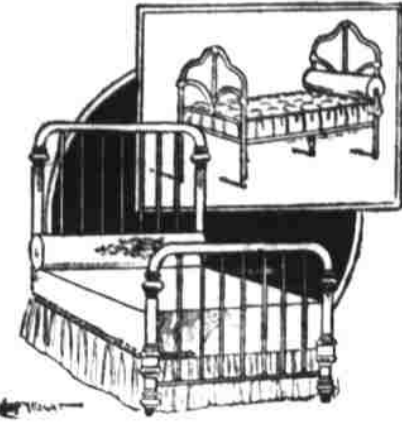


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FOURTH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Philadelphia Life Insurance Company

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER, 31, 1909	
ASSETS.	
Investments in Government, Municipal and other Bonds	\$844,228.63
Mortgages on Real Estate, First Leins	876,500.00
Deposited in Banks and Trust Companies at Interest	32,579.47
Cash on hand at Home-Office	3,057.89
Premium Notes on Policies in Force	115,855.86
Loans to Policyholders	66,118.34
Premiums Due and Un collected and Deferred Premiums, less Loading	32,947.24
Interest Accrued	21,551.53
	\$1,992,838.96
LIABILITIES.	
Net Present Value of all Policies in force on December 31, 1909, as computed by the insurance Department of Pennsylvania on the American Experience Table of Mortality, with 3 1/2 per cent. Interest	\$1,097,362.00
Claims for death losses in process of adjustment	22,510.00
Dividends to the credit of Policyholders	53,831.00
Miscellaneous Liabilities	5,291.15
Capital Stock	560,320.00
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	253,524.81
	\$1,992,838.96

RECORD TO DECEMBER 31, 1909.
Insurance in Force (paid for) \$20,250,914.00
Admitted Assets 1,992,838.96
Increase in Assets 429,172.77
Reserve to Policyholders 1,097,362.00
Dividends to credit of Policyholders 53,831.00
Dividends paid Policyholders in 1909 46,359.03
Death Losses Paid in 1909 127,160.60
Death Losses Due and Unpaid None
Total Paid Policyholders or held for their benefit 1,613,106.00
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THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

He Hears and Sees Things Occasionally That Are not, Strictly Speaking, Regarded as News but Which Are Nevertheless of Some Interest—He Sets Them Down for the Entertainment of The Gazette's Readers.

The Man About Town left town the other day. He went to McAdenville in an automobile, spent a few minutes, rode back to Lowell on the Lowell-McAdenville Railroad, Limited, and returned to Gastonia on No. 41 in the evening in time for supper. Did you ever take a ride on the Lowell-McAdenville Railroad, Limited? If not, you have missed something. This line, about a mile or a little better in length, connects these two towns and is operated by mule power. That is, it has been for many years past, but the mules' days are numbered and the picturesque flat car with old Frank or Dick patiently pulling it up the long haul from McAdenville to Lowell will soon be seen no more forever. The owners of the road, the McAden Mills, have ordered a gasolene engine which was shipped some days ago and the arrival of which is expected any day now. When it does come the picturesqueness of this railroad will be gone. Old Frank, who has done faithful service at the helm for the past eight years, will be transferred to other pastures green or perchance to the prosaic work of pulling an ordinary wagon. Such a fate will also probably befall Dick also. His days of service in the railroad harness are not so long but he has also done his duty well.

There are no plush-covered seats with comfy springs on them on the passenger cars of this road—pardon the error, the car, I should have said. You sit in a split bottom straight chair, lean your back against a bale of cotton or a goods box, place your feet on the hind dashboard and survey the scenery. The car itself is flat, angles everywhere, no round corners in the spring and summer weather there is nothing above but the deep blue firmament and if a summer shower should happen along at the right time it would catch you entirely unprepared, unless perchance you had an umbrella along. In the seasons of the year when bad weather is the rule and not the exception, a canopy of canvas is erected over the car but, should the snow or rain or sleet be coming sidewise, it would more than likely get you. Several years ago the Man About Town was taking a ride (not a pleasure ride but a business one) on this car. It was packed and jammed with freight, express and human beings. A drenching rain was encountered and the men and women resembled a bunch of half-drowned rats when they reached the end of the journey. With all these drawbacks, however, the Lowell-McAdenville Railroad, Limited, has its advantages and affords a quick and easy way to get from one town to the other. On the down trip to McAdenville no power is required after a short distance has been covered, so the mule is released and the car takes a gravity shoot the balance of the way. The mule, having been thoroughly trained, is liberated and leisurely walks the balance of the way, taking the macadam road, however, in preference to the roadbed of the railroad.

