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## What A Business Man Says About Life Insurance

THE HON. JOHN WANAMAKER, in a recent address delivered at the banquet of the National Association of Life Underwriters in Philadelphia, gave utterance to a number of very clever things, but not the least so were his

### FIVE REASONS FOR INSURING HIS LIFE

He said: "I simply worked out five conclusions as the result of my own thinking, without any moving cause except my own judgment.

DENISON, IA., 12-15, 1903.

MUTUAL LIFE INS., Co., New York City.

GENTLEMEN:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of a check for \$2000.00 paid through your special agent, E. D. Clithers, in payment of a policy for that amount held by J. P. Schuler, deceased. The check left your New York office just 7 days after the proofs of loss were mailed from Denison.

Yours truly,  
C. L. VOSS,  
Ad'm. of J. P. Schuler.

that investment that I could not get in any other.

THIRD—That Life Insurance in the long run was a saving fund, that not only saved, but took average care of my deposits and took me in partnership into possible profits, that not infrequently returned principal and interest and profit.

FOURTH—That Life Insurance regarded from the standpoint of quick determination, was more profitable than any other investment I could make.

FIFTH—That it enabled a man to give away all he wished during his lifetime and still make such an estate as he cared to leave.

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# THE JEWETT

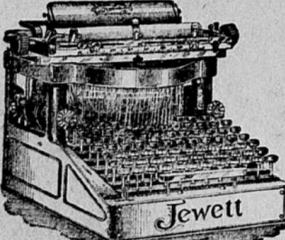
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## Weak Hearts

Are due to indigestion. Ninety-nine of every one hundred people who have heart trouble can remember when it was simple indigestion. It is a scientific fact that all cases of heart disease, not organic, are not only traceable to, but are the direct result of indigestion. All food taken into the stomach which fails of perfect digestion ferments and swells the stomach, puffing it up against the heart. This interferes with the action of the heart, and in the course of time that delicate but vital organ becomes diseased.

Mr. D. Kaible, of Nevada, O., says: "I had stomach trouble and was in a bad state as I had heart trouble with it. I took Kodol Dyspepsia Cure for about four months and it cured me."

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To Great in Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. Tickets on sale December 1st and 15th, 1903; and January 5th and 19th, 1904. For further particulars apply to any Great Western Agent, or J. P. Elmer, G. P. A., Chicago, Ill.

## Washington Letter.

O. H. OLSON.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15, 1904.

On Tuesday of this week was held one of the greatest meetings ever held in Washington, viewed from a moral standpoint. It was a mass meeting in Lafayette's Opera House called together by champions of the principle of international arbitration of disagreements between nations. The meeting was remarkable in the personnel of its speakers. Andrew Carnegie, Gen. Nelson A. Miles, John W. Foster, Edward E. Hale, Cardinal Gibbons, and numerous other famous people addressed the people who were present. The sentiment aroused and developed on this occasion will probably exert a salutatory influence on nations in the future when they are involved in controversies with other nations.

The Democratic National Committee met at the Shoreham hotel on Tuesday and decided to hold the next national convention at Saint Louis on July 6th. It was the desire of Hearst and the New York forces that the convention be held in Chicago; but Gorman, fearing that by means of the leverage of his two daily newspapers at that place W. R. Hearst might stampede the conventions for his nomination, decreed that the convention be held elsewhere, and thus the deft hand of the master again controlled. William J. Bryan was here on the day of the meeting of the committee but did not appear at the hotel until after the session was over. He appeared at the capitol one day where he met a great many of his friends which seem to be legion.

The astute lecturer makes it a point to deliver one or more of his lectures in Washington if it is possible for him to do so under favorable auspices. Last week John Temple Graves, that flowery rhetorician from the South, gave one of his lectures in the Rifles Armory under the management of the Shriners. It was he who recently gave expression to this much talked of ebullition on the problem of the negro: "Lynching is riot; it is blow to the constitution; it is stab at the law. But it is here to stay until the crime which provokes it is destroyed. We are tempering with a giant danger; we are healing a cancer with a catnip tea. Separation is the logical, the inevitable, the only solution of this great problem of the races. We have come in God's providence to the parting of the ways. In the interest of both races and in the fear of God, I call for a division." Some of those who heard him at the Armory acknowledged that they detected the aroma of flowers, the song of the mocking bird, and the languor and beauty of the southland in his address; but when they came away they tried in vain to recall some vital and substantial truth which he had uttered.

