

SHERRY THEATRE To-day Only

William Fox Presents
WILLIAM FARNUM

in
"THE PLUNDERER"

A Thrilling Romance of the Lure of Yellow Gold.

WEDNESDAY ONLY—Francis X. Bushman "THE SECOND IN COMMAND."

SEED CORN A BIG ITEM

Corn production has become very much of a subject in this part of Oregon and there will be interest in a branch of corn production that is attracting attention everywhere. That is the one of the importance of good seed. The United States government has given out instructions in the matter of testing seed corn which is appended herewith.

Testing seed corn for germination—ways a profitable farm practice—is an absolute necessity this year in many sections. In a number of districts the last corn crop from which seed for the coming planting will be taken was late in maturing or so must when harvested as to call for special precautions. A high moisture content makes seed corn particularly susceptible to damage from freezing, heating. Farmer in his section where corn failed to ripen normally who do not test their seed early enough to be able to replace their own bad seed with good seed secured from other sources will be taking an unnecessary risk. It is also especially important for holders of seed in such districts to take unusual care during the remainder of the winter to protect it from freezing.

While complete testing for germination should take place shortly before the seed is planted, the specialists of the department believe that it will be simple forehandness for farmers who have any reason to be doubtful about the viability of their seed to make preliminary germinating test with a few typical ears taken at random from the rack. If these preliminary tests show that the seed is good, the owner then can continue his precautions to guard it from weather damage. If, however, this test with a few ears indicate that the seed is of low vitality, the farmer should at once make further tests to satisfy himself as to whether his seed corn generally is good or bad.

If a farmer finds his seed is bad he should take steps at once to meet the difficulty. The purchase of seed should not be delayed till spring, especially when so much corn in various sections has been damaged. The farmer should secure his seed from well-known sources, buy it upon a germinating guaranty basis, and get his seed or typical samples early enough to make his own germinating tests. It is probable this year that many farmers who have not followed the wise practice of selecting enough special seed from good crops to last in an emergency for two or three years will have to buy seed. In buying seed, farmers should try to secure corn of varieties known to prosper in their section. The safest seed would be that carefully selected from corn grown in the immediate neighborhood, but at any rate effort should be made to obtain seed grown in districts where climate, soil, and farming conditions in general are similar to those at home.

If the farmer happens to have a stock of seed left over from the 1914 crop and doubts seed saved from his 1915 crop he would do well to test the older seed also and then use which ever shows the greater vitality. Seed corn if properly cared for will retain its vitality for several years. Many farmers knowing this always select an extra amount of seed from an unusually good harvest.

The following method of testing seed corn is taken from Farmers' bulletin 704. The corn is placed on drying racks made by driving wire finishing nails about 4 inches apart on four sides of a stick. A number is placed over the nail and the butts of the ears are put on the nails. If wire fencing or other seed racks are used, the ears can be numbered in other ways.

In single ear testing, two kernels from opposite sides of the ear on the top, two from the middle, and two from the butt are put in numbered squares or portions of germinating boxes or other testers. The kernels are kept moist at a room temperature not above 90 degrees F. nor below 50 degrees F. After six or seven days the seed should begin to sprout. Only those ears from which all the kernels give strong sprouts should be reserved for planting.

Under ordinary circumstances, it may not be absolutely necessary to test every individual ear. If a large number of typical ears show germinating tests as high as 97 per cent, the seed in general may be considered good. Under the unusual conditions prevailing this year, especially in neighborhoods where the corn did not mature normally, it should well repay a corn grower to test every ear that he intends to use for seed. If he has any reason to doubt the quality of his individual stock, the ear-by-ear testing is simply a form of labor and crop insurance.

Before testing germination, the farmer should examine each ear and throw out all the ears which do not look right or which have several withered or damaged kernels. He should

strive to make up his seed from ears which in size and appearance seem to be normal for the variety of corn. Seed corn should be shelled if possible by hand to avoid the risk of damage by mechanical shelling. Before shelling the owner should pick out peculiar looking kernels and separate the seed into sizes so as to make certain that the corn drill will plant regularly.

SHERRY THEATRE TODAY.

William Farnum Has Banner Film to Show Abilities With.