The coming of the gasolene engine will doubtless mean quicker trips and is no doubt the forerunner of closed cars and a better day generally. Mr. J. C. Walker, the efficient general manager, while somewhat reluctant to part with his faithful mules, is enthusiastic over the proposed change in the motive power and believes it will be an improvement.

While loafing a little while in Lowell the Man About Town ran up on his friend, Mr. G. W. Abernethy, who lives a mile from that place and who, according to our notion, has the right idea of farming. Mr. Abernethy believes, for instance, that every farmer ought to raise his own corn and his own hogs. Instead of buying meat and corn they ought to sell it. He has sold some meat, had plenty of it for himself and still has some to dispose of. Mr. Abernethy

A FEARLESS, HONEST PREACHER GIVES HIS OPINION OF PE-RU-NA.

An Up-to-Date Clergyman Describes an Up-to-Date Household Remedy that Has Had the Test of Time and is Known the World Over.

Some preachers are afraid to give an outspoken opinion on any remedy, however highly they may esteem it. Others are not afraid. One of those who is not afraid is quoted below. Read what he says. He means every word of it. If you doubt it write him a letter, enclosing a stamp. He will tell you what he thinks.



Rev. J. T. Peeler

Catarrh of Stomach.

REV. J. T. PEELER, Hendersonville, S. C., writes: "I desire to make known for the benefit of suffering humanity my experience with Peruna. "I was afflicted with catarrh of the stomach, and though I tried many remedies and applied to several doctors, it was all in vain. "Had it not been for Peruna I believe I would have been in my grave to-day. "I have every reason to believe that Peruna is the greatest remedy for catarrh known to the world. Therefore I have been, and shall continue to recommend it to those who are unwell."



REV. J. G. DUKES, Pastor of the Unitarian Church at Pinetown, N. C., writes: "My wife has been in a very bad state of health for several years, and nothing seemed to do her any good until she began to use Peruna one month ago. Since then the color has returned to her face, and she is gaining in flesh every day, and I believe she is a well woman to-day. "My little boy, ten years old, was pale and had but little life. He began to use Peruna the day his mother began. To-day his face is rosy, and he is out in the yard running and jumping with the rest of the children. Throat Trouble. Rev. H. W. Tate, 929 Lincoln Ave., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio, writes that for several years he has been troubled with a peculiar spasmodic affection of the throat, which interfered with his vocation as a preacher. He took Peruna and his trouble disappeared.

believes that cotton should be the farmer's surplus crop and in that he is exactly right, if the Man About Town knows anything. Recent records of corn growing in Gaston, as published from time to time in The Gazette, prove beyond any doubt whatever that we can raise splendid yields of corn to the acre in this section. The man who raises everything he needs for himself and family and then plants his surplus acres in cotton will always have plenty and to spare. Mr. Abernethy is also something of a fruit raiser and has promised the Man About Town some of his luscious apples and peaches when they come in season. It is his opinion that our farmers are altogether too neglectful of fruit-raising and here again we agree with him. Mr. Abernethy is a native Gaston countian and has resided at his present place for over thirty years. One of his uncles at one time owned practically all of the land on which the town of Lowell now stands, 209 acres or a little more, which he sold in a lump for about \$700 many years ago when he moved to Indiana to live. Since then this land has doubled in value many times.

Mr. Fite Gets Contract. Mr. R. L. Fite, of Gastonia, has been awarded the contract for the erection of the handsome new residence which Mrs. E. C. Wilson will build on her recently acquired property, corner South Marietta street and Franklin Avenue. The house will be constructed according to plans and specifications prepared by Messrs. Sayre & Baldwin, architects, Anderson, S. C. This residence is to cost complete in the neighborhood of \$10,000 and will be one of the handsomest in Gastonia. It is to be a frame structure and will contain ten or more rooms. While not colonial in style as a whole it will have heavy colonial columns at the front. Contractor Fite expects to commence work on the building in the very near future.

New Hampshire's Senator has introduced a bill making it a misdemeanor for any one to be drunk in the District of Columbia. The bill provides for a penalty of \$100 or two years imprisonment in the home for inebriates.

Play at Linwood.

Next Monday evening, the 28th, the Adelpian Literary Society of Linwood College will present a play entitled "The Cricket on the Hearth," in three acts. Miss E. Myrtle Falls is chief marshal for the occasion and her assistants are Misses Neppie Smith, Myrtle Falls, Bess McCright, Genevieve Neal and Beulah Foxsworth. Gastonia will no doubt be represented at the play by a good delegation.

More scandal is being unearthed by the investigation of municipal affairs now going on in Pittsburg, Pa. Before it is over it is likely that a number of men in high positions will be caught in the drag net.

APRIL 9th WATCH

WHAT ? Its Got 'Em All Guessing ON EARTH CAN IT BE ? April 9th THE WIZARD BE READY