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END OF KU KLUX KLAN NOW SEEN

MILLIONS OF "WETS" APPEAL TO CONGRESS FOR A CHANGE

Legislators Asked To "Haul Down The Flag" Raised By The U. S. Anti-Saloon League

NEWSPAPER POLL OF NATION STARTED

Appears That Sentiment Of Nation Completely Changed Since Volstead Act Became Effective—Even Country Folks Now Against Drastic Law—All Attempts At Enforcement Unavailable And Impracticable.

The Wets, which no doubt include a considerable part of more than half the nation's population, have encouraged their representatives in Washington to an extent that without doubt the next congressional campaign will be carried on in almost every state in the union exclusively on the wet and dry question.

The question cannot be longer evaded even in states that are considered almost altogether wet, or in others that are equally presumed to be dry. Those in the senate and house of representatives who by their energetic activities have brought a modification of the Volstead Act to the front are encouraged by the fact that their constituents, by the hundreds of thousands have written them to the effect that they deem it wise to modify the Volstead Act. Not only that but other thousands have petitioned that the Eighteenth Amendment be done away with altogether.

The house "Alcoholic" committee which is looking into matters concerning the modification of the law is known to be bone dry and will bring in a 100 per cent recommendation against a change of any kind.

But that should not and will not deter those in the House or Senate from bringing a Modification bill before the two houses. Without doubt the matter which is so vital to the American public will be argued pro and con at this session, perhaps without results but will eventually in making every congressional and senatorial aspirant show their colors during the coming campaign.

Farm problems, labor, world, court and other affairs will enter into the political arguments but will only be of passing interest to the masses. The public wants to know just where every one aspiring to office stands on

WEEK OF WONDERFUL WINDOWS THIS WEEK FINER AND BETTER THAN BEFORE

Street Dancing Again Features Opening Night—Out-Of-Town Merchants And Their Wives Glorify In Gorgeous Displays Put On By The Merchants—Claimed That Show Windows Best Decorated In Country.

The week of Wonderful Windows is drawing to a close after a most successful season from the standpoint of the merchant as well as the public in general. The weather favored the crowds on opening night which were given a series of free entertainments and dances which they enjoyed between acts. Between acts meaning said crowds first entertained themselves by inspecting the wondrous windows, then were entertained by various bands and orchestras after which they hid themselves to the center of the street to enjoy an evening of terpsichorean entertainment, the Charleston however being conspicuous by its absence.

Crowds have diminished little if any during the week and merchants have reported unusual sales on the better class of merchandise during the week. It is understood that the various business houses will put on a bargain sale of their higher priced merchandise for Saturday night, when the show closes.

Sponsors for the show wondered how they would be able to attract the attention of the men. The answer was found in a score of exhibits of living models. Any number of sales girls strutted about in the various windows displaying everything from "almost nothing" to gorgeously decorated spring coats and gowns.

Fashion week brought to the front the very best of talent of the window dressers engaged by the various firms which are assisting and making Wonderful Window Show Week a splendid success. Modesty of the window dressers themselves makes it impossible to praise them individually, so whatever is said must be said of the stores having the exhibits which have attracted state-wide attention this week.

Awards are to be made or perhaps already have been made to stores arranging the most attractive and best

Deal Finally Made For New Million Dollar Orpheum Theatre

Building To Be Wrecked And Work Started On The New Theatre Immediately After Present Theatrical Season.

After negotiations lasting over a period of several months Mort H. Singer, vice-president and B. B. Kahane, secretary of the Orpheum Theatre Circuit made final arrangements with Rufus E. Lee whereby the Orpheum owners is to begin just as soon as the season is closed to build a million dollar theatre on the present site, the main entrance through the City National Bank Building.

Plans call for one of the most elaborate and up-to-date theatres in America. With the completion of the Orpheum, the Blank and the World Realty theatres now either under construction or soon to be, this Gate City of the west will be able to boast of three, million dollar theatres and of which no other city of similar size in America can equally boast.

Mr. Lee, who lately purchased the City National Bank Building and other local properties in commenting on the deal said the building will also cover the Barker property and the Reichenberg property adjoining.

The theatre when completed will occupy all of the block east of the City National Bank and the architects are to embody special features unknown to any other theatre in America. Wrecking of the old building will start immediately after the present theatrical season has closed and the new and magnificent Orpheum of the future will be completed in about one year.

Of great interest to the theatre goers of Omaha and vicinity is the fact that when the new building is completed there will be 630 performances per year, meaning of course that the house will never be dark and that they will compete with other amusement houses during the summer months.

