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The Business of Life Insurance.

A table recently prepared by the Spectator reveals the magnitude of the life insurance business of the United States, and gives an idea of the immense profits of the regular companies. The table mentioned does not include the fraternal insurance business. There was a large increase in every item in the reports for 1902. On the 1st of January, 1903, the companies had assets amounting to over $2,100,000; surplus over liabilities, $295,000,000; received in premiums in 1902, $407,000,000; total income in 1902, $504,000,000; payments to policy holders in 1902, $195,000,000; total disbursements in 1902, $320,000,000; whole amount of insurance in force, $8,719,000,000. These figures show that life insurance is one of the great industries of the country. The table shows that no other business can boast corresponding gains in every material respect equal to those of the life insurance companies. The amount distributed to policy holders, almost $200,000,000, without doubt brought material relief to nearly half a million people. Estimating the policies at $2,000 each, there would be more than 99,000 direct beneficiaries, a large proportion of whom had others dependent upon them. Add to these disbursements of the regular companies the sums annually paid by the fraternal companies, and the magnitude of the life insurance business can be appreciated.

Predictions of Great Men.

"Don't never prophesy—onless ye know," said Mr. Bigelow, and so one is moved to say, in running one's eyes over a little catalogue of the unfulfilled predictions of great men, who thought they knew it all, printed in the New York Tribune. Prof. Wagner, of Berlin, predicts that the Monroe doctrine will prove a "barren ideality." So? Well, did not Napoleon the Great predict that in 50 years Europe would be either all republican or all Cossack? It is neither republican nor Cossack. "Italy," declared Matternich, a famous diplomatist and statesman, "is merely a geographical expression, and will never be anything else." It is a united nation. "There is," oracularly proclaimed Guizot, "no morrow for universal suffrage." Universal suffrage came in shortly after Guizot's death, and will continue. "Jefferson Davis," said Mr. Gladstone, "has created a nation." "These wretched colonies," wrote Disrueli of Canada and Australia, in 1852, "will all be independent in a few years." Perhaps—but not yet. "Rome will never be the capital of Italy," said M. Rouher just after Mentana. It has been Italy's capital for more than 25 years.

Alaskan Agriculture.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is a firm believer in the fertility of Alaskan soil, and is anxious that some crop-raising experiments be conducted there as soon as possible. Commissoner Congdon, who is familiar with conditions along the Yukon, says that Alaska is a country of great possibilities, and by removing the moss and allowing the sun to warm up the ground, most any kind of a cereal crop can be produced in that latitude. The country is rich in minerals, but still richer in soil, and he believes that the wealth of Alaska will sooner or later come from crop raising. A great railroad is being projected there now, and when that is completed the development of the country will be rapid. The greatest drawback is that the growing season is so short and the winters so long.

Libraries, hospitals, bridges and playground are taking the place of statues as memorials to individuals, and the change is wholesome. Traces of the same tendency sometimes show themselves in connection with the celebration of historic anniversaries. It has been suggested that Henry Hudson's great discovery be commemorated, not by a world's fair, but by an adequate waterway between the Hudson and the great lakes. Next July Chicago will observe the centenary of its birth at Fort Dearborn. How memorable the occasion would be if the smoke nuisance or the stock-yard odors could be abolished! Statues and tablets are often excellent, but clean streets, pure air, open parks—all things that contribute to better physical and moral health in urban life—are better.

As soon as it was announced that Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador, intended to sail for Europe about the middle of May a rumor became current that he would not return. This is now said to be without foundation. The count is conceded to be the cleverest diplomat in Washington, and the star member of the Russian corps. As he is now dean of the diplomatic set in Washington—a position of much importance in European eyes— it is not regarded as likely that the shrewd Russians will care to relinquish the advantage which this gives them.

Some months ago I was traveling in Switzerland with a German-American who had married a Swiss wife and had retired on his means in that country, says a writer for the London Spectator. I asked him why he came to Switzerland, and having left America, why he did not settle in his own country. His reply in purest American was: "Well, I guess if it had not been for my wife I should have stayed over the water, and if I wanted to make a move it would not have been to Germany. I have breathed the air of freedom in the states too long for that, and an occasional visit to Germany to see my relations is enough for me."

