

PHENIX MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

From the American Exchange and Review April, 1871. The Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company is especially noteworthy in respect to the business of 1870. In the revision of last year this company not only maintained the position it had previously gained, but it developed a strength and a capacity to accumulate, by which it takes higher rank in the future. The Phoenix is richer and better for the results of 1870. As we write, its income is at the rate of three millions per annum. Last year, after returning more than a million to policy holders for claims, dividends, and surrendered policies, it added more than a million to its assets, and in the details of the latter we notice an addition during the year of over half a million to the mortgage investments. To illustrate the growth of 1870, we place side by side some of the aggregates of 1869 and 1870, viz:—

Table with 2 columns: Year Ending, 1869, 1870. Rows include Income, Assets, Surplus, Policies in force, Amount insured, and New policies.

Conditions being equal, the greater the business progress of a life office the greater its prosperity. There is nothing so successful as success; for in a successful business there is a wealth which cannot be figured up in the accounts. The foregoing columns reveal not only the gain of advancing business, but a greater gain in financial soundness, and show that the liberal conditions under which the Phoenix administers life insurance can be claimed as the true elements of the practice of it.

We have noticed, on the part of this office, a recognition of the duty incumbent upon the insurer to free the insured from as many contingencies as practicable—to make the policy a validity under the changing circumstances of life. This commends the office to intelligent applicants for insurance, for the feeling is growing with the public that there is a necessity that the policy be trustworthy as well as that the company be sound.

The statement that a human being dies at each second of time condenses the death-roll of humanity. As the dark tide sweeps on over our country each day brings its new mourners. To some of these life insurance gives its aid and hope. We have not as yet the exact figures, but the facts as they are gleaned show that each hour of every passing day life insurance comes to fulfill its mission to one bereft family of the land. The full statistics will reveal a still greater proportion. Before the power of such a ministration all evils, doubts, and aspersions sink to less than nothingness. The benefits are coming like a gathering host; their influence will largely make the life insurance of the future. In the work of the present the Phoenix does its part well—so well, that in the larger service of the future we anticipate for it a greater proportionate share.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

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The City Amusements.

At the CHESNUT the drama of St. Marco will be given this evening. To-morrow evening the performance will be for the benefit of Mr. Charles R. Thorne, Jr. The benefit of Mr. Walter Lennox is announced for Thursday, and that of Mr. Torchiana, the box book-keeper, on Saturday.

On Monday next the new American comedy of Saratoga will be produced, and Mr. Oavenport will visit New York to play "Sir Giles Overreach" at Niblo's Garden.

At the ARCH Mr. S. K. Murdoch will have a complimentary benefit this evening, when he will personate "Claude Melnotte" in "The Lady of Lyons." Miss Lizzie Pierson will appear as "Pauline." The performance will conclude with Craig's burlesque of "Barbe Bleue."

To-morrow Mr. W. H. Walls will have a benefit, and on Thursday Messrs. Holmes and Trefis, the box book-keeper and doorkeeper, will present their claims to the regards of the public.

On Saturday Mr. Adam Everly will be the recipient of a complimentary benefit, when he will appear in two favorite parts.

At the WALNUT Tom Taylor's drama of "Twist and Crown" will be repeated this evening with Miss Ella Burns as the "Princess Elizabeth."

At the MUSEUM, Ninth and Arch streets, Mr. Lewis Baker will this evening personate "Wilkins Micawber."

At the ASSEMBLY BUILDING the beautiful diorama of "Ireland in Shade and Sunshine" will be exhibited this evening.

At the AMERICAN, in addition to a number of other attractions, Miss Kate Fisher will this evening appear as "Mazepa."

At the ALHAMBRA, Seventh street, below Arch, a variety programme will be presented this evening.

A GRAND BAZAAR in aid of St. Mary's Hospital is now being held at Concert Hall.

An AMERICAN CONCERT will be given to-morrow evening at Morton Hall, West Philadelphia, when an attractive programme will be presented. Signor Ettore Barilli, Mr. H. G. Thunder, and Mr. Zimmerman will assist. Tickets can be procured at Boner's, No. 1103 Chesnut street.

CITY NOTICES.

TO THE PHILADELPHIA PUBLIC.—Remember that this is positively the last week in Philadelphia of the genuine and original Milton Gold Jewelry Company, No. 1022 Chesnut street.

Remember that after Saturday next, April 29, the opportunity for obtaining beautiful sets of original and genuine Milton Gold Jewelry for one dollar will cease.

