CROSSES PRESENTED.

WASHINGTON CHAPTER, U. D. C., CONFERS THEM ON VETERANS.

AN IMPRESSIVE PROGRAMME.

Brilliant Exercises Under the Auspices of the Stonewall Chapter—A Number of Brave Old Veterans Given the Decoration.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 3.—(Special.)—Stonewall Chapter, No. 20, of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met this evening for the first time at Confederate Veterans' Hall, this city. The occasion was one of interest to the southern contingent at Washington, as it was the intial presentation of crosses of honor to evterans under this chapter's jurisdiction. January 19th and June 3d are the two days officially chosen as the dates upon which the crosses of honor should be presented to the veterans entitled to wear them.

There was a brilliant assemblage at the hall on Eleventh street. Captain H. B. Littlepage, vice-president of the chapter, presided. All the members of the Confederate associations were present, and after introductory remarks by Captain Littlepage, prayer was offered by the Rev. W. T. Thompson, and the song, "Old Kentucky Home," was rendered by a quartette, led by Miss Virginia Powell Godwin. An address was delivered by the Rev. Randolph H. McKim. This was followed by the reading of the rules and regulations governing the distribution of the crosses of honor by M. S. Thompson.

The bestowal of the crosses was by Miss Mary Custis Lee, which ceremony elicited great applause, as the distinguished lady delivered the honors with brief and appropriate remarks.

Southern melodies followed, led by Miss S. R. Hetzel, and Mr. Findlay Harris delivered an eloquent address on the part of the veterans, accepting the crosses. The song "Dixie," by a quartette, led by Miss Virginia Powell Godwin, ended a night ever to be remembered, and the function wound up with a benediction.

The following are the names of the Confederate veterans receiving the crosses of honor: E. W. Anderson, Geo. W. Amiss, W. P. Couper, Dr. G. Wythe Cook, James M. Caperton, Joshua Davis, John W. Fite, Wm. A. Gordon, Judge C. B. Howry, Findlay Harris, Robert M. Harrover, D. C. (Lineal) Harrison, Charles C. Ivy, Gen. L. L. Lomax, Dr. Randolph H. McKim, J. B. McWhirt, Franklin H. Mackey, H. H. Marmaduke, Benjamin Martin, Dr. A. B. Mitchell, T. Quitman Munce, John Money, Felix Muldoon, Judge Seth Shepherd, Rev. Albert Rhett Stuart, Frank Talbert, Rev. W. S. Thompson, Presley L. W. Thornton, John F. Treutlen, James A. Wortham, Gen. Marcus J. Wright, and Wm. P. Young.

LATEST FROM THE WIRES.

Washington.—Secretary Moody laid before the President and his Cabinet plans for the grandest set of naval manoeuvers ever undertaken by the United States Government. They are to be held next winter, and are expected to prove of the greatest value in maintaining the steady development which has characterized the United States navy since the beginning of the Spanish war.

Berlin.—The resolutions which the directors of the North German-Lloyd Steamship Company will submit to a general meeting of the shareholders, June 13, were published. A contract which will be submitted with the resolutions, is identical with that submitted to the general meeting of the shareholders of the Hamburg-American Line, May 28.

Washington.—Mr. Hale, from the Senate committee on naval affairs, reported the naval appropriation bill to the Senate. The committee is in favor of all the new vessels recommended by the House, and at the prices fixed in the House bill, but strikes out the provision that half the vessels shall be built in Government yards.

Knoxville, Tenn.—The Anderson county, Tenn., grand jury, sitting at Clinton, Tenn., has returned indictments against Major E. C. Camp, George M. Camp and the Coal Creek Coal Company for criminal misdemeanor, resulting in the Fraterville mine disaster. Major Camp is said to be the principal owner of the mine. George M. Camp was superintendent.

Paris.—At a Cabinet council, held at the Elysee Palace, and at which President Loubet presided, the Premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, formally presented the resignation of the Cabinet.

Irish-Americans in Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 3.—The meeting of the Irish-Americans at the Auditorium to-night, to protest against the coercion laws in force in nine counties of Ireland, was perhaps the largest demonstration of its kind ever held in this city.

