

SHERRY THEATRE To-day Only

William Fox Presents
WILLIAM FARNUM

in
"THE PLUNDERER"

A Thrilling Romance of the Lure of Yellow Gold.

TOMORROW ONLY—Francis X. Bushman in "THE SECOND IN COMMAND."

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

SMITH COMES WITH LESSON

TWO REMARKABLE LECTURES GIVEN BY O-W MAN

"Home Making" and "Corn" Farm Themes for Addresses

C. L. (Farmer) Smith the patriarch of farming and farm promotion as conducted by the O-W, has delivered two splendid addresses at the opening of farm week. Last evening he was the chief speaker before the joint session at the Methodist church. His theme at that time was "Home Making" and he hit upon a unique phase.

First Livestock a Cow

For a period of two hundred years the first idea and purpose of the men and women who settled on the land was to make a home. They pushed their way into the wilderness, fought back the Indians, felled the forests and built their log cabins. Nor for the money they could make; but to make a home. A place where they could by the application of their labor to the cultivation of the soil and the care of domestic animals provide themselves and families with food and raiment.

Those first settlements were in sections covered with timber which had to be cut and burned before anything could be grown. This clearly was a slow process, therefore the cultivated areas were small, the cultivation intensive and the crops diversified.

Those early pioneers grew practically everything that could be grown in their climate for the use of the family, first vegetables then grain, fruit and meat.

The first livestock was a cow, the next a pig. They raised all the calves keeping the females for milk and breeding, the males for team work. The first team on the pioneer farm was oxen, they did not need expensive harness, were slow but sure and could gather most of their own feed. Sheep provided meat and wool. The wool was corded, spun into yarn, and woven into cloth, by wives and daughters. Those people did not have money but they were free from debt, they had an abundance of good healthy food, more independence, had less care and worry than some of their grandsons who ride in automobiles, wear store clothes and buy their food in paper boxes with pictures on the wrappers.

For many years I have contended that "Home-making" was more important than money getting, that for the man on the land whether his holding be large or small should give homemaking the right of way. Wherever I found men doing that I have found the successful satisfied and contented. On the contrary wherever the money-getting idea predominated they were rarely successful even when they were they were not satisfied.

If I were to select a text for this talk it would be from Burns: "To make a happy fireside clime For we'ans and wife, That's the true pathos and-sublime Of human life."

The character of our farm homes and the condition of living in those homes is a better measure of civilization than bank clearings and commercial transactions.

"Home Economics" taught in our public schools will make a larger con-

Coffee

Don't praise your cook's economy when she buys cheap coffee.

She can save at most a fraction of a cent per cup—by sacrificing all your coffee-satisfaction!

Real economy means such quality as Schilling's Best—richness of flavor so perfectly protected in the airtight tins that you get it all in your cup.

Freed of bitterish chaff, evenly ground, moneybacked.

Schilling's Best

tribution to the "sum total" of human happiness than Latin, Greek or Grammar.

There is very little room for religion in the heart of a man, if he never has anything but sour bread and soggy potatoes in his stomach.

This afternoon a splendid address touching upon the welfare of the corn crop—an industry rapidly coming into its own, was delivered by Mr. Smith at the afternoon session this afternoon.

What Corn is Doing

To any student of modern agriculture there are a few facts that stand out very clearly. One of these is that in every community there are some men who are receiving larger, more satisfactory returns for each unit labor and each acre of land, than other men farming the same kind of land, subject to the same climatic conditions and selling their crops in the same market. A comparison of the net returns from those farms where the best methods are practiced, with the average of the whole country indicate that if all the farmers, practiced the best methods the average net returns for land and labor would be more than doubled.

Among the factors responsible for the low net returns of the average farm are the single crop system of farming. A system that makes no provision for maintaining or increasing productive capacity of the land, calls for an excessive amount of labor at certain seasons of the year but makes no provision for the profitable employment of labor the balance of the time. The single crop system encourages men to spread out over more land than they can properly cultivate; thereby wasting both land and labor. Another cause of loss is keeping scrub animals that are incapable of making either milk or meat at a profit.

