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2,45,000	12	85,180	22	82,480
2,40,500	14	86,940	24	80,200
4,42,640	15	92,320	25	91,990
4,42,640	16	92,320	26	91,990
4,42,650	17	90,800	26	88,280
7,42,650	18	62,450	28	62,210
5,42,810	19	62,050	29	62,000
9,42,880	20	62,250	30	62,070
10,40,300	21	65,050	31	60,500
11,42,710	22	65,050	32	60,500
Total		1,000,040		
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Average		61,721		

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCKE,
Treasurer.Subscribed in my presence and signed to
before me this 1st day of November, 1909.
(Seal)M. P. WALKER,
Notary Public.Subscribers leaving the city temporarily
should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be
changed as often as requested.Perhaps the Astor yacht has entered
that suppressed docket.The Department of Agriculture is
assuredly giving that disputed flour
the sack.When Mayor "Jim" returns from
Excelsior Springs he will find the lid
just where he left it.The snap of that budget wishbone
will be heard all over the United Kingdom
whichever side it falls.If Ig's excuse is that he was tired
when he wrote that abusive brief, wonder
what he would call himself now?The report that Colonel Astor had
anchored at San Juan may have arisen
from similarity of the name to Don
Juan.American millions are transforming
those celebrated castles in Spain from
the realms of dreams to the world of
reality.President Winchell of the Rock
Island evidently wishes it distinctly
understood that on that rock he stands
as firm as Gibraltar.It is said that the first automobile
only whets the appetite for another.
Perhaps this rule applies also to the
automobile police patrol.While the girls at Vassar are forbiden
to practice hypnotism, they may be
depended upon to find ways of casting
spells over their admirers.Those ancient enemies who used to
hold Mr. Loob up to ridicule are bound
to admit that all the time he had a
laugh of his own up his sleeve.Japan appears to be finding religious
tolerance and compulsory education a
concrete foundation for the superstruc-
ture of civilization and progress.Omaha is to be again bombarded
evangelically by Rev. B. Fay Mills, but
it is to be noted that he is fortifying
himself by tackling Lincoln first.Hungry Germany is not turning her
nose quite so high against American
pork. Looks as though the market
were coming to the little pig that
stayed at home.The woman who was knocked out
by an automobile at Akron may find
some satisfaction in boasting to her
friends that it contained the largest
collection of champion sports ever de-
signed by her sex.The initial payment under the new
occupation tax imposed upon the public
service corporations for use of
Omaha's streets becomes due the first
of the coming month. We shall then
see what we shall see.The democratic papers seem to as-
sume that the conferences between Mr.
Bryce and four democratic politicians
have already settled the contents of
the next state platform to be put out
by Nebraska democrats. Let the people
see.In the reunion of the "mikes" the
man who lost the most money is con-
ceded the place of honor. According
to the rules each "mike" expected to
skin the other fellow out of several
times of what he himself lost. It's a
great game.Lincoln is still wrestling with the
so-called social clubs that dispense
booz without license and without ob-
servation of any of the regulations pre-
scribed by law. Lincoln, however,
still boasts that it is the driest dry
town on the map.

Our Duty in Nicaragua.

Two important offices seem to press
for our immediate attention in Nicaragua,
the emphatic impress upon the
nations that we are determined to pro-
tect our citizens abroad, and the safety
of our interests in Central America,
whatever the vicissitudes of unstable
governments.The time is ripe for emphasizing what
we mean what we said when we
announced that no unusual or inhuman
punishment upon any of our citizens in
foreign lands would be tolerated, but
that they must have fair treatment ac-
cording to all the accepted rules of
civilized nations. The execution of
Cannon and Groce, two Americans,
seems to have been at the personal di-
rection of President Zelaya in direct
disregard of the advice of his chief as-
sociates. He has been venomously
anti-American in his dictatorial admin-
istration, and by his unwarrantable
savagery toward two of our citizens,
even though accused of being actually in
league with the revolutionists, he has
put himself in open antagonism to the
United States.The American people will be a unit
in sustaining President Taft and his
administration in the most active and
effective measures to put a summary
end to such denial of the rights of our
citizens. Every American should have
absolute security against mistreatment
wherever he may be, and Central
America must be made to realize that
we will not continue on friendly rela-
tions with a government that perpe-
trates or is unable to prevent, such
outrages.

Education and the Soil.

One of the popular fallacies that is
rapidly losing ground is the idea that
anyone with no previous training or
experience can be a successful farmer,
and one of the chief agencies of en-
lightenment is the government bureau of
soils. This useful adjunct of the De-
partment of Agriculture is rapidly com-
pleting its investigations of the actual
values and needs of the earth in various
parts of the west, and its reports
will constitute a valuable compendium
for those already engaged in agriculture
or about to embark in it.The government has risen to the
need of demonstrating that the day of
haphazard scratching of the surface
of the earth is passed, and that for most successful results, practical
training if not thorough scientific education
is needed. It is the aim of the
bureau of soils to establish accurately
the nutrition values of the earth in varying
sections for producing the greatest
abundance of suitable crops, and with
such a definite basis to help the
husbandman proceed with greater
certainty toward his goal of achieve-
ment. This sort of official knowledge
is sure to enable man to make many
blades of grass or grain grow where
few or none grew before, for its natural
development will be the intelligent
cultivation of every arable acre of
land that can be made to yield a
profitable crop.

