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Business Directory.

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W. WATMORE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW, in Walker's Office, Sixth street, Erie, Pa. aug 7'62

SELDEN MARVIN.
MARVIN & MARVIN,
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DENNIS O. BENNETT,
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE. Office second floor, Reynolds Block, French Street, between Fifth and Sixth. june15-2.

WILBUR & WILBUR,
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CORNELIUS COPPHAUSEN,
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E. MAGILL,
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More than thirty years of sale and use of Dr Marshall's Catarrh and Headache Snuff has proved its great value for all the common diseases of the head, and at this moment it stands higher than ever before. It is recommended by many of the best physicians, and is used with great success and satisfaction everywhere. Read the Certificate of Wholesale Druggists in 1854:

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They create pure blood and remove all impurities from the system; hence are a positive cure for Fevers, Headache, Piles, Mercurial Diseases and Hereditary Humors. Dose—for adults, one Pill in the morning; for children under 9 years, half a Pill.

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Having had long experience as to the wants of customers, I shall take special pains in preparing my stock to suit them. I have the *exclusive* right in this city to make the

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The Plumer Boot needs no breaking in; it is as easy from the start as one worn for some time. My

CUSTOM DEPARTMENT

Will receive my own and my brothers especial attention.

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For the trade always on hand to suit.

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ÆTNA COMPANY.
NINETY-THIRD STATEMENT
OF THE
ÆTNA INSURANCE CO. HARTFORD CONN.
January 1, 1866.

Cash Assets,	$4,067,445 80
Liabilities,	244,491 43
Net Assets,	3,823,054 34

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STILL
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Efficient organization of four thousand Underwriters, from Nova Scotia to California, and Lake Superior, Mexico and the Gulf, harmonizing the science of average with compensating rates to the advancement of the public welfare.

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"The extraordinary events which have distinguished its unparalleled financial history."

The average losses per diem in the United States at this period of the year, are about two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The telegraph daily sounds startling notes of warning to all prudent persons.

DO NOT NEGLECT THE SECURITY OF RELIABLE INSURANCE.

Policies issued without delay.
J. F. DOWNING, Agent.
T. W. CROWELL, Surveyor.
—A 1 Company.—

HOME INSURANCE COMPANY
OF NEW YORK,
OFFICE, NO. 135 BROADWAY.

CASH CAPITAL,	$2,000,000 00
ASSETS, 1st January, 1866,	3,598,674 14
LIABILITIES,	153,749 24

ABSTRACT OF THE
25TH SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT
Showing the condition of the Company on the 1st day of January, 1866.

ASSETS.

Cash balance in bank	$50,744 49
Bonds & mort., 1st lien on real estate	196,892 50
Loans on stocks, pay. on demand	97,392 08
United States stocks, market val.	1,350,834 90
State & mun. stocks & bonds, do.	405 425 00
Bank stocks, do.	113,550 00
Interest due on 1st Jan., 1866	27,431 16
Balance in hands of agents and in course of transmission	173,010 51
Bills Rec., for pre. on In. Risks, &c	43,158 44
Government stamps on hand	110 00
Other Property, Mis. Items	13,505 13
Pre. due and uncol on Pol. issued at office (fire, inland & mar)	43,141 88
Steamer Magnet & wreck, appa.	83,483 94
Total Assets,	$3,598,674 14

LIABILITIES.

Claims for los. out. on Jan. 1, '66	$152,946 24
Due stock on account dividend	800 00

Notwithstanding the fiery trial of the past year, during which the company has paid losses to the amount of $1,637,852 55, without omitting the semi-annual dividends, "The Home," with its capital of Two Millions intact, and a net surplus of $1,444,937 60, continues to offer to all who seek reliable insurance, inducements surpassed by no other company.
J. F. DOWNING, Agent.
T. W. Crowell, Surveyor.

"It is wisdom and economy to insure in the best Companies, and there is none better than the old Insurance Company of North America."