Before the deal was finally culminated there were many legal affairs to be thrashed out which were successfully handled by Isidor Ziegler for the Orpheum Circuit, C. J. Baird for the City National Bank and Gaines, Van Orsdel & Gaines for the State Bank of Omaha.

Scores Pay Tribute To Dr. Jos. McCann

Well Known Dentist Member Of Well Known Family Dies After Painful Sickness Lasting More Than Two Months.

Jos McCann one of the very finest men who ever made his home in Omaha has passed to the Great Beyond. Last rites were held Monday morning at St. Peter's church where high mass was celebrated. Mr. McCann who now follows in the great graveyard procession of his brother Billie was laid away alongside his popular brother last Monday.

The doctor whom we must call Joe on this occasion went down into death from a nervous breakdown. He had been a resident of Omaha for 35 years and is survived by his half brother A. V. McConnell, former Omaha druggist and several sisters residing in Chicago.

Joe went down into the Valley of Death with a smile on his face and as the priest was administering the last sacraments as the Light of Life went out, Jesus Christ sitting at the footstool of the Great Engineer, whom we call God, beckoned unto his soul and said, "come unto me".

In the early days Dr. McCann and his brother Billie ran a cigar store near Sixteenth and Davenport where now stands the Loyal Hotel. This was during the Trans-Mississippi exposition during which time they made good. Later their endeavors were directed into other channels, Joe, going to Creighton where he graduated as a dentist under more or less adverse conditions.

Joe is gone, but his splendid spirit of charity and generosity lives on and will live on forever and forever.

JOHN KILMARTIN HAD GREAT TIME AT AUDITORIUM TUESDAY

See who is in the news columns again. None other than John Kilmartin, boxing commissioner. One Daily, records the fact that John rushed in on an Amateur Baseball association meeting at the Auditorium and started out to run the show. Sans coat. With hair flowing wildly he started to put on a party of his own according to the report.

AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mediator has changed ownership. From this time on, the owners of the paper will be The Mediator Publishing company, a partnership, composed of persons who are not and do not owe any responsibility to the public to make their personality known. An editor of responsibility and one who will receive the undivided confidence of the public will be later announced and the name will appear at the head of the editorial page. The former Editor, Edwin L. Huntley, may or may not be given employment by the paper, in such capacity as the new owners sees fit.

In the meantime The Mediator, as it has always done, will attempt to serve the public in a manner befitting its record in the past, and which has given the people the news, regardless of whom it may affect. This is the policy of the paper, which has always enjoyed the reputation of printing the news, regardless of whom it may concern. This explanation is given to the people, in order that they may know just what to expect. The clientele of The Mediator has always been of a high order and includes the best people in Omaha. They may rest assured there will be no radical change, regardless of reports.

In the meantime, it is suggested to the people who have been our friends, that here is hoping there will be no cause for a change. The Mediator will not be the cause if any change of relations should come.

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New Fire Alarm System Investigated

The American District Telegraph Company's representative, H. L. O'Brien has been demonstrating a new fire alarm system to Fire Chief Martin Dineen and others interested parties. The new fire alarms may sooner or later be bought and installed here. The owners of the patent rights claim that its dedicate and almost human-like workings is the enemy of spontaneous combustion.

Walnut Hill School Bids March 25

The school board will receive bids on the proposed Walnut Hill school on March 25 according to the decision reached by the committee on buildings and grounds the early part of the week. If they are successful in trimming down the estimated cost tax payers may put another feather in their financial hat.

Our private opinion is that the failure thus far has been due to trying to mop up the Prohibition leak with a lot of bungstarters appointees. — Dallas News.

DOINGS IN OMAHA FIFTY YEARS AGO

Mat Boylan said he was glad of it when his wife got a divorce. Mat had a great story of his wife about The Mediator, and she worked it off on the court.

Charley Peska, at one time champion steer roper, changed his profession. He is now one of the best salesmen in his line in the country. Charley was talking of disposing of his big Benson ranch.

Dora Talley was not to be interviewed on the report that the Woodmen Circle was about to take another quarter century. She admitted she might be dead before the quarter was up.

There was a report current that the firm of LeBron & Gray, electrical wizards, was about to organize a million dollar electrical business, with headquarters in Omaha. Mr. LeBron would not affirm or deny the report and his partner, Grey, was equally reticent.

Old Man Meyers was still selling grape juice. That is what he called it, at any rate. Meyers was a great beer salesman in his time, but time put him out of business.

Harold Chambers thought he could set the world on fire selling a popular priced automobile and tried to do it. Oh, well, Harold is on the job, making up reports for a packing house now. His friends agreed that was a good place for him.

