

TODAY and TOMORROW

Two Acts
Vaudeville

GAUMONT WEEKLY

THE LAW OF THE WEST

Three Reels of Sensationalism

TUSCAN JOE
Indian Dances and Songs

THE ARCADE

FREDRIK THE GREAT
World's Renowned Magician

WHEELERS OPEN LIKE CYCLONE

FIRST NIGHT IS HUGE SUCCESS
HERE.

"Going Some" Is Man's Play—Women
to Shine Tonight.

"Going Some" went some at the Steward last night when the Wheeler players made their debut to La Grande, introductory to a week's stand. "Excuse Me" may be funny, and all that, but it didn't produce any more or any more heartier laughs, than did "Going Some" as presented by the ten, twenty and thirty cents show last night—and "Excuse Me" charged \$2.00.

It was a man's play entirely, and the company reserves a surprise for tonight when it gives its talented women a chance to shine. Miss Motta Chamberlain is the leading lady with the company but her hour didn't come last night. Tonight's play is more especially written for a leading lady.

The members of the cast are especially strong. As yet, it is superfluous to deal in personalities, as La Grande doesn't know the troupe personnel as yet, but because there was a big house last night it follows that there are several hundred warm boosters for the show from now on, and the over popular Wheelers are routed over the big house route in La Grande. There could be no fault to find anywhere—the players are fully as capable as any dollar-house show that has come this way, and La Grande has a treat in store indeed this week that none should overlook. "The Wolf" is the attraction for tonight.

TEACHER BUYS A HOME

HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUCTOR FAS-
CINATED WITH LA GRANDE

Property at Fifth and Depot Sold by
David Fitzgerald.

David Fitzgerald, proprietor of the La Grande Iron Works, this morning sold his home on the corner of Fifth and Depot streets consisting of two lots and a modern six room house to Prof. H. H. Heuston, of the La Grande, have become captivated with and wife, both newcomers to La Grande, have become captivated with the city, and consequently made the purchase of this property. The Fitzgerald home is a modern six room house, and is so located that before long it will be considered in the business section of La Grande. It is a good buy as well as a nice home. The deal was made by the Geo. H. Currey real estate agency.

Sherry's

Presents for this change an unusually strong program, giving in pictures a matchless two reel feature, "The Guiding Light," "Pathe's Weekly," and the sixth story of "What Happened to Mary." In vaudeville a single ventriloquist act, and a double comedy musical act, a well balanced and highly entertaining program.

FOR SALE—Furniture for five room house. Inquire Observer. 3-3-2t

NOTICE.

Hong War Co. have bought the Hip Ying Chong store formerly known as Hong Tuck store.

LOW YOUNG,
TOY SAM,
WONG LAM,
LYE JIM.

SAVING THE SCENE

An Emergency For Which Actors
Must Ever Be Prepared.

ACTS NOT ON THE PLAYBILLS.

Presence of Mind by Which Clara
Morris Turned to Advantage a Can-
ine Interruption in "Miss Mutton"
and a Feline Intrusion in "Camille."

An experienced actor is supposed to be able to cope with any stage emergency, no matter what is lacking or what happens. Cool, self possessed, it is expected of him to turn the ridiculous into a source of applause rather than of disapproval or laughter.

And among the necessary acquirements for the actress is an unshakable self control, no matter if by some carelessness she is thrown into a situation almost without precedent. She must never fly off at a tangent because of some unrehearsed incident. She must not scream when the perfunctory idiot yells "Fire!" If something is forgotten she must try hard to hide its absence or invent a substitute.

If anything unusual occurred I always tried to incorporate it into the play if possible, as when in the school room scene of "Miss Mutton" I was astonished to see a large water spanter come trotting on to the stage, waving his tail at me as if we had been bosom friends for years. I don't like to recall all the things I thought about that dog for a moment or two.

Then I rose, and, thanking heaven and a generous master for the collar he wore, I grasped it, and, having stroked his silky ear with the other hand, I said to my pupils: "Children, I do not wish to curtail your pleasures, but I have told you before that I cannot permit you to have your pets in this room during lesson hours. Now, don't force me to remind you of that again."

