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Thursday, March 3, 1898.

Uncle Sam's Patent Shop.

On the first day of March the Patent Office issued patent No. 600,000. The enormous increase in the number of American patents granted will be understood when it is stated that since the Centennial year more than twice as many patents have been issued as during the entire period of our history preceding that time.

The work of examining applications is growing more and more difficult each year as the examiner has to look over all patents up to date, and in addition to our own patents there is a constant stream from every civilized country in the world. There are in the patent office to-day drawings representing nearly a million and a half patents.

The theory that Yankee ingenuity has already exhausted the resources of invention cannot stand in the presence of the fact that during the past year more applications for patents were filed than during any previous year in the history of the country.

The examining force of the Patent Office consists of one hundred and ninety-nine people, nearly all graduates of colleges or technical schools. They are grouped in thirty-five divisions each of which has charge of a certain line of inventions. Again in each division, each assistant examiner will look after some particular branch of the work. One man may spend fifteen years examining gas engines, or telephones or automatic brakes. He becomes so expert that as soon as he reads an application he can tell if it presents anything novel.

The work of the office has increased to such an extent that it is now about seven months in arrears with its examinations. Efforts are being made to induce Congress to increase the force. There is now in the Treasury a balance of over five million dollars in favor of the Patent Office. This means that the inventors of the country have paid in fees to the Government enough to run the Patent Office and make a profit over expenses of the enormous sum mentioned. From the profits of the systems, too, nearly all the funds were taken which paid for the cost of erecting the Patent Office building, a marble structure covering two city blocks and costing \$3,000,000.

The models have been crowded out of their natural home and stored in a rented building. The hallways are nearly filled with file cases and shelves for the storage of copies of patents, for copies of every patent issued are kept on sale at a uniform price of 5 cents each. There is one patent containing a hundred and sixty-three sheets of drawings. It costs the Government about \$2 a copy to reproduce the patent, yet copies will be sent postage paid to any address for five cents.

About one half of the Patent Office building is now occupied by the Land Office and the force of the Secretary of the Interior. The two things needful in order to enable the Commissioner of Patents to bring the work up to date are the full use of the entire building and a substantial increase in the Examining corps. The profit over expense would still be about \$2,000,000 a year. The inventors of the country unite in demanding from Congress a just recognition of their rights.

Historical Societies.

"The first stated meeting of the newly organized Lebanon County Historical Society," says the Lebanon News, "was highly interesting and full of encouragement to its projectors. From what was manifested at this first meeting in the way of attendance of ladies and gentlemen, character of papers read presentation of old books and objects of interest we have abundant reason for believing that the society soon will become a great success in the objects for which it has been organized."

We could wish the Lebanon County Historical Society no better luck than to have all of its subsequent meetings equal its first. There are men who sneer at the effort to preserve the doings of previous generations, but in our judgment they are thoughtless men. Our present greatness is founded on the achievements of the dead. The foundations are admitted and firm. What better could the living do than to keep alive the memory of those who made the present possible?—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

Annual Report of The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York.

JANUARY, 1898.
The annual report of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York just issued shows that Company to have made noteworthy advances, as usual, in every department of its business. The assets on December 31, 1897, amounted to \$253,786,437, showing an increase for the year of \$19,042,289.24. The cash income for the twelve months aggregated \$54,162,608.23, and the disbursements for death claims, matured endowments, dividends and other accounts to \$36,124,060.99. The surplus fund from which dividends are paid now amounts to \$35,508,194.

With the growth of income it will be observed that a corresponding benefit is derived by those who hold the Company's contracts. A brief presentation of the results of the year's business is the best tribute to the care and sagacity shown by the management of this great Company.

THE MUTUAL LIFE IN 1897.

Gained in assets, . . .	\$19,042,289.24
Gained in premium income,	3,099,787.24
Increased its total income,	4,459,912.96
Increased its surplus,	5,774,979.89
AND	
Decreased its expenses,	146,178.21

THE ASSETS OF THE COMPANY ARE INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:

United States Bonds and other expenses, . . .	\$132,017,341.45
First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage,	69,523,937.31
Loans on Stocks and Bonds,	12,880,308.00
Real Estate,	21,618,464.88
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies, . . .	11,705,195.82
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.,	6,141,200.20
	\$253,786,437.66

In accordance with the already announced determination of the Company to have the affairs of its head office, as well as those of its general agencies, reported on and the results verified by the experienced examiners of the Audit Company of this city, the work indicated has been satisfactorily performed and the Audit Company makes this announcement:

Richard A. McCurdy, Esq., President,
The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, New York City.

