

SPENDS FORTUNE DIES IN POVERTY

"COAL OIL JOHNNY," NOTED SPENDTHRIFT, DEAD.

Money Came Easily and Was Spent Easily With No Thought of Saving for the Future.

FT. CROOK, Neb., Jan. 29.—Coal Oil Johnny is dead. The most widely advertised spendthrift in the country ever known died in poverty here where he was station agent for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad. In the days of his prosperity he spent as much as \$100,000 a day. And the time came around as regularly as the sun. When he died he made about \$3 a day and the pay car only came around once a month.

Neither the oil that produced his fortune, nor his money, nor the way he spent it brought him luck or happiness. He spent the last fifty years of his life paying for the follies of his youth, in poverty and toil.

John W. Steek, for that was his real name, was born on a farm near Shenksville, Pennsylvania, and, as he was orphaned in his youth, he went to live with his aunt, the Widow McClinton, in Venango County, Pennsylvania. Oil was struck on the McClinton farm and the flow was leased on a royalty basis. The Widow McClinton knew farms but not oil and lived as she always had lived, putting the money which rolled in into a big safe in her dining-room. One day when Johnny had failed to provide bedding, she threw a dipper full of the fateful oil on the kitchen fire and her interest in earthly affairs ceased at once.

Johnny was sole heir and when the big safe was opened he had over \$500,000 in cash to play with. He ran through his find faster than the oil gushed from the wells. He practiced every form of extravagance. He bought hotels for a night. He declined to ride in any vehicle which he did not own and the country was studied with cars he had bought and given back to their drivers after he was through with them. He owned a min-

strel show and spent thousands of dollars on the members of the company. But he did not have a good time. He admitted it himself. In one instance he spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to have a hotel clerk discharged and after his money was gone, the hotel clerk got his job back. When his oil ran out, his money ran out, too, and he spent the remainder of his life in hard grinding toil, paying for the "fun" he had not had.

Coal Oil Johnny's motto was: "The only use for money is to spend it." But the motto lasted no longer than the money for after his brief splurge he could not get it to spend. The best use for money is to save and invest it. Had he put even a part of his fortune away of his daily earnings into sound securities he would have assured for himself a future free from toil and the scorn of those with whom he associated.

Fewer chances to save money and invest it safely and profitably existed in Coal Oil Johnny's youth than exist today. Now there are many attractive offers for the wage earners of America to save their money for their old days.

Irish Language.

The Gaelic language is the original and historical language of the people of Ireland, though most of that country's inhabitants speak English. Gaelic is now taught in the national schools, Catholic parish schools and colleges in Ireland, as well as at Harvard university, Notre Dame university and the Catholic University of America at Washington. There has been a revival of the use of Gaelic through the efforts of the Society for the Preservation of the Gaelic Language.

Sneaking Shoes a Good Omen.

Theatrical people have many superstitions and they cling to the profession closely, one being if an actor's shoes squeak, ever so little, as he makes the first entrance, he is assured of a welcome from the audience.

Beware of Apologizing.

Apologizing is a very degrading habit—one that is rarely cured. Apologizing is only egotism wrong side out. Nine times out of ten, the first thing a man's companion knows of his shortcomings is from his spottings.—Olivier Wendell Holmes.

THEATRES

EILEEN PERCY COMING IN NEW FOX COMEDY.

Eileen Percy, pretty William Fox star, will be at the Arcade Theatre Sunday only in her latest Fox picture, "The Land of Jazz," which has some merry scenes on an island where a Dr. Carruthers is studying mental diseases. One of his patients believes himself to be the greatest shimmy dancer so fascinatingly that he turns the whole place into a wiggling mass of humanity.

Miss Percy takes the part of a rich orphan who is trying to get Dr. Carruthers to "make up" with her chum. She does her work so well that the doctor persuades her to marry him. Wanda Hawley in "Her First Elopement," will be the attraction at the Arcade Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

WARNER MAN OF BROAD TRAINING.

H. B. Warner, son of a famous English actor, first appeared on the stage in London with his father in a play called, "The Streets of London." He is to be seen at the Sherry Theatre Saturday only in "The White Dove." He was on the English stage until 1906, when he came to New York and appeared here in "Nurse Marjorie" and later in "Alias Jimmy Valentine" which was his greatest stage success.

In "The White Dove," Mr. Warner plays the part of an English physician, living in a quiet way with his old father in a small English town. From a dying friend he learns of the unfaithfulness of his dead wife. This breaks down the confidence he has had in women, and he goes to London to pursue science, and try to forget his troubles.

There he learns a greater secret, one which concerns himself even more intimately, and which leads up to the tremendous scenes which mark the close of this unusual story.

Also showing a comedy and "Mutt & Jeff."

"BLIZZARD" MOST DIFFICULT ROLE.

Stage hands, camera men and all the actors engaged in making the new Goldwyn Picture "The Penalty," at Sherry's Sunday and Monday, unconsciously breathe a sigh of relief when Lon Chaney, who plays the part of "Blizzard," gets out of harness.

The term, in this case, has more than ordinary meaning. In playing the part of the mad man of the underworld, Chaney has stepped into one of the most difficult parts ever attempted in motion pictures.

Although a strong able bodied man—he has to play the part of a man without legs.

Every day he gets into a harness which straps the lower part of his legs to his back, thus enabling him to walk about on his knees and giving the effect of a legless man.

"The Penalty" is one of the Eminent Author's series, being produced by the Goldwyn Pictures corporation of New York.

