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Sad Suicide Of Former President.

Despatches Saturday brought the sad story that John A. Smith, formerly owner of the Prince Rupert Spruce Mills, had taken his own life in California. Apparently he had taken life too seriously and finally resolved to leave it all.

It is a mistake to take life too seriously. A touch of humor lightens every burden. Only recently on a holiday trip a man fell and hurt himself very badly, landing in a curious position and saving himself from what might have been death. The humor of the situation made him laugh and the result was that the holiday trip was not spoiled and he soon recovered.

Of course we all know people who take life too lightly and are never serious. They are as much a menace as the ultra serious but they do not kill themselves, unfortunately.

Action Of Auto Companies Significant.

There is a local difference of opinion in regard to what is meant by the automobile companies in closing down or threatening to do so. The most popular opinion seems to be that they are bluffing but it is possible that some of them really intend to shut down permanently.

One of the difficulties in a protective tariff is that once it is imposed it is most difficult to remove it. The industries receiving the benefit of the protection raise such a howl that they are able to carry their point. Nobody likes to see an industry close.

Edmonton Stages Wonderful Comeback.

Edmonton, which was almost in the hands of a receiver a few years ago, has staged a wonderful comeback. Here is what one of the Edmonton papers says:

Edmonton no longer carries the odium of being in a doubtfully sound financial position. The record of last year, as set forth in the report of the City Comptroller, shows that the finances of the city are in good order and its credit firmly established.

For the first time in several years the city did not have to borrow money last year for current expenses, or issue notes, all obligations as they fell due being met out of funds in hand, and the year closing with a revenue balance of \$865,567.78.

Every instalment due to the sinking funds was paid in full. These payments, with the interest on the previous accumulated instalments, added almost \$1,000,000 to the aggregate fund last year.

All the short notes held by the Sinking Fund Board were replaced by debentures, on which the interest has been paid fully.

The bank overdraft inherited from previous years was almost eliminated, with a consequent reduction in bank charges from \$60,354.13 in 1924 to \$22,495.55 in 1925.

An issue of \$892,000 of city debentures was sold at a premium of .332.

The city collected more taxes last year than it levied; the fourth successive year in which that has been done. Collections amounted to 85.01 per cent of the current taxes, while 19.43 per cent were paid, amounting to 104.44 per cent of the levy.

The net debt of the city was reduced by \$454,241.69.

The civic utilities returned a surplus of \$377,673.24, after providing for all charges and setting aside \$429,287.01 for renewals.

With an income exceeding the expenditure, funds set aside to meet obligations as they mature, and its utility enterprises more than paying their way, the city is in a strong financial position; and from the continuance of the policy which brought this situation the taxpayers may expect both an improvement in services and a reduction of tax-bills as accumulated burdens are cut down.

WEEK AT THEATRE.

Monday and Tuesday
Blanche Sweet in "The Sporting Venus."
The Pacemakers: "The East Male."
International News.

Wednesday and Thursday
"The Unguarded Hour."
Comedy—"His Marriage Vow."
Aesop's Film Fables.

Friday and Saturday
Zane Grey's "Wild Horse Mesa."
Felix Comedy Cartoon.
Pathe Review.

EPSOM RACES PICTURE HERE

"The Sporting Venus" Shows Many Scenes in Old Country Including Scotland

The races at Epsom Downs. The famous Casino at Deauville. A majestic, old castle in Scotland. Views in London's supper clubs. These are some of the things to be on view in Marshall Neilan's production, "The Sporting Venus" here tonight.

Many of the scenes—including the races, the scenes in Scotland and the views of Deauville, were taken on the spot when the director, his technical staff and his actors packed up and journeyed from Hollywood to far-away Europe in order to photograph the exact locales.

Other bits of Europe were re-produced at the studio after Neilan had had sketches made of the things he wanted. The result should be a most interesting and colorful picture, for besides these atmospheric scenes, Neilan has told one of the best stories ever written by the popular Gerald Beaumont and he has some of the screen's favorite players in his cast. "The Sporting Venus" is a combination of comedy and melodrama—a combination that has always been Neilan's best type of work.

Blanche Sweet works under her husband's direction again in the leading role, and Ronald Colman, one of film's most popular leading men, plays opposite her.

AMERICAN GIRL AND FOREIGN NOBLEMAN

Unguarded Hour "Tells How Man Was Tamed by the Girl in Unique Manner"

What would happen if a flip-pant, thrill seeking young American girl should set her cap for a conversative, woman-hating young foreign nobleman?

This situation forms the unique theme of "The Unguarded Hour," at the Westholme Wednesday and Thursday.

Milton Sills is starred as the nobleman, and Doris Kenyon has the featured role of the young American girl.

Miss Kenyon answers the question most satisfactorily. She takes Sills, who has the role of an Italian duke who had been most indifferent to feminine charms. But in the end he succumbs, and the manner in which the character is played by Miss Kenyon brings about all this furnishes enough thrills, laughs and heart interest to satisfy any motion picture fan.

Sills, as ever, is excellent in his characterization of the Italian duke. Sills' acting is liked for he acts with such sincerity.

