

# FIFTY PER CENT. STOCK DIVIDEND

### Declared by McCrum-Howell Co. as Well as a Common Dividend—Increase of Capital Stock—Other Companies to be Absorbed.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of The McCrum-Howell Co. held here Monday, a quarterly dividend of three-quarters of one per cent. was declared on the common stock, payable January 1st, 1911, to stockholders on record November 15th, 1910; and a common stock dividend of 50 per cent., payable January 30th, 1911, to common stockholders on record January 15th, 1911.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of The McCrum-Howell company held here Monday it was voted to authorize an increase of the company's capital stock of \$2,000,000 preferred and \$2,000,000 common, making the company's capital \$3,500,000 of each class.

About one-half of the increase in the company's capital is to be used for the acquisition of five competitors in boiler, radiator and vacuum cleaning lines, the largest being the Model Heating company of Philadelphia and New York, which for ten years past has been one of the largest boiler and radiator manufacturers in the east. The Cameron-Schroth-Cameron company of Chicago, which is also to be acquired, is one of the most prominent western jobbers of boilers and radiators. The American Air Cleaning company of Milwaukee, Wis., The Vacuum Cleaner company of New York, and The Sanitary Devices company of San Francisco (the other three companies to be acquired) together with the present vacuum cleaning business of the McCrum-Howell company, gives The McCrum-Howell company the control of about 50 per cent. of the stationary vacuum cleaning business of the United States, and secures for them all the basic patents pertaining to the industry. The remainder of the issue has been

underwritten by a banking syndicate for additional working capital necessitated not only by the rapid development of the company's vacuum cleaning business, but by the large growth in its radiator and boiler departments. The actual business of the company in boilers and radiation alone for the first six months of its fiscal year, beginning May 1st, 1910, shows an increase of 51 per cent. over the same period in 1909. The total increase in all departments of the company's business for the same period is over 90 per cent.

The companies acquired have been purchased on a basis of actual net earnings for their past fiscal year, commensurate with those of The McCrum-Howell company for the same period. It is estimated that the earnings of The McCrum-Howell company for the current year will exceed \$650,000, or over two and one-half times its increased dividend requirements on its new capitalization, leaving earnings for the common stock of about 12 per cent.

**Raises African Calabashes in Norwich.**  
William G. Zieka has succeeded in raising two perfect specimens of South African calabashes in the garden of his house on Bronson avenue, Norwich, from seeds obtained from the government. These vegetables are the source of the expensive calabash pipes, which have sprung into favor in this country.

**Superiority of Gravitation.**  
Even Colonel Roosevelt had to come down. Score one for the law of gravitation.—Chicago News.

## THE ROUND TABLE OPENS ITS SEASON

### Forty Were in Attendance and Papers Were Heard With Much Interest.

With an attendance of over forty members, and with Mrs. Mary G. Webster and the Misses Rose and Case as the hostesses, the first regular meeting of the Norwich Round Table was held Tuesday evening at No. 129 Bronson, the home of Mrs. Webster. The old time enthusiasm and interest that has been so pronounced in former meetings was not lacking Tuesday evening, and the success with which this meeting was carried through augurs well for an unusually fine season for the club.

The roll call, which was on current events, called forth a wide and exceedingly interesting variety of responses, matters ranging in importance from the recent establishment of a republic in Portugal to a discussion of the local water question, coming in for consideration. The subject for the evening was Territorial Expansion and along this line two fine addresses were given. Mrs. Aurelia B. Lyon had prepared a paper on Jefferson, the Man and Statesman, which in her absence was read by Rev. H. J. Wyckoff. The other address was made by Edwin A. Tracy, president of the Round Table, who gave a highly entertaining account of the Louisiana Purchase.

During the intermission light refreshments were served by the hostesses. The next meeting takes place November 8, and is to be held at No. 99 Sachem street. Mrs. George Carey will be the hostess.

## Not Yet.

"A wise person dresses for the weather, not for the season," says the bulletin of the Kansas state board of health. That may be true, but where is there a Kansan who can afford as many clothes for as many kinds of weather as Kansas produces?

**From the Outside.**  
Foreign penologists intimate that the worst falls in the world are in this country. They don't look bad—from the outside.—Toledo Blade.

## NOT REGRETTING LOSS OF THEIR MONEY

### That Is, North Stonington People Are Not Feeling as Bad as Some Might Think.

The loss of money by some of the North Stonington and Westerly people who bought stock in the Norwich & Westerly railway is not so much regretted by the losers as one might expect says the Westerly Sun editorially. The North Stonington people reason that the road is here and it must be run, by someone else, if not by the original company. That is the bright way of looking at it. The road was wanted up in that country, and if they could do anything to help it along they did it. As a financial success, they gambled and lost.

