

DISAPPEARANCE OF WOODLANDS CAUSE BIG STOCK LOSS

It Was Shown at the Meeting Of the German Baptist Tri-County Insurance Association Meeting.

LIVESTOCK NOT PROTECTED AGAINST ELEMENTS.

Farmers' Insurance Organization Shown to Be in Excellent Condition—Officers for Ensuing Year Elected.

On Thursday the annual meeting of the German Baptist Tri-County Mutual Protective association, comprising the counties of Wayne, Union and Fayette, met in the horticultural room at the court house, in this city.

Those in attendance were the officers and directors of the company and policyholders, among whom were found D. O. Dilling, Hagerstown, secretary; Chas. Quick, College Corner; T. A. Shaffer, Hagerstown, adjustor; Wm. A. Huntington, Kitchel, Dan Flant, Connerville, President; C. C. Petry, Kitchel; Peter Flant, Connerville.

At the opening of the session the president, Dan Flant of Connerville, called on the secretary-treasurer, Mr. D. O. Dilling, for the annual report, which showed:

Balance at beginning of fiscal year ending Jan. 1, 1908, \$8,771.43 Delinquents and other receipts and borrowed money to pay losses, \$4,600.02 Assessment on policies to pay losses, \$8,882.30

Total receipts	... \$14,262.84
—Expenses	—
Directors and expenses	... 8
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Printing, postage, etc.	... 70.55
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Borrowed money	... 4,500.00
Int. on borrowed money	... 92.26
Miscellaneous	... 126.82
Recording policies	... 318.50
Expenses of assessment	... 230.58
Losses by fire and lightning	7,489.35

Total expenses \$13,119.19 Leaving balance in the treasury of \$1,143.67 It is not customary to have much of a surplus in the treasury at the time of the annual meeting, as often losses by fire occur between the time of collecting the assessment in October and the time of holding the annual meeting the following January.

One of the items of receipts was for the balance due for the defunct Hagerstown bank, making about 45 per cent of the total amount of money of the association at the time of the bank's failure.

Peter Beeler and Walter Ratliff, the auditing committee, gave their report, which showed the records of the association for the past year to be very complete and found the accounts of the secretary and treasurer to be correct. They commended his methods of keeping the same.

The association appointed William Lewis and Peter Beeler as members of the auditing committee for the coming year.

In the discussion it was clearly shown that more live stock is being lost by lightning in open fields than formerly. This is doubtless due to the lessening of the number of individual trees in woodlots and pastures, and to the greater number and length of wire fences adjoining the ranges for such animals.

Where barbed or single stranded wire fences are found, the danger has been far greater than woven fences, or with those of perpendicular stay wires. In a measure they convey the electricity to the ground. It is believed that rodding of fence posts with wire is the best solution to lessening the danger of loss by lightning, as the currents are diverted down and not carried along the fences to deal death to the live stock beside them.

A singular feature connected with the death of animals from this source, is that often no mark is visible on the carcass and that death is mostly instantaneous.

Of the buildings destroyed by fire, there seems to have been much less in proportion to last year, owing to a less number of electrical storms the past year. Defective fuses account for a large number of residence losses.

The president announced the committee on nominations, which consists of Emmer Hunt, Horace Ratliff and Thomas Ellerman, while Walter Ratliff, Thomas Borden and William Huntington were appointed to draft suitable resolutions, both of which made reports which were adopted.

The officers for the ensuing year were re-elected as follows: Daniel Flant of Connerville, president; John D. Hoover of Hagerstown, vice-president; D. O. Dilling, secretary and treasurer. These officers also compose the board of directors with the following: Peter Flant, Connerville; C. L. Quick, College Corner; and C. C. Petry, Kitchel.

From an examination of the records the annual assessment on each \$100 of insured property held by the policy holders for the past ten years has been 23 cents. This year it was about 26 cents.

The secretary gave an outlined address on the recently organized Farmers' Cyclone Insurance company of Indiana. Since its organization one year ago, it has written over \$800,000 in policies and has every indication of

PRETTY AND POPULAR ACTRESS WILL WILL BE AT THE GENNETT MONDAY NIGHT.



MISS MARIE DEBEAU,
As "Tempest" in "Tempest and Sunshine."

being as popular with the agricultural change in the by-laws of the Farmers' classes as the Fire Insurance company, the annual meeting has been in the last few years. By aings will hereafter be held in this city.

AMUSEMENTS

THEATRICAL CALENDAR.

NEW PHILLIPS.

Week of Jan. 20—Vaudeville.

GENNETT.

Week of Jan. 20—Taylor Stock Co.

Jan. 27—"Tempest and Sunshine."

Jan. 31—"Under Southern Skies."

Vaudeville at the Phillips.