And the little girl who played Paul quickly and cleverly responded to my wink. "Oh, excuse us this time, Miss Mutton, and we won't do it again." And, taking the dog from me, she led him off into the retirement of private life, while in the morning one newspaper remarked that "among the prettiest of the lighter touches of the performance was the scene at the Christmas tree in the first act and the dog scene in the third act."

Another time, in Baltimore, when I was playing "Camille," I had a similar experience. In the fifth act I had staggered from the window to the bureau, hearing that dread moment when I was to see the reflection of my wrecked and ruined self in the looking glass. The house was all attention, watching dim eyed the piteous, weak movements of the dying woman. Just then I heard the quick indrawing of the breath that startled womanhood always indulges in before either a scream or a laugh.

My heart gave a plunge. "What is it? Oh, what is wrong?" And I glanced down at myself anxiously, for really I wore very little in that scene. "What is it?"

Then came a titter, and evidently it was growing. Inaugury I turned quickly about and found myself facing a monstrous cat. Starlike, he held the very center of the stage, his two great topaz eyes fixed unflinchingly upon my face. His tail stood straight and aggressively in the air, twitching with short twitches at the very top.

Alas, no wonder they giggled! But how to save the approaching death scene was what went through my mind.

Clinging to the bureau, I slipped to my knees, and with an earnest prayer that he would not resist my appeal in a faint voice I called him to me. Thomas looked suspiciously at me, hesitated, then approached gingerly and sniffed at my fingers. Then he rubbed his dingy body against my knee, and in an instant my arms were about him, my cheek on his wicked old head. What a sigh of relief went like a wave over that audience! I had won!

I then called Nannie to relieve me, and the applause that swept the house was as balm to my great distress. I said to Nannie, "Take him downstairs; he grows too heavy for me to pet." And Sir Thomas was carried off reluctantly, imagining perhaps that I

was envious of the hit he had made.

My manager, who was somewhat of a wag, of course made the most of the saved situation. A gentleman met him on the street the next morning and was anxious for him to settle an argument between himself and wife.

"My wife, who has seen the play several times in New York, insists that the beautiful little scene with the cat belongs to the play, while I don't recall it, nor do any of our acquaintances whom I have asked this morning. Won't you kindly set us right?"

"Willingly," replied my manager. "Your wife is in the right, my dear sir. That cat scene is always done. It is a great favorite with Miss Morris, and she hauls that cat all over the country with her."

May heaven forgive him!—Clara Morris in New York Press.

Inquisitive.

"What is your name?" asked one five year-old miss of another.

"My goodness!" exclaimed the other. "You are as bad as grownup folks. They are always asking my name and a lot of other silly questions until I am actually ashamed of them."—Chicago News.

If you know how to spend less than you get you have the philosopher's stone.—Franklin.

Arresting Time.

"Even a policeman can't arrest the flight of time," said the funny man.

"Oh, I don't know," rejoined the matter of fact person. "Only this morning I saw a policeman enter a side door and stop a few minutes."

Willing to Demonstrate.

"Tommy," said his distressed mother. "I don't see how you can get so dirty."

"Come on out and I'll show you," was the prompt reply.—Chicago Post.

I have lived to know that the great secret of human happiness is this: Never suffer your energies to stagnate.—Adam Clark.

INSTRUCTIONS AND LISTS HERE

320 ACRE HOMESTEADS FOR WAL-
LOWA COUNTY.

Application Before March 20th Will
Be of No Avail.

Definite instructions concerning the opening of 320 acre homesteads in Wallowa county, accompanied by

WHITE SLAVE WAR OPENS

Middlewestern States to Give Much
Attention to the Battle.

Chicago, March 3.—War on white slavers, starvation wages and big enterprises which are said to be the primal cause, will be carried on in Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and Iowa, as well as Illinois, if Lieutenant Governor O'Hara has his way. O'Hara who is a strong force behind the white slave probe in Chicago, today wrote to governors of four states asking active co-operation in the war for a living wage for girls against panderers and procurers.

The Best Cough Medicine.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy ever since I have been keeping house," says L. C. Hames of Marbury, Ala. "I consider it one of the best remedies I ever used. My children have all taken it and it works like a charm. For colds and whooping cough it is excellent." For sale by all dealers.

a description of the lands designated by the secretary of the interior as subject to entry under that act, were received by the officials of the United States land office this morning. Lists of the land were immediately sent to each United States commissioner in Wallowa county and interested parties may freely consult the same at their offices, or at the United States land office.