INCORPORATED 1794.
INSURANCE COMPANY
OF
NORTH AMERICA!
OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

144TH SEMI ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Assets, Jan. 1, 1866.	*Market Value.*
First mortgages on city property	$444,300 00
U. S. Government bonds	334,500 00
Pennsylvania State bonds	109,000 00
Phila. city bonds	138,700 00
Bonds of Penna. R. R. Co. and other corporations	190,440 00
Bond & other corporation stocks	66,195 93
Notes Rec. (temporary loans)	150,471 06
Real Estate, office of the Co., 232 Walnut street	22,000 00
Unpaid Pre. & debts due on acc't—all good	107,581 13
Cash in B'k & in hands of Agts.	168,329 32
Total Assets	$1,731,215 14

LOSSES PAID IN CASH SINCE 1794 OVER $18,000,000 00!
72 YEARS SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS EXPERIENCE.
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PHOENIX INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF HARTFORD, CONN.
LOSSES PAID IN 1865. $410,613 91.
CASH ASSETS, JAN. 1, 1866, $1,006,790 33

The test of its nationality, the solid service it has rendered patrons, and its ability to pass through seasons prolific of conflagrations with honor and profit to these most interested, may be inferred from a perusal of the following figures of

LOSSES PAID.			
Arkansas	$22,830 43	Minnesota	20,980 42
Alabama	45,723 36	N. Hamp.	25,309 19
Connecticut	220,831 97	New York	543,530 32
California	181,320 54	New Jersey	3,750 53
D't of Col.	196 35	Nebraska	1,167 00
Florida	20,468 42	Ohio	103,953 59
Georgia	22,188 75	Penn'a	53,274 40
Indiana	84,203 19	R. Island	20,771 21
Illinois.	210,698 57	S. Carolina	21,032 75
Iowa	31,616 73	Tennessee	46,970 90
Kentucky	59,978 19	Texas	3,961 98
Kansas	13,416 07	Vermont	4,282 43
Maine	66,893 45	Virginia	27 24
Mass.	59,870 04	W. Virginia.	2,000 00
Maryland	39,602 95	Wisconsin	86,461 76
Mississippi	20,832 55	Canada	38,873 80
Missouri	80,535 36	Nova Scotia	14,285 78
Michigan	67,057 64	N. Bruns.	15,330 75

Losses Always Paid Promptly.
J. F. DOWNING, Agent.
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NIAGARA
FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

CAPITAL.

Cash Capital and Surplus	$1,286,729 60

ASSETS.

United States Securities	468,643 05
Loans on Bond Mortgage	262,000 00
Cash in bank and hands of agents	85,518 37
Loans on Stocks, pay. on demand	352,400 00
Real Estate, Interest, &c.	111,168 18
Wisconsin & California Bonds	8,000 00
	$1,288,729 60

LIABILITIES.

Losses in process of adjustment	20,060 00
Unpaid Dividends	1,326 50
	$21,376 50

Fair Rates, First-Class Security, Prompt Payment of Losses.
J. F. DOWNING, Agent.
T. W. CROWELL, Surveyor.

METROPOLITAN
INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF NEW YORK.

Cash Capital	$1,000,000
Assets, January 1, 1866,	1,644,000

The Assured receive
SEVENTY-FIVE PER CENT.
Of the net profits without incurring any Liability, or, in lieu the *out*, at their option, a liberal discount upon the premium.

ALL LOSSES PROMPTLY ADJUSTED AND PAID.
Scrip Dividend, declared 1865, *Fifty per cent.*
J. F. DOWNING, Agent.
T. W. CROWELL, Surveyor.

HOME
INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Cash Capital,	$1,000,000
Surplus,	275,886
Assets,	1,275,886

Insures Buildings, Manufactories, Merchandise and other property against loss or damage by fire, and also insures against the risk of Inland Transportation and Navigation.

This Company has three Departments in carrying on its fire Business.

Ordinary or Term Department.

Issue a term or one year policies, on all classes of insurable property, at fair and equitable rates, without any participation in the profits of the Company—the same as other stock Companies.

Participating Department.

Issues term policies for one, three or five years, on Dwellings, Furniture and Farm Buildings and their contents, giving such policies a participation in the profits of the Company, without their incurring any liability thereby.

Perpetual Department.

Insures perpetual policies, requiring a deposit of a small amount of money, in lieu of all future payments of premiums, covering risks upon Dwellings and their Furniture, Barns and their contents Stores and stocks of Goods, Churches and School Houses.
J. F. DOWNING, Agent.
T. W. CROWELL, Surveyor.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION
OF THE
ARCTIC FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
No. 18 Wall St., N. Y., on the 1st day of Jan., 1866.

ASSETS.

Cash in bank and in office,	$ 35,836 94
Bonds and mortgages (being first lien on real estate in New York and Brooklyn, worth at least $363,000)	177,310 00
Loans on stocks, payable on demand, (market value of securities held as collateral, $79,174 00)	68,743 21
United States stocks owned by the Company, market value,	254,260 00
State stocks owned by Co., market value,	29,818 00
Real Estate (unincumbered)	3,000 00
Interest accrued (of which greater part due Jan. 1st, is paid.)	4,969 33
Balance in hands of Agents, and in course of transmission from Agents,	24,500 00
Bills receivable for premium on inland risks and other items	13,791 25
Cash premiums uncollected on policies issued at office	5,894 40
	614,101 18

LIABILITIES.