Next week's bill at the New Phillips will be an unusually full one owing to the fact that Ed King and son have been added as an extra number and given a place in the middle of the bill. The Kings, who will appear in the evening only, contemplate entering vaudeville as a profession and it is their wish to let their Richmond friends have an opportunity to see what they can do. They have a black face singing and talking act. Lottie Gilson and Company are put on the program as headliners and will offer singing, dancing and character impersonations. Below is the program in full for next week:

Miss Eva Hazeltine, piano overture. Volare and Clarke, novelty wire act. Billie Sheets, bird and animal imitator. Ed King and Son, black face singing and talking.

Kitty and Master Nelson, comedy sketch.

Miss Pearl Hale, illustrated song, "Sweetheart, I'm Thinking of You Dear."

Lottie Gilson and company, singing, dancing and character impersonations.

The cameragraph, showing the latest motion pictures.

The three usual features of the bill will be provided, one for the ladies, a

souvenir matinee on Wednesday, one

for the amateurs, Friday night and

Brazilian coconut palms live from \$100 to \$600 years.

"UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES" WILL PAY ANOTHER VISIT TO THE GENNETT THEATER.



Scene From Lottie Blair Parker's Popular and Successful Play Which Comes to Richmond, January 27.

A CELEBRATED HOAX.

Story of the Fortsas Catalogue and Its Author.

CLEVER AND BRAZEN FRAUD.

This Ingenious Publication Completely Fooled the Savants and Bibliophiles of Europe and Was the Literary Sensation of Its Day.

When P. T. Barnum cynically remarked that the American people loved to be fooled he might just as well have left out the adjective, for that Americans are much more gullible than natives of other lands can very readily be called into question by anybody at all familiar with the history of hoaxdom. I suppose that for pure effrontery and ingenious brazenness the Fortsas Catalogue stands in the front rank of deception. Yet this pamphlet was foisted not upon the American public, but upon the savants and bibliophiles of Europe—men skilled in the art of books and in the detection of forgery. So cleverly was this fraud conceived and executed that it deserves to stand in the front rank of any consideration, however brief, of clever deceptions.

The Fortsas Catalogue was published in 1840—a small book purporting to be the catalogue of the private library of a certain Count J. N. A. de Fortsas of Binche, in Belgium. Although the book consisted of but fourteen pages and listed only fifty-two titles, it stirred up a veritable tempest tempest among the wise heads. The reason was not far to seek—not one of the books mentioned in the catalogue was to be found in any other library or publisher's list! They were all absolutely "sole surviving" copies of interesting works. In the words of the catalogue itself, "the count pitilessly expelled from his shelves books for which he had paid their weight in gold—as soon as he learned that a work up to that time unknown had been mentioned in any catalogue." Each new research of learned investigators into the book of antiquity, it was claimed, "had thinned still further the already decimated ranks of the count's sacred battalion." Weary of his tremendous and self imposed task of collecting only unique specimens, the count was stated to have died on Sept. 1, 1839, and his library was now offered for sale. Apparently the fraudulent character of such master foolery was quite patent. Yet the high brows "bit" enthusiastically, and there resulted one of the most amusing incidents of the decade.

For instantly the learned book lovers were up in arms, each trying to outdo his rival and secure for himself the most precious of the treasures at the sale which was advertised. Orders poured in from all over Europe on the behalf of scholarly societies, libraries, royal families and literary epicures. One bookseller came all the way from Amsterdam just to see No. 75, "The Corpus Juris Civilis." The Princess de Ligne ("for the honor of her family") ordered No. 48 at any price to suppress it on account of certain discredited family episodes it was supposed to contain. Many other prominent persons and institutions clamored for a chance at the collection. "Men remembered having seen books that never existed," says William Shepard. "The foreman in Castenam's printing office at Tourney had distinct recollections of a bogus volume credited to his press."

Unfortunately the advertised sale never came off. On the 9th of August, the day before it was to have begun, the Brussels papers announced that the town of Binche had determined to keep the collection intact by purchasing it with public funds. The amusing part of this statement was that Binche was a most insignificant village, quite unable to purchase much of anything, let alone a universally desired library. Still, even that statement was believed.

The truth eventually transpired that the Count de Fortsas, his miraculous library and the catalogue were all the creations of an ingenious fellow named René Châlons, living in Belgium. His catalogue begat a rather extensive literature of its own, which has since been collected and published under the title "Documents et Particularités Historiques sur le Comte de Fortsas." A copy of the original catalogue now rests in the Congressional library at Washington. —Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A Surprise For St. Kilda.

The inhabitants of the lonely Isle of St. Kilda were astonished one winter some years ago at the appearance of a great blood red, conical object floating on the wild Atlantic billows to the westward of the isle. With much difficulty the derelict was brought to shore, and as the St. Kildans had never before seen such a queer looking thing and could make no guess as to its purpose or place in the scale of created things they indulged in wild visions of its valuable nature. But when the factor came across on his yearly visit from the neighboring but distant island of Great Britain he identified it as a great iron buoy which subsequently appeared, had broken away from its moorings in New York harbor and drifted in the gulf stream across the Atlantic. It had taken two years in the passage.

