

EXTRAVAGANCE IS THIS COUNTRY'S GREATEST DANGER

Nation Cannot Long Endure if the Prodigality Continues.

SO SAYS INSURANCE MAN

What a Hindu Observed About Our Lack of Frugality.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Opening the tenth annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents here today, President W. A. Day of the Equitable Life Insurance Society sounded a warning against the extraordinary wastefulness of the American people.

"We rejoice that our people may now have many of the good things of life that were denied them years ago," he said, "but this nation cannot long wallow in luxuries and prodigality and endure. It is now a patriotic duty to join, so far as we consistently may, in an effort to assist in checking this destructive tendency."

"Life insurance officers are public servants in the highest sense of the term," said Mr. Day, "and their trust includes both the management of the insurance business and the savings of a vast army of people."

"I believe the time has come," he continued, "when we should be more assertive in protecting life insurance interests and that we should give a greater heed to the factors, public and private that tend to jeopardize or injure these interests."

"As I see it, we cannot longer view with indifference the great modern Americanism of extravagance. A well traveled Hindu is said to have said in recounting his impressions that of all the lands he had visited, the United States is the only one where the inside of a slice of bread is eaten and the crust thrown away. You know it used to be said that the average American home had an atmosphere of uncomplaining frugality in which the mental and moral attributes of our people were firmly knit and invigorated. It is not enough that we teach habits of thrift and saving by soliciting and selling life insurance protection, but an extra and permanent effort might profitably be made to check the extraordinary wastefulness of our people individually and collectively."

"The prosperity of our patrons necessarily interests us for with extravagance comes poverty and increases in policy borrowings and cash surrenders and the loss of insurance protection to numberless families. Extravagance not infrequently leads to excesses that result in ill health which contributes to the physical deterioration of the race.

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MONONGAH

To New York. Mrs. Milton Beck, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Honaker for the past few weeks, has gone to New York where her husband is transacting business. After a visit of about one week they will return to Monongah and later to their home in Alliance, O.

Monongah Wins. A number of the captains of the various teams in the Monongah duck pin league journeyed to Fairmont last evening where they met and defeated a team from the Pastime alleys by 36 pins. L. Satterfield was high man for Monongah. Among those who were in the game are L. Satterfield, J. Wolfe, H. Fleming, H. Fortney and C. McDonnell.

Persons. Mrs. L. M. Kuhn was a shopper in Fairmont yesterday afternoon. Miss Dana Miller was among the visitors in Fairmont this morning. Miss Davina Watkins is visiting Miss Wilma Wallace, of Edgemoor. Miss Blanche Killeen, a nurse in the St. Marys hospital of Clarksburg, was visiting her mother here during the week. H. B. Ross, of Pittsburgh, was in Monongah this morning as a business transactor.

FAIRMONT FIRM RELIEVED OF FINE

Congressman Neely Also Active in Interests of Mannington Man.

(Special Illustration by West Virginian) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Fines approximating \$1,000 assessed by the United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue against the Chicago Dairy Company, of Fairmont, which concern was penalized for selling oleomargarine without a license, have been rescinded by that official. This action was brought about by the intervention in behalf of the dairy concern by Congressman M. M. Neely. The institution of the case for the remission of the fine was made five months ago. Mr. Neely had the influence of a recommendation by S. A. Hays, collector of internal revenue for West Virginia to back him up in his plea that the penalty be withdrawn.

The committee on military affairs of the House has been requested by Congressman Neely to accord him an engagement so that he may appear before that body and speak in behalf of a favorable report on his bill to restore Capt. Crecy Sheppard, formerly of Mannington, W. Va., to the ordinance division of the army with full rank as of date when he resigned his commission. Since quitting the service Capt. Sheppard has been with the Remington Arms Co. and has been advanced to general superintendent of the plant of that corporation located at Bridgeport, Conn. Although he draws a salary in that position greater than any salary drawn by any officer in the army no matter how high his rank, Capt. Sheppard is not only willing, but anxious to make the monetary sacrifice to again enter the service of Uncle Sam. Although only twenty-nine years of age this young West Virginian is an ordnance expert of great reputation, and because of his acknowledged ability this bill of Major Neely to restore him to rank in the army has the backing of the chief of ordnance at the War Department. The date for the hearing on this bill has not yet been set.

City Hall Notes

It has come to the notice of the city officials that there is less danger of pedestrians slipping on the down hill side streets where enterprising merchants have strewn the street with cork than on the Main street of the city. The same was true last year. The Main street merchants claim that should the city spread sand or corks on the sidewalks it would be tracked into the stores. The city is considering asking the merchants to put up with this little inconvenience until the Christmas shopping days are over after which another system will be devised.

The city bonds, to be issued for the sum of \$760,000, will be printed by the purchaser as he sees fit to have them lithographed. The bonds as is well known, will be in certificates of \$1,000 each and there are many purchasers who have their own lithographing designs it will be left to them to do with the bonds as they please.

Engineers from all over the country seem to have heard that Fairmont is going to build a few new bridges. At least they have written here concerning the jobs. The selection of the engineer will take place during the next few weeks which time it will take to advertise the sale of the bonds.