The history of agriculture demonstrates the fact that diversified farming with livestock as a factor will maintain and often increase the fertility of the soil; that it provides a more continuous and profitable employment of labor, more certain and continuous income and for crop rotation which is the best known check against insect pests and plant diseases.

For these reasons the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company have been and are now carrying on a vigorous campaign for a more diversified system of farming. They have specialized on corn because corn leads logically to more and better livestock, crop rotation, more intensive methods of farming, larger returns for land and labor. Which means more and better business for the merchant the manufacturer and the transportation company.

Why Corn

The corn plant will produce the largest amount of feed per acre of any plant grown.

It is the best and cheapest feed to make a balanced ration with alfalfa.

It is one of the best crops to grow in rotation with grain, grass and root crops.

It will profitably utilize a larger measure of stable manure than any other crop.

When the ground is properly prepared and the crop cultivated as it should be, it is more profitable and satisfactory in cleaning a field from weeds than summer fallow.

It is the best, most economical and satisfactory crop to grow for a green feed to supplement dry pastures in July, August and September.

An acre of corn will produce more and better silage than any other crop. Good, well grown, properly cured corn silage, to the amount of one-half the daily ration, is one of the best known feeds for dairy cows, young growing stock or fattening steers.

It has been successfully and practically demonstrated that corn can be grown in every county in the Pacific Northwest.

Owing to the fact that the corn plant is one of the most variable in its characteristics, and one that adapts itself to a greater degree than any other to its environments and conditions, it has been possible during the last hundred years to move the so-called "corn belt" farther north, until today corn is successfully and profitably grown in every state of the Union.

Next, because of the variability of its nature the corn plant has been improved to a greater degree than any other farm crop. This improvement has been made mainly by taking advantage of this variability in character; by selection and breeding, fixing those qualities that are desirable and eliminating the undesirable.

As an indication of the extent to which this improvement may be carried, attention is called to the fact that the average yield of corn in the United States is only a trifle over 20 bushels per acre; that in Texas, where climatic conditions are favorable, the average yield is only 12 bushels per acre, while in Minnesota, where natural conditions are far less favorable, the farmers have succeeded by seed selection and intensive methods of cultivation in bringing the average for the state to something over 34 bushels per acre, and there are many individual instances where the yield has exceeded 200 bushels per acre.

Corn for more than two hundred and fifty years was the principal food of the people of this country. It is now the most valuable crop grown

on this continent exceeding any other by two-fold. It is profitably grown over a larger area than any other crop. Is used by more people and in more ways than any other crop. In its relation to modern agriculture it holds the front seat by virtue of past and present performance, full of promise for the future.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL RECOVERY FROM KIDNEY TROUBLE

For nearly nine years I was a great sufferer from what my doctor said was Kidney trouble and my blood was out of order; enduring all that time excruciating pain in my back and across my bowels. I was drawn down so that I could only walk with my hands on my knees. My doctor said he could do nothing for me. I tried many kinds of medicine but all to no avail. A friend told me about Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root and as I had tried everything else that I heard of, I bought a bottle of Swamp-Root and it did wonders for me. I prize it higher than any other medicine and I shall recommend it to my friends. I wish to add right here that after using Swamp-Root for two months I began to straighten up and am now sound and well, and feel like I might live a long time yet to tell what your medicine has done for me.

Yours very truly,
T. C. CLAY,
Marion, Ohio.

750 Sugar St., State of Ohio, Marion County.

Personally appeared before me this 19th day of December, A. D., 1914, T. C. Clay, who subscribed to the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

CHARLES W. HABERMAN,
Notary Public,
Marion Co., Ohio.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention the La Grande Daily Observer. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

ICE HARVEST ABOUT ENDED

INDUSTRY GIVES EMPLOYMENT TO MANY MEN.