On Tuesday evening while at the Columbian University expecting to attend a recitation we found the assembly room where we are wont to hold forth occupied by sundry people whom we are not accustomed to see in our class, and soon we were informed by the professor of oratory that Elbert Hubbard was to lecture in that room on that evening, and that owing to a combination of circumstances our class would not then meet, but that we might go in and hear "Fra Elbertus" if we so desired. As we acquiesced in the arrangement, the professor, having his heart in his work, gave us a brief preliminary criticism of the speaker whom he had heard on former occasions. He said: "He has some good points, and is worth hearing. While he has certain affectations and peculiarities, he is strong in some ways. When he speaks in that low serious tone, he seems to draw you toward him." (Here the professor extended his arm and by a sweeping motion illustrated his idea.) The professor then considered his duty done and we went into the assembly room. On the rostrum stood a man rather small in stature, who wore a frock coat that did not seem to fit him very well, and in which he seemed to have difficulty in adjusting himself comfortably. His hair, (where it was not missing) was black and long, and protruded at the "base" like the starched pinafore of a child. He affected a certain primness, and suggested an old time pedagogue. When he spoke he made frequent gestures, which were well timed, moderate and effective. His features are not greatly unlike those of William J. Bryan. Elbert Hubbard makes no pretense at oratory, but confines himself to a conversational style of address. Like his discourses in the Philistine, that disconcerting periodical which he publishes, his address was largely along ethical and philosophical lines. He described in a humorous way the establishment and growth of that unique society, the Roycrofters, and the amusing incidents connected therewith. When one reflects on the practical sanity of his philosophy, and the social theories which he espouses, and better still practices, he forgets the idiosyncrasies of the speaker, and his erratic life, and realizes that a useful career and a helpful spirit goes far toward neutralizing the force of human falling and error. His was the humor of spontaneity gleaned from his own experiences, and not borrowed from the lives of others. This is the essence of genius to possess the power of abstraction, and to see in environments something more than personal conveniences or impediments. We love originality, and can tolerate eccentricity for its sake.

House and Senate debates have assumed more than ordinary virulence this week. Democratic senators are emptying the phials of abuse upon the president for his action in recognizing the independence of

Panama, Carmack, the vitriolic senator from Tennessee; unmercifully arraigned an empty chamber for several hours one day. Tillman, and other famous fire-eaters have been pressed into service in this peculiar campaign, and every effort is being made to make this question a party issue.

Congressman Smith returned from Iowa on Monday, having been detained at home for a time by sickness in his family. The part he recently played in frustrating the attempt of a mob to lynch two negroes at Council Bluffs has enhanced the popularity of this capable Iowan.

The past week has witnessed more snow in Washington than has fallen here for several years, according to the statements of residents. The streets have been glazed with ice, and street car service was partially suspended for a time.

Letter From Missouri, By Wm. Shires to the Vail Observer.

SALISBURY, MO., JAN. 2, 1904.

CRAWFORD COUNTY OBSERVER,

Dear Sir:—

When I left Crawford county I promised some of my friends that they should hear from me through the columns of your valuable paper and no doubt you are feeling disappointed by this time, but I want something to talk about before beginning. As I have been living in north Missouri almost ten months I believe I am capable of stating to the Observer and its many readers who are my friends, some important facts pertaining to north Missouri.

