

HUGE AMOUNT LOST

RECORD OF FIRE AND INSURANCE LOSSES FOR 23 YEARS.

A Property Loss Since 1875 of \$2,454,000,000 and Insurance Loss of \$1,437,000,000, or More Than Half the Property Loss.

The most accurate record we have of the losses of property by fire and of the cost of these losses to fire insurance companies is compiled by the Chronicle Company, New York, and annually published in the volume known as the Chronicle Fire Tables.

The aggregate fire loss for 1897 was lower than the loss of the previous year by \$2,382,845, and the aggregate insurance loss is less than in 1896 by \$7,181,553. These figures mark the smallest fire and insurance loss since 1890, when the figures were, in round numbers, \$109,000,000 and \$65,000,000, respectively.

Besides the large fires just mentioned there were six others, in various states, which caused a loss of \$200,000. They are as follows: St. Louis, Mo., dry goods, \$42,000; Newport News, Va., wharves, \$25,000; Washington, D. C., general fire, \$20,000; Hoboken, N. J., general fire, \$20,000; Edinburg, N. S., government, \$20,000; no insurance; \$20,000; New Orleans, La., general fire, \$20,000; Cleveland, O., general fire, \$20,000.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Aggregate Property Loss, Aggregate Insurance Loss. Rows from 1875 to 1897.

NINETEEN GENERAL AGENTS.

Thirty-one Special and State Agents and Adjusters in Kansas City

There are nineteen general life insurance agents in Kansas City and thirty-one special and state agents and adjusters, as follows:

- List of general agents including Aetna of Harvard-L. B. Bailey; Western Missouri and Kansas; Connecticut Mutual of Harvard-L. B. Simpson; Western Missouri; Equitable of New York-John A. Brown; Kansas and Western Missouri; Equitable of Des Moines-F. A. Griffith; Western Missouri; Massachusetts Mutual of Springfield-W. T. Craycroft; Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas; Metropolitan of New York-A. A. Alberti; Kansas City; Mutual Benefit of Newark-C. C. Courtney; Jackson County, Mo., and Kansas; New England Mutual of Boston-C. D. Mill; Western Missouri; Penn Mutual of Philadelphia-Ell Potter; Jackson County, Mo., and part of Kansas; Phoenix Mutual of Hartford-W. H. Reed; Western Missouri; Provident Savings of New York-J. C. Cant. Mo.; Prudential of Newark-P. H. Showalter; State Mutual of Worcester, Mass.-F. O. Chesney; Northern Missouri; Traveler of Hartford-Charles E. Hochstetler; Western Missouri; Union of Omaha-C. F. McGregor; Western Missouri; Union Central of Cincinnati-Albion W. Pease; Western Missouri; Union Mutual of Portland, Me.-A. D. Workman; Western Missouri; United States of New York-W. B. Henderson; Western Missouri; Washington of New York-J. D. Sutton; Western Missouri; Special and state agents and adjusters: L. W. Babcock; Fire and Marine; P. B. Brown, Jr.; Pacific; A. F. Bullard; North British and Mercantile; John H. Carr; Hartford; Byron K. Cowles, Jr.; New Hampshire Fire; H. J. Culp; Imperial; J. D. Fleming; Connecticut; D. Flintler; Shawnee; C. W. Fort; Home of New York; Edwin and William Fulton; Springfield; J. H. Garmey; London Assurance; T. E. Griffith; Continental; J. W. Hoffman; London and Lancashire; S. L. Lous; general agent; A. A. Mahoney; Continental; C. C. Martin; Norwich Union; Madison Nelson; Concordia; A. C. Olds; Phoenix; Brooklyn; Edgar Ross; Actina; C. M. Sanford; Firemen's Fund; Walter Scott; Home; New York; M. L. Sears; Phoenix; London; H. P. Taylor; Miller's National; W. C. Tabb; Northwestern National; J. A. Trent; Fire Association; S. A. Voorhees; Royal Exchange; J. H. Walsh; Home; New York; C. A. Walsh; Westchester; L. A. Warfield; New York Underwriters; Luther Welsh; adjuster.

FIRES IN FLOUR MILLS.

Compilation of Interesting Statistics as to the Causes of This Class of Fires.