Occasions do not make a man either strong or weak, but they show what he is.—Thomas & Kempis.

A milking machine was recently exhibited at a Missouri state fair that milked six cows at one time. A herd of seventy-five cows was milked in one hour and fifteen minutes, two boys operating the machine.

A youthful witness appeared before one of our judges who is an ardent golfer. His honor, fixing his eye on the boy, inquired, "My boy, do you know the nature of an oath?" The reply was somewhat disconcerting: "Yes, my lord. I am your lordship's caddy." —London Globe.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This preparation is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough and influenza and has become famous for its cures of these diseases over a large part of the civilized world.

It can always be depended upon and is pleasant to take.

It not only cures colds and influenza, (grip) but counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia.

It contains no opium or other harmful substance and may be given to a baby as confidently as to an adult.

AMERICAN BOYS AND GIRLS SHOULD BE "SORTED" AND FORCED TO LEARN TRADES

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard University, advocated in a public address that American boys and girls be "sorted out" by agents of authority, teachers perhaps, and forced by law to study trades assigned to them. Dr. Eliot's ideas caused a sensation at the banquet of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education at the Auditorium.

Here is what Dr. Eliot said: "I assert that it is perfectly proper to enact laws which will give the teachers the authority to sort out the boys and girls, assign to each the trade at which he or she seems best adapted, and the law should then compel these children to be trained for these trades.

All Men Not Equal.

"This sentiment, I see, has already impressed some of you as being undemocratic. I think that it is not so. Democracy is based upon a theory that all men are equal; all men are not equal and never can be; men of practical mind have long set aside that platitude for what it is worth.

"And as men are not equal so are children yet less equal. We see how in a single family, with the same heredity, the same environment, the same opportunities, brothers and sisters enter widely divergent strata of society by natural difference.

"Thus I find that nature often con-

trasts with what idealists regard as democracy's principles, and when nature and democracy clash, democracy is the loser."

Dr. Eliot added that what industrial conditions require is more workmen skilled as journeymen, not more foremen and superintendents.

An electrical plant has been discovered in Nicaragua.

Exhausted

and broken down from overwork and financial troubles a man needs an invigorator and something that will put energy and vitality into him, and he could get in no way that would be as harmless as by drinking a good, pure beer brewed from malt and hops, without adulteration, like the Richmond Export beer. When you want a bracer that will brace, try a glass of pure Richmond Export beer.

Minck Brewing Co.

Grocery Special!

18 pounds granulated, 19 pounds A, 20 pounds C Sugar \$1.00
6 pounds fresh ground buckwheat flour and 30 stamps 30
1 pound our special Blend coffee and 23 stamps 25
1 pound fancy Imperial tea and 60 stamps 60
1 pound Model Glass Jar Baking Powder and 60 stamps 45
3 pounds Lima beans, new crop 25
Dried sweet corn, sweet and milky, per pound 10
Red Kidney beans 9c lb, 3 pounds for 25
Cracked hominy 2 pounds for 05
Home made apple butter (delicious), pound 12½
Sauer Kraut, home made, per lb 05
Large Sour pickles, per dozen 15
Sweet pickles, per dozen 10
Mixed pickles, per pint 15
Tomatoes, 2 cans for 15
Best square crackers, per lb 05
A No. 1 good ginger snap, per pound 05
Farmers, we pay highest market price for produce. Give us a trial.

Model Department Store,
11 S. 7th St. One Minute From Interurban Station. Colonial Bldg.
New Phone 1838. Bell Phone 47R
Smith & Goodrich, Props.

THE NEW PHILLIPS VAUDEVILLE THEATRE
O. G. MURRAY, Lessee.
WEEK OF JANUARY 27.
A.—OVERTURE—Miss Eva Hazeltine
E.—KITTY AND MISTER NELSON
STERLING—Comedy Sketch.
B.—VELARE AND CLARK—Novelty
Wire Act.
C.—BILLIE SHEETS—Bird and Animal
Imitator.
D.—ED KING AND SON—(Evenings only). Black Face Singing and Talking.
E.—THE CAMERAGRAPH—Latest Motion Pictures.
Special Matinee each Saturday; children, 5 cents; souvenirs at Wednesday's matinee. General admission, 10c. Reserved seats at night, 5c extra. Amateurs Friday night. Those wishing to appear, apply at box office.

GENNETT THEATRE Ira Swisher Manager
MONDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 27
W. F. MANN PRESENTS

Miss Marie DeBeau AND Miss Ruth Raynor
In a Dramatization of Mary J. Holmes' Famous Novel

...TEMPEST AND SUNSHINE...
With the Original Chicago Production.

Prices 25s, 35c, 50c and 75c. Seats at Westcott Pharmacy.

COLISEUM
Skating every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, morning, afternoon and evening.
POLO
Marion-Summitville vs. Richmond
Wednesday Evening, Jan. 29
City League Game—Krones vs. Belvoir—7:30.
Big game at 8:30.
Admission to all parts of house 15c