Bourke Cockran was the principal speaker, and when he began his address about 8,000 persons joined in the applause that greeted him. Crowds thronged the avenues outside, disappointed at being unable to gain admission.

Quadruple Execution at Ponce.

PONCE, PORTO RICO, June 3.—Bernabe Acevedo, Jose Torres, Ramon Troche Cadeno, and Juan Torres, the four men found guilty of murder, robbery and felonious assault, in October, 1898, at Guayo, a suburb of Adjuntas, were garroted here to-day.

Indiana Democrats Meet To-Day.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,—The Democratic State convention, which will be called to order here to-morrow, will from present indications, make most of the nominations by acclamation. The only fight for office that is promised on the floor of the convention is for the position of secretary of State.

W. H. O'Brien, chairman of the State Central Committee, will be temporary chairman of the convention, and Mr. John W. Kern, of Indianapolis, permanent chairman.

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN PEACE.

Signing of the Agreement Without Much Ceremony—Boer Rejoicing.

PRETORIA, TRANSVAAL, Monday, June 2.—The signing of the peace agreement on Saturday night last was carried out with the least possible ceremony. Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner, and General DeWet, and others representing the Orange Free State, and General Schalk-Burgher and others of the Transvaal Government, quietly met in the dining-room of the residence occupied by the Burgher delegates, adjoining Lord Kitchener's house. The document lay on a table, ready.

Amid profound silence the Boer leaders took a pen, in order of precedence, and affixed their signatures, thus surrendering the independence for which they had so gallantly struggled. The document was then entrusted to Colonel Hamilton, Lord Kitchener's military secretary, and Captain Marker, and an aide-de-camp, who left Pretoria to-night, to deliver it to King Edward.

There was great rejoicing in all the concentration camps, upon receipt of the news that peace had been concluded. The occupants assembled in the open spaces and chanted Psalms, the women weeping with joy.

Arrangements are being made to send representatives of each unit of the British army in South Africa to participate in the coronation festivities in London.

Rewards for Kitchener.

LONDON, June 4.—Contrary to custom, the House of Lords will hold a sitting today, to receive a message from King Edwar with reference to the peace in South Africa. It is expected that this message will announce the conferring of a title upon Lord Kitchener, and the granting of a reward for his services. The money reward will probably be £100,000.

It now appears that Lord Kitchener will not return to London for the King's coronation, and Joseph Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary, has said that the government does not propose to have the new South African colonies represented at the crowning of King Edward. Transvaal and Orange River representatives could hardly reach London in time for the function.

Conferences at Kruger's.

UTRECHT, HOLLAND, June 3.—The Boer delegates in Europe arrived here this afternoon. They held a prolonged conference in the house of Mr. Kruger. None of the delegates was willing to talk.

The Handelsblad declares that neither Mr. Kruger nor any of the Boer delegates in Europe has received any communication from the Boers in South Africa concerning peace. "The inference is," says the paper, "that the British Government is stopping such dispatches."

The King's Congratulations.

LONDON, June 3.—King Edward has cabled his congratulations on the conclusion of peace to Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner, the British High Commander in South Africa.

Some Boers Not Pleased.

BOMBAY, June 3.—The news of the conclusion of peace in South Africa was received with mixed feelings in the Boer prison camps here. A majority of the prisoners rejoiced. "We would have stayed in captivity for years, without complaint," said many of the Boers, "had such been the judgment of the burghers."

OCEAN SHEAMSHIP COMPANY.

J. M. Eagan Resigns as President—J. F. Hanson Succeeds Him.

SAVANNAH, GA., June 3.—At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Ocean Steamship Company to-day. President John M. Eagan resigned. J. F. Hanson, of Macon, was unanimously elected president to succeed him. Mr. Eagan is president of the Central of Georgia railway, and resigned the steamship presidency in order to be able to devote his entire time to the railroad's interest.

Major Hanson, the new president of the steamship company, is chairman of the board of directors of the Central of Georgia railway. There will be no change in the policy of either company.