Youth Charged With Assaulting Instructor Tried At Alliance

Lots of funny things happen out in Alliance, Nebraska. Just at this time it is noted that Carl Leathers, a high school youth who was recently charged with assaulting Miss Emma J. Outhier a high school instructor out in that western Nebraska town, was tried before Judge Tash last Monday morning. Stories in years past came to the attention of Omaha papers telling of how an Alliance banker or bankers put over a raw deal on a certain land holder, who, according to his claim was gipped not only out of all property but of all the money he possessed. Whether or not the party had just cause for his allegations is not known and apparently was never proven by him. Whether this man who lost his acreage through hook and crook will probably never be known, whether he lost his holdings legitimately will also never be known. Scores of people out in that country will always be under the impression that a great wrong was done to the land holder.

Bess Is A Good Scout Even If She Is Sort Of Bad Egg

Bess Williams who sustained minor injuries Sunday night, while riding about town with "Blondy" Fennell, has had quite a colorful career. She is still young and full of pep and has a method all her own when it comes to protecting herself.

Some few weeks ago after a heated argument she made a human sieve out of Grace Leeper who got in the way of her revolver. She shot up Grace in such a manner the bystanders thought there was another world war starting, and she got away with it.

Those who have a personal acquaintance with Bess will swear by all that is good and holy that she is not only a good fellow but a regular one and a woman who can be relied upon. Bess' motto is "I will leave you alone, if you leave me alone."

ONLY UNITED STATES STAYS OUT OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Germany is willing to join the league of nations, she, however wants to join it her way. Her way does not seem to suit Europe's leading statesmen who quit an important conference without reaching an agreement concerning the status of the ex-emperors empire as it concerns the entering of the league.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion among the delegated authorities at Geneva that Spain was almost certain of a permanent seat almost immediately.

Should Germany be admitted to the League on equal footing with the rest of the world it only remains for the United States to enter in order that world peace shall be forever secured.

WASH. BASEBALL CLUB ON THE BUM BY ELIMINATING SUNDAY BASEBALL

Washington, is without doubt the most unfortunate city in the United States. There the Senators and Representatives control all civic activities. It is bad enough for the rest of the cities and the forty-eight states that congress has the power to wield such a forceful hammer over the various states much less the city in which is located the seat of government.

Senators unable to attract themselves to the nation's millions or even to their own state's clientele step out of their way to introduce some act, no matter what kind, to knock the city of Washington.

Just now several of them are introducing or expect to introduce Blue laws for the District of Columbia. Already one representative, Edwards by name, a democrat of Georgia, has introduced a bill which if enacted into a law would close Sunday theatres, public dance halls and all "other places where commercialized sports and amusements are carried on."

Other similar fanatics have or are figuring on introducing similar bills which if enacted into a law would practically mean the end of baseball in the national capital. No city of the size of Washington can survive and at the same time give their patrons a high class of sport without the shekels that come in during Sunday games.

Bucky Harris piloting the Senators for Mister Griffith and company after two years of strenuous work has built up the team through the combination of sheer ability to put his men through the paces, plus the dollars which were willingly paid out by the management in order to secure such high class talent.

These phoney reformers of the Capitol city point to the fact that the Blue Laws of Pennsylvania kept Sunday baseball out of Philadelphia and

OUTLAW ORGANIZATION ON THE DOWN GRADE IN THE WEST

Anti-Klansmen, Running For School Board In Logan, Iowa, Win By Very Large Majority

KLUXERS DISBANDING IN MANY CITIES

Texas Only One Left Where Klan Is Real Menace To American Freedom And Citizenship—People Getting On To Their Game Much As They Did The Anti-Saloon League—Breakup Of Hooded Outfit Is Predicted.

The Ku Klux Klan is fading into oblivion, even in that hot bed of the hooded organization, Iowa. This statement was proven quite conclusively last Monday when Mrs. Mable Allen and B. J. Wood running on an anti-Klan ticket were returned to the school board by a vote of almost two to one. The election was probably the most substantial slap the Klan has received in the smaller communities of the hawkeye state, since the organization of that outlaw body.

There was not a single question concerning school policies or anything else raised except the one "are you for or against the Klan". This all important question was answered in a most substantial manner when 490 voters showed their true American spirit and voted to keep the school board clear of Klan influences.

In the meantime the other 253 voters co-operated with the Ku Klux Klan candidates. It will no doubt be interesting to thousands of our readers in the country towns of Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa to know that the election hinged on an advertisement published in behalf of Mrs. Allen and Mr. Wood which was to the effect that only one important issue at stake and that one was Klan control of Logan's schools. An important item in the advertisement told the newspaper's readers that two of the five board members were Klan members and that only one more was needed to put the control of the schools under the management and dictation of the Ku Klux Klan.

