WHAT THE CITY FATHERS DID

REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE WHIPPING OF CONVICTS.

City Attorney Martin Makes a Statement in Which He Says That From $75,000 to $100,000 Worth of City Property Has Not Been Listed.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session last night, Mayor Cocke presiding. The Aldermen present were: Jones, Fletcher, Burnett and Suttle. City Attorney J. C. Martin was also on hand.

Rev. H. S. McDuffey asked that something be done to better the condition of Curve street. He said if another rain came with the street in its present condition it would be impassable for vehicles. Referred to the street committee.

Attorney J. C. Martin offered the following:

"Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the city of Asheville:

"Section 1. That whenever any convict who is required to work on the streets or other public works of the city of Asheville as prescribed by law, shall become unruly, resist or offer violence to the superintendent or overseer of streets or guard in charge of said convict, or disobey any lawful command of any such officer, overseer or guard, so that it becomes necessary for the said superintendent or overseer of streets to whip such convict, he shall call in three good citizens to witness the whipping, and shall keep a record of the offence for which said convict was whipped, the number of blows inflicted, and the name of the witnesses present, and report the same to the Board of Aldermen of the city of Asheville and to the judge of the Criminal court of Buncombe county.

"Section 2. This ordinance shall be in effect from and after the date of its passage."

This passed its first reading and on motion of Mr. Jones the rules were suspended and the resolution passed final reading and was passed, and the motion carried to make the resolution a law.

Mr. Martin said his attention had been called to existing irregularities in the listing of taxes both for real estate and personal property, and he had found on investigation, he said, between $75,000 and $100,000 of unlisted property. He asked for a committee to assist him in looking into the matter. The mayor will appoint the committee later. The committee will be empowered with all the powers of the board of aldermen as to listing taxes.

Alderman Fletcher of the special committee on tapping the water main for Dr. T. P. Cheeseborough and D. D. Suttle, recommended that they be allowed to tap the main east of Beaumont, and that the committee be continued.

A communication from Mrs. Pickens complaining of a telegraph pole in front of her house on Haywood street, was read and referred to the street committee.

W. P. Brown asked that a fence be built between Dr. Baird's property and the Orange street school building. Referred to street committee. The Board then went into secret session.

Finances.

The weekly cash statement submitted by City Clerk Stokely was as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Bal. on hand Feb. 5	$ 918.82
Cash collected by W. H. Bird	49.85
" " " M. E. Roberts	133.20
" " " T. W. Triplett	14.35
" " " R. F. Lee	21.26
" " " S. F. Chapman	1600.75
" " " J. R. Rankin	7.91
Total	$ 2,794.15
Less disbursements	1,047.62
Bal. on hand	$1,746.53

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Street departments	131.93
" Water "	54.66
" Fire "	58.58
" Police "	20.81
" Sanitary "	78.93
" Market "	46.10
" City Hall	8.00
" Salary	19.00
" Miscellaneous	42.65
" School	17.75
" Street lighting	556.21
	$1047.62
To Bal. on Hand	1746.53
	$2794.15

Bills Paid.

J. N. Morgan & Co., $3.70; street pay roll, $289.26; R. F. Lee, $9 30; J. G. Duckett, $7.00; R. B. Clevenger, $7.00, Dr. T. C. Smith, $1.32; pav roll, water department, $33.70; F. M. Lindsey, $5 85; J. D. Eggleston, jr., $12.66; THE CITIZEN Co., $19 75; C. B. Moore, clerk U. S. court, $33.60; Geo. W. Pinner, $23 05; Springfield Furniture company, $96 80; sanitary pay roll, $83.00; the Aultman company, $25 00; W. A. Boyce, $7.65; Standard Oil company, $6.89; B. H. Cosby, $2 85; Geo. F. Scott & Co., $31.14; Mrs. Farinbolt, for kindergarten, $30.00.

JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE.

Corner Where the People's Movements Are Chronicled Briefly.

H. H. Phelps of Fletchers is in the city.

W. B. McErwin of Marshall is here on business.

W. E. Breese, jr., went to Marshall today on business.

J. H. Tucker, esq., has returned from a business trip to Marion.

Lawrence P. McLoud left this afternoon for Knoxville, where he goes on business.