The important feature of the instructions received is that no rights whatever are gained by any 320 acre homestead application for any of such land filed before the 20th of this month, the day set for the opening, whether heretofore filed or between now and that date. Some 200 such homestead applications now on file will have to be withdrawn and new ones filed. It is thought at the United States land office.

Isolated Tracts Strike Snag

About 100 applications for the sale of lands under the laws concerning disconnected or isolated lands have been rejected within the past few days. The applicants tried to get the land as adjoining land but practically all applications filed for the past few months have been found incomplete or defective by the commissioner of the general land office.

Dr. King's New Discovery

Soothes irritated throat and lungs, stops chronic and hacking cough, relieves tickling throat, tastes nice. Take no other; once used, always used. Buy it at all dealers.

New Furniture Installed.

I. V. Fisher, who has leased office in the second story of the new Foley building, has received elegant office furniture and is today installing it in the offices. Mr. Fisher expects to be a permanent resident of La Grande.

CHAUNCEY E. BUNTING—Architect. General Building Work. Estimates Cheerfully Furnished. 2005 Washington Ave.

H. W. RILEY—Graduate Veterinarian. Hospital 1409 Madison Ave. State stallion and jack inspector. Stock inspected for interstate and other shipment. All domestic animals treated and cared for. Phone Black 41. Calls answered day or night.

E. W. EASTMAN, Attorney at Law, 108 Elm St., La Grande, Oregon. Practice in all courts of Oregon. Specialties: Collections, Commercial Paper, Conveyancing.

"I don't claim to know ALL the law, but I do claim to be absolutely honest and square."

If you have an unjust bill to collect, or a dishonest suit to be brought, do not call around. I wouldn't handle it for a \$10,000.00 fee.

FOR RENT OR SALE—A new modern house for cash or terms. 1306 W avenue. Phone Red 3381. 3-3-tf

FOR SALE—A wind mill and tower complete. 2 1/2 inch pipe. G. M. Taal, 709 North Second. 3-3-tf

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TRIUMPH
THE BEST HAVANA BLENDED CIGAR
SOLD IN THE NORTH WEST

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The Spring Is Nature's Christmas Time

'Tis then that Nature gives up our beautiful flowers, develops our seeds, and starts the growth of our crops. In the spring the Xmas, or giving spirit, pervades everywhere.

SPRING IS NATURE'S TIME TO CHOOSE A HOME.

The birds select the tree forks for their nests. The animals locate snug caves and dig cosy burrows for their coming abodes. The ones who choose first have their choice of all.

MAN MAY WELL COPY NATURE

The closer he comes in followin' nature's dictates and example, the greater will be his success. Give your family the blessings of enjoying a home that you own yourself. Nature says now is the time. Give yourself the advantages of a good buy. One good real estate investment is worth a lifetime of labor. Nature says do it now.

LA GRANDE IS SLATED FOR A LARGE GROWTH.

It is becoming apparent that something is going to happen in La Grande this and the next few years. Real estate values are certain of a great raise. Get in on the ground floor and rise to the top on the elevator of progress.

To you, who wish to buy, we offer our extensive listing of all classes of real estate. Spring will soon be here. Make up your mind what you will add to your resources during the next year. If you wish a nice home, city, suburban, or country; or are looking for a good investment let us know your wants. We will be pleased to satisfy them.

A NICE HOME

Cor. Greenwood and T ave., 6 room house bath and toilet, shade trees and lawn, basement, 10x14; new barn; pantry, work room and closets besides the six rooms. Terms \$1,000, balance on time. This is a nice home.

A RARE INVESTMENT

6 lots, block 12, Romig's Add on Washington ave. between Alder and Walnut. Only \$350 per lot On any commercial terms. Lots may be sold separately prices ranging from \$200 to \$600. This will bear investigation. (183)

A GOOD FARM

320 acres, 4 miles north of La Grande at only \$52.50 per acre. 160 acres may be sold at same price. Terms reasonable. 100 acres in alfalfa, 50 more ready. Perpetual water, 2 roads, near school. May trade for city property.

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