Claims for Losses outstanding, Jan. 1, '66,	19,652 99
Unpaid Dividends,	465 00
	20,127 99

Total assets over Liabilities, $593,973 19.

The "Arctic" has a first class reputation for honorable and liberal dealing. It is a sound company, and doing a prosperous business.
J. MILTON SMITH, Pres't.
H. B. WILLMARTH, Vice Pres't.
VINCENT TILYOU, Sec'y.
CHARLES BAMBURGE, Ass't Sec'y.
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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL STATEMENT
OF THE CONDITION OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN
FIRE INSURANCE COMANY.
Of the City of New York, on the 31st day of December, 1865.

Cash Capital,	$500,000 00
Surplus,	251 653 57
	751,653 57

ASSETS

Loans on Bond and Mortgage, being first on real estate worth over 50 per cent. above the amount loaned,	$216,650 00
Stocks, Bonds and other securities owned by the Company, market value,	382 817 50
Cash in bank and office,	39,936 48
Loans on demand, with Collateral,	39 050 00
Premiums due and outstanding,	14,703 52
Cash in agents' hands, in course of transmis.,	33,046 89
Interest accrued on securities,	14 001 15
Bills receivable,	2,898 55
Other property of Company,	8,500 00
Total assets,	751,653 57

The losses by fire throughout the United States during the past year have been larger in amount than those of any one of the previous twenty years, exceeding the enormous sum of $43,000,000, and the officers and directors of the company congratulate its stockholders, agents and customers upon the very flattering result of the year's business.

In this company the assured may participate in the profits of the business without incurring any liability.

Dividend for 1865, 50 per cent. A continuance of your favor is respectfully solicited.
JAS. W. OTIS Pres't.
R. W. BLEECKER, Sec'y.
J. GRISWOLD, Gen. Agent.
J. F. DOWNING, Agent.
T. W. CROWELL, Surveyor.

ENTERPRISE
INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Cash Capital,	$500,000
Surplus, Jan 1, '66,	180 000
Assets,	680,000

The "Enterprise," with a paid up Cash Capital of Half a million, offers security of the first order of merit. The standing of the Company is "A 1"—liberal prompt and trustworthy.
F. R. STARR, President
THOS. H. MONTGOMERY, Vice Pres't.
ALEX. W. WISTER, Sec'y.
J. F. DOWNING, Agent.
T. W. CROWELL, Surveyor.

SPRINGFIELD
INSURANCE COMPANY!
OF SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Cash Capital and Surplus,	$600,000

The "Springfield" has done a large and successful business for nearly twenty years, and is one of the favorite companies hailing from New England.
E. FREEMAN, President.
CHAS. E. LANE, Sec'y. J. F. DOWNING, Agent.
T. W. CROWELL, Surveyor.

THAMES INSURANCE COMPANY,
NORWICH, CONN.

Cash Capital and Surplus,	$300,000

The "Thames" is a conservative and well managed Company, entitled to the full confidence of the insuring public.
Losses settled promptly and liberally.
W. S. BRAKENRIDGE, Pres't.
R. B. WHITTEMORE, Sec'y. J. F. DOWNING, Agent.
T. W. CROWELL, Surveyor.

CONNECTICUT MUTUAL
LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY!
OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Assets over,	$10,000,000
Number of Policy Holders over	30,000
New Policies issued during the year over	10 000
Receipts for the year over	4,000,000
Dividend paid during the present fiscal year, 60 per cent	
Total dividends paid, over	3 000 000
Total Losses paid, over	4,500,000

Why the Connecticut Mutual should be preferred:

Because it is the

Largest, Safest, Cheapest and Best!

It has been demonstrated to be

THE GREAT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF THIS COUNTRY.

1. It has the largest number of members.
2. It has the largest amount insured.
3. It has the largest surplus.
4. It has the largest divisible surplus
5. It has the largest business.
6. It has the largest income.
7. It has had through its whole history the smallest average expenses.
8. It obtains the largest average rates of interest on its investments.
9. It therefore furnishes insurance at less cost than any other company.

All Policies issued by this Company are either non-forfeitable by their terms, or may be converted into those which are so at the option of the insured.

None but strictly unexceptionable risks accepted; and only upon ages between Fourteen and Sixty.

JAMES GOODWIN, Pres't. GUY R. PHELPS, Sec'y.
Z. FRESTON, Vice Pres't. W. S. OLMSTEAD, Cash'r
L. S. WILCOX, Physician.
February 1, 1866.
J. F. DOWNING, Agent.

