.

LIFE POLICIES PAID AS ENDOWMENTS

During the year 1907 any person insured in the Industrial Department of the Metropolitan, who is eighty years of age or over, and who has paid premiums for fifteen years or more on any policy, may receive the face value of his or her policy in cash.

THIS MAKES \$12,000,000 DISTRIBUTED VOLUNTARILY AMONG HOLDERS OF INDUSTRIAL POLICIES DURING THE PAST TWELVE YEARS, IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS CALLED FOR BY THE POLICY CONTRACTS.

INCREASE IN BENEFITS

New Tables with large increases of benefits in Industrial policies have been adopted. The payments or premiums on all new Industrial policies will cease at age 78.

The Company Wrote More Insurance Than Any Other Company in the World 1906 In its Ordinary Department the Company Wrote More Paid-for Business Than Any Other Company Save One

Its Expense Ratio Was Largely Reduced and Was the Lowest in the Company's History

MORAL: — INSURE IN THE METROPOLITAN

STEVENS SUCCEEDS SHONTS

Engineer of Panama Canal to Have Highest Place on Commission.

RETIRING CHAIRMAN TALKS OF WORK

Says He Retires to Take Place in New York with Full Approval of the President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Announcement was made today at the War department that the offices of chairman and chief engineer of the Isthmian Canal commission would be combined.

Mr. Shonts' resignation as president of the Panama Railroad company will be submitted to the directors of that company at the annual meeting which is to take place in April.

Chairman Shonts Talks.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 24.—Theodore Shonts, who is to speak here tonight as the guest of the Knife and Fork club at its monthly dinner, arrived in Kansas City this morning from the east.

To the Associated Press he said: "My position as president of the Panama Canal commission and railroad line, which is auxiliary to the first position of the Isthmian Canal commission, goes with the latter.

Continuing, Mr. Shonts said in the course of an interview regarding his resignation: "I have done exactly what I said I should do—organized the Isthmian Canal commission.

Referring to talk in New York that he had acted as John F. Wallace, the former chief engineer, had in resigning for a position that meant more money.

Stevens is All Right.

The Panama canal work has passed the creative stage—it is organized—it can and will go right ahead successfully under the direction of Mr. Stevens, the chief engineer.

DOGS FOLLOW FALSE TRAIL

Two Bloodhounds Lead Posses in Helpless Search for Chicken Thieves.

ONE NEGRO PROTESTS HIS INNOCENCE

His House is Ransacked in His Absence and He Calls on Police to Disclaim Suspicion.

Two savage and voracious mongrel pups, misnamed bloodhounds, led five Omaha sleuths and a large posse of verdant citizens of North Omaha, a lively chase Wednesday morning through cornfields, weeds and swamp in the northern part of the city in search for the thieves who have aroused the slumbering passions of the citizens by repeated thefts of chickens during the last few nights.

Three palatial chicken hosteries were stripped Tuesday night, not even a single feather being left as a clue. When the thefts were discovered Wednesday morning the excited citizens held a caucus and decided to run the miscreant to earth with two dogs with records of "past performance" a mile long.

Detectors Ferris, Dunn, Heitfeldt, Donahoe and McDonald arrived on the scene as the vigilance committee adjourned for action and willingly joined in the hunt.

Mr. Johnson was not at home to receive his guests, so the house was searched from garret to cellar, but not so much as a feather or even the odor of chicken could be found.

DEATH RECORD

Seward A. Guilick.

Seward A. Guilick, a well known laboring man of Omaha, who lived for many years at the Northwestern hotel, died at 1 a. m. Thursday at St. Joseph's hospital after an extended sickness from lung trouble.

Mr. Johnson Not at Home.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 24.—Anthony R. Bagnetto, a painter whose work was widely known through his painting of the floats in the Rex procession of the Mardi Gras carnival at New Orleans, died here yesterday.

Denver Holds Stockgrowers.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 24.—Next year's convention of the American National Live Stock association will be held in Denver and the Rex procession of the Mardi Gras carnival at New Orleans, died here yesterday.

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BILL LETS IN PATENT PAVING

Thomas' Measure in Senate Lowers the Bars in Omaha to Grant.

BITULITHIC ON PARITY WITH ASPHALT

Document Harks Back to Old Fight When City Engineer and Contractors Had Their Little Squabble.

A bill known as Senate File 18, introduced by Senator Thomas on Wednesday, harks back to a chapter of Omaha's paving history.

Nearly three years ago the old Board of Public Works considered specifications proposing to allow open competition on patent paving bids, but according to City Engineer Rosewater, the specifications were made by a particular contractor so as to exclude forms of patent paving other than that handled by him.

Resolution Against Polygamy.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 24.—A joint resolution was introduced in the lower house of the legislature today, petitioning Congress to call a convention to propose an anti-polygamy amendment to the constitution of the United States.

Letters Written by a Bride to her Best Girl Friend

DEAREST NELLIE:

Your dear, sweet letter received today, made both John and me so happy and we promise you the warmest welcome when you come to visit us next week.

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