News Items and Personal Mention From North Powder.

North Powder Ore, Jan. 28. (Special)—The P. E. E. will close their work in a few days after a very successful ice season extending over several weeks. This company has filled their houses at North Powder and at other points along the railroad. This is a big industry and coming in the cold season when there is no work to do it is a great help to the working people here as the greater number employed comes from this town and part of the country.

Dr. Law has opened an office in the Oregon rooming house and will enter the active practice of medicine again. His family remains on the ranch as the Dr. drives back and forth to his place of business. He lives only three miles out of town.

Dr. Law sold a bunch of hogs to Arch Spain last week.

The January thaw struck us last Saturday and we knew there was no mistake.

It took most of the snow off and after freezing up proceeded to snow some more and made the roads almost impassable for a few days.

Some of the people that were expecting spring after January thaw have been much disappointed that it has not come. It will be a few days yet before we have spring from the way the snow hangs on.

Mr. Shanks of Union, it is reported will open a bakery and confectionary store in North Powder in a short time. There is room for a good bakery in North Powder and Mr. Shanks' bakery will be a welcome addition to the business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Chandler are visiting with Mrs. Chandler's sister this week Mrs. Charlie Brant.

The Friends in Council met on their regular meeting time last Wednesday in spite of bad weather.

Hay is very scarce and high in this part of the country. What there is is from prices ranging from sixteen to twenty dollars per ton. This is to much and farmers are using straw and grain. It looks as if some of the persons that are holding for such prices will have their hay left on their hands.

After a Month of Being Dry

Portland, Ore. Feb. 1.—After a whole month on the waterwagon, the heretofore wet portions of the three states Oregon Washington, and Idaho are taking an inventory of themselves. Total arrests from January, 1916, show a decrease of nearly two-thirds over the same month last year, Seattle, Portland Spokane, and Tacoma a drunken man is not often seen it is said. The novelty of near-beer

Christian Science Lecture

—By—

William R. Rathvon
OF DENVER, COLORADO

Member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Mass.

—At—

Methodist Episcopal Church
Corner Spring and Fourth St.

Tuesday, February 8, 1916 at 8 o'Clock P. M.

Public Cordially Invited, No Admission

Chickens for Sale

350 Full-blooded laying hens, White Plymouth Rocks, Rose Comb Brown Leghorns, all selected stock, and in fine shape for spring. Must be sold in a few days, \$6.00 per dozen cash. Some \$5.00 hens and some Roosters worth \$15.00 among the lot—put in your order now.

CALL MAIN 16.

Or inquire

C. J. Black's Grocery

Orchard Poultry Farm Stock—L. M. Jensen Prop.

saloons hasn't worn off and their ultimate success is still hanging fire. Many of these have advertised a welcome to women customers. But only in curious groups, usually led by a man, have the members of the fair sex ventured inside. Many cellars and basements in Oregon and Washington are well stocked with liquor and an easy way is provided for getting more. Idaho, which has a drum tight prohibition law, was nearly all dry by local option before state wide prohibition took effect.

Secure This MAXWELL

And Pay As You Ride



MODERN METHODS applied to automobile retail business—that's the meaning of the "Maxwell Way." You have the privilege of testing, using, enjoying your car after a small down payment, and the balance is pay as you ride. What about the car? Why, it's a

MAXWELL

—the car sold under a unique guarantee. For further recommendations ask the owners—hundreds of them in Oregon. It's made of the kind of stuff that's put into the larger and higher priced cars. The material and workmanship assure long and satisfactory service. Price

\$7.45 At Electric Lighted and Started
La Grande

Leighton's Garage

Farmers B 51.
Main 787

R. W. LEIGHTON, Mgr.

1311—Washington Street.

Open Evenings and Sundays.

DEALERS IN UNION COUNTY—J. H. BARNES, ELGIN, GRAND RONDE GARAGE, UNION.