DEAR SIR:—Agreeably to your request we have made an audit of the accounts and an examination of the assets of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, as of December 31, 1897.

We certify that the assets as specified in the annual statement, amounting to two hundred and fifty-three million, seven hundred and eighty-six thousand, four hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents (\$253,786,437.66), were in possession of the Company on that date and have been taken into the accounts on a conservative basis of valuation.

We certify that we have made an audit of the receipts and disbursements of the Company for the year ending December 31, 1897, as contained in the books of the Company, and find the same to be correct.

The accounts and books are kept clearly and in an orderly manner, and the system of expenditures has efficient safeguards.

THE AUDIT COMPANY,
THOMAS L. GREENE,
Manager.
(Seal of the) Authorized by the Company, Board of Directors,
AUGUST BELMONT,
President.

Attest: E. T. PERINE,
Secretary.
New York, January 25, 1898.

Editorial Paragraphs.

Gold continues to pour into the Treasury of the United States. The amount now on hand reaches in round numbers \$170,000,000, with the prospect of a steady increase, while the gold in circulation has increased with even greater rapidity during the past year.

February receipts at the Treasury Department have averaged over a million dollars a day under the new revenue law, thus fulfilling the pledges made by its framers of producing sufficient money to meet the running expenses of the Government, which average only a million dollars a day, taking one month with another, the year round.

Chairman Jones and his political associates who still call themselves Democrats seem to have absolutely forgotten the chief feature of Democratic faith, the "tariff for revenue only." In their recent communications to the public outlining their views as to the subjects for discussion in the coming campaign, they made no allusion whatever to the tariff, the one subject which has been the battle-ery of the Democrats for generations.

The financial world has been a little puzzled as to the cause of the small imports of gold in view of the extremely large exportations of merchandise which are far in excess of the imports of foreign merchandise products. The discrepancy between trade balances and gold imports is, it is believed, is accounted for by a return from abroad of American securities for cancellation, by reason of the anxiety caused in the minds of foreign investors by the recent activity of the silver advocates.

One per cent. a week is a pretty rapid fluctuation for a money metal. That is about the rate, however, at which silver has depreciated in the last eight weeks or so. Silver bullion was quoted in the New York markets early in December at 60.3 cents per ounce, and by February 1 it had fallen to 55.75 cents, with a prospect of going still lower. The New York World market report quotes it as follows: "Weak at 55.75." This must be rather discouraging to the people who propose to make the use of silver as a money metal the sole basis of their claim for support in the coming Congressional campaign.

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CLOTHING.

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Boots, Shoes and Rubbers.

We have everything in Footwear.—A few of the fall and winter styles are still here—All sizes. They will be sold for about one-half their value. They are full 20 per cent. less than last year. Men's Gum Boots 18c. to 45c.; Ladies' Rubbers from 18c. to 45c.; Our shoes must be reduced to make room for the incoming spring stock. No is your time to make Bargains in Shoes.

We will give a special discount of 10 per cent. on every dollar's worth of Dry Goods, Notions, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, in fact on everything but Groceries.

Groceries.

- Arbuckles' and Lion Coffee, 11c; 4 lbs. for 40c.
- Winner Coffee, 13c; 2 lbs. for 25c.
- Loose Roasted Javo, 13c; 2 lbs. for 25c.
- Java and Mocha, 35c; 3 lbs. for 90c.
- Extra loose green coffee, 25c.
- 10 lbs. Soft A Sugar, 50c. 9 lbs Granulated, 50c.
- 2 lbs. Light Brown, 50c.
- Corn Starch, 5c; 3 lbs. for 12c.
- New Rice, 5c; very nice.
- Best N. O. Molasses, 14c. a qt.
- Syrup, 18c. a gal.
- Light Syrup, 35c. a gal.
- Chocolate, 18c.
- Baking Soda, 4c. per lb.
- Baking Powder, 5c. 1 lb.
- Rasins, 7c.
- Silver Prunes, 12c., extra nice.
- Oatmeal, 10c., 3 packages 25c.
- Crushed wheat, 15c., 2 packages 25c.
- Coffee cakes, 5c. a lb.
- Ginger snaps, 5c. a lb.
- Oyster crackers, 5c. a lb.
- Knick-knocks, 8c. a lb.
- Water crackers, 9c. a lb.

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MARKETS.

- No. 1 Butter, 16
- No. 2 Butter, 10
- Fresh Eggs, 14
- Onions, 50
- Dried Apples, 2
- Apples, 50
- Shoulder, 8
- Potatoes, 50
- New Lard, 10
- Turkeys, 10
- Young Chickens, 7
- Dried Cherries, 8
- Bacon, 6
- Ham, 10

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