L. H. Neil of Baltimore and J. F. Brookfield, New York, are at the Hotel Berkeley.

G. J. Palmer of the Houston Tex., Post is visiting his friend J. L. Watson at the Winyah house.

Rev. D. Atkins, D. D., the presiding elder of the Asheville district M. E. church, South, went to Hendersonville this morning to attend the quarterly meeting at that place.

W. W. Moore, forwarding clerk in the postoffice, left last night for Greenville, Pitt county, North Carolina, to spend his annual vacation. During his absence, Mr. Moore expects to visit Tarboro and Washington and take in the fish fair at Newberne. He will return March 1st.

The Churches Tomorrow.

"The Mystery of Evil" will be Rev. F. K. Gifford's subject next Sunday at Hilliard Hall, 11 a. m.

Rev. J. A. Deal will occupy the pulpit of Grace church at both morning and evening services.

Rev. R. F. Campbell will preach at the First Presbyterian church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock on "Readiness for the Second Coming of Christ."

At the French Broad Baptist church Pastor M. A. Adams will preach the third of a series of sermons on the subject, "Home government."

New Hall Lamps.

A very pretty lot just at hand in wrought iron and brass, at Law's.

Valentines are cheapest at Ray's.

The "old reliable" Grant's Pharmacy is again before the public in an ad. today. They are advertising today a medicine for the throat and lungs manufactured by themselves which is a guarantee of its purity.

Largest assortment Valentines. Ray's.

AROUND TOWN.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Forecast till 8 p. m. Sunday: Fair tonight and Sunday; winds shifting to southerly; warmer Sunday.

A game of basket ball will be played this evening in the gymnasium of the Y. M. C. A.

Evangelist R. V. Miller will lead the devotional meeting tomorrow afternoon at the Y. M. C. A.

The Hotel Berkeley will celebrate St. Valentine's day tomorrow by giving an elaborate dinner.

Miss Ross of the Asheville Female college faculty, who has been seriously ill for several days, is some better.

The monthly meeting of the Asheville Free Kindergarten association will be held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Asheville Epworth League union will hold an interesting meeting tomorrow evening at the Haywood street M. E church, South.

Rev. R. P. Rumley will preach a special sermon tomorrow evening at 8:30. Subject, "Too Many People for the Lord." All are invited.

The Charlotte street car ran off the track into the mud early this morning near Oak street and consequently did not make the schedule for some time.

A number of small boys anticipated the season somewhat yesterday afternoon by indulging in a game of baseball on the grounds in the rear of the Oaks hotel.

J. E. Rumbough, J. C. Rumbough, Edward Murray and several guests of the Battery Park, who went on a fox hunt in the vicinity of Flat Rock, returned last night without a brush.

There will be no devotional meeting of Central Epworth League tomorrow evening, on account of the union Epworth League meeting which will be held at the Haywood street M. E. church.

There were good breaks on the floors of the different tobacco warehouses yesterday, bringing the sales for the week up to a fair average. It is thought the sales next week, should good weather prevail, will be unusually large.

Chas. A. Ryder of New York, who constructed the electric organ at All Souls' church, Biltmore, has completed the work of repairing the organ and is now employed in making some repairs on the organ at Trinity church.

The children's missionary society of the First Presbyterian church will be introduced to their friends under their new name, "The Young Gleaners," at a Valentine birthday party to be given by them at the church on next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

J. B. Bostic has brought suit against the estate of the late Rev. J. S. Burnett for $30,000 for alleged damages because of an alleged flaw in the title to land sold Mr. Bostic during Dr. Burnett's lifetime. Jones & Barnard and T. H. Cobb are Mr. Bostic's lawyers.

At the meeting last evening of the A. L. I. the question of the company's attending the inauguration was taken up for consideration, but definite action on the matter was postponed until next Friday evening. There will be a prize drill at the next regular meeting of the company.

A telegram received by Dr. Geo. A. Mebane this morning announced the death, at Burlington, N. C., of James Holt. Mr. Holt was a brother of the late Gov. T. M. Holt and L. Banks Holt, president of the Asheville cotton mills, and an uncle of Mrs. G. A. Mebane of Asheville.