The issue being so plain and the facts being advertised in such a manner that every voter in the district could not help but note them, it is with great pleasure that believers in popular government learned to their great edification that after all Americans and in the end vote their true sentiments.

It has come to the attention of the paper that several rather prominent business and professional men are boasting that they have the local chapter, or whatever they call it, of the Ku Klux Klan tied up in their political vest pocket at the same time some of the garden varieties of humans seems to be backing out of the organization, which at times tars and feathers and kills while its head officers sell their seats in the high councils of the organization for a pot of gold.

It is claimed that the local Kleagle rules his Omaha tribe with an iron hand. Caesar also wanted to become dictator of the world and partially succeeded for a time. Then he met his master who with others not only cut down Caesar physically but cut down the power of the Caesars politically.

Officials of the Ku Klux Klan are even now finding out that their unprincipled dictatorial methods will not be much longer tolerated by recent thinking Americans. So long as things have been prosperous for those who take but not make the money within the organization they have been sitting pretty, but the reckoning day always comes and they will soon find themselves without the pole.

Then will come the reaction and the grafters who have taken honest men's dollars by the hundreds and by the thousands will find themselves out in the cold perhaps to be doubly punished for the sins committed against the poor devils, who with the best of intentions in the world have contributed to the cause of the organization or rather to its officers and officials.

In common with the decisive defeat (Continued on page 4)

FAKE REFORMERS ATTEMPT TO KILL OFF NATIONAL GAME IN THE EAST

Would Put The Washington Club On The Bum By Eliminating Sunday Baseball—Should They Succeed In Their Efforts—Effect Would Eventually Be Bad On Minor Leagues In Cities Where Fanatics Rule.

Pittsburg claiming that they made money with all that, which is true. Conditions in Connie Mack's and McKechnies' territories are vastly different from those in Washington or towns yet smaller.

The baseball magnets of Philadelphia have nearly two million people to cater to while the Dryfus tribe has more than one million prospective baseball fans in the Smoky city's trade territory. For the past twenty years retail and wholesale stores as well as all of the other various interests employing red blooded men and women, have closed their places of business at noon on Saturday, practically making that day a legal holiday. Thus the baseball interests in these two great metropolitan cities were able to get by.

Not so with a comparatively small city like Washington, half of whose population is composed of governmental officials who as a general thing make it a point to leave town for the week end. So it is that owner Griffith must depend largely on the permanent population for support. This reform story interests western baseball fans only to the extent that their favorite clubs may be assailed by some such similar fanatic organization.

While on the subject of baseball it is not amiss to call our reader's attention to the fact that Theodore Thrane an Omaha sandlotter picked up by Barney Burch is going great guns down at the training camp in Orange, Texas. This young infielder is almost sure to make the grade this year if reports from the southern training camp are reliable. Thrane is not only shortstopping like a man of more experience than he has had but is hitting the old apple like a George Sisler.

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THE DRYS ARE ON THE RUN.

The resolution passed by the committee of 5,000 opposing the dry poll is a straw which shows the way the wind is blowing. The drys are on the run and afraid to face the music. The resolution was signed by most of the same old bunch; H. L. Mossman, C. C. Crowell, C. F. Harrison, Arthur Atack, Hugh McIntosh, T. B. Murray, D. H. Bowman, J. W. Rapp, E. E. Thomas, W. T. Graham. The wets will have to overcome the strenuous objections of some 12 millions of women, members of various national womens organization if they are to put over their light wines and beer program. At first glance this looks like an insurmountable obstacle, but on second thought such opposition is met by the unorganized woman of America who are just as enthusiastic for the repeal of the Volstead law as are the zealots who would force their narrow minded opinion on a congress composed of men who are nervous, afraid and without backbone.

It is reasonable to assume that more men voters in a referendum would be for a change in the present law than would there be women to retain it. Many congressmen, who have been interviewed in late months, declare that in the future they are going to be masters of their own opinion as well as of their own destiny. If they have the moral stamina to hold out then it is reasonably certain that before the next session of congress will have ended a light wines and beer bill will have been put into the statute books of the nation and the prohibition question practically ended for the time being.

In reality however the prohibition question will be a thorn in the side of all Americans as long as the Eighteenth Amendment is law. Such men as Wayne B. Wheeler and others of his grafting ilk will see to it that the agitation on the subject is never dropped. Their ability to collect coin of the realm in such easy fashion as is and has been, employed is all too easy for the officials who get in on the money to pass up an opportunity that would spell the end of their high binding tactics.

