

The Transcript.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 28, 1903.

LOCAL MATTERS.

Dates of Maryland Fairs in 1903.

Pocomoke City—August 11-14.
 Easton—August 18-20.
 Tolchester—August 25-28.
 Timonium—September 1-5.
 Rockville—September 1-4.
 Marlboro—September 29, October 1.
 Belair—September 29, October 2.
 Hagerstown—October 18-19.
 Frederick—October 20-23.

The First Herring.—The first reported herring was caught by one of our local fishermen Thursday off the shore of the farm of the late Collin F. Stam above Chester bridge.

Shad in Market.—The first shad which have found their way in the Chestertown market this season were on sale here Thursday, and brought 50 cents a piece. They came from Virginia, and were rather smaller than the average Chester river shad. Local shad ought to be along about April 1st.

New Store.—Mr. Percy Rawleigh is building an addition to the house recently purchased by him from Mr. W. C. Sutton, at the corner of Lawyer's Row and Church Lane. Mr. Rawleigh will use the front room of the new addition as a grocery store and the rest of the building as a residence. When completed this much needed improvement will add to the appearance of the neighborhood.

Eggs on the Decline.—The price of eggs in our local market dropped from 18 cents the first of this week to 15 cents on Thursday. Owing to the high price at which this staple article has been selling for the past several months, the average citizen of Chestertown has been unable to indulge his appetite in this universal article of table use.

Building Contract Awarded.—The first contract awarded to build up the burnt district in this town was awarded last week. Mr. Alfred Green awarded the contract to build his department stores to Mr. James McAllen, of Princess Anne, Somerset county. Mr. McAllen was the lowest bidder and came highly recommended. He will be here next week to file his bond and will begin work as soon as weather permits. It is rumored that Mr. McAllen has agreed to build the stores according to specifications for \$7,490. Alterations to be made along lines of contract charges.—*Centreville Observer.*

Direct Wires to Baltimore.—The Eastern Shore Telegraph and Telephone Company, which controls 2,000 phones and about 1,200 miles of wire, is arranging to place all the important towns on the peninsula in direct communication with Baltimore via the Chesapeake Bay cable recently laid. Judge William R. Martin, of Easton, and W. W. Hubbard, of Chestertown, are directors of the company chosen at the stockholders meeting at Ridgely on the 12th inst. The cable will be used jointly by the Diamond State Telephone Company and the Eastern Shore Telegraph and Telephone company.

Steel Traps in Reynard's Den.—Messrs. Harry Nichols, George Brice and Biddle Hossenger enjoyed a most exciting fox chase up in Kennard's Point on Wednesday last on the Garrett farm. Reynard led the boys a merry run for about three hours and a half and finally went to earth, the dogs close after him. One hound ventured too far and got his leg caught in a steel trap, being one of several placed there by some one evidently to catch the fox. The distress of the dog attracted attention and he was extricated, the trap being removed.

Peach Farming.—Report says "that a number of capitalists contemplate establishing a peach farm of one thousand acres on this peninsula." The Maryland-Delaware peninsula was once famous as a peach centre but the yellows which made its appearance in this section about eight or nine years ago made the crop unprofitable except in a few sections, and most of the trees were pulled up. It is a fact, however, that the yellows did not affect the orchards in the lower part of Kent county so seriously, especially on Eastern Neck Island, and peach growing is still indulged in in that locality with good profits. We would suggest that the capitalists investigate the advantages offered by Kent county before they settle on a location.

Pippin's New Hotel.—The following is what the *Hotel Gazette*, published in New York, says about it: "Traveling men feel at home when they visit Chestertown, Md., and place themselves in the care of Wm. R. Pippin, at Pippin's New Hotel. This hotel is entirely new and up-to-date, with an ample supply of baths, electric lighted, heated by hot water system, comfortably furnished. The beds are all that could be desired by a tired traveler, and there is a free hack to all trains and boats. Mr. Pippin supplies his table with all the Eastern Shore delicacies. His business is growing, and he has just been compelled to add a number of rooms for the accommodation of patrons."

Good Prices.—At the sale of the personal property of Mr. C. R. Atkinson on Thursday, horses sold for from \$60 to \$187, and cows and yearling heifers for from \$20 to \$63. The sale of Mr. Clarence Cockran on Wednesday was largely attended and good prices prevailed. Both of these sales were advertised in the Transcript.

Order For Bugeye.—Mr. W. W. Hubbard in company with Capt. E. Dill went to Jos. W. Brooks & Son's shipyard, Cambridge, on Monday and gave an order for a 125 ton bugeye, to be completed in time for the summer trade. The parties building this new boat are the same who built the Wingate and Brooks owned by Capt. Atkinson. Capt. Dill owns part of the boat and will go as captain on her.