FOOT AND MOUTH

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ly established in the United States as it has been in some countries." The source of the infection, which first showed itself near Niles, Michigan, in 1914, is still a mystery.

The taste for chocolate drops is growing in the United States by leaps and bounds. Last year it took 50 million more pounds than the year before to fill the local appetite. A total of 242,222,000 pounds was imported. There were the usual importations of the manufactured product and no increase in exported chocolate. It was just the acclimated sweet tooth of the great American consumer.

The Navy League of the United States has joined the Gifford Pinchot Conservativists in trying to head off the Pheasant raid on the Navy's oil reserves in California. This is a new line of patriotism for the Navy League one which if persisted in will help restore that organization to public confidence.

Save your sharks and gray-fish. Their hides are valuable. Owing to the high price of leather the government's Department of Commerce is experiencing in tanning the skins of these and other fish in the confidence that they will help make sister's shoes and father's wallet, not to mention martingales for artillery horses.

The one thing which the government Civil Service is always short is male stenographers and typists. In order to remedy this shortage the Civil Service has recommended with the approval of all government departments that the entrance salary for such workers be raised to \$1,000.

Clyde Tavenner of the 14th Illinois District failed of re-election by the narrow margin of 450 votes. A recount may show him elected. A special fight was made on Tavenner by all the war-profit interests. He had led the fight for a government armor plate plant and government manufacture of munitions generally; but in spite of the money dumped into his district Tavenner led the President by 5,000 votes, received 5,000 more votes than he ever received before, in a district which is normally Republican by from eight to twelve thousand votes.

Busy Right Off the Reel. The Big Sale Is On Sale of Manufacturers' Surplus Stocks

A MARVEL IN THE SCIENCE OF MODERN MERCHANDISING A GREAT SALE OF CLOTHING, HATS, SHOES, FURNISHINGS, ETC. For the complete out-fitting from head-to-foot of man, woman or child. Just think what this sale means to you in dollars & cents. Save

Join the Army of Shrewd Shoppers A-Going Undersellingward BLUMBERG BROS. CO. UNDERSELLING STORE MAIN ST. OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE FAIRMONT, W. VA. ORIGINATORS AND LEADERS OF LOW PRICES IN FAIRMONT. Warning! Don't wait until too late. We advise you to shop early Hurry Up!

Town Talk

Has Second Operation—Frank Itrk, who was operated on at Cook hospital five weeks ago for appendicitis underwent a second operation this morning and is in a serious condition. The young man is employed by the Weidobusch Plumbing company in this city.

Art Exhibit Today—The art exhibition being given under the auspices of the High and the Butcher schools at the High school building opened today and a large number of people viewed the 200 or more excellent reproductions of master pieces on exhibition. Tonight in connection with the exhibit a splendid program will be given by the pupils of the two schools and the price of admission will admit the holder of the ticket to the entertainment as well as to the exhibit. The pictures will be shown today, tomorrow and Saturday in the afternoons and evenings.

In West Penn Hospital—Edward Jones, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Jones, who has been ill for several weeks at his home here yesterday underwent an operation in the West Penn hospital in Pittsburgh for an abscess in his side. The abscess which had caused his illness, resulted from a carbuncle on his neck several months ago. The operation was performed by Dr. Acheson Stewart and was successful. Mr. Jones and Dr. W. H. Santis accompanied him there the latter returning last evening. Mr. Jones will return tomorrow and it is thought that Edward will get home for Christmas.

Mining Institute Vice President—Geo. T. Watson was re-elected vice president of the West Virginia Coal Mining Institute at the sixth annual meeting which ended in Huntington yesterday. C. H. Tarleton, also of this city, read a paper at the meeting on the means of fighting mine fires. Other officers elected at the institute were as follows: President, Josiah H. Kelly, of Kenova; vice president, E. N. Zern, of Morgantown; J. W. Bischoff, Elkins; C. A. Cabell, Charleston, and J. R. Cameron, Bluefield. Secretary-treasurer, Karl E. Schoew, of Huntington.

Tombstones for Veterans—Eleven tombstones for use in marking the graves of their departed members have been received by Pierpont Post of the G. A. R. and were sent here from Washington with the engraving completed. The stones will be erected over the graves in Maple Grove cemetery.

Will Pave Corner—The corner of Main and Monroe streets, the mud corner, will soon be cleaned and the sidewalk paved. Work will probably begin on this in the morning. The work will likely be done by the city and the costs assessed against Tom Devony who owns the property along which the muddy sidewalk runs.

Select Windows for Church—There will be a meeting of the building committee of the Presbyterian church tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock in the office of Finance Commissioner J. Walter Barnes at the municipal building. The committee will select from specimens submitted the windows for the new church. The work of five or six famous artists will be on hand.

Jailed for Selling—Sam Yaquinto, of Binamon, will spend the next 30 days of his life in the Marion county jail. He will do this for selling whiskey, being convicted of that charge by Justice of the Peace R. Leigh Fleming yesterday.

SHAVEN FUNERAL IS HELD TODAY

Popular Man Killed Near Place Brother Died 3 Years Ago.