The improvements being made at Kenilworth Inn are rapidly nearing completion. The work in the interior of the main portion of the building is entirely completed. Handsomely decorated fresco paintings beautify the lower floor of the Inn. The upstairs rooms are white enameled and the building throughout is finely carpeted. The Inn is rapidly filling up with guests.

The Ironton (Mo.) Register of February 11, says: "Asheville has a very neat and pretty opera house, capable of comfortably seating 1000 people. I can also warrant it, at this time of the year, to throw in at each performance a first-class cold to every auditor, regardless of age, sex, or previous condition of servitude. I have attended on three occasions, and caught the premium twice."

Rev. G. L. White, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church, told THE CITIZEN today that the statement made in the issue of yesterday to the effect that he had received a letter from Representative Lusk in which Col. Lusk expressed himself as being in favor of leaving the dispensary question to a vote of the people, was a mistake. Mr. White says he thinks the misapprehension grew out of a conversation which he had with the politician in question.

A fair sized and much amused audience last evening witnessed the last public rehearsal of the cake walk which will be given at the Grand next Thursday evening. In the cake walk the public are promised a rich and rare event. There are abut 20 specialty darkies and some of them very special. "Billie" Pride, who is something of a star—when that orb is found in a state of eclipse—does the dance act, in one of the specialty songs, to perfection. Some good singing is also promised.

Druggists Sunday Closing.

W. C. Carmichael, Dr. T. C. Smith, Grant's Pharmacy, C. A. Raysor, and Heinitsh & Reagan are the signers of the following:

"Owing the withdrawal of Mr. White G. Smith from the Sunday closing agreement, which has been in operation for two and a half years, and desiring to perpetuate the plan for the benefit of ourselves and clerks, giving us a much needed rest, we beg to inform the public that we have agreed to continue as long as practicable the arrangement which has proven so satisfactory in the past.

In continuation of this plan of rotation, Grant's Pharmacy, 24 South Main street, will be open all day Sunday, Feb. 14.

The Lutheran College Contract.

Contractor C. B. Leonard returned last night from Charlotte where he submitted a bid for the erection of the Lutheran college which is to be built at that place. Mr. Leonard came very near securing the contract, being one of the three lowest bidders, but the lucky man was Contractor Nicholas Ittner of Atlanta, who will do the work for $48,790 00. Work on the proposed building is to begin at once.

Approaching Marriage.

Announcement has been made of the engagement and approaching marriage of Miss Blanche V. Venable of this city to Rev. B. R. Anderson of Enoree, S. C. The ceremony will be performed next Tuesday morning at Northwood farm, the home of Miss Venable's father.

Sterling Silver Novelties.

New designs just at hand at Law's, 35 Patton avenue.

Save money buying Valentines at Ray's

AT THE GRAND.

A treat is unquestionably in store for theatergoers next Tuesday evening in the advent of W. J. Ferguson, the renowned comedian, and Miss Sadie Martinot, who come at the head of the original company in "The Gay Parisians," under the management of Charles Frohman. This is the English version of "L'Hotel du Libre Exchange," one of the most successful of Parisian comedies. Mr. Ferguson is said to be one of the best of comic actors. The piece ought to be admirably presented, as the company also includes James O. Barrows, Mrs. E. J. Phillips, Louis Hendricks, Margaret Gordon, Chas. B. Wells and others.

THAT MYSTERY TEA.

It Was a Great Success Socially and Financially.

The "Mystery" tea given last evening at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Penland, Haywood street, was a very successful event from a pecuniary standpoint and also an exceedingly pleasant occasion. The affair reflected much credit upon the "Light Bearers" of Central church under whose auspices it was given. The following very delightful program was rendered:

Piano duette	Mrs. O. B. Van Hora, Mrs. K. C. Chambers
Recitation	Jennie Doe
Tenor solo	Frank Smith
Recitation	Linnie Davis
Violin solo	Mr. Hawkins
Recitation	Katie Cartmell
Baritone solo	Cicero Nichols
Reading	Major Breese
Vocal solo	Miss Wheeler

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Today's quotations by T. A. Camp's private wire. No. 53 Patton avenue.