Argriculture in North Carolina.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The Census report on agriculture in North Carolina shows that on June 1, 1900, the State had 224,637 farms, valued at $194,655,920. Of the valuation 27 per cent. was in buildings and the remainder in land and other improvements than buildings. The value of farm implements and machinery was $9,072,600, and that of live stock, $30,106,173, making the total value of farm property $233,834,693. The total value of farm products for 1899 was $89,309,638, of which 23 per cent. was in animal products and the remainder in crops, including forest products cut or produced on farms. The total value of farm products for 1899 exceeded those of 1889 by 78 per cent. The gross farm income of North Carolina for 1899 was $79,200,748. The gross income upon investment was 34 per cent.

Clopton-Walton.

The announcement of the marriage in Washington yesterday morning, of Miss Martha E. Walton to Mr. John Fielding Clopton, both of Richmond, will come as a surprise to their many friends here. The couple left on the early morning train for the Capital city, where they were tendered a wedding breakfast at the residence of Mrs. W. R. England, at one time the private school teacher of the bride. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Prettyman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the home of Mrs. England's.

The bride was becomingly attired in a travelling dress of mode melton cloth, trimmed in cream broadcloth, and Persian applique vest. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs T. Burton Walton, of 411 north Thirtieth street, this city, and is a lady of many attractions, her intelligence and fine conversational talent enlisting the admiration and friendship of all with whom she comes in contact. The groom formerly resided in Williamsburg, and is the son of the late Dr. John Clopton, at one time assistant superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clopton will be at home to their friends, at No. 411 north Thirtieth street, after the 8th instant.

Live Pigeon Shoot To-Day.

A live-pigeon shoot will be held at Blandon Park this afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock.

NO DEVELOPMENTS IN COAL STRIKE.

One or Two Collieries Compelled to Shut Down Their Pumps, Because of Lack of Men.

WILKESBARRE, PA., June 3.—There were no developments or incidents of special moment in the anthracite coal-miners' strike to-day. The mine-workers tried hard to bring out additional engineers, firemen, and pump-runners, and the companies were equally earnest in their efforts to hold the employees who have been loyal to them. The union succeeded in getting out quite a number of men, and to-night the labor leaders assert that they are satisfied with the day's work. One or two collieries were compelled to shut down their pumps because of a lack of men, but in all other cases the operators were able to fill the vacancies by drawing on their reserve force of office and other employees. The mine-owners claim that thus far they have employed very few non-union men, and have plenty of workers to draw on.

The entire coal belt remains comparatively quiet, although disturbances of a minor nature are becoming more frequent.

MARCH INTO ONEIDA.

HAZLETON, PA., June 3.—To-day, about 200 men from Nuremburg marched into Oneida, where Coxe Brothers & Co., have a big colliery. There was some promiscuous shooting, but no one was injured. A car carrying special officers was sent from Drifton to the scene of the disturbance, but when the police reached there the crowd had dispersed.

COAL MINERS TO STRIKE IN THE FLAT TOP REGIONS.

Expected That Work Will Be Stopped on Next Sunday, June 8th.

It seems settled beyond a doubt that the miners in the Pocahontas and Flat Top coal regions will strike.

Information received in this city yesterday by a prominent man from a source the reliability of which can not be questioned, was to the effect that the miners in the regions mentioned would quit work on Sunday, June 8th.

This strike will be the result of the general order issued by President Mitchell of the National Mine-Workers' Union, a few days ago, under which thousands of the anthracite coal miners of Pennsylvania have gone out.

Definite information as to the intention of the miners in the New river and Kanawha coal fields is not ootainable. Officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, which penetrates the fields mentioned, are absolutely in the dark. Little is risked, however, in making the statement that they anticipate a strike.

DEATH OF AGED LADY.

Mrs. Loveley Virginia Brown, Mother-in-Law to L. T. Christian.

Mrs. Loveley Virginia Brown died at the residence of her husband, J. Twiggs Brown, yesterday, at No. 611 north Ninth street, aged 83 years. Mrs. Brown was the daughter of Mr. McKenzie Beverley, of Westmoreland county, and lived in Fredericksburg since the war. Mrs. Brown was the last of a family of eight brothers and one sister. Captain Frank Beverley, the last brother, died about a year ago at Spotsylvania Courthouse.