The funeral of Fred Shaver, the idolized giant of Monongah, commonly known as "Buckeye," who was shot and killed in that town Monday afternoon, took place at the Coliseum opera house this afternoon at one o'clock. Because of his popularity among his companions almost the whole town turned out to pay tribute by attending the funeral.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Robinson, a Russellite from Burton, W. Va. After the services at the opera house, the body was taken to the Shaver cemetery near Monongah, where the internment was conducted by the Monongah order of Red Men. Members of the Monongah branch No. 131 Independent order of Odd Fellows, of the German Beneficial Union, and Degree of Peacelants each of which Shaver was a member attended the services in a body.

The deceased was an employee of the Consolidation Coal company. He is survived by one brother known as "Young Buckeye," who is now located at Annabelle, one sister, Mrs. Charles Leiving, of Monongah. He also leaves a wife and three children. Otis Shaver, the brother of the deceased, was shot and killed by an Italian three years ago while performing his duties as a Monongah policeman. This tragedy occurred only two hundred yards from the spot where the second brother was killed.

Relatives from Parkersburg attended the funeral. Undertaker Cunningham was in charge.

Williamson Hospital Chartered CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 14.—A certificate of incorporation has been issued by the Secretary of State to the Williamson Hospital Association of Williamson, Mingo county. It will operate a hospital and training school for nurses. The authorized capital is \$50,000, and the incorporators are Tom Nutenmacher, W. H. Burgess, G. T. Conley, H. R. Parker and R. A. Sallan, all of Williamson.

Notice to Physicians, School Teachers and Parents.

An epidemic of measles has made its appearance. Measles caused seven deaths in Fairmont last year.

- 1. Physicians must report their cases of measles promptly. 2. Teachers must report to the Medical Inspector any child which appears to have inflamed eyes or excessive cold in the head or any breaking out on the skin. 3. Parents or guardians must report all cases of measles in their homes when a physician has not been called. Every one should exert every care to keep children with the measles from coming in contact with others.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Jewelry Auction Sale OSCAR FEDERBUSCH

TWO SALES DAILY 100 MAIN STREET 2 P. M. AND 7 P. M. Do not miss this opportunity of buying your Xmas Gifts at your own price. Select any article in stock and we will put it up at auction, or you may buy privately and secure a discount of 20 per cent. We do our own engraving with no extra charge to you. A small deposit will reserve your bargain and they will be already engraved when you call for them. Our stock consists of diamonds, watches, jewelry, musical instruments and a complete line of ivory toilet articles and novelties. Federbusch Jewelry Store 100 MAIN STREET CORNER CLEVELAND AVENUE

Connellsville Man Dies From Injuries CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 14.—John Mollonar, blinded by the glare of a flashlight carried by a companion was run down by a coal car on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad at Van Meter, near here, last night, sustaining injuries from which he died early this morning.

PLAN INDEMNITY COMPANY CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 14.—It became known here that the manufacturers of the state are considering a plan for the establishment of an insurance corporation which will indemnify employees in the various industrial plants of West Virginia in the same manner as does the workmen's compensation department of the state. The proposed concern will be operated under the direction of the West Virginia Manufacturer Association, which will finance the proposition and pro-

vide the executive talent to operate it. The business is to be conducted on a co-operative basis. It has been suggested that more liberal compensation can be afforded at a less cost than that given by the state.

GEORGETOWN.

Rev. Chapman is holding a series of meetings at Hagens which has been in progress about three weeks with fourteen converts. Rev. G. W. White who went to fill

his appointment at Behler last Saturday while at Mr. Wright's fell through a screen door into the cellar breaking some ribs. Rev. White is in very bad shape and we hope for his speedy recovery.

Hueing Groves will organize a literary society next Friday week at Osgood.

The entertainment was well attended at Georgetown last Saturday night. Gilbert Thorne, of Morgantown, spent Sunday with Miss Kate Snider. Mildred Barker, of Morgantown, spent Sunday with Mrs. Will Snider.

Tomorrow Friday December 15. IDEAL 5 Part Pathe Photodrama THEATRE A GIRL is forced by circumstances to become an enemy of society. A man is expected to "Sow his wild oats." Will society let a woman live down a mistake? You will sympathize with her in the powerful succession of scenes comprizing A WOMAN'S FIGHT No children under 16. Admission 15c.

Ross Furniture Co. Practical Gifts Furniture Worth Living With Mineature Furniture Just Arrived that will mlike kiddies happy. Dressers, dressing tables, desks, table chairs, chiffoniers in fact a kiddie furniture store, not exactly toy furniture, some of it large enough for practical use. Finishes, white, ivory and oak. Splendid designs, best construction in period dining room suits including Queen Anne, William and Mary. These suits were bought for our fall trade but were late in reaching us. We will make special concessions on three William and Mary designs. A Wonderful Display of those things that add to the comfort and the beauty of the home make appropriate gifts. Fireside chairs, Morris chairs, including the Royal push button chair and rockers in great numbers, lamps, stools, etc. BUICK MOTOR DELIVERY Ross Furniture Co. Masonic Temple Furniture Worth Living With.