	2:30 p m		2:30 p m
Am. Sugar Re Co.	110.7	Am. Tobacco Co.	95.4
Baltimore & Ohio.		Canada Southern.	
Central of N. J.	98	Chic & Northw'rn	103.4
C. B. & Q.	73.7	Chicago Gas Co.	76.4
C. Mil. & St. Paul	73	Chic. Rock I & P.	
C. St P. M. & O.		C. C. C & St. Louis	
D & H. Canal		Del Lack & W	152
Erie Railroad		General Electric.	31.4
Lake Erie & W.		L. S & Mich. So	
L'sville & N'sville	49	Manhattan Con.	88.3
M. K. & Texas pre	29.2	Missouri Pacific.	
N. Y. Cen. & H.		N Y. Ont. & West	
Northern Pacific.		S. Ry vot. trs. cts.	
do pref	36.8	do pref do	
Phil. & Reading	24.4	Tenn. C., I & Ry	27
Union Pacific		U. S. L'thr Co pfd	55.5
Western U. Tel.	82.4	Atchison	

NEW YORK—Cotton

		March	6 61
Cash	7.00	May	6 73

CHICAGO.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

	Cash			May
Lard	—	—	—	3.82
Ribs	—	—	—	4c.
Pork	—	—	—	7.50
Oats	—	—	—	16 7
Wheat	—	—	—	73 6
Corn	—	—	—	23 3

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Spots.—3 25-32. Sales—6,000. Export 300. Receipts—17,000, 13,800 American.

CONTRACTS.

		Opening	Closing
Mch.	Apr.	3.48-47	3 46
Apr.	May	3.48 47	3 47
May	June	3.49-48	3 48
June	July	3.50	3 48-49
July	Aug.	3 50-49	3.49
Aug.	Sept.	3 48	3.47
Sept.	Oct.	3.42	3 42
Oct.	Nov.	3.39	3 38

Closing weak.

ASHEVILLE.

Corrected daily by Powell & Snider wholesale and retail grocers. These prices are being paid by the merchants of the city today:

Butter	15 to 20	Apples	50@1.00
Eggs	12	Apples, dried	1½@4
Chickens	80@20	Pumpkins, each	10
Turkeys	50@75	Sorghum	20 to 25
Ducks	15@20	Beeswax, per lb	20
Potatoes, sweet	35@40	Honey	10@12½
Potatoes Irish	30 to 40	Wheat	95
Turnips	30@40	Corn	40
Onions	1.00	Meal	41
Cabbage, per lb	2½	Oats	30
Beans, per bu.	75@1.00	Rye	55
Peas	55 to 65	Hay, per ton	14.00@17.50
Chestnuts		Celery, per doz.	25@40

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WANTED—To rent an upright piano from private family for private family. Address P. O. BOX 200. dit*

LOST—Pair gold rimmed eye glasses in black case. Suitable reward if returned to OAKS HOTEL. 2-13d3t*

FOR Shirts, collars and cuffs the Model Steam Laundry can't be beat. 'Phone 70. R. W. BAND, Prop.

PALO ALTO—Runabout wagons, the most stylish vehicle made. For sale at T. S. MORRISON'S Carriage Warehouse.

FOR RENT—8 room house for rent on Bailey street, near graded school. Apply to W. TURNER, Auctioneer. 2-13drw 2 Legal Block.

SANATORIUM, 22 Orange street, heated throughout with hot water and open grates. Terms on application 2-4dtmo-4p*

NEW crop Seeds—Prime Red Clover, Timothy, Orchard and Herds Grass Seeds. Lawn Grass Seeds a specialty at DICKERSON'S.

CREAM Puffs, doughnuts and all kinds of cakes, bread and pies fresh every day. Delivered promptly anywhere in the city. HESTON'S. 'Phone 183. 26 South Main St.

