

Arcade Today - SPECIAL - Two Reels

"When the Life Fades"

A Clever and Sensational Kay-Bee

GOOD VAUDEVILLE - - - CLEVER COMEDY

FIFTY HOME SEEKERS STOP

THAT NUMBER VISITED LA GRANDE DURING MONTH.

Colonist Ticket Sale Ended Yesterday; Tourists Still En Route.

During the Spring colonist rate period which closed yesterday, so far as actual sale dates are concerned, at least 50 eastern people to La Grande, some of whom are still here and others have looked over the country and gone on to inspect the northwest further. There are still 10 homeseekers in the city who have not used up all their transportation and nearly 40 have been here and gone on to use up all of the tickets, many of them expressing a desire to return to La Grande later for further investigation and perhaps final location.

The west-bound trains for three or four days to come will carry homeseekers.

RED PEPPER ITEMS

Red Pepper school district, April 14.—(Special.)—The river is higher now than it has been this spring. It is running out and covering all the low land. The state ditch is raising pretty fast. The water is running so fast it is washing against the bank and carving it off. It is also caving away under the bridge, making it dangerous. Something ought to be done to stop the bank from caving off under the bridge, before it is too late.

Everybody is farming in earnest while the good weather lasts. The sun is making the fall wheat and alfalfa look fine.

Albert Becker was a La Grande visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Conley were La Grande visitors Saturday.

Miss Elsie Burnett spent Saturday

night and Sunday with her sisters Mrs. Lea and Mrs. Dick Smith of Island City.

Geo. Conley and son Lester were La Grande visitors Saturday.

The roads are getting pretty good now, all they need is a little work on them and they would be better than they have been for five months.

Richard Hopper spent Sunday with his friend Clarence Woods of Allice.

CASH BAZAAR SOLD

H. R. Blackwell Disposes of Property to T. L. Fisher of Spokane.

One of the prominent business deals of the month has been the sale of the Cash bazaar on Adams avenue, to T. L. Fisher of Spokane. H. R. Blackwell the former owner has not determined just what his future actions will be but for the present will remain in La Grande cleaning up his business matters. The new owner is now taking charge of the store, and intends to make La Grande his home from now on.

Higher Up.

Whittier (to his daughter)—Did you tell that young man he couldn't stay after midnight?

"Yes, papa."

"Then why didn't he go?"

"He wanted to know if the order had been confirmed by mamma."—Life.

Sunny Days.

If you count up the sunny and cloudy days in a complete year, you will find that the fine day has come more often.

—Ovid.

No man is wise at all times.—Pitay the Elder.

Political Palmistry.

"I like to clasp the hand of the man with calloused palms," said the statesman of democratic instincts.

"Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, "but how are you going to know whether he's a toiler or a golf player?"—Washington Star.

The great successes of the world have been affairs of a second, a third-day, a fifth-day trial.—John Morley.

QUEER INVENTIONS

Curious Devices For Which Patents Have Been Granted.

THE TREETOP RAILWAY LINE.

This Weird Scheme Involved Building an Elevated Road Supported by Living Wood—An Ingenious Panther Trap and a Noiseless Alarm Clock.

A chewing gum locket and an elevated railroad supported by the branches of growing trees are among the devices which have been granted patents from our government. The patent office is quite broad minded in its ideas of what ought to be patented.

The chewing gum locket was patented Jan. 1, 1889, by Christopher W. Robertson of Somerville, Tenn. The locket resembles the ordinary one which is used to carry the sweetheart's picture, but instead of a photograph it is lined with a porcelain glass interior. Into this the chewing gum is neatly slipped for future reference.

The tree supported elevated railroad is the idea of Jerome Orlay of Tennessee, Belgium, and his patent letters were granted March 19, 1912. In order to build a railroad of this type all that is necessary to do is to plant trees on both sides of the street and have them lean toward one another until they cross at the top. In the crotch thus provided it would be possible to lay stringers to which cross-ties, etc., would be attached and to build your elevated railroad running under shady branches and supported by living wood. Additional poles, if desired, may be set between the trees, and part of the patent provides for running a double track road, with one car above the other.

One of the most provident inventors is George C. Hale of Kansas City, Mo., who was granted a patent Aug. 4, 1885, for a combination suspenders and fire escape. Woven into the fabric of the apparently innocent galluses, Mr. Hale's patent provided for a string treated with some form of chemicals, so that it would not easily burn. When caught on the upper floors of a burning building the man provided with the fire escape suspenders had only to pull the

end of this string, which immediately unfurled itself for about 200 or 300 feet. Then he could let down this string to the street, have it attached to a substantial rope, pull the rope up to his floor, attach the rope to a firm point and escape from the burning building.

Speaking of suspenders, Mark Twain was the grantee of a suspender patent. In December, 1871, he patented an improvement in adjustable and detachable straps for garments. In describing his invention Samuel L. Clemens classifies it as "an adjustable and detachable elastic strap for vests, pantaloons or other garments requiring straps" and claims as its novel feature the fact that it is provided with devices for adjusting its length and with buttonholed ends for direct attachment to the clothing. The device appears to consist merely of two pieces of leather with buttonholes at the ends and a book with different holes for adjusting the length.