Mrs. Brown leaves two children, Mrs. L. T. Christian and Mrs. H. D. Riddick, both of this city.

She was a member of the Christian church, being connected with old "Sycamore church," the pioneer Christian church of this city, which was afterwards consolidated with the Seventh-Street Christian church.

Her husband was attached to the Surgeon-General's Department, C. S. A., and was stationed at Howard's Grove for some time. He was captured and was in Fort Delaware at the time of Lee's surrender.

The funeral will take place from the Seventh-Street Christian church to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

William Schaaf.

William Schaaf died at his residence on Oakwood avenue yesterday morning at 12:10 o'clock. The funeral will take place from East-End Baptist church to-day at 4 o'clock P. M. The interment will be in Oakwood.

Mrs. Anna S. Stowe.

Mrs. Anna S. Stowe died at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the home of her husband, No. 101½ Reservoir street. The funeral will take place from St. Andrew's church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

J. H. BARTON'S WHEREABOUTS.

Indiana Man Writes to Find Out His Address.

Chief of Police Howard yesterday received a letter from Dr. F. W. Black, of Peru, Ind., making inquiries as to the whereabouts of J. H. Barton, the founder of Barton Heights.

The letter received by Chief Howard reads as follows:

Peru, Ind., May 31, 1902.

"Dear Sir,—I am searching for a gentleman—J. H. Barton by name—who from friends in the southwest I heard was dead. Within the last fortnight I have heard that he was still living, but under an assumed name.

"If you, through your police force, can locate him, you will confer a great favor in a matter of business, and his incognito will be respected, if found."

To Be Superintendent at Charlotte.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 3.—It is announced that H. Baker has been appointed superintendent of the Charlotte Division of the Southern railway, with offices at Charlotte, N. C., vice C. S. McManus, appointed assistant to the general manager at Washington.

FOOD AND GIRLS.

Study Don't Hurt if They Are Fed Right.

Some time ago one of the ladies' papers published a long list of extracts from letters from mothers, speaking of broken-down schoolgirls. True, over work and too much confinement is largely responsible, but, on the other hand, if the girl is fed on the right kind of food to rebuild the daily waste she can stand more work and the matter of food is the real foundation of the subject.

A 17-year-old girl writes from Caro, Mich., about how a change in food helped her. "I am only a schoolgirl 17 years old, but I am old enough to appreciate what the wonderful brain food Grape-Nuts has done for me. About two years ago my health became very poor and I was unable to study, and finally obliged to leave school.

"I was put on Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food. In about three months I recovered my strength, my mind became much more clear and acute, and I was able to resume school work.

"I continued to use Grape-Nuts until I discovered that I was getting too fat. I gained so much in weight that I had to discontinue it. It is the best food I ever heard of for building up a broken-down system.

"I have an aunt who went to India as a missionary, and while there she was ill four times with Indian fever and became a mere skeleton. When she returned here her muscles were as flabby as could be. She was put on Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food and quickly recovered. Her muscles grew hard and firm and she entirely regained her health, has greatly increased in weight, and never knows a sick day now. She is still eating Grape-Nuts and says she would not do without the food for anything.

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MEMORIAL-DAY AT PULASKI.

Ceremonies in Newbern Cemetery—Mr. Trinkle's Fine Address.

DUBLIN, VA., June 3.—(Special.)—In the Newbern Cemetery about one mile and a half from Dublin, lie the remains of between sixty and seventy Confederate soldiers. The Pulaski Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy decorated these graves yesterday, the anniversary of the birth of Jefferson Davis. The programme was an excellent one. The procession was formed in Dublin shortly after nine o'clock, and headed by the Dublin brass band, discoursing martial music, proceeded to the cemetery. The exercises there were opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Hunter, pastor of Pulasgi Methodist church. Following that was an elegant and touching speech, by Mr. E. Lee Trinkle, of Wytheville. In the course of his address he gave a sketch of his recent trip to the Confederate reunion at Dallas. Mr. Trinkle has already made a record as a public speaker and logical reasoner, in his own and neighboring counties, and will inevitably extend his reputation as the years go by.