Remember that the genuine and original Milton Gold Jewelry Company, of No. 1022 Chesnut street, have no connection with any other establishment in Philadelphia.

Remember that we shall every day this week open new invoices of our popular goods.

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MARRIED.

KAUFFMANN—HORN.—February 19, at the Roxborough Baptist Parsonage, by the Rev. David Spruce, M. FREDERICK W. KAUFFMANN and Miss ELIZA A., youngest daughter of Lewis Horn, both of Manayunk.

SAWELLE—GIDDINGS.—In this city, April 20, at the Broad Street Baptist Church, by Rev. E. L. Magoon, D. D., Mr. ALFRED SAWELLE, of Hartford, Conn., to Miss EMMA A., daughter of the late Rev. William M. Giddings, of Philadelphia.

DIED.

BARTLETT.—On the 22d instant, HENRY MARTYN BARTLETT, aged 31 years.

The relatives and friends of the family, Philo Lodge, No. 444, A. Y. M., Philanthropic Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., Hand in Hand Council, No. 14, O. U. A. M., United Degree Council, No. 2, O. U. A. M., are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 1619 S. Tenth street, on Thursday afternoon, April 27, at 2 o'clock. Services at Calvary Baptist Church. Interment at Union Cemetery.

STROHMEYER.—On Tuesday morning, the 25th instant, JOHN STROHMEYER.

The notice of the funeral will be given.

FOSTER.—On Saturday afternoon, the 22d instant, ELIZABETH B., wife of Joseph H. Foster.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her husband, No. 1817 Arch street, on Wednesday afternoon, the 26th instant, at 3 o'clock. Services at Calvary Baptist Church. Interment at Union Cemetery.

KREBET.—On the morning of the 23d instant, after a severe and protracted illness, CHARLES KREBET, in the 45th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 70 Pine street, on Thursday 25th instant, at 10 o'clock P. M. To proceed to Laurel Hill Cemetery.

MARSHALL.—On the morning of the 23d instant, BENJAMIN MARSHALL, in his 62d year.

His friends and those of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 1115 Spruce street, in Fifth Reading, on the 25th instant, at 11 o'clock. To proceed to Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. For Additional Special Notices see Inside Page.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY.

This Company have placed on sale at the new Union Ticket Office, S. E. corner of NINTH and CHESNUT Streets, under the Continental Hotel, a full line of THROUGH TICKETS to all principal points in Central and Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York State, Canada, the West and Northwest, and offer a choice of routes which, for beauty and variety of scenery, are unsurpassed.

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For particulars, Guides, Circulars, etc., apply at the ticket office, S. E. corner of Ninth and Chesnut streets.

Ask for tickets via Philadelphia and Reading RR. C. G. HANCOCK, General Ticket Agent. G. A. NICOLLS, Gen'l Superintendent. 4 25 ct

THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, April 26th, in the West Arch Street Church, corner of EIGHTH and ARCH Streets, at 8 o'clock. Rev. Herrick Johnson, D. D., will preside, and Rev. Dr. Willis, Rev. S. W. Dana, and others, will address the meeting. No collection will be taken. 4 25 ct

OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA AND SOUTHERN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, April 24, 1871.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this company will take place at the Rooms of the Board of Trade, No. 205 CHESNUT Street, on WEDNESDAY, May 3, 1871, at 12 o'clock, at which time an election will be held for Seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year. 4 25 ct

KARHTHAUS COAL AND LUMBER COMPANY, No. 10 WALNUT Street, Philadelphia.

The interest on the bonds of the Karhtaus Coal and Lumber Company will be paid at the Office of the Company, No. 10 WALNUT Street, on MONDAY, May 1, 1871, between 10 and 12 A. M., at which time an election will be held for Seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year. 4 25 ct

BANK OF AMERICA, PHILADELPHIA, April 24, 1871.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Bank of America will be held on MONDAY, May 1, 1871, between the hours of 10 and 12 A. M., at which time an election will be held for a President and Ten Directors to serve for the ensuing year. 4 25 ct

KARHTHAUS COAL AND LUMBER COMPANY, No. 10 WALNUT Street.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the KARHTHAUS COAL AND LUMBER CO. will be held at the office of the company, No. 10 WALNUT Street, on TUESDAY, May 9, at 12 o'clock, to elect Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for other purposes. 4 25 ct

CITY NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, April 23, 1871.

At a stated meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, THOMAS POTTER, Esq., was unanimously elected President of this Bank. G. ALBERT LEWIS, Cashier. 4 25 ct

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