LOST—Between Biltmore and Asheville Friday, February 12, a gold headed cane, inscribed "Presented to Eli D. Ake Dec. 25, 1883," etc. Finder will be rewarded for its return to SWANNANOA HOTEL. d1t*

FOR SALE—Store fixtures, consisting of safe, show cases, desk, stove; full length mirror, nickel window fixtures, etc., etc. Bargain for some one. Apply to F. R. MITCHELL, 2-8d1w 28 Patton Avenue.

WANTED—Young man, having his own typewriter, would like to attend to correspondence of business men who do not have sufficient work to employ a stenographer constantly. Address "G. C." Care Letter Carrier No. 2. d1t*

T. W. Fitzpatrick, 33 North Main, now has in stock 6000 pounds National White Lead. Also the pure Linseed Oil from the National Lead and Oil Co.; also the National Tinting Colors for tinting lead with. These will be sold at the lowest living prices.

BARGAIN, if taken in 5 days, a suit of furnished rooms, central and pleasantly located for light housekeeping—unfurnished room, cottage and house for rent. See our list before renting or buying. W. M. CLARKE, d1t 28 Patton Avenue.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Western Carolina bank is called for Thursday, February 25th, 1897, at 4 p m in the directors' room of the place of business of said bank. This meeting is for the purpose of electing directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the said meeting. This February 13, 1897. LEWIS MADDUX, President. L. P. McLoud, Cashier. 2-13dt25

For Sale at a Bargain.

A first class house of 23 rooms and location; two bath rooms; three water closets; furnace heat and open grates in each room; electric bells throughout.

Tenant Pays $900 a Year Rental.

Large grounds with magnificent oaks; street cars pass the door; five minutes' walk from Court Square; paved street and sidewalks; corner lot. The owner now resides out of the United States and would consider A LOW OFFER for this property if made within 30 days. Apply to

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A Basket Sale.

We have more of those fine Indian baskets than we care to take on Census Day, when we take an inventory of stock the middle of the month. In order to move them out we have marked them down to cost for a few days, they are of all shapes and sizes, from small bonbons to large Hampers for clothes. Do not miss this opportunity.

Rogers' Book Store.

The Asheville Drug Company

Beg to announce that they carry a complete line of Drugs, Toilet Articles, Soap and Perfumery.
The Prescription Department is in charge of a pharmacist of over 25 years experience. All prescriptions will receive prompt and careful attention. Open every day in the year.

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Telephone 82.

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Tuesday FEB. 16
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CHAS. FROHMAN.
Presented here after 200 nights in New York, 100 nights in Boston, 100 nights in Chicago with the original American cast:
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Prices of admission $1, 75c., 50c. and 25c.
Attractions not advertised in any other paper in Asheville.

Excursions to U. S. Squadron
Off Charleston Bar.:....

The Steamers Planter and Pilot Boy will leave Boyce's wharf, morning and afternoon of each day while Squadron remains, going to the Warships and affording a near view of the Ocean Monarchs.
Excursions will also be made at night, when the running of the blocade will occur.
For particulars apply to the Captains on board, or at the office of the agent.

No. 111 Accommodation Wharf,
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POCKET ..$5.. Kodaks
ALSO KODAK SUPPLIES.
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DON'T GO UP TOWN .....

For your meat if you live in the northern part of Asheville. I have a good supply of as good beef, pork, mutton, sausage, etc., as you can find anywhere. I sell cheaper than the market people—I don't have rent to pay. I deliver all meats free. Orders solicited outside city market limit. 'Phone No. 209.

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EUROPE.

You are cordially invited to join a select, limited party of ladies and gentlemen for travel through Europe in the coming summer. The tour embraces Scotland, England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany (the Rhine) and Holland. Apply at once for membership and full particulars to REV. C. L. HOFFMANN, 1-13d1m-wed&sat-4p Charlotte, N. C.

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MONDAY, MARCH 1st

Next, and be continued each day until finished.
Messrs. Linsley and Kittredge, the proprietors of Kenilworth Inn, have instructed me to sell for cash the under mentioned goods which will be removed for convenience of buyers to

35 South Main Street

Where they will be exposed for inspection from Monday, February 22nd, until the day of sale, when they will be sold in lots to suit purchasers:
About 100 Bedroom Suites, composed of oak, cherry, etc
About 125 Bed Springs.
About 300 various kinds of Chairs.
About 150 various kinds of Tables.
A very large quantity of Rugs, Brussels and Moquet Carpets, etc., etc.

