

INTER-INSURANCE IN WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

An instructive pamphlet on liability and workmen's compensation insurance on the reciprocal or inter-insurance plan has been written by P. Tecumseh Sherman of New York. It presents examples of frauds and abuses perpetrated in some inter-insurance ventures. First pointing out that reciprocal insurance and inter-insurance mean the same thing, it explains what reciprocal or inter-insurance is, and shows: That such insurance is not "Lloyds insurance;" that such insurance is not mutual insurance; that such insurance has the weaknesses of each of those two other forms of insurance, without the strong points of either. It explains the usual or common contract of reciprocal or inter-insurance, and shows that, under such contract, the manager or attorney-in-fact of a reciprocal exchange has a "great, soft snap", securing valuable rights without assuming corresponding responsibilities. The subscribers secure only dubious and difficultly enforceable rights to indemnity, and yet incur dangers of ruinous liabilities. Though the interests of the attorney are to a high degree adverse to those of his subscribers, yet the latter turn over an important part of their affairs to him, in blind trust, without any effective provision for supervision, check or control. It explains the necessity, for the protection of policyholders, of public supervision and regulation of all forms of insurance and the opportunities for easy frauds upon the public left open to insurance promoters by exemption therefrom; and then shows that reciprocal insurance has obtained special exemption in many States from all or practically all public regulation and supervision.—*Weekly Underwriter.*

ROYAL ARCANUM'S TROUBLES.

Desperate efforts are under way, says the Insurance Press, to increase the assessment rates of the Royal Arcanum and check the depletion of the emergency fund. In the judgment of the executive committee of the Supreme Council, the order must provide for actual, complete solvency and assured permanence or undertake to continue existence on a plan for plain, natural-premium, pay-as-you-go protection. The attention of the members has been directed to the fact that in no instance has an insurance institution been carried to permanent success on the pay-as-you-go basis.

At the annual session in May the Supreme Council failed to adopt a proposed increase of assessment rates, and therefore took a recess until September 6 for further consideration of the subject by a special committee.

FARMERS' FIRE INSURANCE.

Agents transacting a farm business would be well advised to point out to their clients at the present time the necessity of a revision of fire insurance policies in view of the rise in values. This rise in values affects many insurable things on the farm in addition to crops and live stock.

Fire companies are writing "war risks" on the Mexican border covering fire damage only due to war hazards at from 3 to 4 per cent.

MUNICIPAL PREVENTION, NOT CURE, WANTED.

Many cities and towns spend large sums for the equipment and maintenance of fire departments for the putting out of fires. This is obviously wise and proper, but apparently the same municipal authorities do not always realize that by requiring a proper inspection of the premises in their cities and the elimination of fire breeders they can accomplish as much in the reduction of fire waste, and possibly more, as by providing for the putting out of fires. It is important to be prepared to put out fires after they have started, but it is more important to prevent their starting. This can only be effected by the strict administration of modern building laws and a systematic inspection.

TEARING DOWN A STATE MONOPOLY.

The Ohio Supreme Court has just upset the claim made by the State Fund authorities that the Ohio Workmen's Compensation Act prohibited any transaction of business in the State by the liability insurance companies. The Court has decided that the ordinary industrial accident in Ohio may be insured against under policies issued to such employers as have been granted the privilege of self-insurance under the Ohio law. The effect of this is to permit Ohio employers who are dissatisfied with the operation of the State Fund and who can get permission to operate as self-insurers to re-insure the liability they thus assume, under a company contract.

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