LITTLE LOCALS.

† Our local fishermen are making good catches of yellow neds, and a few white perch and rock are being caught below Mr. Robert Emory's wharf.

† Mr. C. S. York, formerly of Chestertown, is in Denton making plans to furnish a system of gas pipes for that enterprising town.

† Four cases of small pox in mild form have developed in and around Clayton, Del.

† The magic number 13 broke the spell of consecutive rainy Sundays. Last Sabbath, the 14th Sunday, was all that it could be wished for, a veritable harbinger of spring.

† Mr. W. E. Valliant, of Chestertown, State President of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, organized a Camp at Millington last week. He also recently organized Camps at Golts and Crisfield.

† Prof. M. Bates Stephens, State Superintendent of Public Schools who is well-known in Kent, is reported seriously ill at a Baltimore hospital. He underwent an operation on Thursday last for stomach trouble.

† The receipts of the Fireman's bazaar held in Centreville last week were \$685 gross and about \$625 net. The money will be used to better equip the fire department of that town. Chestertown had better be doing something in this line also.

† Chester Lodge A. F. and A. M., conferred the Entered Apprentice degree upon Mr. Wm. B. Usilton, Jr., last Wednesday night. On the same evening Messrs. Chas. M. Hurt, of Millington, and J. Hyde Thompson, of Chestertown, were passed to the Fellowcraft degree.

† It is reported that an annex will be built to Hotel Bolingly, at Queens town, early in the spring, which will accommodate over three hundred guests; the cost of the improvement will be about \$10,000. This hotel is well known to many of our citizens who have visited it with the Chestertown Sunday School picnics.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. John N. Dodd, undertaker, of Chestertown, is attending a post-graduate course of lectures and demonstrations on Anatomy, Sanitary Science and Embalming, under the direction of Carl L. Barnes, M. D. L.L.B., president of the Chicago College of Embalming, and Prof. Thornton B. Barnes, President of the New York School of Embalming. Mr. Dodd has every confidence in his already acquired knowledge of his profession, yet he allows no opportunity to pass him to learn the latest and best methods of his profession.

Mr. Daniel M. Reed, of Washington, D. C., spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brice returned Saturday from their southern trip.

Miss Fannie Wallace, of Church Hill, is visiting Mrs. Owen B. Crow.

Mr. Wm. A. Blakeney has returned to Chestertown to assist his father in his carriage painting.

Mrs. H. B. Simmons, who has been at the home of her mother in Cecil county for the past two weeks, has returned to Chestertown.

Mr. Simon Wickes, formerly of this county, was present at the 5th annual banquet of the Maryland Society of New York on Friday, the 20th.

Miss Ella Woodall, of Cecil county, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. D. Duhamel on High street.

Sidney P. Townshend, Esq., spent several days last week in Washington on professional business.

Mr. J. Arthur Bradley, son of Mr. James S. Bradley, left Tuesday for Philadelphia to secure a position.

Mr. George W. French, who has been in the employ of Mr. Edw. P. Beck, has accepted a place with his brother in the commission business in Philadelphia.

Mr. Enoch Latham was taken to a Baltimore hospital on Monday to be operated upon. He was accompanied by Dr. H. G. Simpers.

Mr. Joseph M. Hazzard and wife, of New York, spent several days last week guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Brown. Mr. Hazzard, who is Mrs. Brown's brother, is manager of the American Press Association.

Mrs. Margie Finley, of Church Hill, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Collins.

Miss Emma France gave a card party on Tuesday evening.

Miss Minnie Massey gave a Progressive Euchre party on Tuesday evening to a number of her lady friends. Among those present were: Mrs. Edward Beck, Mrs. Phil Brooks, Mrs. Dr. Hines, Mrs. J. Roy Meou, Mrs. W. W. Hubbard, Mrs. John Welch, Misses Mary Hurt, Blanche Constable and Julia Ross.

Col. W. J. Vannort attended the State encampment of the G. A. R. in Hagerstown last week.

Miss Wheatley, who has charge of the large millinery department of Sparks & Jefferson, is attending the opening of this week at the principal and most select wholesale markets.

Mr. Hubert Massey, of Wilmington, Del., is spending a few days visiting his home near town.

Joe Brice, of Baltimore, was in town this week.

Mr. Baker, superintendent of the Diamond State Telephone Co., was in town this week on business.

Miss May Cannon has been spending the week in Smyrna, visiting the Misses Stuart.

Mrs. William Ford is extremely ill at the residence of her husband at the Alms House.

Miss Cora Reed attended the spring millinery opening in Baltimore this week and both the Misses Reed will leave Monday to attend the Philadelphia and New York openings next week. The Misses Reed carry a fine line of seasonable millinery goods at their High street store, Chestertown.

