

With grateful acknowledgment for their confidence to the holders of its 9,960,106 Policies, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company presents the following summary of its condition and affairs for the year ended December 31, 1908, showing it to have been THE BEST YEAR IN THE COMPANY'S HISTORY

RESOURCES

Table listing resources: United States, City and R. R. Bonds, and Stocks; Bonds and Mortgages; Real Estate; Demand Loans on Collateral; Cash; Loans to Policy-holders; Premiums, deferred and in course of collection; Accrued Interest, Rents, etc.

ASSETS, \$236,927,361.19

The Metropolitan paid its Policy-holders in 1908 for Death Claims, Endowments, Annuities, Paid-up Policies, Dividends, Bonuses, etc., with the amount set aside on their behalf as increased Reserve

\$50,656,701.34

It has paid to its Policy-holders since organization, plus the amount invested and now on hand for their security

\$470,366,769.36

OBLIGATIONS

Table listing obligations: Dividends Apportioned, payable 1909; Same on Participating Policies, Ordinary Dept.; Bonuses Apportioned, payable 1909; Reinsurance Fund and Special Reserve; All other Liabilities; Capital and Surplus.

A REASONABLE INDICATION OF THE DESERVED POPULARITY of its plans and of faith in its management may be fairly claimed in the number of Metropolitan policies in force. It is not only greater than that of any other company in America...

The Company OF the People,

Metropolitan

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

THE DAILY AVERAGE of Business During 1908 was 441 per day in Number of Claims Paid. 6,343 per day in Number of Policies Placed and Paid for.

ORDINARY DEPARTMENT INSURANCE IN FORCE, \$526,939,378

The Company issues policies for from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000 on individual lives, premiums payable quarterly, semi-annually or annually. All policies are non-participating. They are plain business contracts...



HOME OFFICE BUILDING The largest Office Building in the world, Madison Ave., 4th Ave., 23d and 24th Sts., New York City

The Ratio of Expense to Premium Income was the Lowest in the Company's History

The Company wrote more business in 1908 than any other Company in the world, and this for the fifteenth consecutive year

The number of policies paid in 1908 averaged one for each sixty-five seconds of each business day of 8 hours, and in amount \$128.48 a minute, the year through.

BY the People, FOR the People

Life Ins. Co.

JOHN R. HEGEMAN, President

COMPARISONS, ETC.

Table comparing 1908 and 1907: Income, Gain, Surplus, Increase, Total Number of Policies in Force, Gain over 1907, Total Amount Outstanding Insurance.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT INSURANCE IN FORCE, \$1,334,951,425

Number of Industrial policies in force, 9,301,001—insuring over six and a half millions of individual lives in the families of wage-earners. While the contracts are and always have been non-participating, the Company will this year have spent nearly EIGHTEEN millions of dollars in voluntary bonuses...

A. T. BONNEY, Supt.

Rothchild Bldg., Fourth and Washington Sts., Portland, Or.

SAYS ARROWS HURT

Dugdale Talks of Sensibilities of Ball Players.

MEN CAN'T STAND ROASTS

Wilt Under Yells of Fans or Pointed Paragraphs in Papers—Northwestern League Magnates Leave for Homes.

Joseph P. Cohn, president of the Spokane Baseball Club, is the only Northwest League magnate remaining in Portland since the scheduled meeting Saturday. Manager Bob Brown, of Spokane, left for Seattle yesterday afternoon, while Walter Macfarlane, owner of the Aberdeen franchise, and Manager Rowland of the "Black Cats" departed for Aberdeen in the morning...

of the players most severely, then is when the manager has his troubles. Young players are always anxious to receive a favorable notice, and in this respect I, myself, whom you would think immune from such things, like favorable mention above all things. I can stand the adjectives and shouts of the fans, and their calls of "rotten," "take him out," "get some ball players" and all those things without becoming squeamish, but when the fans get to indulging in personalities, then I balk. Even such action on the part of the patrons of the game, while they rankle at the time, do not affect me half so much as do the terse and pointed darts handed out by the men who write baseball news.