A recitation followed, by Miss Carrie Darst, "Along the Rappahannock."

The graves were then decorated and the exercises were closed with prayer by Rev. T. M. Cecil, of Newbern. A number of the soldiers who sleep here were killed in the battle of Cloyd's mountain, and some of them died here in hospitals. They are all buried in one plot or mound in the cemetery, and are the special care of Pulaski Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy. At intervals the Dublin band rendered appropriate music.

A large crowd was in attendance, among them a goodly number of veterans, members of the James Breathed Camp.

LOOKED INTO PELEE CRATER.

George Kennan and Prof. Heilprin Make the Daring Ascent.

FORT DE FRANCE, MARTINIQUE, June 3, 1 P. M.—George Kennan, accompanied by Messrs. Jaccaci and Varian, arrived here at 11 o'clock this morning, after an absence of twelve days. Professor Angelo Heilprin, president of the Philadelphia Geographical Society, who is in Martinique, under the auspices of the National Geographical Society, and Mr. Ledbetter, are expected to reach Fort de France to-night.

Professor Heilprin, Mr. Kennan, and Mr. Varian have ascended Mont Pelee. They stood on the very edge of the crater, and looked down on the incandescent mass within. This ascent was made last Sunday, and was the second time Professor Heilprin climbed the mountain. All the explorers are in perfect health and good spirits. No accidents occurred on the trip up the mountain, although the explorers were exposed to many hardships and dangers. In an interview with the correspondent of the Associated Press, Mr. Kennan said:

"We found the crater to be a huge chasm, or crevasse, with perpendicular walls. We could not see down into the crater more than 150 feet; it was like looking into a white-hot furnace. The chasm opens out toward St. Pierre, but the enormous colums of steam cut off the view in that direction. There were hundreds of fumaroles all about us. What was thought to be a cone of cinders in the crater was learned in reality to be a huge pile of gigantic rocks. There were cakes of sulphur everywhere. We saw no ashes or cinders in or near the crater. The whole vast bed of the old crater and of Lake Palmiste is emitting steam through thousands of orifices."

Brief and Personals.

Miss Anna W. Dickerson has returned home after a delightful two weeks' visit to Norfolk.

Miss Rosa F. Hart, formerly of Buchanan, Va., is at 529 north Eighth street.

Miss Alice Richeson, of Buena Vista, Va., is at 816 east Clay street, Mr. Bailey's.

Miss M. Morton Gardner, of Louisa county, is visiting her relatives at Dr. Isaac Curd's, Church Hill.

Miss Cora Martin, of Goggansvilc, Franklin county, Va., who has been under treatment at the Virginia Hospital, has gone home convalescent.

The general agency of the Orient Fire Insurance Company in this city has been transferred from Mr. George C. Jefferson to Mr. Arthur Pleasants.

Mr. S. S. P. Patteson left yesterday to argue a case before the Supreme Court at Wytheville.

Captain William Blair, of New York, general agent of the London and Lancashire, of England, and the Orient, of Hartford, is in Richmond.

Mrs. Roy Baylor, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Albert C. Bruce, on Harrison street.

Mr. Samuel S. Rosendorf is visiting Chicago, St. Louis, and Pittsburg, studying the progress of the Oliver typewriter, for which machine he is the Virginia agent. He will be away about two weeks.

Mr. Moore Lathrop expects to leave for Savannah this week on business.

To Marry To-Night.

Mr. J. Alfred Lechler and Miss Josephine Reinhart will be married to-night at 9:30 o'clock at the home of the bride-elect, 113 south Belvidere street.

FORMER WEATHER MAN GLORIES IN HARD LUCK

CHICAGO, June 3.—The most optimistic man in the world has registered at a small West-Side Hotel and is looking for work.

It is such a small hotel and it is so located that it barely escapes being a "ten, twenty, thirty" lodging house—but it might have been worse.