William Fox presents William Farnum, the \$100,000 screen star in "The Plunderer," a thrilling drama of love; the lust for gold and deadly hatred. William Farnum against 20 in the most blood-thrilling fist fight ever screened. Mr. Farnum trained two months for this fight. See the Croix D'or Mine and mine crushed in this wonderful photoplay.

'INSPIRATION' DATE NEAR

ARTISTS' MODEL BASIS OF PRODUCTION.

Special Attraction Coming to the Arcade This Week.

Inspiration, a most daring picture, dealing with the life of a professional model, has been contracted for, as a special feature, by the Arcade management for February 2nd and 3rd, Wednesday and Thursday.

This picture was inspected by the management while in Portland at the Majestic Theatre, where it had a big run, causing an unusual amount of comment.

In speaking of this picture, we assure the public, that although very daring, there is absolutely nothing offensive. One reel is entirely educational, showing how statuary is made from a life cast of a human body. This picture should not be missed by the film fans of La Grande as it is seldom that a picture as daring as this one contains so much of educational value. In this picture a full view of many of the buildings of the Panama-Pacific exposition is shown as well as the Maine Monument and other important buildings in New York, the groups on these buildings having been posed for by Miss Munson. There is also a pretty romance woven around the artist which makes a very interesting story.

Before being shown to the public this picture is to be passed upon by a committee of local club women.

There will be no raise in the admission price, although it has been shown in other cities at increased prices.

DUSTIN FARNUM SCORES.

After leaving the university where he has been one of the greatest football stars in years, John Harkless (Dustin Farnum) plunges into the thick of Indiana politics through purchasing the Platville Herald and fearlessly smashing the corrupt political machine of Rodney McCune.

While this in a few words describes the gist of the play it by no means conveys to the reader the wonderful photoplay that has been built around Booth Tarkington's very human story. Pen and ink cannot describe the smoothness of the action, the transition from scene to scene as Mr. Farnum lives, not acts, the part of the character he is portraying. At the Arcade today.

The Habit of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not ice water, but a temperature of about 90 degrees F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

KING GEORGE'S SON

London, Jan. 8.—(By Mail)—Eton, the aristocratic boy's school near Windsor, loaned 500 of its boys to help rustle freight in a railway yard at Didcot Junction during the shortage of adult labor. King George's third son, prince Henry, is one of the workers and has managed to mash his fingers twice. Oxford students are also working.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Most Effective.

"I have taken a great many bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and every time it has cured me. I have found it most effective for a hacking cough and for colds. After taking it cough always disappears," writes J. R. Moore, Lost Valley, Ga. Obtainable everywhere.

TO PROSPECTIVE PIANO BUYERS

Do not fall for alluring "for sale" locals, pianos being offered for half price after being paid for by a former customer. These are old style fake and catch penny tactics, long since abandoned by piano houses of repute. Get the so called bargain price, call at the Richey Piano House and convince yourself regarding prices and qualities. If you buy at home, your contract and account will be with a home institution, and your piano not taken from you after half paid. Don't hurry and then worry but take your time and get prices and use your judgment.—Richey Piano House, Opposite Elks' New Building on Washington Street.—Adv.

FADS AND FASHIONS.

Sleeveless nighties, ankle short Are the new alluring sort; In them Sue's so sweet a sight, 'Tis a shame to douse the light.

New York, Jan. 28.—The newest nighties are bound to be a source of vexation to those unfortunates whose vaccinations are thus laid bare either by the lack of sleeve or the lack of length. But who can deny that they are adorable? It takes little material but lots of arts to evolve them and a little nerve and lots of charm to wear 'em. About the only way you can tell a nightie from a chemise these days and nights is by inches. The chemise is cut just above the knee and the nightie just below it. It is true that most of the nighties actually blush for their own shortcomings and this beautiful blush pink dyes them whether they be of sheer batiste crepe de chine or the new wash satin. It takes lots of sibilants to describe them and but little else—sheer, short, sleeveless and simple will do the work and there you have it. Just to be consistently short in every respect the new nighties are also short waisted and the empire line is shown on all the smartest models. Narrow lace edgings outlining the armholes and low neck line; briar stitching in pink or blue, touches of smocking or embroidery in pink or blue are all the ornamentations possible on these chaste little sleeping garments of the moment. They must be highly hygienic, allowing as they do for so much fresh air, but one shudders to think how soon these ducks of nighties become an extinct species along with the Do Do Bird and other rare avis if they keep on dwindling away to nothing in this reckless way they have begun. As for caps to top the dishevelled matutinal locks of milady fair, they are getting reckless too. Time was when a boudoir cap meant a coquettish little morsel of ribbon and lace and net, or at most pastel tinted bits of chiffon or crepe de chine. Nowadays one must be coiffed like a gypsy or one of the Russian ballet in vivid hued silks twisted in turban shapes, or wierd and oriental head dresses. One cunning model that turns you into a snow maid or a fluffy white kitten is made of white satin gathered up into a rosette on top of the head and topped with a fluffy ball or swansdown. Pluffs is of swansdown alternating with a tiny French ribbon roses frame the face. These swansdown trimmed caps are also charming when combined with satin of delicate tints and are verily far more fascinating when up on my lady's head than when down on the swan's.