NEW WILLIAM RUSSELL PICTURE IS "BEST YET."

Heralded as the best feature in which William Russell has starred, "The Man Who Dared," a new William Fox production with the story laid in the California Redwoods, is coming to the Star Theatre today and Sunday.

William Russell has the role of Big Jim O'Kane, boss of a lumberjack camp. The story tells what happened to Big Jim and the girl he loved when he "got in wrong" with the sheriff. For the sheriff happened to be in love with the girl, too, and he was not exactly all that a sheriff should be.

AT LAST A FILM COMEDY WITH BUT ONE GIRL IN WHOLE THING.

At last the seemingly impossible has been accomplished—a comedy has been produced with a single girl in it. True, the charming Barbel Rea makes up for the absence of a lot of others, but it remains that there's not a chorus girl, bathing girl, vampire, or even innocent feminine bystander in "Duck Inn," second of the Mermaid Comedies which comes to the Star today and Sunday.

Coloring Anemia Faces.

The purple color of anemia faces is due to the use of manganese in the glass. The manganese is used to compound the greenish color which comes from ferrous salts in the glass. But the action of light on the manganese only substitutes a purple coloration for a greenish hue.

Saffron Once Royal Color.

In Ireland saffron early became a royal color and, for a long period, after each election, saffron was taken away in Erin, the yellow saffron-dyed shirt remained a mark of social distinction in the Hebrides. In art saffron was much employed in medieval illuminated manuscripts. In combination with tin foil as a substitute for gold and, of course, at all periods the coloring of many textiles was done with little crocus stigmas.

Greatest Man.

Leonardo da Vinci is considered by several competent judges to have the greatest claim to the title of the greatest man in history. He was the outstanding genius in the golden age of genius, the age of Shakespeare, Luther, Erasmus, Copernicus, Michael Angelo, Titian and Raphael.

Fraternals Directory

H. P. O. ELKS—La Grande Lodge No. 411. Lodge meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Home and club privileges cheerfully extended to all brother Elks.

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Camp No. 149. Meets every first and third Monday at Eagles Hall. All visiting members welcome. Dues payable at the office of the clerk, Rooms 21-22, La Grande National Bank Bldg.

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA—La Grande Camp No. 763. Meets on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month, in the R. O. P. Hall. Visiting members welcome.

A. P. A. A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41. A. P. A. M. holds regular meetings every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in Eagle Hall, next to Biko Building, on Wednesday evenings. Visiting members welcome. Dues payable at La Grande Pharmacy.

L. O. O. F.—La Grande Lodge No. 859. Local Order of Moose, holds regular meetings every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock in Eagle Hall, next to Biko Building, on Wednesday evenings. Visiting members welcome. Dues payable at La Grande Pharmacy.

EMPIRES OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27. Meets every Monday evening in the Eagle Hall, 8:30 p. m. All visiting members welcome to all visiting knights.

WOMAN'S BENEFIT ASSOCIATION of the Menarches, La Grande Lodge No. 27. W. B. of M. Lodge meets first Tuesday at 8 p. m. and third Wednesday at 8 p. m. at K. of P. Hall. Visiting members welcome.

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 13. O. E. S. holds regular communication the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Visiting members cordially welcome.

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Professional Directory

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PUBLIC SALE.

On Monday, January 31, 1921, at two o'clock p. m., the United States National Bank, for the purpose of foreclosing a chattel mortgage, will sell at public auction for cash, at the Ernest Miller place in Lower Cove, the following personal property belonging to said Ernest Miller:

- 32 head of horses, 4 milk cows, 2 brood sows with shunts, 1 Sladeback automobile, one McCormick Combine Harvester, 1 drill, 1 steel roller, 2 gang plows, 1 harrow harness and various other tools and machinery.
- The mortgagee reserves the right to bid upon the said property or any part thereof.
- Dly Jan 19-23-26-29.

Urban Discrimination.

Nimbus carried his pain give his two older brothers money for certain and money for the collection at church. He wanted to go to church also, but his name told him he would have to stay at home. He immediately said: "Why don't you make them kids stay home? They is the ones what always wants the nickels."

She Wanted Another.

Edith visited the new serial at my home, and was told that an airplane dropped it on the roof of a hospital and that the doctor brought it up. He for Edith reached home, she saw an airplane and cried out, in amazement of passersby: "Fressie, mister, drop one, drop one."—Exchange.

Beeswax Finish.

To try this method of covering the cracks in furniture soften beeswax until the consistency of putty, then press it into the cracks very firmly, smoothing the surface over with a thin knife. The surrounding wood should then be sandpapered with fine sandpaper, working some of the dust into the beeswax.

England Welcomes Virginia Flower.

To many people the Virginia creeper seems like rather a lowly and modest plant, and yet it has received a warm welcome in England, where it is grown freely, rambling over buildings, rocks and walls, just as much at home in English soil as in American.

The Magic Square.

The origin of the magic square is usually ascribed to the Chinese as the Yih King, an early classic, describes it. The magic square was known to the Hindoos and to the Arabian astrologers.

London Dog Market.

The well-known "dog market" in the East end of London is situated in the vicinity of Club row, where hundreds of vendors can be seen every Sunday morning with dogs of all shapes, sizes and breeds, which they offer for sale.

In Praise of Writings.

Books are our crowning privilege in modern civilization. With a taste for books and music, let every person thank God, night and morning, that he was not born earlier in history.—T. Starr King.

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