LIFE AND ACCIDENT.
THE ORIGINAL
TRAVELERS' INSURANCE CO.,
OF HARTFORD, CONN.

Capital,	$500,000

INSURES AGAINST
ALL KINDS OF ACCIDENTS.

The Travellers' Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., was the first to successfully introduce in this country the practice of insurance against accidents, of whatever kind, whether they occur in traveling, or in hunting, fishing, sailing, riding, skating, in the street, store, office, or while working in shops, mills, factories, or on the farm.

A general accident policy covers every possible form of casualty, including the risk in traveling; also, all forms of dislocations, broken bones, ruptured tendons, spraining, concussions, crushings, bruises, cuts, stabs, gunshot wounds, poisoned wounds, burns and scalds, bites of dogs, unprovoked assaults by burglars, robbers or murderers, the action of lightning or sun strokes, the effects of explosions, chemicals, floods, and earthquakes, and suffocation by drowning or choking.

This Company has now been in successful operation since April 1st, 1864, and up to Jan. 1st, 1866, had issued upwards of thirty-five thousand policies, and paid over nine hundred losses—including the large sum of $65,500 to twenty-one policy holders within the year, for $9,440 received in premiums.

Cash Assets, Feb. 1, 1866, $600,849 72

GENERAL ACCIDENT POLICIES.

The best policy for every man, whether he travels much or little, is a general accident policy, which insures against every possible form of casualty at all times and places.

An annual premium of $10 or $12 (according to occupation) will secure a general accident policy for $2 000 in case of fatal accident, or $10 per week during disability caused by accident, (not exceeding twenty-six weeks for any one accident.)

An annual premium of $25 or $30 will, in like manner, secure a policy for $5,000 or $25 per week compensation.

Any other sum, from $500 to $10,000 at proportionate rates. Where policies are issued against loss of life only, or for compensation only, the rates are much lower. A liberal discount on three and five year policies.

ONE-MONTH GENERAL ACCIDENT POLICIES.

[REGISTERED.]

This company now issues a very convenient form of one-month general accident policies, at the rate of $1 per thousand—with $5 per week compensation for each thousand insured. These are much better than ticket policies, for travelers and others desiring short risks, as they can be taken in any amount, from $500 to $10,000; they cover all accidents, and each policy is registered, so that the insurance is good, in case the policy is lost or destroyed.

For mechanics and other, who cannot easily spare the amount of an annual premium, but would like to insure by the month, these short time policies are just the thing. To any person who buys six month policies in any one year a policy for half a year will be given without charge (except a policy fee of $1.)
JAS G. BATTERSON, President.
RODNEY DENNIS, Secretary.
J. F. DOWNING, Agent.
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The Erie Weekly Observer.

ERIE, PA., APRIL 19, 1866.

Some of our citizens object to the removal of the post office up town, on the ground that it will draw business away from the Park and the North part of State street. Experience in other cities does not bear them out in this conclusion. The post offices in Buffalo and Cleveland are both outside of the business centres, and in fact seem to have little or no influence upon the operations of trade. A few small stores are carried on near them, but the large establishments, both wholesale and retail, are all located some distance away. In New York city, Broadway continues to be the great thoroughfare, and Ann street, where the post office is situated, continues a locality of minor importance. The same state of affairs is seen in almost every city upon the continent. While it may be beneficial to a few kinds of retail stores to be adjacent to a post office, the experience of nearly every large community proves that the popular channels of trade are seldom affected by any such influence.—The neighborhood of the Park has become the favorite business point in Erie, and while the removal of the post office further up State street may help to improve that part of the city, we do not believe it will have the slightest effect upon the prosperity of any establishment in its present vicinity, or impair the value of property North of the Park.

The editor of the Reno Times, while riding on the Atlantic & Great Western railway, a few nights ago—

"Saw a little by-play which was comical to the spectators. A couple of young people of the male and female persuasion, had been having an animated argument upon some interesting topic, perhaps as to whether they should call upon a minister at the next stopping place. At any rate, he was persistent and angry, and she reluctant and pouting. As the train neared Leavittsburg, the bell cord was detached at the end of the car, preparatory to separating the train. The end of the rope hung beside the seat whence the young man glowered upon the travelling world. Partly for fun, and partly to frighten his companion, he jumped up, and throwing the cord about his neck, pretended to hang himself. Just at this moment the brakeman at the farther end of the car, seized the rope and gave it a tremendous jerk to draw it out. The twitch upon the cord almost lifted the young