The Committee of 5,000 are equally interested in keeping prohibition on the books and in agitating that it remain law, probably not because they are enthusiastic over its enforcement but that they can get the moral and financial support of the protestant churches, especially the financial support.

Those wishing a good laugh will read closely the resolution issued by the Committee of 5 or is it 5,000. Its a peach. Even though you have read it, read it over again. Here it is:

"The committee of 5,000, a law enforcement and good government organization of Omaha, advises all voters to take no part in the poll on the prohibition question now being conducted by a syndicate of newspapers.

This is not a criticism of all the papers, as some of them have fought the battles of the drys in the past, but we believe are making a mistake at this time and unintentionally aiding the propaganda of the wets."

"It is alleged that 700 newspapers are joining in the pool. The purpose of it is to create an overwhelming sentiment against prohibition. The vote will not rise any higher than the source from which it springs.

"Prohibition is now a part of the constitution. We stand by the whole constitution. It would be foolish to vote for that which is already the fundamental law of the land, and which will not be repealed or nullified."

"The effect of this poll will be to make it much harder to enforce the law. It will tend to build up a rebellious spirit in the minds of those who demand the return of the saloon. The drys should ignore the poll and defeat its purpose."

All of which propaganda goes to show that the League is on the run and does not know where they are going to get off, even at this session of congress, much less the next one.

Secretary High of the state Anti-Saloon league declares that he will use all forces within his power to keep the present supposed to be Wet propaganda and further more will do what he can for the cause of so-called prohibition. His efforts along enforcement lines have been somewhat of a joke to those who know him personally, according to reports coming into Omaha and other state Metropolitan Centers.

KEEP WATERWAY ISSUE STRAIGHT

From the first there has been no merit in the proposal to substitute a deepened barge canal through New York state for the St. Lawrence waterway. It was simply something thought up when New York's contention that the west did not need a waterway was knocked flat. New York, of course, would like to keep choking the commerce of the interior through its bottle neck for the tolls that can be extracted. So when it could no longer be denied that the interior needed an unobstructed way to the sea, this "all-American" route was proposed. It was to be "all-American" as opposed to the St. Lawrence "foreign" route. Thus patriotism was also to be commercialized in the effort to put over this scheme to block the St. Lawrence.

The thing has been well staged. A boat went from Duluth through this canal to New York, and an acting mayor of Gotham with much ceremony received a gift of a barrel of flour and a tub of butter. There was much hullabaloo about it, but no mention was

made by His Honor that the boat was loaded lightly, and that it had to have a trick rudder to get around the sharp turns, as well as collapsible stacks and upper decks. Now, however, an official surveying board reports that the proposed deepened canal would be uneconomic.

It was absurd to propose substituting 100 miles of silt-plagued channels and a zig-zag route to Europe for the broad, deep, short cut by the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence. And we ought to be careful that nobody is fooled any more by similar talk. It should be kept clearly in mind that the St. Lawrence proposition is a proposal to bring seven out of eight ships that now come to our seaports directly to the door of the interior and to the service of states to the south.

We should not become confused about Mississippi valley barge lines. Barges have a purpose to serve. But no ocean-going vessels will navigate a nine-foot channel. The river will not hold enough barges to take care of the commerce of these valley states that could better go by water. The economical way to Europe is not by barge to New Orleans with transfer at that city to real boats, and up nearly the full length on our Atlantic coast before heading for Europe. The economic way is through lake ports and almost straight across to drop anchor in European harbors.

Inability to understand this difference apparently explains why Secretary Davis, of the war department, talks about the military need of connecting the Great Lakes and the Atlantic ocean wholly within American territory. A lot of good this crooked ditch would be in an emergency when, as Mr. Davis says, "Delay caused by congestion of (rail and highway) transportation facilities may have a decisive military effect." If all our motor trucks and our railroads cannot carry supplies to the coast fast enough of what help would be a waterway so narrow in places that if a good sized barge started up, all the other barges would have to wait for it to come back before the next one could start through.

THE CHILDREN'S POET

There is a new shrine to American childhood down in Kenilworth, a suburb of Chicago. There in a little churchyard to rest for all time have been laid the ashes of Eugene Field, the children's poet. There the children of America may well come with devotion, for Field, more than any other American, spoke their language and touched the chords of our feelings towards them. Contrast the conception of childhood today with that it was 50 years ago. Then childhood was looked upon as something to be straitjacketed and exploited. Physical punishment was the rule. There was little attempt to understand the child mind or to grant that the child was rights. Today we have our shortcomings in dealing with children, but at least we try to sympathize and to understand. Why? Because a sweetvoiced and mild-mannered man came to us and spoke of childhood as no man had ever spoken before. Little Boy Blue, The Sugar Plum Tree and a hundred other of Field's poems will live so long as they live we shall never return to the old conception of childhood.

