

THE PROHIBITION LAWS ARE HERE TO STAY; WILL PROVE PROFITABLE

England Could Pay Her Indebtedness if She Would Adopt Prohibition

The News of Dallas, Texas, one of the leading papers of the entire country, under the heading of "What the Richest Man in England Said," gives the following:

"The Manufacturer's Record recalls that the late Lord Leverhulme was reputed to be the richest man in England, as well as the foremost business man of the country, and that it was he who said in a letter to the Manufacturer's Record two years ago that if his own country would adopt prohibition the saving would be enough in five years to pay the British debt to the United States. That letter he wrote after two visits to the United States.

"There are plenty of violations of the prohibition laws in the United States. We are reminded of that unceasingly, almost. But it is not the statement of undue optimism or of partisanship to say that these violations are not interfering with the production of the industrial mechanism of the country. Most of the drinking and carousing is being done

by the white-collar group. The workman, for the most part, lets liquor alone. And it has been profitable to him to do so.

"Because this is so, America will stay legally dry. It is economically profitable to do so. Prohibition has not created prosperity, but it has conserved prosperity for a large section of American society. To some extent that has been an involuntary conservation due to the high price of bootleg liquor. But it has been effective, and in a few years the working man is going to decide that prohibition invades his liberty far less than liquor used to invade his pocket and his health. Already the trend in that direction makes the prospect of the repeal of prohibition a theme only for self-appointed and hired propagandists."

In this statement the News is entirely correct. The prohibition laws are here to stand. They are economically profitable. No nation in Europe which does not adopt prohibition can in the long run economically compete with this country. If viewed purely from the economic standpoint, prohibition is one of the wisest moves ever made by this or any other country; but more than that, it is a great moral issue, for its enforcement means the saving of millions of people from drunkenness and the poverty which follows drunkenness.—Manufacturer's Record.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, SR., SELLS HIS DIFFERENT ESTATES TO SON

Something Over \$3,000,000 in the Transaction

A special from New York City says: Sale by John D. Rockefeller, Sr., of his estates at Pocantico Hills and at Lakewood, N. Y., of his town house and garage in New York City and of his winter home at Ormond, Fla., to his son, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., for a price "in excess of \$3,000,000," has been announced.

The sale leaves one of the world's wealthiest men without a home of his own. The price paid for each parcel of property sold was announced as being in excess of the taxable value of the property.

A representative of the Rockefellers denied that the sale was made to escape payment of inheritance taxes on the property. He said that the valuation had been reached by real estate experts.

The sale did not decrease the wealth of Mr. Rockefeller, Sr., but constituted an exchange of cash and security for his real estate holdings.

A government tax of \$1,733.50 was imposed on the sale of the Pocantico Hills estate, which was made at a price of \$1,733,500. The estate of more than 6,000 acres, is situated in the two towns of Mount Pleasant and Greenburg, N. Y., and contains a private nine-hole golf course for the use of Mr. Rockefeller, Sr.

Mr. Rockefeller's town property consisted of a house at Four West 54th Street, with a large garage on a separate lot.

The Lakewood estate, which is said to be Mr. Rockefeller's favorite home, is 600 acres in extent.

A friend of the Rockefeller's explained that the elder Mr. Rockefeller, being burdened by years did not wish to continue the material task of looking after his several homes. He will, however, continue to use them.

PUNKIN CENTER TO RE-OPEN

Mr. P. J. Brown announced the re-opening for Punkin Center for early this week. He says that he and Mr. W. M. Pinnell have leased this popular summer resort and had already begun replacing the dancing pavilion. With one of the finest bodies of water in the State, a fine pavilion and good music Punkin Center became one of the most popular amusement centers in this section of the State the past two years and the new management informs us that it will leave nothing undone to make it exceed, if possible, its former popularity.

Though only 74 persons paid taxes on million-dollar incomes in 1923 others may try to appear as though they did.

Nagging, fault-finding wives drive men to ruin, a minister says, but where is the wife who will admit that the remark applies to her?

Odd! Species of Fish That Possess Lungs

We are so accustomed to think of fish breathing by means of gills that it is difficult to imagine a species which have lungs and can breathe air like the higher land animals. These are the Dipnoi (meaning double-breathers). At one time numerous, they are now almost extinct. There are three species of them. These are found in different parts of the world—one group in Queensland, another in Africa, and the third in South America.

They inhabit the tropical rivers, which, though full in the wet season, are parched up when the heat comes. During the dry season they bury themselves in the mud of the river bed and start to breathe air, which they are able to do by means of a swim-bladder, similar in structure to our own lungs, though naturally not so highly developed.

Their internal structure is certainly illuminating. As well as in their lung or swim-bladder, they show resemblances to amphibians and land vertebrates in the skull, heart, and blood vessels. In spite of these resemblances, however, it is not certain that they are really a "missing link" between fish and amphibians. It is thought that the latter have been evolved through a different line, even the lungs of land vertebrates being of supposedly different origin to the lung of the Dipnoi.

Grave Purpose Behind Writing of Fiction

Universal nature, too strong for the petty fiber of the bard, sits on his neck and writes through his hand; so that when he seems to vent a mere caprice and wild romance the issue is an exact allegory. Hence Plato said that "poets utter great and wise things which they do not themselves understand." All the fictions of the Middle ages explain themselves as a masked or frolic expression of that which in grave earnest the mind of that period toiled to achieve. Magic, and all that is ascribed to it, is a deep presentment of the powers of science. The shoes of swiftness, the sword of sharpness, the power of subduing the elements, of using the secret virtues of minerals, of understanding the voices of birds, are the obscure gropings of the mind in a right direction. The preternatural prowess of the hero, the gift of perpetual youth and the like are but the endeavor of the human spirit "to bend the shows of things to the desires of the mind."—Ralph Waldo Emerson in "Essay on History."

Arkansas Diamonds

The Arkansas diamond mine, in Pike county, has produced several thousand diamonds equal in color to the best produced in other parts of the world and 1 per cent harder than the hardest from other parts of the world. In the Arkansas diamond mines the gems have been found "in place," as the geologists put it, and nowhere else on this hemisphere have they been so found. The Arkansas mines are being worked only enough to pay overhead, as the management has decided that the per load recovery of diamonds is not sufficient to justify the operation of the mines at this time.

Change of Life

"When change of life began on me," says Mrs. Lewis Lisher, of Lamar, Mo., "I suffered so with womanly weakness. I suffered a great deal of pain in my back and sides. My limbs would cramp. I didn't feel like doing my work, and there are so many steps for a woman to take on a farm. I was very anxious to get better. A friend recommended

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