Miss Kenyon is admirably cast and carries one away with her comedy work, as well as her scenes of a highly dramatic type. She proves herself an extremely versatile young woman.

"WILD HORSE MESA" HAS SEVERAL NEW THRILLS

Headlong Charge of Thousands of Wild Horses Down Sides of Canyon

"Wild Horse Mesa" to be shown here at the week end is typical of all Zane Grey pictures. This one is made up of exciting, adventurous events, but with this difference: "Wild Horse Mesa" has several brand new thrills that audiences have never seen before.

The love theme is intensely

THE MAN IN THE MOON

says:

A MAN wanted to know today if I could speak French. I told him I could but when he explained that he was a Frenchman, I refused to discuss the matter further.

IF it favors something I don't, its propaganda; if it is in accord with my views it is fact.

I NEVER could quite understand how a man could be driven to drink in Prince Rupert. The beer is not good enough.

THERE'S one thing about most of our brains, they'll never wear out.

NOW that Prince Rupert has

dramatic. The hero's own brother is his rival and there is the further complication of a third suitor and also the unwelcome advances of an outlaw. On top of this, the Indian chief's attractive daughter is hopelessly infatuated with the hero.

One of the big punch scenes is the pursuit of Jack Holt by three horse thieves in which he is forced to plunge into a swiftly moving stream on horse back to escape. He fords the dangerous current at the risk of his life.

The fight between Holt and Magrill is one of the realistic highlights in the production.

Another scene charged with excitement and suspense is that in which Toddy Nokin, Piute Indian chief, avenges his daughter and saves Billie Dove.

The crowning thrill is the headlong charge at terrific speed of thousands of wild horses down the sides of a canyon toward a barbed wire trap. Holt's breakneck ride in front of the frenzied tide of horses to swerve them away from the treacherous trap is enough to make any audience gasp.

My friend says a puff from his pipe is enough to soothe away his woe, but I never forget one more cigarette no matter where I go.

THE wheat market was wild on Saturday and so was the editor. He had another of those spring poems sent in with a request for criticism.

THE mechanical instinct is developed to such an extent in some Prince Rupert people that the wonder is McBae does not sell them for gramophones.

IT used to be that a sword hung over the door in the hall. Today it should be a can-opener.

HOW the time does fly! Here in about two weeks my creditors will be again asking me to settle those old accounts.

LET others sing of the meerebaum king Or the briar or corn cobh fine, But as for me I'd have you all see That the cigarette is mine.