THEY ALL EXPLAIN

If the stock market had been going up instead of down the other day, inspired partisans no doubt would have said, "See, Mr. Mellon knew what he was talking about when he said that to take the taxes off the immensely rich would stimulate business. Hurray, for Alexander Hamilton!" The crash in the stock market followed close on the heels of Mr. Mellon's tax reduction, and Mr. Mellon, Mr. Coolidge and Mr. Hoover have all been busy since explaining that the crash doesn't mean anything to business in general. Probably that is true. But the gentlemen are losing an excellent opportunity to give the federal reserve act, even thought it is not a child of their political party, some well desired praise. In other days, when our financial institutions were like a row of blocks, such a shakeup in the market most likely would have started the presses to turning off script.

THE QUESTION MITCHELL RAISES

Gen. Mitchell believed air defenses were going so badly that they justified a protest at all costs. He made his protest and found himself in Texas. Then he made it in language that had to be taken account of, risking and in the end accepting virtual discharge from the army. Many who believe he went too far, and do not see how the military service could overlook his course, will agree that he must have felt very deeply the situation against which he protested.

The charges Gen. Mitchell makes are two. One is that in air defense we are weak and getting weaker, losing good men who the war experience and not replacing them with others as good. We entrust, Gen. Mitchell declares, the question of what kind of air force and how much air defense we shall have to men whose only first-hand knowledge is of terra firma or sea water—good men, but men who do not realize how the conquest of the air has changed the problem of defense. There is point to this warning. The army and navy have seen and are asking for large appropriations for air programs to be in the hands of men who have driven planes and have understood what it meant when large and small vessels were sunk by bombs from the air.

The second part of Gen. Mitchell's indictment is that commercially we are far behind other nations in the use of the air. Everyone knows that is true. And it has this important connection with defense. What we make for commercial purposes we improve constantly and rapidly. And commercial production means production on a real basis if sudden need arises to equip an army. The worst fault with the preparedness of the United States in every war has been that we could not supply the army we immediately needed with the equipment prescribed for its use, from pistols to artillery. The country would like to see a program for civil aviation that would bring us somewhere near to the advance made by progressive nations overseas.

His Teeth in His Lungs Send Man to Hospitals

New York.—Attacked by a violent spell of coughing, Conrad Wimler, 187 Thirty-second street, Brooklyn, swallowed his upper teeth. His wife took him to Norwegian hospital, but physicians there were unable to locate the plate and suggested that Wimler return home until later, when an X-ray could be taken and the teeth removed. He returned home, but the pain became so intense that his wife took him to the Brooklyn Eye and Ear hospital. Physicians there said the work would require specialists and advised him to go home and wait until 9 o'clock. Wimler did.

At 9 o'clock he again appeared, so weak that he was put to bed while the pulmonary region was X-rayed. Late that night the plate with a full set of teeth was removed by Dr. John Auwerda, fourteen hours after Wimler had swallowed them. Neither the plate nor Wimler's throat were injured.

Famous French Palace
St. Germain is near Paris, France. The palace here was begun by King Louis the Fat in 1124, and enlarged and embellished by his successors, especially by Francis I., Henry IV., and Louis XIV. After James II. of England fled from the kingdom to France at the time of the revolution of 1689, he was housed in this palace and lived there a pensioner of the king of France until his death on September 15, 1701.

The Ruby-Throat
The ruby-throat is a humming bird. It is the only hummer that makes its summer home in the United States east of the Mississippi river. Frequently one is likely to hear that two kinds of humming birds have been seen in some eastern garden. Well the "two kinds" are simply the male and female of the ruby-throated species.

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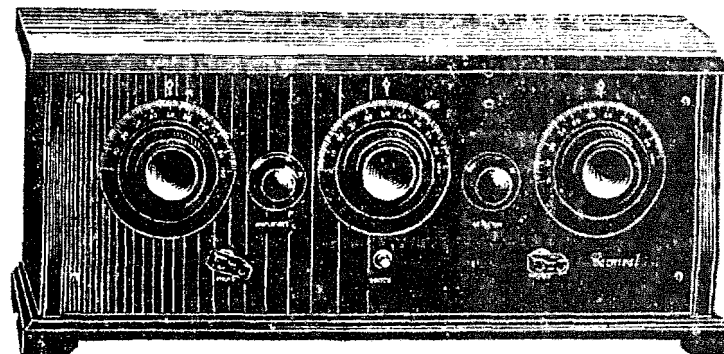
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Dorothy Mackaill Awarded Role In New First National Picture As World's First Michael Arlen Film Heroine

Beautiful Star Named "Dancer Of Paris" After Author's Qualifications Eliminate All Others.