The cause of comparatively few fires which occur in flour mills is known, and to only about 30 per cent of the fires is a cause assigned. If a more earnest effort were made to determine the exact cause, and a careful record kept of each fire, millers would soon be in a position to prevent at least one-half of the fires which now destroy flour mills.

Table with 2 columns: Cause of Fire, Percentage. Rows include defective chimney, friction elevator, sparks from machinery, etc.

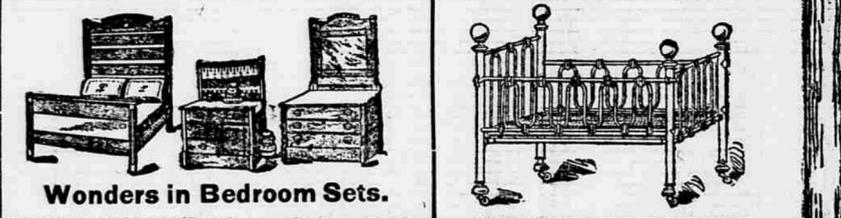
CHIEF RESCUES A MULE.

Fire Department Pulls the Animal Out of a Cistern into Which It Had Fallen.

While Will Smith, a driver for L. B. Austin, 507 Walnut street, was turning a mule team hitched to a grocery wagon in some high weeds on a vacant lot between Ninth and Tenth, on Central street, about 10 o'clock yesterday, one of the mules suddenly fell headfirst into an old cistern, seventeen feet deep, leaving the other mule, the wagon and driver on top of the ground.

CLEAN SWEEP

SEMI-ANNUAL A clean sweep of all odds and ends. The big broom cut to the core. The values are phenomenal. It's a



Wonders in Bedroom Sets. 23 Bedroom Sets, 3 pieces, like cut, well made, worth \$14.00, Swept down to \$9.90. 15 Bedroom Sets, solid oak, nicely finished, worth \$20.00, Swept down to \$12.50. 12 Bedroom Sets, solid oak, with large French plate mirror, worth \$35.00, Swept down to \$21.00.

Center Tables, like cut, antique finish, 14x14 inch top, Swept Down To 15c. 400 Large Cobbler Rockers, Antique Oak or Mahogany Finish, Like Cut, Swept Down To \$1.98.



ASTONISHING VALUES IN PARLOR SUITS. 30 Parlor Suits, like cut, covered in silk tapestry, worth \$20.00, Swept down to \$17.50. 20 Parlor Suits, worth \$45.00, Swept down to \$30.00. 10 Parlor Suits, worth \$60.00, Swept down to \$42.00.

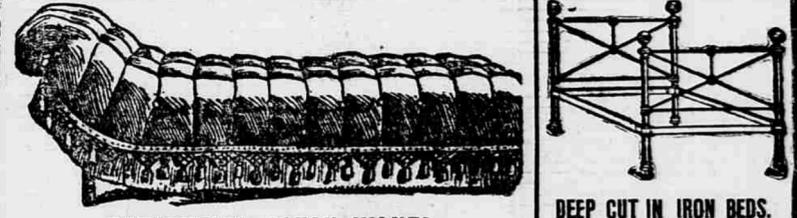
Come and Inspect These CARPET VALUES. INGRAIN CARPETS, worth 5c, Swept Down To 25c. INGRAIN CARPETS, worth 5c, Swept Down To 35c. INGRAIN CARPETS, worth 5c, Swept Down To 50c. BRUSSELS CARPETS, worth 6c, Swept Down To 45c. BRUSSELS CARPETS, worth 7c, Swept Down To 60c. BRUSSELS CARPETS, worth 8c, Swept Down To 75c. VELVET CARPETS, worth \$1.25, Swept Down To 85c.

No Mail Orders Filled During This Sale.

1104 AND 1106 MAIN STREET.

German-American Regiment. A delegation of distinguished citizens of Chicago of German descent called on President McKinley July 6, and offered him the services of a German-American regiment raised and equipped at their own expense.

CLEARING SALE! is again at work. Profits are swept out. Prices are genuine feast of bargains for the money-saving public.