Careers of Players Blasted. "This is one side of baseball that has never been taken into consideration, and if the fans would only realize how much their hastily uttered remarks are taken to heart, I am sure their attitude would be different. The fans, themselves, assisted by scribes who do not realize the extent of their cutting remarks, have blasted the careers of many of the most promising young players who ever donned a uniform. Last year I had my troubles, for whenever one or more of my players were not disabled by sickness or accident, others would desert because of the criticism of the fans. I have seen veteran baseball players, fellows whom I thought toughened and hardened so that they were immune from criticism, quit cold because somebody called them dubs or something like that.

FORM INTERMOUNTAIN LEAGUE

Lucas Starts Movement as Feeder to Northwestern League.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 8.—President Lucas, of the Northwestern League, has written to Chief of Police Flannery regarding the establishment of an Intermountain League, to include Helena, Butte, Salt Lake, Boise and Ogden, the

league being intended as a feeder for the Northwestern. There will be a meeting of officials of the league in Portland this week and afterward the conferees will leave for Helena, Butte, Salt Lake City and other cities interested and will attempt to interest the fans in an Intermountain League.

FOURTH DEFEAT IN 83 GAMES

Crack Iowa Team Meets Its Match in Oregon Boys.

SHENANDOAH, Iowa, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Tonight's basketball game was a clean victory of the Oregonians against the crack team of Iowa, being the fourth defeat of 83 games played. Shenandoah basketball fans say tonight's was the cleanest, fastest game ever played in this city. The score on Saturday night at Trineville, Ill., was: Oregon 37, Trineville 25. The Oregonians will start West February 16 from Omaha.

Hart-Barry Mill Set.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—Marvin Hart, the Kentucky heavy-weight, who claimed he was heavy-weight champion of the world until he lost to Tommy Burns, has been matched for a fight at the West Side Athletic Club in McDonoughville on the night of February 24 with Jimmy Barry, of Montana.

Gives Hildebrand to Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 8.—Manager Long, of the San Francisco baseball team, has released Hildebrand, the outfielder of the Sacramento club of the Coast League, which will open the season in this city on March 30. Arrangements have been made for team No. 1 of the Chicago White Sox to play in Sacramento on March 15 and 16.

Canadian Curlers Victorious.

GLASGOW, Feb. 8.—The final test match for the Strathcona curling trophy resulted today in a victory for the Canadian players.

SAFE ROBBED; DOG STOLEN

Tacoma Candy Merchant Declares He Lost \$300—Police Doubt.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 8.—Tony Christ, owner of a candy store, tied a watchdog to his safe last night. Burglars later entered the store, blew open the safe, took about \$300 and stole the dog.

The police threaten to arrest Christ, as they do not like the color of his story.

Today and tomorrow will positively be the last days for discount on West Side gas bills. Read "Gas Tips."

Children's shoes reduced at Rosenthal's.

FANDOM AT RANDOM

PRESIDENT LUCAS, of the Northwestern League, has selected the Spalding baseball as the official ball of the league this season. At the annual meeting the question of selection of the ball was left to the president and yesterday he decided upon the Spalding.

The Spokane baseball club will be known as the "Browns" during the coming Summer if Bob Brown makes good his threat to equip the team with brown uniforms. The Spokane manager is in receipt of a sample piece of uniform cloth which is a light brown shade and to which he is very much attracted. He said he thought that color would be used for Spokane's road uniforms, while the home suits would be white with brown trimmings.

Phil Nadeau will probably be a member of one of the Northwestern clubs. Phil importuned Dugdale for a job, but Seattle has plenty of outfielders and Dug has recommended him to either Aberdeen or Vancouver, and it is quite likely that one of these clubs will get the dying Frenchman.