First I will say that I am well pleased with the county, which is all I expected it to be. I am located in Chariton county, three miles north of the town of Salisbury which is on the main line of the Wabash Railroad and has a population of 3,000 and is one of the best towns between St. Louis and Kansas City. The distance to Chicago is 410 miles, 169 miles to St. Louis, 108 miles to Kansas City and 342 miles to Omaha, so you will readily see that we have all the privileges that are necessary to the popular markets. Our rates to Chicago on stock are 2 1/2 cents, to St. Louis 1 1/2 cents, to Kansas City 1 1/2 cents. This is a good stock country and a much better grade of stock than I expected to see here. We can grow any kind of crops here that we could grow in Iowa and more of them and have more time to do general farm work here than you have in Iowa. We have a heavier soil here than Iowa soil and it is a trifle harder to plow but all it wants is good farming and the results will be satisfactory. Clover grows fine here, both red and white, blue grass is a native of this country and timothy grows as high as my head. But we do not have a good class of farmers here and they are not inclined to do any more work than is necessary to make a living. All this country wants is more Iowa and Illinois farmers here to show those natives what can be done with this country. There is in my mind a great chance here for speculation in land. There is land here that can be bought from \$5 to \$45 per acre that seems to me well worth the money. Our country is more or less underlaid with coal, in many places the coal lies kicking out of the top of the ground. I can buy good coal at \$1.70 per ton. On our streams we have a choice grade of hardwood timber which is being sawed into lumber by our local saw mills. This lumber can be bought from \$12 to \$15 per thousand which, of course, would look cheap to an Iowa man. So taking all things into consideration, there is no excuse for the man that goes hungry here. People here live well and live easy and all seem to enjoy life real well. There are many farmers here living on 30 or 80 acre farms and seem to make a good living. But, for myself, I still believe in the old Iowa style, that is, to buy plenty of land to raise plenty of corn to feed plenty of cattle to buy more land. We have 480 acres of land and are handling 175 head of cattle and doing business in the usual old way and Russia and Japan happen to need any of my beef I will try and have some to spare.

Now if any of my friends should take my exceptions to what I have written and feel like coming down to see Missouri I should be pleased to see them and I assure you will do my best to entertain them and to show them our country. Wishing the Observer and its patrons the compliments of the New Year, I am yours,

WILLIAM SHIRES.

Cured After Suffering 10 Years. B. F. Hare, Supt. Miami Cycle & Co. Middletown, Ohio, suffered 10 years with dyspepsia. He spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and with doctors without receiving any permanent benefit. He says: "One night while feeling exceptionally bad was about to throw down the evening paper when I saw an item in the paper regarding the merits of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I concluded to try it and while I had no faith in it I felt better after the second dose. After using two bottles I am stronger and better than I have been in years, and I recommended Kodol Dyspepsia Cure to my friends and acquaintances suffering from stomach trouble." Sold by Adolph Knauel and Cassidy & Co.]

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—East Bound—

No. 4 Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Chicago, Express, (Daily) 9:00  
No. 62 Co. Bluffs & Ft. Dodge Way Freight, (Daily except Sunday) 10:00  
No. 32 Co. Bluffs & Ft. Dodge Local (Daily except Sunday) 5:00  
No. 2 Omaha, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Chicago Limited (Daily) 9:30

—West Bound—

No. 1 Chicago, St. Paul & Minneapolis Limited, (Daily) 6:00  
No. 31 Ft. Dodge & Co. Bluffs Local, (Daily except Sunday) 8:30  
No. 91 Local Way Freight, (Daily except Sunday) 1:00  
No. 3 Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Omaha Express, (Daily) 8:30  
Nos. 1 and 2 stop only at Rockwell, Wall Lake, Denison and Logan.  
No. 3 stops at Arion, Dow City, Woodbine and Logan.  
No. 4 stops only at Wall Lake and Rockwell.  
Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 are daily; Nos. 3 and 92 daily except Sunday.

## C & N W R R Time Table

East Bound.

No. 4 ..... 10:15  
No. 8 ..... 9:15  
No. 16 ..... 8:15  
No. 6 ..... 7:15  
No. 10 ..... 6:15  
No. 46 Way freight ..... 5:15

West Bound.