Seven hundred years old! We all thought the commission form of government for cities was a brand new creation, with Des Moines as the pioneer, says the Oregon Voter.

"There's nothing new under the sun," Le Roy Hodges, counselor of the Southern Commercial Congress, shatters our illusions in a recent issue of Town Development Magazine. He writes: Prescribing that the city should be governed by "four of the more learned and discreet citizens elected by the common choice of the burghers," King John of England, in the year 1200

Found a Sure Thing.

I. B. Wixon, Farmers Mills, N. Y., has used Chamberlain's Tablets for years for disorders of the stomach and liver and says, "Chamberlain's Tablets are the best I have ever used." Obtainable everywhere.

"New" Civic Idea

Sanctioned a "commission government" for Northampton.

Similar charters were held by other early English cities, which contradicts the popular idea that small centralized city legislative and executive councils, and the principle of electing councilmen from the city at large, are creations born of the heresies of the twentieth century political scientists. The fact that the provisions of the first city charter of Boston provided for a legislative and executive body known as a "board of control" as the successor of the old board of selectmen of the town of Boston, is additional evidence that the commission plan is not a new-fangled American idea.

Much Adler-i-ka Used in La Grande.

It is reported by C. D. Putman that much Adler-i-ka is sold in La Grande. People have found out that ONE SPOONFUL of this simple buckthorn bark and glycerine mixture relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour or gassy stomach. It is so powerful that it is used successfully on appendicitis. ONE MINUTE after

WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR

The Craonne battle near Soissons, was the most desperate of the war to date the Germans losing 1000 men in a single attack. The Turks invaded Egypt. The Russians advanced in East Prussia.

Returns From Eastern Trip.

H. H. Weatherspoon, of Elgin, returned last night from an extended tour throughout the east his principal object being that of looking up the apple market prospects. He brings the report that business in all lines has improved and an optimistic feeling prevails. However, the weather is in such a condition that there is little opportunity at present to do much in a commercial way.

Poultry Records.

Complete reports from 380 poultry-club members in Massachusetts show the following results of the past sea-

son's work: Total number of eggs secured, 311,280, and average of 53.16 eggs per hen; total receipts, \$7,709.48; total cost, \$4,057.66; total net profit, \$3,651.82; average net profit per member, \$9.61; net profit per hen, 621-8 cents.

Baby's Skin Troubles.
Pimples—Eruptions—Eczema quickly yield to the soothing and healing qualities of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. No matter where located, how bad or long standing, Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment will remove every trace of the ailment. It will restore the skin to its natural softness and purity. Don't let your child suffer—don't be embarrassed by having your child's face disfigured with blemishes or ugly scars. Use Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Its guaranteed. No cure no pay. 50c at your Druggist.

PECULIAR FACTS ABOUT WELL KNOWN PEOPLE

Washington, D. C. Jan. 22.—Representative Pritten of Illinois was formerly a prominent amateur lightweight prizefighter. He still follows the doings of the sport world closely.

How to Cure Colds.

Avoid exposure and drafts. Eat right. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar, healing balsams and mild laxatives. Dr. King's New Discovery kills and expels the cold germs, soothes the irritated throat and allays inflammation. Search as you will, you cannot find a better cough and cold remedy. Its use over 45 years is a guarantee of satisfaction.

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