ANOTHER YEAR OF PRUDENTIAL SUCCESS.

The history of the Prudential Insurance Company of America has been one of continuous record of success and accomplishment, but the gains made during the year just closed surpass anything in previous history of the Company.

The amount of Life Insurance written and paid for during the year was over two hundred and seventy-two million dollars, which is reported to have been of such high quality that the total of paid-for insurance in force has been brought to more than eight hundred million dollars.

The Prudential is truly ranked as "one of the Great Life Insurance Companies of the world," not only in size but in those features which make for strength and the protection of policy holders' interests, as well as a progressive and liberal administration. The assets of the company have increased to sixty million dollars which, with a surplus exceeding nine millions, furnish ample security for all insurance contracts.

Nearly five million policies in force indicate the popularity of the Prudential with the great insuring public, for the business of this company now extends from Maine to the Pacific Coast, and from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf States, a typical American Company of the highest grade, with an American success and an unlimited American future.

ROAD INSPECTION.

Messrs. Johnson and Crosby, road engineers, came to Chestertown on Thursday by the way of steamer Ford to inspect the experimental piece of road in Queen Anne county, a short distance from Chester river bridge. These gentlemen express themselves as perfectly satisfied with the way the road has stood the wear and tear of travel, and report that the main bed is as solid as when put in. They account for the muddy appearance by the fact that a great deal of foreign matter has been brought up from the end by wheels of vehicles. Also that some mud has been formed by the top layer of the composition of which the highway is made. As to the ruts, it is claimed that if the bed were solid rock some track would be noticed. Perhaps not so much, however, would be apparent on this special section had a heavier roller been used. The ruts, it is asserted, do not indicate a wearing away of material, but on account of the cellular nature of some of the material used, the constant pressure of the wheels in one line has compacted the bed and caused depressions as seen in the ruts. It remains a fact that one of the worst pieces of road perhaps on this peninsula, at times almost impassable, has been in a condition at all times during the winter to allow a horse to trot over. The cost of a road like the experimental section is possibly greater than it would be on highways not so desperate. This method of construction was chosen as best adapted to the particular spot. Mr. Johnson suggests that when the town and county commissioners spread the recently purchased cargo of shells, if the same were rolled heavily instead of being allowed to remain on the surface to be ground up by passing vehicles, the roadway would be much more compact and therefore last much longer. A sprinkling of sand during the rolling process would also add much to the solidity obtained.

Resolutions of Respect.

At the session of the Fourth Quarterly Conference for Galena charge, M. E. church, held February 14, 1903, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, This is the last visit the Rev. W. F. Corkran, our Presiding Elder, will make in his official capacity, therefore,
 Resolved, That we hereby express our hearty appreciation of him as a Christian gentleman and our high regard for him as a just and competent official and able minister of the Gospel. It is with regret that we sever the very pleasant relations that have always existed and do now sustain between him and the officials of this church.
 Resolved, That we pray for him many years of labor and usefulness to the church and the world, and hereby extend to him our hearty sympathy and prayers for his success in whatever position he may be called to fill.
 Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered in the minutes of this Quarterly Conference, and a copy be furnished to the *Chestertown Transcript* and the *Kent News* with the request that they publish them.
 T. J. SHALLOROSS, Sec'y.

MARRIED.

SMITH—SAUNDERS.—Charles H. Smith and Emily A. Saunders, of Rock Hall, were married at Wesley Chapel parsonage, by Rev. J. L. Eldridge, February the 24th.

Greatest Record in the History of this Giant Company

Twenty-seventh Annual Statement January 1, 1903

ASSETS

Bonds and Mortgages,	\$10,906,953 27
Real Estate,	11,863,588 51
R.R. Bonds and Stocks (Market Value)	18,621,442 50
Municipal Bonds (Market Value),	5,737,301 95
U. S. Gov. Bonds (Market Value),	109,000 00
Cash in Banks and Office,	4,016,069 51
Interest and Rents, due and accrued,	384,521 34
Loans on Collateral Securities,	4,736,750 00
Loans on Policies,	1,066,916 83
Premiums Deferred and in course of collection (net),	1,812,795 96
Total,	\$60,245,339 87

LIABILITIES

Reserve on Policies,	\$49,800,630 00
All other Liabilities,	923,304 54
Surplus to Policy-holders,	9,521,405 33
Total,	\$60,245,339 87

LIFE INSURANCE ISSUED AND PAID FOR during 1902, including Ordinary Insurance (\$87,000,000), over	272 MILLIONS
ASSETS, end of 1902, over	60 MILLIONS
INCOME, during 1902, over	33 MILLIONS
PAID POLICY-HOLDERS, during 1902, over	9 MILLIONS
SURPLUS, over	9 MILLIONS
POLICIES IN FORCE, nearly	5 MILLIONS
INCREASE IN PAID-FOR INSURANCE IN FORCE, over	108 MILLIONS

MAKING THE GRAND TOTAL OF

Paid-for Insurance in Force over 800 Millions

Paid Policy-holders in 27 Years, nearly 68 Millions

Features of the Year's Administration were

MARKED REDUCTION IN EXPENSE RATE.
 INCREASED DIVIDENDS TO POLICY-HOLDERS.