In 1876 there were 208,486 owners of $505,000,000 capital of national banks. The average share being worth $100, the average number of shares to each holder was 24.1. Only 767 persons held more than $50,000 of stock. The report this year, says the Indianapolis Journal, shows that there are 330,124 shareholders and $673,000,000 of capital, or 20.4 shares to each shareholder. That is, while the capital stock has increased 34.6 per cent. the number of shareholders has increased 58 per cent.

Everybody has something he wishes he had not—David, an Absalom to disgrace him; Paul, a thorn to sting him; Samson, a Delilah to shear him; George Washington, childlessness to afflict him; John Wesley a termagant wife to pester him; Pope, a crooked back; Byron, a club foot; John Milton, blind eyes, and, you, something you never bargained for, and would like to get rid of.

A New York woman who is 102 years of age says she has lived long enough and wants to die. She says that when she was a young woman of 90 she could do as much work as anybody, but at 102 life has lost most of its charms for her.

A New York newspaper has started a great reform. In its columns a hat is called a hat instead of a "confection."

Admiral Coghlan has been ordered to Honduras with his fleet, to protect American interests. Honduras is the "power" situated east of Salvador, and next to Guatemala and Nicaragua; the one of which Tegucigalpa is the capital —he can't miss it.

No work is worth doing badly; and he who puts his best into every task that comes to him will surely outstrip the man who waits for a great opportunity before he condescends to exert himself.

Even wireless telegraphy has its drawbacks. It is being employed in chess matches between vessels many miles apart.

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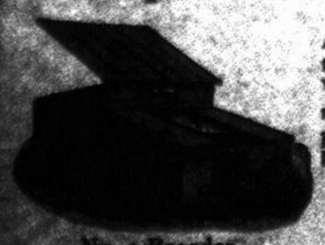
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CONGREGATIONAL—Dr. C. Reynolds, Pastor. Services Sunday at 10:45 a m and 7:30 p m. Sunday School at 12 m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00. Christian Endeavor Sunday evening at 6:30.

BAPTIST—Rev. C. J. Pope, Pastor. Services Sunday at 10:45 a m and 7.30 p m Bible school at 12 m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8:00 Baptist Union Sunday at 6:30 p m. Junior Union at 4:30 p m.

EV. ASSOCIATION; GERMAN—Rev. Carl Friederick Pastor. Services Sunday 10:30a.m. and 7:45 p m. Sunday Scool 9:30 a m. Young Peoples' Alliance 7:00 p m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:45.

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GROVE LODGE 824 A. F. & A. M. Meets every second and forth Friday evening in each month. Visiting bretheren cordially invited. J. H. Griffiths, W. M. Bert C. White, Secretary.

VESTA CHAPTER 242 O. E. S. Meets second and forth Tuesday of each month in Masonic hall. Visiting members always welcome. Mrs. E. Miller, W. M. Mrs. Louie E. Hall, Secretary.

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Regular meetings held first Tuesday of each month in the Maple avenue school building.

THE MAILS.

From the east:—7:07; 9:07 a. m. 12:11; 5:11 p. m
From the west:—7:07; 9:52 a. m. 1:30; 5:28 p. m

C. B. & Q. RAILWAY TIME CARD.

East Bound.