W. Turner, Auctioneer.
Room 2, Legal Block.

For Sale!
Show Cases, Fixtures, Shelves, Etc.,
Cheap
THOS. A. JONES, Assignee.
43 PATTON AVENUE.

SMILES OFTEN CHANGE.....

You once made Old Ched smile—now he makes you smile. To make room for his new stock he will sell $5,000 worth staple goods at a discount of one-third, or $4.333 33⅓; $2 shoes at $1.25; $1 shoes at 65c; sugar 20 to 22 pounds for $1; grits 1⅛c.; oatflake 3⅛c.; Western bacon 22 pounds for $1; breakfast bacon 11 pounds for $1; 8 cent rice 20 pounds to the dollar; can tomatoes 7½c; peaches 9c. and 11c.; corn 5c. to 8c. can; leaf lard 6¼c. to 7c. pound; 12½c. prunes 7c.; evaporated apples and pears 7½c; 50c. dress goods 25c; 40c. dress goods 20c.; 10c. and 15c. 5c. to 11c.; 4-4 Domestic 5c. to 5c.; 200 comforts for $1, and all other goods at same proportion. First come first served. Come early to avoid the rush . . . . . .
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Persons taught to speak the French language fluently in a short while. Lessons given privately or in classes. Best methods used. Terms reasonable. Address
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Reductions on all heavy shoes for both men and women. An excellent line of fine shoes very cheap. Call and let us show you the goods.

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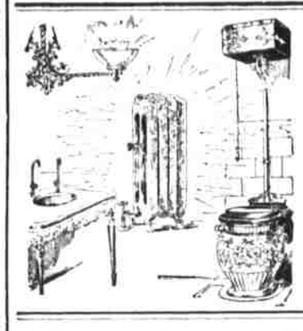

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STEAM AND HOT WATER HEATING.
It will pay you to call on us before placing your order elsewhere for anything in our line. Hot air furnaces.
McPherson & Clark,
45 COLLEGE ST.

You May Have Heard

Such expressions as "the coat seems to be all right only the collar don't seem to fit"—or "I think the back wrinkles a little bit."
There is where the average clothier "falls down." He doesn't try to avoid the little wrinkles in his clothing, he is neglectful of details. When we sell you a suit of clothes we want your friends to be able to say "whose your clothier?"
The Whitlock Clothing House, No. 41 Patton Avenue.

Loughran's Acme,
Second to None in the State **58 South Main st.**

Headquarters for Fine Wines and Liquors. I still claim to have the largest stock of First Class Goods of any house in the State.
The Celebrated Bartholomay, Rochester Beer, bottled fresh every day and delivered anywhere in the city as low as others sell third-class beer.
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JAS. H. LOUGHRAN, PROP.,
P. O. BOX 372. 'PHONE 139.

The Equitable's Financial Statement.

It is refreshing in these times to read the statement of any concern showing such great financial strength as that exhibited in the annual statement of the Equitable Life Assurance society, published today.

Throughout the entire statement the amounts are simply colossal, but the figures that must be most interesting to the policyholders of the society are those which show the surplus over all liabilities, $43,277,179. There are other figures that make a magnificent showing: Assets, $216,773,947; outstanding assurance, $915,102,070; income, $45,011,058; business written in 1896, $127,694,084, and many others that show the immense business done by this society. These are all interesting by reason of their immensity, but after all, the foundation stone of the strength of a life assurance company as of any other business, is surplus.

There is no other business in which so much confidence is necessary as in that of a life assurance company. The contracts issued by these companies extend into the far future, and, although they may mature tomorrow, yet on the other hand the company may not be called upon to pay the claim for 10, 20 or 30 years, or even more. This being the case, absolute security should be the great consideration to anyone contemplating assurance, and it must certainly be difficult to find a contract more secure than one backed by $216,773,947 of assets and $43,277,179 of surplus over all liabilities.

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