The Progressive Management and the Judicious Care of, and Liberality in Dealing with, Policy-holders' Interests, have made this

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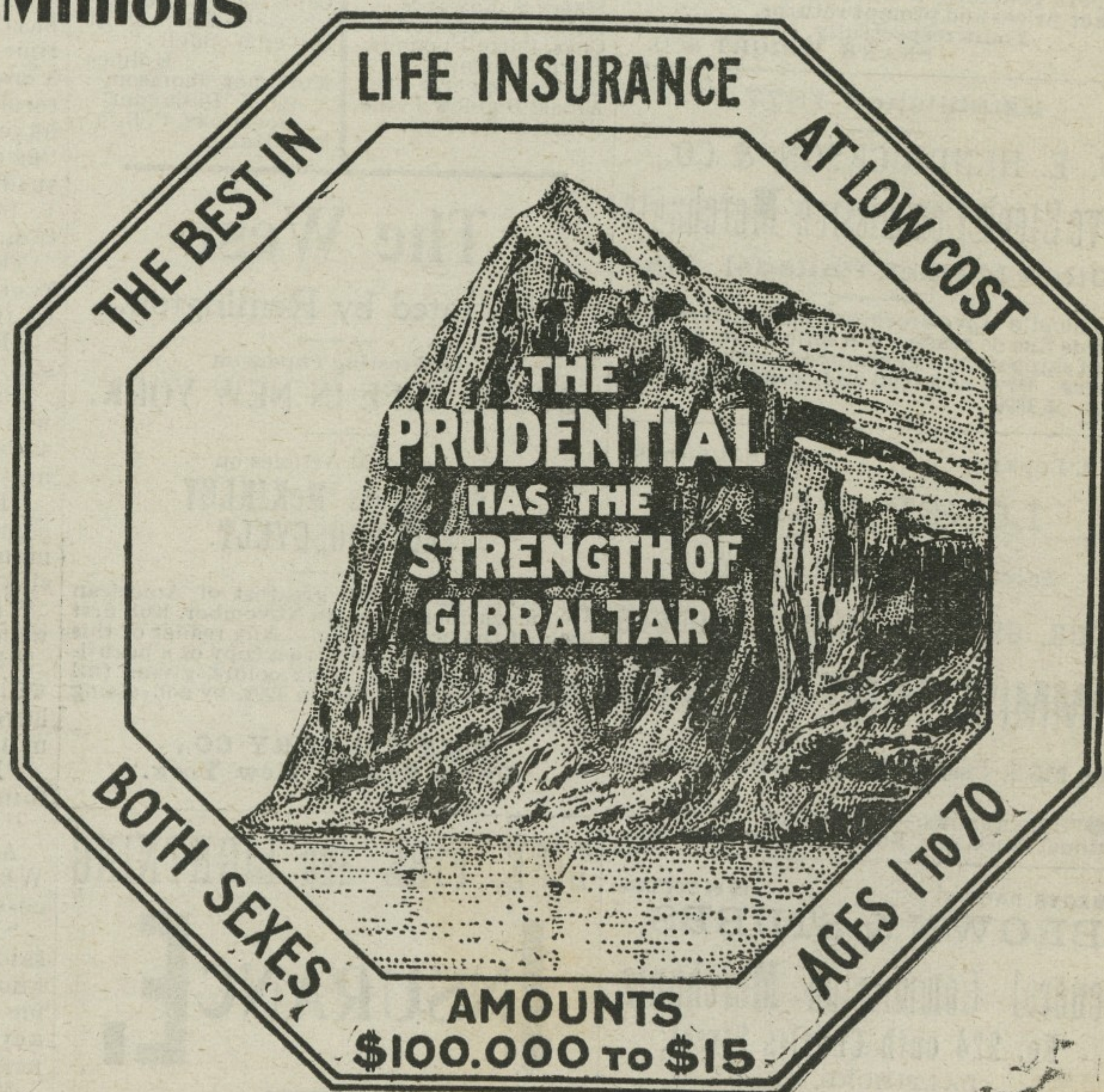
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