To Dorothy Mackaill, popular star of First National pictures, has fallen the honor of enacting the first Michael Arlen heroine to reach the silver screen. She appears as the dancer, Consuelo, in "The Dancer of Paris," presented by Robert T. Kane in this production, starring Conway Tearle, popular idol of the screen.

Kane and his director, Alfred A. Santell, searched long for a suitable actress to fill the exacting title role of the story.

Arlen, in his tale, describes Consuelo as follows:

"Who in the world was ever more vividly, more magnificently alive than that golden lady, she who was called the dancer of Paris?"

"Her bank manager stood at attention when speaking to her."

"She wore clothes so that French women looked like Englishwomen."

"But, say, this girl is hard. She's

as hard as a diamond."

In addition to selecting an actress who could characterize "The Dancer of Paris" according to these descriptions, Kane was faced with the additional problem of finding an actress who could dance.

Many were called and none were chosen before Miss Mackaill was discovered as available for the part. Then the problem became easy. She was immediately accepted for the role.

Director Santell, incidentally, has brought a new Dorothy Mackaill to the screen. In the greater part of her characterization she appears with her hair slicked back. Only a few waves prevent it from assuming a patent leather look. In fact, she is so much the Dancer of Paris as Michael Arlen has described her that it is hard to believe that the role was not written expressly for her.

Others who appear in the cast of "Dancer of Paris" which comes to the Rialto theatre, Saturday are Robert Cain, Henry Vibart and Charles Craig.

RAINBOW? SH-H! DON'T SAY IT TO JOHNNY HINES

Careen Comic Associates Word With Thrilling Screening Of "Rainbow Riley," His Latest Comedy.

Don't ever mention the word "rainbow" to Johnny Hines. If you do make sure you're wearing a coat of steel armor. Here's why:

While filming "Rainbow Riley," Johnny's latest starring feature for First National, at Delaware Water Gap in Pennsylvania, Johnny was called upon to drive a 1901 Oldsmobile down a narrow mountain road, which he did. So great was the momentum on the downhill grade that Johnny applied the footbrakes, but the rickety old car refused to heed the signal and kept up its mad course to destruction.

By this time the velocity of the decrepit speed wagon had increased to such proportions that Johnny decided to jump for his life, and it was lucky that he did, for immediately thereafter the two front wheels collapsed. The car continued rolling and tumbling down hill until it careened over the mountain side. That incident or accident was number one.

Number two occurred three days later, when Char-Bino, while testing a 900 foot cable by means of which Johnny negotiates a swing for life over a 700 foot chasm, missed his hold as he swung across the gorge and crashed into a tree with the full force of the powerful cable behind him and almost smashed the right side of his body.

Apparently not to be outdone by these narrow escapes and probably imbued with the do or die spirit that seemed to be so rampant in the making of "Rainbow Riley," Charles Hines, Johnny's brother and director, during one of the mountain feud scenes got right up close to the scene where a host of mountaineers were shooting themselves all over the set with blank cartridges, and came dangerously close to suffering permanent injury when part of the metallic substance of a shell broke off and struck him on the left cheek, inflicting a painful wound. But even that wasn't all.

Accident number four occurred a day later, when Lillian Ardell, during a comedy back-to-nature aesthetic dance in her bare feet, stubbed her large toe and catapulted her head against an immovable rock. She provided more business for the local doctor. By this time the entire company went on a rabbit shooting expedition to secure a supply of rabbits' legs for good luck. The fact that they were not successful in this quest probably led to accident five on the program, when, in a wild chase through mountain trails, Bende and Harlan Knight were hurled off their horses. The funniest part of it all was the fact that Bradley Barker, who plays the heavy in "Rainbow Riley," was about the only one who escaped the casualty list.

Yet, despite all the accidents, Johnny feels that it is a good omen, since a similar batch of trouble occurred during the filming of "Conductor 1492," "The Crackjack" and "The Live Wire," each of which proved to be outstandingly good pictures.

"Rainbow Riley" is booked for the Strand theatre during the week of March 13th.

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LITTLE ITALY RESIDENT SOAKED ON NEBRASKA "PINT OF LIQUOR" LAW

The law finally got Sam Graffo, 614 Pierce street, and not only fined him the usual hundred dollars but gave him six months in jail to think it over.

