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WORLD GLIMPSE.

Gaunt, starving famine follows hard upon the bloody heels of War. It is awfully true in China just now. Today while we sit in plenty, there are tens of thousands of families actually dying of starvation, whose pangs may we Americans never know! Many are trying to subsist on straw, the bark of trees, and anything their claw-like fingers can catch to stow away within their crying and hunger-cramped stomachs.

Famine in summertime when the weather is kindly is awful enough to think about; but, when the homeless, war-stricken, famished are shelterless in a climate like ours (for that is China) imagine if possible the condition of the aged, the sick, the dying, the wee babes and fainter and fainter mothers. Wouldn't it be fine if forgetting them would alleviate their measureless sorrows?

Arcade Theatre

HIGH CLASS PHOTOPLAYS
A strong western drama, featuring Gilbert Anderson.

"JOURNEY OF THE WESTERN GOVERNORS TO THE EAST"
Showing close up views of all the governors who went from the west to the east recently on a visit.

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An Irish romance which will touch the heart of any audience. The picture was taken during the Kalem Co.'s recent visit to Ireland.

NOTICE—SOMETHING NEW, ASSOCIATED PRESS SLIDES

"LEAD, KINDLY LIGHT"
A picture like this with its suggestion of what might happen under similar circumstances will make an impression which will not quickly wear away.

"A MODERN ANANIAS"
A lively comedy. He certainly meets his Waterloo.

Harry Confer in Pictorial melody: "There's a Girl Up in the Moon."

Somdech Para Parmendr Vajiravndh Mongkut Klao is the euphonious name of the Oxford graduate who has been newly coronated King of Siam. If it is treason to forget a ruler's name, what good memories the people of that Indo-Chinese province must have!

Human nature is the same in all lands and in all the ages of which we possess any extended history. Damon and Pythias. David and Jonathan. Gaston and Alphonso; and now there are to be added to that glowing galaxy.

Sun Yat Sen and Yuan Shi Kai. These latter gentlemen, instead of "fighting for the crown" like the fabled lion and the unicorn, are each urging the other to retain the principedom of the new republic; and for this the Telegram, of Portland, speaks as the Chinese Cincinnati. They seem really unselfish and to desire the welfare of the country first of all.

The Chicago girl who recently married a man with the name of Hrczmat-sherwaki, must have had a very hard name of her own if she thought to improve it by the marriage.

Who dares venture a guess as to who is IT down in Mexico today?

A reform movement is at work in England whereby no man shall have more than one vote in the elections. As our readers probably know, any man may have a ballot in any county where he may possess landed interests. Thus, some may have a dozen votes and influence proposed legislation in an unhealthy degree. May be England will become entirely civilized after awhile; but she has much to learn and to unlearn, same as all other people.

By the way, when King George was in India recently, he overturned some Indian conventions and ideas concerning things worshipful. He stopped at a little wayside station on a certain Sunday and went into a little American Methodist mission to attend service. When he knelt with and among the worshipers, the natives wondered at it for they thought he would seat himself on a dais or platform to receive the worship of the people. His Majesty has been called the "democratic king." In this way the world is learning we are all of one blood; all red, all blue.

Lord Lister, the man that has done so much toward rendering wounds and surgical operations safe has just died. The invention that made him famous is known in drugdom as listerine.

When John Marshall Harlan died, a Brother Justice said of him: "He retires at night with one hand on the Constitution and the other on the Bible, safe and happy in perfect faith in justice and righteousness." Now, it has become the privilege of President Taft to select a successor to this able jurist. Chancellor Mahlon Pitney, of New Jersey, is the man.

We hope it is not true as alleged in certain quarters that he is an enemy of the interests of the working-man, for he who is that, it an enemy of the race.

The tide of clinical studies is turning, and physicians from Europe are now coming to us for instruction. Sir Bertaan Dawson, physician to King George, has just landed on our shores saying, "America has surpassed Europe in surgical science, and henceforth we must come to you to learn. It is time your methods received universal adoption."

If Senators Lorimer and Stephenson were tied together and suspended on the top wire of a farm fence there would be some people better pleased.

The most stirring theme of conversation in Washington circles just

at present is the dismissal of Adjutant General F. C. Almsworth from the army, for insubordination. He seems to have overriden everybody but Secretary of War Stimson, and General Wood. President Taft approves.

Right or wrong, "sink or swim, survive or perish," the initiative and referendum is legal in Oregon; at least United States supreme court declares.

If you are laying plots these days, you'd better discover if there is such thing as a dictagraph in your place of business. It has wondrous ears and has a way of getting people into unsuspected trouble.

The "age limit" idea is not always a good precedent to establish or to follow; yet congress has done it in the case of the pensioner. Only those who are above 75 years old are to get the \$1 a-day assistance. Many a soldier under that age served much longer and received more injuries than many such who are older. But it takes a wiser man than Solomon to be exactly just all the time.

This unexcelled February weather is the best ever for the fruit prospects in our belt. Some time since a La Grande gentleman was in Washington, D. C., Baltimore and other eastern cities, and was very happy to be able to strike his teeth into the solid sides of winter pearmain that grew on the Pacific slope; they were selling at top-notch prices too.

A good greenhouse ought to be a good investment for some La Grande; it would not only make money for him, but save dollars also for the many who must pay express on the many shipments we use. Mr. Neiderer is attempting it in a small way and should be encouraged.

We cannot blame the Japanese and their cousins, the Chinese, altogether for worshipping the tablets of their ancestors. We are of the same order in their eyes, for annually we affect to believe it patriotically sacrilegious to fet Washington's birth-

Report of the Condition of the LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK, at La Grande, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, February 20th 1912.

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day pass without recognition.

A crying need of our city is a decent street to the Masonic Cemetery. The bog through which teams have to wallow on their way to a funeral is almost impassible. If there is any one street in the community left to neglect it ought not to have been that one.

The writer of the anonymous letter of threat or blackmail and the indiscriminate poisoner of any kind of dogs are links of the same kind of sausage. La Grande is afflicted with both. There are too many dogs in our city, but this is no way to get rid of them.

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We desire to express our sincere thanks to the neighbors and friends and to the different lodges who so generously extended their sympathy and aid, during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, Anna L. Leadsworth, also to the faculty and members of the high school and Western Union employees, we extend thanks for their tokens of sympathy. GEO. B. LEADSWORTH, ELSIE M. LEADSWORTH, MAUD E. LEADSWORTH.

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