PHENOMENAL COUCH VALUES. 200 Couches, like cut, deep tufted damask covering, well made and durable, worth \$7.50, Swept Down To \$3.98. 50 Couches, covered with corduroy, roll head, worth \$10.50, Swept Down To \$6.50. 25 Couches, corduroy or velour covering, extra large and wide, beautiful designs, worth \$18, Swept Down To \$10.50.

300 WILLOW ROCKERS... like cut, finely finished (not the cheap kind). They are worth every bit of \$7.00, Swept Down To \$3.50. 90 Child's Adjustable Carriage and Table Chairs, Worth \$3.50, \$1.48.



ZERO PRICES ON Refrigerators. 125 Refrigerators, hardwood best make, like cut, worth \$25.00, swept down to \$3.75. 40 Refrigerators, worth \$12.50, swept down to \$7.50. 12 Refrigerators, worth \$18.00, swept down to \$12.00. CLEAN-EM-OUT PRICES ON Baby Buggies. 18 Buggies, satin parasol, plush roll, like cut, worth \$7.00, swept down to \$4.50. 22 Buggies, worth \$12.00, swept down to \$6.50. 16 Buggies, worth \$15.00, swept down to \$9.00. WONDERS IN Sideboards. 15 Sideboards, solid oak, worth \$12.50, swept down to \$6.75. 24 Sideboards, worth \$20.00, swept down to \$12.50. 14 Sideboards, worth \$20.00, swept down to \$18.00. BARGAINS IN Chairs. 1,200 High-Back, Cane-Seat Chairs, like cut, worth 75c, swept down to 49c. 1,000 Cane Chairs, worth \$1.25, swept down to 75c. 600 Cane Chairs, worth \$1.50, swept down to \$1.00.

Clean-Em-Out Prices on All ODDS AND ENDS. 22 COMBINATION BOOK CASES, worth \$14.00, Swept Down To \$6.98. 17 COMBINATION BOOK CASES, worth \$12.00, Swept Down To \$12.50. 18 SOLID OAK CHINA CLOSETS, worth \$15.00, Swept Down To \$8.50. 4 CHINA CLOSETS, worth \$25.00, Swept Down To \$15.00. 22 SOLID OAK HAT RACKS, worth \$25.00, Swept Down To \$3.75. 19 BED LOUNGES, worth \$12.50, Swept Down To \$7.50. 19 BED LOUNGES, worth \$15.00, Swept Down To \$10.50.

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JUBILEE ANNIVERSARY. Odd Fellows Preparing for a Grand Time on Their Fiftieth Anniversary. September 7 will be the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Odd Fellowship in Kansas City, and committees have been appointed in each of the ten lodges of the order for the purpose of making arrangements for a grand jubilee on that day at Fairmount park. Invitations will be extended to all of the Odd Fellows living within 100 miles of Kansas City, in both Missouri and Kansas, and an effort is being made to secure reduced rates on the railroads for the occasion. It is expected that under favorable conditions nearly 10,000 members of the order, their families and friends, will take part in the celebration. Dr. W. S. Wheeler, of this city, is the Grand Master of the state of Missouri, and, as many of the other officers of the grand lodges of Kansas and Missouri are expected to be present, it is thought that the attendance will be increased upon this account, since the members of all lodges desire to make the acquaintance of the officers of the supreme lodges and hear them speak on lodge subjects. Kansas City Odd Fellows have never held annual picnics in the manner that such entertainments are held in other states, but there is a strong sentiment in the lodges in favor of an annual meeting of that kind, and the golden anniversary is thought to be an auspicious occasion upon which to begin. The Sovereign lodge of Odd Fellows of the United States meets in Kansas City, May 15, 1898. IRISH-AMERICAN PICNIC. Twelfth Annual Celebration of Irish-American Societies at Washington Park To-day. Hon. O'Neill Ryan, of St. Louis; Hon. George Bradley, of Lexington, and W. F. Bradley, of Kansas City, will be the speakers to-day at Washington park, where the twelfth annual picnic of the United Irish-American Societies will be given. The presiding officer of the day will be Edmund Lynch, president of the united societies. The picnic will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the battle of Yellow Ford, Irish savior and pastimes will fill in the day, as they did in the land of the daisy and the primrose. The net proceeds will be for the building fund for the Irish-American hall.