This was without doubt the stiffest fine ever imposed on an individual under the "pint of liquor" law of Nebraska. Officers said that Graffo was carrying two gallons of moonshine in a market bag. His attorneys appealed the case but it is problematical whether this Italian will get off very much easier than the sentence handed him by Judge Nebel.

END OF KU KLUX KLAN SEEN

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Of the Klansmen at Logan this week comes word that more than 600 hooded members of the tribe disbanded after holding forth several years in a western city. Leaders of the Klan in that town were more or less frank in saying that members was dropping off at such a rapid rate that it was no longer profitable to continue the organization as a going concern.

Aside from Atlanta, Georgia where the big money flowed into the coffers of the Klan treasury department and one or two Texas cities, citizens of Metropolitan towns in other parts of the country have given the Klan a wide berth. The grafting officials of this outfit were able to put over their false propaganda and collect \$10.00 for same in the country and the country towns for time but their game is about over. Klanism like prohibition is on its last legs.

MILLIONS OF "WETS" APPEAL TO CONGRESS FOR MODIFICATION

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and wine is obtained, the present position of members of congress on the issue will be definitely known. Then the wets will start the fires back home to unseat the dries and efforts by the dries to hold their strength.

Another forum for exploiting the prohibition issue will be afforded the modificationists beginning March 31, when the unofficial committee on modification in the house will start hearings on proposals for modification of Volsteadism.

Prominent wets in congress concede that they are not likely to gain sufficient strength in the campaigns next summer and fall to overthrow the prohibition regime.

A substantial gain, however, is expected by the modificationists this year. They hope to be firmly entrenched by the time the presidential campaign gets under way in 1928, when major efforts will be launched.

WEEK OF WONDERFUL WINDOWS FINER AND BETTER THAN EVER

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Trade territory who with their wives and employees have been visiting and buying here. It was noted by wholesalers, retailers and newspaper men that the out of town merchants took particular note of the dressing of the various windows which means without doubt that they will go back home and bring their store windows up to the minute.

James Reagon, prominent merchant of Baton Rouge, Louisiana who was here on business Thursday was emphatic in his statement that this weeks style show in Omaha was much superior to that held in New Orleans during Mardi Gras week.

The Week of Wonderful Windows will close Saturday in a blaze of glory, the interest in the affair being such that the Merchants will no doubt feel justified in again repeating it in the early fall.

Candy 'Leggers' Selling Openly At Central High

The activities of a band of student "candy bootleggers" at Central High school are being investigated by Principal J. G. Masters.

The "leggers" began plying their trade this week, following the school board ruling prohibiting sale of candy by the school cafeteria, which became effective last Monday.

Although it has been definitely ascertained that the student band of boys, said to number ten "leggers" and their "chief," has been doing a fairly thriving business, Mr. Masters said today he was as yet undecided as to just what to do about it.

"There is no set rule right now governing the case," he said. "The school board's edict related only to the cafeteria. But if investigations disclose that organized selling by students is going on, I shall make a rule stopping it."

One candy-seller, who solicited and made sales Wednesday at least is Harry Rubenstein, senior student, who is school correspondent for the Omaha Daily News. Mr. Masters announced.

Tram Wins, So Do The Street Car Riders

Within a short time citizens of Omaha will be called upon to vote for or against the new proposed street car franchise. It seems more than probable that the street car company will get what they seek, in which case Greater Omaha car riders and the public in general will also be winners.

Should the Tram company finally have their way about it they will be able to finance themselves in such a manner that they will be able to give the service they should to the street car riding public and to extend their lines to meet the growing demands of an ever growing city.

Now that the council has voted 5 to 1 in favor of the forty year franchise as it was finally written, the voters of the city will be able to pass judgement at an election to be held May 18.

Butler, the famous ferninster in keeping with his usual backwood policy voted "no". Commissioner Hopkins was not present. After a long drawn out argument over certain provisions of the bill which favored the city to a considerable extent Mayor Dahlman, Commissioners Henry Dunn, Dean Noyes, Joe Hammel and J. Koutsky voted in favor of the bill in its final form.

The city and the company compromised on the contested point raised by the company that "reasonable ordinances, rules and regulations affecting construction, maintenance and operation of the system as mentioned in the ordinance, should be consistent with the laws of the state."

The phrase was changed to read "consistent with the object and purpose of this consent." City Attorney Van Deusen feared the other wording left the door open to state railway commission regulation.

"It is not what we wanted," said General Manager Leussler, of the company, "but it will be satisfactory. The city has driven a hard bargain. We want to get along with the municipality. We want to get along with the state body and the public. We are willing to go a long way to do that."

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