That is something the way the Mystic people have been booming their village. The village has grown in population as much as any village in this section of New England. Employment has been offered and accepted. Money has been raised there and outside of the village for enterprises, a number of which have gone the way of the bankrupt courts. But the buildings remain, and they will be used by others if not by the original manufacturers. A few years from now the losses will be forgotten, and flourishing and growing industries may be found in the buildings.

**Betting on the Bay State.**  
One bet was recorded on the Boston stock exchange Saturday of \$450 to \$600 that Foss would win the state election. The News Bureau reports a brokerage house there as placing \$10,000 even money on Foss as against Draper.—Springfield Republican.

**Without an Engagement.**  
Probably there never was a time when Mr. Cannon's campaign engagements made less noise throughout the country.—Indianapolis News.

The silk of the spider is lighter and stronger than that from the silkworm.

## POSTAL SAVINGS BANK

### To Be Tried Out in Ansonia—Department to Test Scheme.

According to advices from Washington, Ansonia has been designated as one of the forty-eight postoffices in the United States at which the postal savings bank authorized by congress at its last session, will be given a trial, says the Ansonia Sentinel. The list approved by the postal savings bank trustees includes one second-class office for each state and territory. Why Ansonia was selected is not known. The local postoffice officials made no effort to secure a postal savings bank here, and it is not believed that any postmaster in the country made a move in the matter. The government is preparing to give the system a trial, and will open a bank in each state to see how things work. If the banks meet with popular favor others will be added to the list.

## New England, Crop Producer.

Here's another man who has found that New England can produce apples that are really golden fruit. Henry Penno, a Boston business man, went to Westerly, bought a farm with a small old orchard on it, and put the trees in shape. Result, \$300 from a few trees that a few years ago were looked upon as cumberers of the ground.

Other men are finding out that fruit can be made to grow in New England. What with the best tobacco in the world and fruit that beats in flavor the far famed productions of the favored portions of the west, New England will come into her own as a crop producing section. A few years more and there will be little heard about abandoned New England farms, for, like the boy's apple core, "there ain't going to be none."

**Good Pickin'.**  
A Butler county farmer stopped at a store in one of the small towns on his way to the county fair, and picked a dime's worth of apples from a basket. He entered them at the fair and won a two dollar premium. That is just another suggestion for the man who thinks the country isn't happy.

## Mapmaking.

Mapmaking goes back to the earliest known time. It was a branch of the early picture writing practiced by savages. In Tahiti, for instance, the natives were able to make fairly good maps for the guidance of explorers. Maps with raised lines were in use in Peru before the conquest. Even the Eskimos are not without the ability to make maps. The oldest known map is that of the Ethiopian gold mines, dating from the time of Sethos I., the father of Rameses II., long before the time of Aristagoras and his bronze tablet, on which was inscribed the circuit of the earth and all the seas and rivers then known.—New York American.

## Forgetful.

He was a prisoner brought up before his commanding officer for being two hours absent the night before. "What excuse have you for being absent?" thundered the captain. "I was visiting some of my friends in the country yesterday, and I left in plenty of time to return to the barracks, and when I was about halfway to the barracks I stopped to light my pipe, but the wind was so strong that I had to turn round to light it, and after many tries I succeeded and walked on only to find after an hour's walk that I was at the same place as I had started from, because I had forgot to turn round again after lighting my pipe."—London Mail.

## Moss Dented Steel.

Moss has been forced to make an impression upon hard steel by exploding a dynamite cartridge upon it.

## Olive Trees.

Olive trees produce alternate crops, a full yield generally being followed by scanty one the next year.

## SOME LARGE CHESTNUTS

### Grown by C. Z. Morse of Shelton on Trees from Japan Attract Much Attention.

Chestnuts measuring over four inches in circumference are on exhibition at the Shelton branch store of the Ansonia company, and attract much attention. They are Japanese chestnuts and are grown by C. Z. Morse. The nuts are not as sweet as the native chestnuts, but when thoroughly dried are said to be very palatable. They seem to be much more moist than the native nut and will need much longer drying to be fit for use.

## Drawing Big Crowds.

Mr. Bryan is drawing big crowds in the middle west. He had an audience of 10,000 in Indianapolis, and down the state the old hunker democrats rode 40 miles to hear him. Yet Mr. Bryan is so far down and out that he almost recognizes the situation himself.—Springfield Republican.

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