No. 25 ..... 5:15  
No. 1 ..... 4:15  
No. 5 ..... 3:15  
No. 11 ..... 2:15  
No. 9 Past mail ..... 1:15  
No. 15 Past mail ..... 12:45  
No. 47 Way freight ..... 11:00

## Boyer Valley

No. 46 Leave ..... 6:00  
No. 42 Arrive ..... 2:00  
No. 45 Arrive ..... 2:30

## C. M. & St. Paul R. R. At A

West Bound

No. 1 Passenger ..... 6:00  
No. 3 Passenger ..... 6:25  
No. 91 Freight ..... 8:15

East Bound

No. 4 Passenger ..... 9:11  
No. 6 Passenger ..... 7:25  
No. 94 Freight ..... 4:07  
No. 1 going west and no 6 going east.  
Nos. 3 and 91 going west and nos. 4 going east daily except Sunday.

## Announcements, Illinois Central R.

Direct to Havana.

Via Illinois Central R. R. to New Orleans and the weekly Southern Pacific S. S. "Ibama" to Havana. Leave Chicago and Omaha Friday morning, leave New Orleans Louisville Friday noon, arrive New Orleans Saturday 10:00 a. m., leave Saturday 2:00 p. m., arriving at Havana Monday 8:00 a. m. Round-trip and one way through ticket unusually low rates. Free Illinois Central R. R. illustrated folder on Cuba, give particulars, on application.

## Ocean Steamships From New Orleans

Ocean steamships sailings from New Orleans for Mexico, Panama, Central South America, West Indies and Europe. We set forth in a special route issue the Illinois Central R. R. Send for a copy.

## Mexico California.

Four of all Mexico via Illinois Central R. under escort of Beau Campbell, Gen. Manager of the American Tourist Association, Quincy Building, 113 Adams St., Chicago, leaves Chicago January 25. Sulez Company Limited. All exclusive privileges, independent travel. Special Pullman Vestibule Train, Drawing rooms, Compartments, Lib and Music room, with the largest Open Observation Car, built by the Pullman Car Co. Tickets include all expenses wherever.

Special Tours of Mexico and California in the Illinois Central and New Orleans in the auspices of Raymond & Whitcomb, Chicago Friday, Feb. 12, and St. Louis Saturday, Feb. 13, 1904 for Mexico and California via New Orleans, including a stopover in the Mardi Gras, also from Chicago Friday, March 14, and St. Louis Saturday, March 15, via the Illinois Central to New Orleans. Entire trips made in special vestibule trains of finest Pullman with dining car service. Fascinating trip complete in every detail.

Illinois Central Weekly Excursions to California. Excursion Cuts through Los Angeles and San Francisco as follows: New Orleans and the Southern Route on Wednesday from Chicago; every Tuesday from Cincinnati. Via Omaha and the West Route every Wednesday from Chicago.

## Mardi Gras.

This occurs at New Orleans on February 1904. For excursion rates will be in effect to New Orleans on specific dates which your local ticket agent will be able to advise you.

## New Orleans.

A delightful unique city for the tourist. Double day service and fast steam haul vestibule trains with through sleeping car buffet library smoking car service and library cars, with single day service. See illustrated book on New Orleans.

## Gulfport, Miss.

The Great Southern Hotel at Gulfport, Miss. on the Mexican Gulf Coast, has 200 rooms and is on suite, with or without bath. Steam heat, electric light, hot and cold running water, and telephone in every room. Reach via Memphis and the Illinois Central. Morning trains, carrying sleeping and buffet library cars, with a single day service, on Saturday from Memphis, into and through the train en route to Gulfport. Send for an illustrated folder describing Gulfport and the hotel.

## Florida.

Through "Disk" Sleeping Car Line St. Louis to Jacksonville and Chicago. Nashville, the latter connecting en route with through Jacksonville car from St. Louis en route via Nashville, Chattanooga and Atlanta.

## Hot Springs, Ark.

Through Sleeping Car between Chicago and Hot Springs, carried on the Central's Pullman vestibule "Limited" train. See folder for describing this most interesting health and pleasure resort.