The optimistic man has been president of a State university, he has been chief of the United States weather bureau and head of the astronomical department of the University of Michigan, and lately he has been working in a lumber camp, and again in a shipyard—but it might have been worse.

Now, being more than fifty years old, and with his course run in his chosen profession, the American Mark Tapley is trying to begin a business career. That is his ambition. At present he is looking for work and trying to sell mining stock.

OPTIMISTIC EXPERT.

Mark W. Harrington is the optimistic man. For twelve years he was an instructor in the University of Michigan and was head of the department of astronomy when he left. From this position he was appointed to chief of the weather bureau, where he served until President Cleveland's election. Then he was elected president of the Washington State University at Seattle, where he served until 1897.

Since then he has been "browsing," as he says. He was removed from his position at the Washington State University after an election in the State. That closed his career as an educator.

Soon he needed money and went into a lumber camp to earn it. He worked there until his health gave out. Then he went to a hospital.

After he had regained his health he tried his luck again in a ship-yard. At the manual tasks of a common laborer he worked until a beam fell on him. Then he went back to the hospital.

At various occupations he tried his luck and now he is in Chicago looking for work and for persons who want to buy mining stock.

"Luckily Providence gave me an optimistic disposition," he said yesterday, "so it does not matter. Otherwise I might not have been able to stand it. But it might have been worse."

LOOKS AS CHEERFUL AS HE IS.

The optimistic man does not drink. He smokes—a pipe, because it is economical. He has blue eyes and a smile that seems frozen—or, rather, fastened—to his face. He secured his academic education at Northwestern university and finished at the University of Michigan. He speaks a number of languages and reads even more.

The work the optimistic man is doing just at present—selling mining stock—is what he calls "absolutely distasteful labor," but it is something. Something else will turn up pretty soon or else his stock deal will prove a success. The optimistic man is sure of that. He is a lineal descendant of Mark Tapley, Colonel Sellers, and Micawber.

"There is no reason why a man of fifty cannot succeed," he says. "So I am just starting in business."

CHINESE LEPER FOUND IN CHINESE LAUNDRY.

CHICAGO, June 4.—Leprosy in an advanced stage has been discovered in Chinatown. The victim, who came to Chicago from British Columbia April 1, disappeared two days ago, and persons who were observing the case have been told that the leper's countrymen sent him out of the city, probably east.

Hundreds of Chinamen came in contact with the leper during his stay in the city. To add to the danger the Chinaman was employed in several laundries, although he was not permitted to stay long in one place, as the disease was so far advanced that the man could perform only the simplest tasks, such as sorting and wrapping the clothes.

ARE THE CHILDREN AT HOME?

Each day when the glow of sunset
Fades in the western sky,
And the wee ones, tired of playing,
Go tripping lightly by,

I steal away from my husband,
Asleep in his easy chair,
And watch in the open doorway
Their faces fresh and fair.

Alone in the dear old homestead
That once was full of life,
Ringing with girlish laughter,
Echoing boyish strife,

We two are sitting together!
And oft, as the shadows come,
With tremulous voice he calls me—
"It is night! Are the children home?"

"Yes, love!" I answer him gently.
"They're all home long ago;"
And I sing in my quivering treble
A song so soft and low,

Till the old man drops to slumber
With his head upon his hand,
And I tell to myself the number
At home in the better land;

At home, where never a sorrow
Shall dim their eyes with tears!
While the smile of God is on them
Through all the summer years!

I know—yet my arms are empty,
That fondly folded seven,
And the mother heart within me
Is almost starved for heaven.

Sometimes in the dusk of evening
I only shut my eyes,
And the children are all about me.
A vision from the skies.

The babes whose dimpled fingers
Lost the way to my breast,
And the beautiful ones, the angels,
Passed to the world of the blest.

With never a cloud upon them,
I see their radiant brows,
My boys that I gave to freedom—
The red sword sealed their vows!

In a tangled Southern forest
Twin brothers, bold and brave
They fell; and the flag they died for—
Thank God! floats over their grave.

A breath, and the vision is lifted
Away on the wings of light,
And again we two are together,
All alone in the night.

They tell me his mind is failing,
But I smile at idle fears;
He is only back with the children,
In the dear and peaceful years.