Progress at Panama.

When Uncle Sam is well warmed up
to any particular task, he develops a
passion for getting it done, and this
passion is demonstrated in the annual
review of the work at Panama. How
thoroughly and energetically the
construction of the canal is being pushed
is revealed in the fact that the army
of men at work has become larger than
the enlisted strength of the United
States Infantry. The records show a
most gratifying progress, not only in
actual construction, but also in
methods of administration, so that the
remaining work seems likely to be ex-
pedited because of the wise adoption
of the lessons of previous experience.The element of cost has advanced
as was perhaps to be expected in the
case of such a sick infant's progress
into the career of a lusty and growing
child. Uncle Sam finds himself exactly
in the attitude of the loyal father of a
young hopeful. The expense of such
an infant prodigy is always a matter
of experiment and the ability of the
parent to pay. This particular infant
started out in life as a sort of hot-
house child and though the incubator
stage has been successfully passed, it
has cost a tremendous lot of dollars,
while the capacity developed by the
youngster is still amazing and the limit
of his appetite is largely a matter of
guesswork. One of the factors of cost
is the item that we are paying for the
evil reputation that the isthmus had
acquired, compelling us to give a large
bonus to all labor, even after our con-
tractors had made the canal belt a health
zone. The main thing is to get the
canal in operation, a consummation to
which every energy is being applied.

Control of the Wires.

In connection with the announce-
ment of the big merger of telephone
and telegraph lines, it is interesting to
note that a bill is already in preparation
at Washington for a form of federal
regulation of all the channels of
wire communication. It is hoped to
accomplish this by congressional stipula-
tion that the enlargement of the
interstate Commerce commission's scope
be made to include telegraph and tele-
phone as common carriers.Such application of the principles of
regulation as now govern interstate
traffic on the railroads would enable
American youth exult in the open dates
for the deadly coaster. The more
dangerous, the more fun!

Leather Melon in the Making.

Springfield Republican.
Shoe and leather manufacturers from all
over the country are to hold a conference
at Boston on January 14 over the question:
"Is there any good reason why the shoe
and leather industries should not share in
the general prosperity of the country?" In
other words, what can we do to bring about
higher prices for our products?telephone present a complex problem
for government supervision of mes-
sage transmission except under actual
government ownership.Broaching the plan, however, may
lead to definite reform. The introdu-
ction of the bill is likely to precipi-
tate consummation of the merger plan,
if not to extend it beyond its original
intent. Whether that merger will
ultimately stand in the face of the
Standard Oil decision remains to be
seen after the supreme court has
uttered its final ruling, but in the
meantime the merger of the wire in-
terests is evidently proceeding apace.There is grave doubt whether the
Interstate Commerce commission is not
about to be confronted with an over-
burdening of its powers, unless the
plan to enlarge those powers and consti-
tute a special court to determine its
cases shall be forthwith put into effect.

Des Moines and the Army Tournament.

Des Moines claims already to have
secured an order locating the annual
military tournament for the Depart-
ment of the Missouri again in that city.This is the tournament for which
Omaha had put in application, and
which, in the natural order of things,
should have come here inasmuch as it
was held in St. Joseph last year and in
Des Moines this year, and the an-
nounced policy of the War department
has been to hold the tournament each
time at a different place.If Des Moines has managed to secure
the tournament a second time in suc-
cession it has evidently been brought
about by the exercise of extraordinary
pressure through Congressman Hull,
using to that end all the influence he
wields as chairman of the house com-
mittee on military affairs, which has
control of the purse strings so far as
the War department is concerned. It
is barely possible that the order locat-
ing the tournament at Des Moines
is only tentative and may yet be
changed when the claims of other cities
within the Department of the Missouri
are more fully presented.We do not believe Omaha should lie
down and let Des Moines carry off this
prize year after year without vigorous
protest, particularly in view of the fact
that Omaha yielded to Des Moines for
this year with the tacit, if not express,
understanding that Des Moines would
not be in the way of Omaha's applica-
tion for the next tournament. The
thing to do is to put up a good, brisk
fight through our representatives at
Washington, who ought to be able to
make some headway even against the
Des Moines chairman of the house com-
mittee on military affairs.Payments of the dividends on
the Standard company's stock are made quarterly.
There are no bonds or funded debts of any kind against the property. The earnings of the company are not reported. Dividends since 1879 have been:

Capitalization, Part. Div. Dividends.

1879—\$1,500,000 4 1/2 \$150,000

1880—2,500,000 5 1/2 200,000

1882—70,000,000 5 1/2 3,800,000

1884—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1886—70,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1888—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1890—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1892—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1894—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1896—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1898—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1900—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1902—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1904—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1906—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1908—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1910—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1912—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1914—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1916—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1918—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1920—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1922—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1924—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1926—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

1928—100,000,000 6 1/2 5,000,000

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