Harry Walters, the California twirler who jumped the St. Louis Nationals, and who was sold by that club to St. Paul, refuses to report to the American Association club and announces that he has signed and will play with the San Jose team in the California outlaw league.

Ewing seems to have used very poor judgment in passing up Jimmy Flynn, who made good last year. Can it be possible that Kid Mohler's threats to get Flynn's job have had any bearing on J. Cal's selection? McCarthy and Toman are likely to capture themselves a whole lot of trouble, but their work, no matter how bad, will not affect the serenity of

J. Cal as long as the California teams are winning.

President Ewing has announced his staff of umpires for the Pacific Coast League. Probably one of the three men, McCreedy, will make good. Jack McCarthy and Toman have been tried and found wanting. McCarthy lacks control of the players and Toman is too small to be taken seriously.

The Oakland club has signed Louis Maure, formerly with the Boston Americans, for the Athenian pitching staff next season. The arrival of Maure's signed contract given Oakland five twirlers now enrolled, the others being: "Slim" Neilson, Christian, Tomneson and Johnson. Tomneson was with the champion Aberdeen team in 1907.

If reports from San Francisco are true George Hildebrand is to be succeeded in left field for the Seals by Jimmy Lewis of the Waterloo, Ia., team. Danny Long is credited with having said that Hildy has been too long in one town and that a change will do him good, and the signing of Lewis is taken as an indication of the chubbly outfielder will be found elsewhere next Summer.

Ashland 33; Chemawa 23.

CHEMAWA, Or., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Ashland Athletic Club basketball team defeated the Chemawa Indians here tonight by a score of 33 to 23. In one of the fastest games ever played here. Both teams showed excellent team work. Twenty-minute halves were played. Officials: Referee, Snyder; umpire, Teabo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Dr. Horn, the optician, 3d floor Swetland Bldg., guarantees satisfaction or money refunded. No fancy prices.

ALL INDIGESTION AND DISTRESS FROM AN UPSET STOMACH WILL GO

Almost Instant Relief Is Waiting for Oregonian Readers Who Suffer From Stomach Trouble.

Nothing will remain undigested or sour on your stomach if you will take Disapepsin after your meal. This powerful digestive and antacid, though as harmless and pleasant as candy, will digest and prepare for assimilation into the blood all the food you can eat. Eat what your stomach craves, without the slightest fear of indigestion or that you will be bothered with sour risings, belching, gas on stomach, heartburn, headaches from stomach Nausea, Bad Breath, Water Brash or a feeling like you had swallowed a

lump of lead, or other disagreeable miseries. If you will get from your pharmacist a 50-cent case of Pape's Disapepsin you could always go to the table with a hearty appetite, and your meals would taste good, because you would know there would be no indigestion or Sleepless nights or Headache or Stomach misery all the next day; and, besides, you would not need laxatives or liver pills to keep your stomach and bowels clean and fresh. Pape's Disapepsin can be obtained from your druggist, and contains more than enough trisulphates to thoroughly cure the worst dyspeptic. There is nothing better for Gas on the Stomach or sour odors from the stomach or to cure a Stomach Headache. You couldn't keep a handier or more useful article in the house.

If you intend to secure a fine, though slightly used Piano, upright or grand, at a most unusual reduction in price, you will have to call within the next few days.

Every remaining instrument will be brought over from our shops and wholesale department, on corner of Marshall and Thirteenth streets, this morning. Most of these instruments received in part payment for fancy, high-priced Chickering or Pianola-Pianos can't be told from brand new. They come from Portland's finest homes.

All have been carefully inspected, tuned, regulated and polished. One superb Chickering, a splendid Kimball, a couple of Steinways, two Vose pianos, a Fischer, and several Player-Pianos, (not the Pianola-Piano) are among them.

Prices start at \$68 for a good Upright surely worth \$100. Everything is now less than half the regular retail values of the respective makes. This is the greatest of many great clearance sales we've ever held.

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