Kent News

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PROHIBITION PAYS

The New York Times, in a somewhat comprehensive discussion of the "cost of prohibition" to the nation arrives at a figure of $177,716,860. This figure includes certain capital charges for the benefit of the Coast Guard. The expenditure covers eight years and is astonishingly small especially as no account is taken of direct offsets. Prof. Fisher, of Yale, says that indirectly prohibition has saved and added more than six billion dollars annually to the national wealth. This minimum estimate, multiplied by eight, gives the nation a profit of forty-eight billion dollars for its expenditure of $177,716,860 in prohibition enforcement.

LIFE COMPANIES REPORT MERGER

Consummation of the most important re-assurance transaction of recent years, is announced by the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada in their concluding arrangements for the absorption of the Western Union Life Insurance Company, of Spokane, Washington. The transaction represents $90,000,000 of assurances with $12,000,000 of assets, involving 30,000 policyholders.

The Western Union Life Insurance Company was incorporated under the laws of Washington on October 31, 1906, and commenced business November 23, 1906, and is licensed for business in the states of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

In the 21 years that the company has been doing business it has had a rapid, persistent, yet conservative growth. In 1924 the company was admitted to do business in the state of New York. This was the first far western company to enter the state of New York for many years. The officers of the company include:

R. L. Rutter, president, (who is also president of the Spokeane and Eastern Trust Company): M. H. Uncabher, vice-president and general manager; Ralph K. Hubbard, of New York, second vice-president; G. I. Toevs, secretary and treasurer.

The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada is now recognized as the greatest international life insurance company in the world. It is represented in Kent by E. Thomas Massey.

The investment policy of the Sun Life is to invest a large percentage of their assets in the outstanding institutions of the United States. At the present time these investments amount to over $175,000,000.

In view of the unique financial position of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, the re-assurance of the Western Union Life will result in great ultimate benefit to all of its 30,000 policyholders.

LONG HAIR AGAIN VOGUE FOR WOMEN

Long hair is again the vogue among women. Anthony Boch, president of the Philadelphia Hairdressers' Association, told members of the profession at the annual style show and trade exhibition of the association this week.

"Any one who doubts that long hair is coming back," he said, "can be convinced by going to the theatre when a fashionable audience is assembled. One can count the number of women's heads put up in artistic coiffure and contrast with this the number seen under similar circumstances a year ago. It is the girls from the fashionable strata of society, the co-eds, who are leading in this renaissance."

Large Cheese Family

There are 18 distinct varieties of cheese and more than 400 names applied to these varieties—usually the names are adapted from the places in which the cheese originated—Limburger, Neufchatel Roquefort, Camembert, etc. The milk of many different animals is used in cheese-making in various parts of the world. Cow's milk is by no means the only source Goats and sheep give their milk for cheese.—New Age Illustrated

Shortest Public Railway

The world's smallest public railway a 15-inch gauge type, runs from Romney, through the famous marshes to Hythe, Kent, England. The engines weighing about eight tons, have a speed up to 50 miles an hour with 25 coaches. The fare from one end of the line to the other, a distance of eight and a half miles, is 25 cents. A special train can be hired for $3.75.

Australia's Busy Station

At Central railway station, Sydney, Australia, more than 1,000 trains arrive and depart every 25 hours; approximately 250,000 people pass through it every day.

SHOREMAN SAYS HE'S KING PLOW KING

John Y. Doak, a farmer residing near Newark, Md., claims the honor of being the champion long distance plowman of the United States as a result of his feat of plowing an unbroken furror in the West, back in 1879 for a distance of 400 miles.

Tales of how a Government land locating agent had plowed an unbroken furrow in 1885, sixty miles long, recently made public prompted Doak to come forward with his own claim.

Doak said he was living in Kansas, and in the year 1879 he was one of a party of six plowman, who plowed six unbroken furrows from Wilson, Kansas, to Denver, Col., and back, a distance of about 400 miles.

"The six teams were accompanied" said Doak, "by a cook and a blacksmith and a portable cook shack. An average of 17 miles per day was made for the round trip. The furrows were plowed for the purpose of safeguarding the cattle ranges from fire."

Doak says that all of the champion plowman, with the exception of himself, are dead now.

Although the champion is in his seventies, he says he is ready to verify his record with a similar feat.

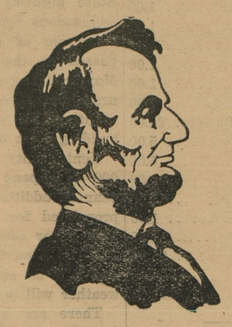
"Thief of Bagdad" At Lyceum Theatre

Douglas Fairbanks glorious fantasy of The Arabian Nights, "The Thief of Bagdad," will show at the Lyceum on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 16th and 17th.

Some interesting facts regarding the making of this extraordinary picture, are: The first scene was made July 5, 1923, and the last scene January 2 , 1924. Previous to actual "shooting," eight months were spent in research and planning. Over 20,000 feet of film, the equivalent of four ordinary five-reel pictures, was used in making tests of make-up and costume. The Bagdad set occupied about 6 acres of space; the bazaar set alone covered over two acres with a solid concrete floor four inches thick. This was enameled black and while being used was re-enameled several times a week. Being laid in so remote a period and environment, it was impossible to obtain props or costumes of the proper character without making them to order. Even the shoes for the thousands of extras were made to order. Some of the props were imported from the Orient, some reproduced from museum originals and some from old paintings.

Taking Shine From Cloth

To remove the shine from long used cloth, take an emery board or a piece of fine emery paper and rub it very gently with a rotary movement over the glossy surface. This raises the nap that constant rubbing has driven back into the material.



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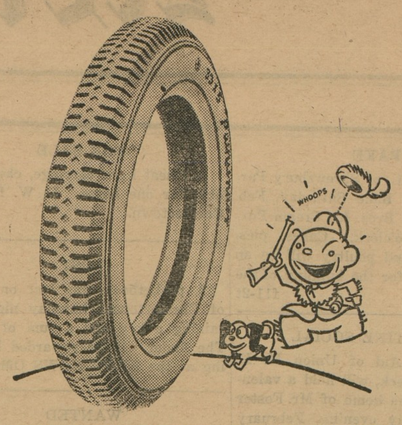

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