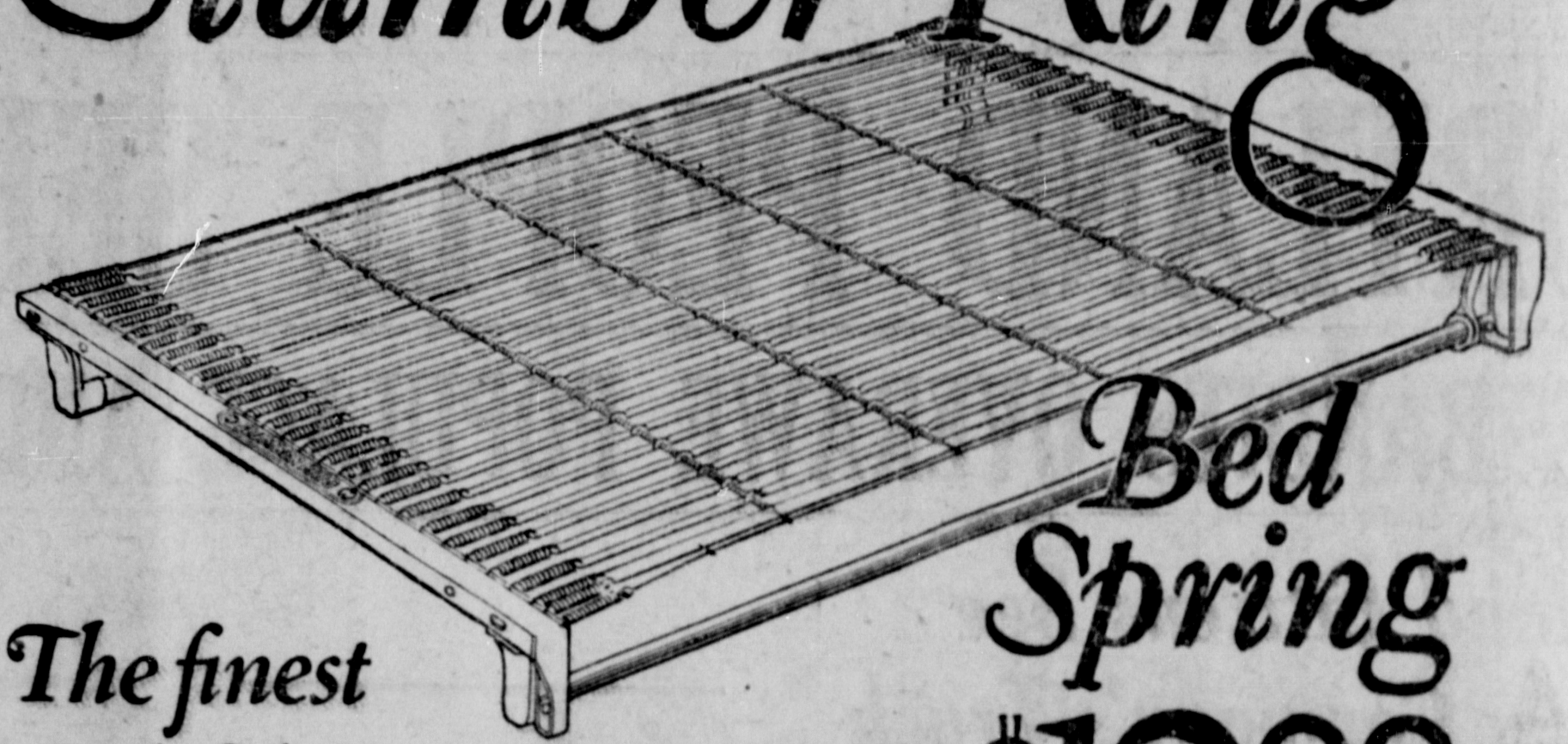
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HOTEL ARRIVALS.
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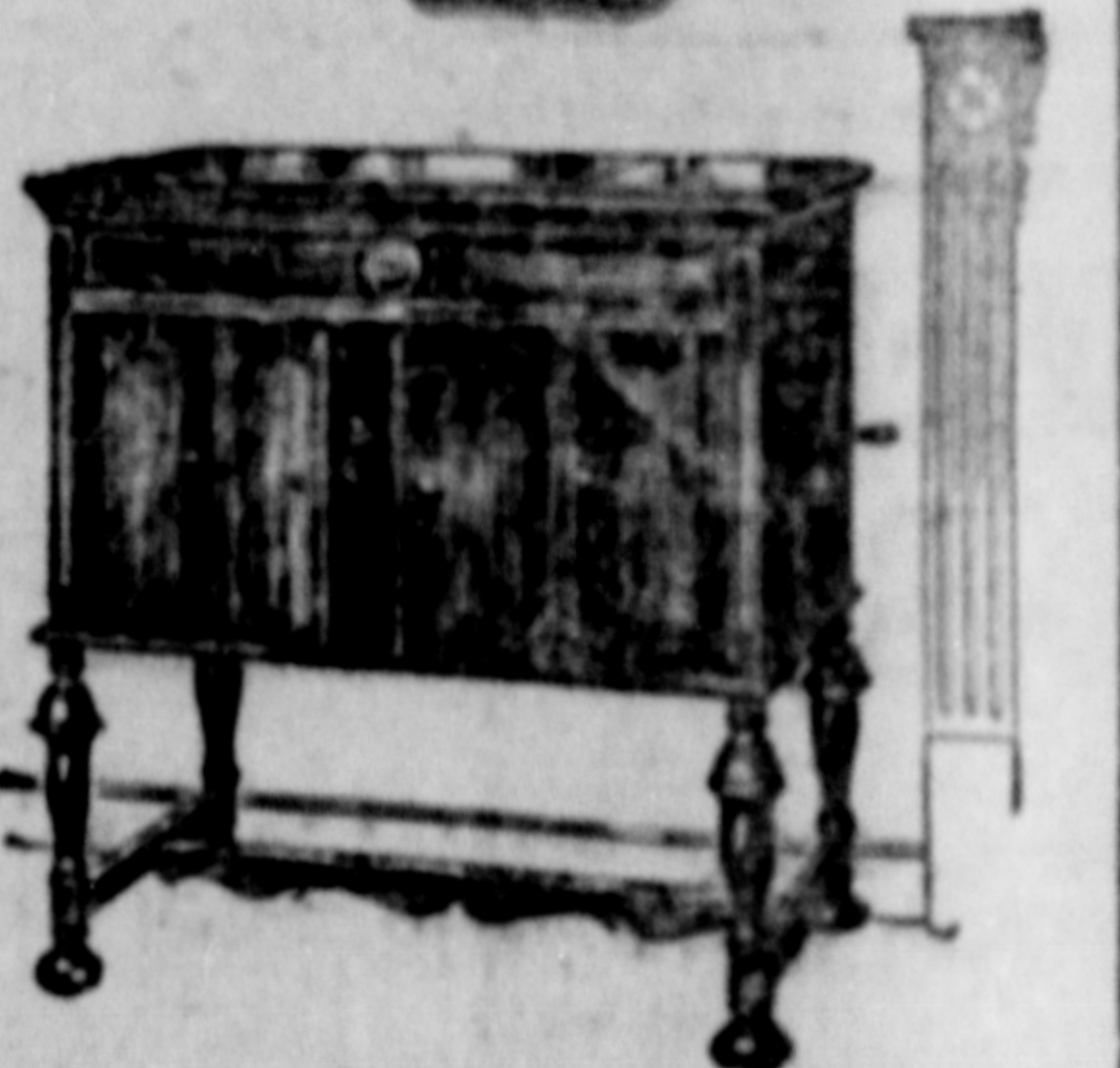
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