And still, as the summer sunset
Fades away in the west,
And the wee ones, tired of playing,
Go trooping home to rest,

My husband calls from his corner,
"Say, love, have the children come?"
And I answer, with eyes uplifted,
"Yes, dear! they are all at home."

—Margaret E. Sangster.

THIS SCARECROW FRIGHTENS EVERTHING

DELAVAN, WIS., June 4.—In the way of scarecrows a DeDlavan Lake man will probably take all premiums offered for some years to come. The name of this inventor is Joseph Kiel. His scarecrows are operated by a windmill to which are connected a number of horse fiddles, bells and cans. When the windmill is in motion the band plays, and there is a din that can be heard for a mile.

When the aparatus was first operated every bird in the neighborhood took flight, and few have found their way back. Kiel threatens to run the machine by electricity if the wind fails, and all those residing around the lake are afraid he will do it.

INSURANCE STATEMENTS.

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THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901, OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF PHILADELPHIA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, MADE TO THE AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, IN PURSUANCE TO THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

President—R. DALE BENSON.
Secretary—W. GARDNER CROWELL.
Principal office—508 AND 510 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA.
Organized or Incorporated—MARCH, 1825.
Commenced business—APRIL, 1825.

CAPITAL.

Amount of capital stock subscribed	$ [illegible]
Amount of capital stock paid up in cash	[illegible]

ASSETS.

Value of real estate owned by the company	$ [illegible]
Loans on mortgage (duly recorded and being the first liens on the fee simple) upon which not more than one year's interest is due	[illegible]
Interest due on all said mortgage loans, $645; interest accrued thereon, $6,273.01	[illegible]
Value of lands mortgaged, exclusive of buildings and perishable improvements; value of buildings mortgaged (insured for $504,000 as collateral)	$1,621,360 00

BONDS AND STOCKS OWNED ABSOLUTELY BY THE COMPANY:

Description:	Par Value.	Market Value.
United States bonds	$ 80,000	$ 87,000
Philadelphia city loans	3,000	3,000
St. Louis city	25,000	28,500
Cincinnati city	48,000	50,400
City of Springfield, Ills., funding bonds	35,000	37,450
City of Dayton, O., sewer and street paving bonds	32,000	37,760
City of Columbus, O., High street viaduct	36,000	37,080
City of Quincy, Ills., funding bonds	25,000	27,250
Newark, O., refunding bonds	12,000	12,720
City of Duluth, Minn., refunding bonds	47,000	50,760
Boro of Sharpsburg, Pa., street improvement bonds	40,000	40,800
Sanitary District, Chicago, Ills., municipal bonds	13,000	13,260
School District of the Borough of Sewickley, Pa.	24,000	25,200
City of Trenton, N. J., tax warrants	32,256	32,256
West Knoxville General Improvement Company	27,000	24,000
Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad stock trust certificates	115,000	124,200
Philadelphia & Erie Railroad Co. bonds	75,000	90,750
Pennsylvania Railroad Co. bonds	28,000	30,240
Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Co. bonds	37,500	47,725
Philadelphia & Reading Rd. Terminal Co bonds	100,000	125,000
Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. bonds	150,000	164,000
Pennsylvania & New York Canal & Rd. Co. bonds	122,000	123,170
Chicago & Western Indiana Rd. Co. 1st Mort'ge bonds	127,000	149,680
Jacksonville Southeastern Ry. Co. bonds	11,000	8,800
Shamokin, Sunbury & Lewisburg Rd. Co bonds	20,000	21,000
St. Paul & Northern Pacific Rd. Co. bonds	50,000	65,000
Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis Railway Co. bonds	50,000	40,500
New York, Susquehanna & Western Rd. Co. bonds	100,000	116,000
Indianapolis & Vincennes Rd. Co. bonds	7,000	3,120
Chicago & Erie Rd. Co. 1st mortgage bonds	50,000	61,500
Baltimore & Potomac Rd. Co. bonds	15,000	17,700
McKeesport & Belle Vernon Rd. Co. bonds	60,000	76,200
Newburgh & New York Rd. Co. bonds	15,000	16,800
Northern Central Railroad Co. bonds	8,000	8,720
Atlantic City Railroad Co. bonds	30,000	33,900
Camden Horse Railroad Co. bonds	25,000	25,500
Bellefonte Central Railroad Co. bonds	2,500	2,500
Evansville & Terre Haute Rd. Co. bonds	25,000	27,000
Terminal Railroad Ass'n of St. Louis bonds	50,000	57,000
Lynn & Boston Railroad Co. bonds	50,000	57,000
Pine Creek Railway Co. bonds	50,000	67,500
Chicago & Northwestern Ry. Co. sinking fund bonds	47,000	50,760
Jacksonville & St. Louis Ry. Co. bonds	14,500	15,225
Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Rd. Co. bonds	75,000	80,250
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry. Co. bonds	50,000	56,500
Chicago, Hammond & Western Rd. Co. bonds	100,000	128,000
Chesapeake & Ohio Rd. Co. bonds	42,000	50,400
Kansas City Southern Ry. Co. bonds	26,000	18,720
Western Transit Co. bonds	50,000	50,500
Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Rd. Co. bonds	50,000	58,000
Louisville & Nashville Rd. Co. bonds	100,000	100,000
Choctaw & Memphis Rd. Co. bonds	50,000	58,000
St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Ry. Co. bonds	50,000	58,000
Baltimore & Ohio Rd. Co. bonds	125,000	117,500
Wisconsin Central Ry. Co. bonds	50,000	45,000
Union Pacific Railway Co. bonds	25,000	26,750
Louisville & Nashville Rd. Co. and Mobile and Montgomery Ry. Co. bonds	50,000	55,000
New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Rd. Co. bonds	25,000	26,000
Erie Railroad Co. bonds	100,000	96,000
Southern Pacific Rd. Co. of California bonds	100,000	110,000
Greenbrier Railway Co. bonds	50,000	47,500
Central Pacific Railway Co. bonds	100,000	89,000
Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. bonds	93,000	94,360
Erie Railroad Co. equipment trust bonds	50,000	52,000
Southern Railway Co. car trust bonds	50,000	51,000
Lehigh Valley Coal Co. bonds	50,000	54,500
Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. bonds	120,000	124,800
Chesapeake & Delaware Canal Co. bonds	10,000	5,000
Pennsylvania Co. trust gold certificate bonds	25,000	24,500
Hestonville Mantua & Fairmount Passenger Railroad Co. bonds	17,000	20,060
400 shares Bellefonte Central Railroad Co.	22,000	6,500
42 shares Reading Co. 2d preferred trust certificate	2,100	1,344
102 shares Reading Co. common stock	5,100	2,856
210 shares Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad Co.	21,000	6,300
14 shares Philadelphia Bourse	700	70
200 shares Philadelphia National Bank	20,000	34,400
Total par and market value (carried out at market value)	$3,620,656	$3,908,826

COLLATERAL LOANS:

Description:	Par Value.	Market Value.	Amount Loaned Thereon.
16 shares First National Bank of Shippensburg, Pa.	$ 1,600	$ 2,880	$ 2,300
105 shares Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co.	5,250	8,295	
10 shares Commonw'th Title and Tr't Co.	500	640	4,000
4 shares Bank of North America, Philadelphia	400	1,000	500
200 shares Real Estate Trust Company, of Philadelphia	10,000	30,000	18,000
7 shares Moorestown National Bank	700	1,575	
5 shares Burlington County Safe Deposit and Trust Company	250	380	2,000
5 shares Fire Insurance Company of the County of Philadelphia	500	520	
90 shares West Chester Fire Insurance Company	900	3,285	2,400
100 shares Grand Rapids, Holland and Lake Michigan Rapid Railway Co.	10,000	10,000	9,500
400 shares Reading Co. 1st preference	20,000	16,400	
1,700 shares Reading Co. 2d preference	85,000	54,400	55,000
100 shares United Gas Improvement Co.	5,000	11,500	
1,000 shares Western New York and Pennsylvania Railway Co.	50,000	8,000	12,000
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