An ingenious contrivance has been patented by an Oregon man by means of which the family cat can be used as live bait for catching lynxes, cougars, panthers, and the like, without danger to the cat and with great certainty that the wild animals will be trapped. The patent consists of a sharp stake with a point at the top, intended to make it uncomfortable for pussy to rest there permanently, and a ring over the stake, to which by a light chain is attached a collar or harness, which fastens around the cat's neck. In a circle about the stake are set a half dozen steel traps, securely chained to the ground in such a way that an animal caught in one of them could not quite reach the stake. Drive the stake somewhere out in the wilds where lynxes and panthers do congregate, put pussy into the collar and await results. Being a live bait, she will yowl. This will attract the animals, but when they come she will immediately escape by running up the stake, which is covered with cloth to give her claws a chance. The animal, while prancing around at the foot of the stake, will prance into one of the steel traps and get caught. Pussy will come down from the pointed top and serve as bait to attract more animals.

The acme of ingenuity, however, has been reached by George Hogan in his noiseless alarm clock, patented June 9, 1908. The Hogan device consists of a jar of water on a shelf above the bed, from which runs a hose, which on retiring the sleeper attaches to his leg. By means of the ordinary alarm clock a valve is opened at any hour that may be desired, when water begins to flow against the leg of the victim. This does not disturb the neighbors and is sure to awaken the sleeper; a satisfactory arrangement for everybody.

The one thing which the government will not consider among applications for patents is perpetual motion. For many years aerial navigation was included in this refusal. The Wright brothers complied with the demands of the patent office for a demonstration on a man carrying scale, and since then the doors have been opened to flying machine patents.—Technical World Magazine.

Don't tell what you would do if you were some one else. Just show what you can do yourself.—Speed.

STAGE VILLAINS.

Not Those Who Play the Scoundrelly Parts, but the Real Ones.

The true villain of the stage is not always the one who strives to kidnap the heroine and bestow a violent death upon the hero, for jealousy and the acts prompted by it lead not only the ladies but also the men to resort to unprincipled methods to disgrace a rival.

One or two of the tricks are quite common, notably that of doing something to make another player miss his or her cue. In one case an actress carried a fan, which she used deliberately to blow the sound of her low spoken syllables away from the other actress. As a result the latter had great difficulty in catching her cues, so much so that the audience began to speak of her as a poor actress, although in other pieces she had been praised most highly by the critics.

An equally common trick is to let the

actor to step toward the back of the stage. This causes his victim's face to be turned away from the audience, the consequence being that not only is voice is lost, but his features are invisible and his efforts thus spoiled.

Still another device which has been utilized by stage "villains" is that of anticipating the laugh of a comedian with a broad smile or grin. This little trick takes the edge off the fun resulting from the other actor's lines.

One of the simplest ways of ruining the effect of an act is by dropping something at the crucial moment. The instant this is done the minds of the audience will go like a flash to this unlooked for interruption and are drawn away from the words of the speaker.—New York Mail.

DIXIE FARMS

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the co-operative movement by speaking at the conference here are J. C. Caldwell, of Lakefield, Minn., A. O. Nelson, of Svea, Minnesota, A. L. Haecker, who will detail the results of Minnesota co-operative creameries, and C. W. Moomaw, W. J. Shuford, F. M. McKee, who were organizers of the Virginia Fruit Growers' association, Eastern Shore of Virginia Produce Exchange, Catawba county, N. C., and Woodford county Ky., co-operative organizations. Prof. Coulter will also discuss practical plans for organization of co-operative movements.

One of the features of the conference will be an interstate meeting of state and county superintendents, teachers of agriculture and other educators, at which the subject for discussion will be "The most effective means for developing the Rural School." A. C. Monahan, rural school specialist in the United States Bureau of education, will urge the necessity for a well defined, constructive county plan in rural education. Typical rural school problems will be

discussed by Albert S. Cook, of Baltimore county, Maryland; Keblun Jud Wake county N. C., Miss Rhea C. Scott and L. J. Hanifan, supervisors in Virginia and West Virginia, respectively; Miss Jessie Yancy, Mason county Ky., A. W. Jones, Equality, Ala. J. S. Stewart, Athens Ga., and many others.

BIG SUM SPENT

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La Grande Restaurant rep Adams avenue 45.00
A. Sundman rep res W. low street 50.00

Total March 1913 \$ 14,600.00
Total March 1912 57,922.00

April 1 to the 15th.

E. B. Shirley rep Y ave 50.00
Lee Leavitt, rep Monroe 45.00
M. McMurray rep fourth 125.00
H. E. Roscamp new res Oak 180.00
Andy Anderson new res Adams 455.00
Mac Wood new res 8th 2400.00
H. M. Bradshaw rep res Cedar street 500.00
Miss Rose Sherman rep res Spring street 200.00
I. O. O. F. hall reps Adms 5500.00
Dr. M. K. Hall, moving Second street 200.00

Total for April to the 15th \$13,975.00

Total for the Year Up to Date.
January \$ 5025.00
February 3450.00
March 14600.00
April 15th 13075.00

Total \$36,150.00

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