	Leave Downers.	Arr. Chi.
Downers Grove suburban	5.50 a m	6.40 a m
" " "	6.20 a m	7.15 a m
" " "	6.52 a m	7.43 a m
Aurora express	7.07 a m	7.46 a m
Downers Grove suburban	7.20 a m	8.10 a m
" " express	7.47 a m	8.30 a m
" " "	7.50 a m	8.46 a m
Aurora express	8.00 a m	8.40 a m
Downers Grove suburban	8.25 a m	9.15 a m
Milk express	8.46 a m	9.57 a m
Downers Grove suburban	9.08 a m	10.00 a m
Ottawa and Streator	9.52 a m	10.35 a m
Downers Grove suburban	10.03 a m	10.50 a m
Aurora suburban	11.19 a m	12.07 a m
Downers Grove suburban	12.50 p m	1.40 p m
Denver and California	1.32 p m	2.15 p m
Downers Grove suburban	2.00 p m	2.50 p m
Saturday only	2.40 p m	3.30 p m
Downers Grove Suburban	2.58 a m	3.50 p m
Downers Grove suburban	3.30 p m	4.20 p m
Aurora suburban	3.55 p m	4.45 p m
Downers Grove suburban	4.55 p m	5.45 p m
Ottawa, Streator & LaSalle	5.28 p m	6.10 p m
Downers Grove suburban	5.40 p m	6.28 p m
" " "	6.55 p m	7.45 p m
" " accom	8.10 p m	9.00 p m
" " "	9.10 p m	10.00 p m
St. Paul and Minneapolis	8.55 p m	9.35 p m
Downers Grove accom	10.35 p m	11.25 p m

West Bound.

	Leave Chi.	Arr. D. G.
Downers Grove suburban	6.45 a m	7.35 a m
" " "	7.45 a m	8.35 a m
Burl., Rockford & Streator	8.20 a m	8.57 a m
Downers Grove suburban	8.40 a m	9.30 a m
" " "	10.15 a m	11.05 a m
" " accom	11.00 a m	11.52 p m
Galesburg and Quincy	11.30 a m	12.09 p m
Downers Grove suburban	12.10 p m	1.00 p m
Saturday only	1.25 p m	2.05 p m
Aurora sub	1.30 p m	2.20 p m
Downers Grove Suburban	2.15 p m	3.07 p m
Milk express	2.30 p m	3.12 p m
Downers Grove suburban	3.15 p m	4.05 p m
" " "	4.05 p m	4.55 p m
" " "	4.40 p m	5.30 p m
Aurora express	5.11 p m	5.49 p m
Downers Grove express	5.15 p m	6.05 p m
" " suburban	5.35 p m	6.25 p m
Aurora express	5.50 p m	6.29 p m
Downers Grove accom	5.52 p m	6.42 p m
" " suburban	6.15 p m	7.05 p m
" " accom	6.40 p m	7.30 p m
" " "	7.30 p m	8.20 p m
" " "	8.20 p m	9.08 p m
" " "	9.20 p m	10.20 p m
" " "	10.33 p m	11.22 p m
St. P. & Minneap., ex. Sat.	10.50 p m	11.27 p m
Aurora theatre express	11.30 p m	12.16 a m
Downers Grove owl train	12.15 a m	1.10 a m

Sunday Trains—East Bound.

	Leave Downers.	Arr. Chi.
Local (stops on signal)	6.08 a m	7.00 a m
Downers Grove suburban	7.40 a m	8.30 a m
Milk express	8.46 a m	9.57 a m
Downers Grove suburban	9.13 a m	10.05 a m
Downers Grove Suburban	10.55 a m	11.45 a m
" " "	1.18 p m	2.10 p m
Denver and California	1.32 p m	2.10 p m
Downers Grove suburban	3.08 p m	4.00 p m
Aurora "	5.00 p m	6.00 p m
Downers " "	6.23 p m	7.25 p m
Aurora express	8.55 p m	9.45 p m
Downers Grove accom	10.05 p m	10.55 p m

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	Leave Chi.	Arr. D. G.
Aurora suburban	9.15 a m	10.10 a m
Galesburg and Quincy	11.30 a m	12.09 p m
Downers Grove suburban	11.40 a m	12.30 p m
" " "	1.30 p m	2.23 p m
Milk express	2.30 p m	3.12 p m
Downers Grove Suburban	2.45 p m	3.35 p m
Downers Grove suburban	4.55 p m	5.47 p m
" " "	6.40 p m	7.30 p m
" " accom	8.45 p m	9.35 p m
" " "	10.05 p m	10.55 p m
St. Paul and Minneapolis	10.50 p m	11.27 p m
Aurora theatre express	11.30 p m	12.16 a m
Downers Grove owl accom	12.15 a m	1.10 a m