

# Tomorrow--Last Day of Our Year End Clean-Up Sale

Will reveal to you an array of bargains in all departments of our store, such as you very seldom see. We aim to clean up, and that is what we are going to do, and this will be your last chance to get **QUALITY MERCHANDISE** at such prices as **WE** have been quoting. These values must be seen to be appreciated, so we heartily welcome you to our store the **LAST DAY OF OUR**

## YEAR END CLEAN-UP SALE

### HILL'S DEPARTMENT STORE

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FAMOUS JAPANESE ACTOR  
CO-STARRING WITH MYRTLE  
STEDMAN IN STIRRING PLAY

Those who saw the thrilling struggle between Fannie Ward and Sessue Hayakawa during the Laaky production of "The Cheat" have a still greater surprise in store for them in the Jesse L. Laaky production of "The Soul of Kura-San" in which Sessue Hayakawa, supported by Myrtle Stedman, will be seen on the Paramount program at the Arcade on Friday and Saturday.

In this gripping Japanese-American drama, Hayakawa has a desperate struggle with Miss Stedman and George Webb in the living room of a beautiful Long Island home. Hayakawa is one of the best amateur jiu-jitsu wrestlers in the United States, but in Miss Stedman he very nearly met his match.

The struggle started. Hayakawa, trying to be as gentle as possible, made a rush for his fair co-star only to be struck on the shoulder and sent spinning, and then finding that gentle tactics would not do, he started in earnest. He rushed again and succeeded in seizing Miss Stedman in his arms, attempting to throw her on the table, but found that his opponent was just as quick as himself, and no matter what holds he obtained she was able to wrench herself free. He finally managed to force her back and render her helpless just as Webb entered with the revolver. Webb was in for the realism just as much as the two stars, and Hayakawa found himself beset with two individuals bent on the studio glory of conquering him. With a quick lapse into jiu-jitsu, Hayakawa threw Webb to the floor just as Miss Stedman threw herself upon him. Several bystanders thought the fight was now in earnest and started to rush into separate the combatants and were stopped by the director just in time. For a half hour longer the three struggled about the room until the scenes were secured and then the victor and the vanquished went to lunch together to hold a "post-mortem" over the conflict.

#### Agricultural Club Activities.

Although no special efforts have been made to increase the membership of boys' and girls' agricultural clubs in the Northern and Western states reports to the States Relations Service of the department, which, with the State agricultural colleges, directs the work, show that the enrollment on

June 30 last was 189,082, as compared with 151,194 on June 30 1915. This indicates that there should be a material increase in the final enrollment for the year over the enrollment for 1915, which was 209,178. The club groups organized show an increase of 404 clubs over the number reported last year. During the six months ended June 30 this year approximately \$73,000 had been donated by local persons for local fairs, festivals, and for other methods for the encouragement of the local work as compared with \$51,175 during the entire calendar year of 1915.

#### A Woman Dog-Catcher.

Miss Lenore Cawker, Milwaukee's official dog-catcher, is a millionaire. It is quite evident that she did not take the job for the money there is in it. Ten years ago Milwaukee had a dog pound, but the conditions under which it was operated were nauseating. When Miss Cawker heard of this, she started a movement for more humane treatment of dogs and cats and other animals. Unofficially she has been Milwaukee's dog-catcher since that time, and it was only last year that she received her official commission. It costs approximately \$3,000 a year to run the department as Miss Cawker wishes it run, and the difference between this sum and her salary she pays out of her own pocket. She estimates that she spent more than \$30,000 on the work in the last ten years. Miss Cawker has fitted up a part of her stables as kennel, with an asphyxiation room in which she guarantees painless death to dogs and cats that must be disposed of. In this kennel there are usually from twenty to fifty dogs and cats awaiting identification by owners or the alternative, asphyxiation. The dogs of pedigree, or pure blood, are saved whenever a real owner can be found for them, while the mongrels are asphyxiated after the shortest time in which they might be claimed. Last year Miss Cawker and her men handled 3,000 dogs alone, and the best testimonial to the efficiency of her department is the fact that Milwaukee has had no serious hydrophobia and comparatively few cases of stry dog nuisances since she took charge of it.—The Christian Herald.

#### Commit This to Memory

Homer McKee once wrote a prayer, and among other things he said:  
"Teach me that sixty minutes make one hour, sixty ounces one pound, and one hundred cents one dollar."  
"Help me to live so that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience, without a gun under my pillow, and unharmed by the faces of those to

whom I have brought pain.  
"Grant, I beseech Thee, that I may earn my meal ticket on the square, and in doing thereof that I may not stick the guff where it does not belong."  
"Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money of the other fellow, but reveal to me mine own."  
"Guide me so that each night when I look across the dinner table at my wife, who has been a blessing to me, I shall have nothing to conceal."  
"Keep me young enough to laugh with my children and to lose myself in their play."  
"And then, when come the smell of flowers, and the tread of soft steps, and the crushing of the hearse's wheels in the gravel out in front of my place, make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple:  
"Here Lies a Man."  
—Toledo Rotarian.

#### The "Women's Special."

All accounts from the West agree that the train-load of eastern women who went out there to argue for Mr. Hughes in the suffrage states contributed mightily to his defeat. Someone has reckoned up that they were three days in Washington and a week in California, both of which Hughes lost; that they were only a few hours in Oregon, which he saved.  
The patronizing attitude of the so-called millionaires of the East who were without the ballot, towards their sisters in the West who had been using it for some time, provoked deep resentment. And in consequence enough of the latter decided to vote for Wilson to turn the scale.  
This is the report from the West. We incline to think it correct.—Boston Herald.

#### The Japanese Golden Rule.

"One thing I want to make plain is the difference between the Oriental view and the Christian view. The Oriental teaching is: "Do not do unto others what you would not like to have them do unto you."  
"I wonder if Baron Shibusawa means by that our treatment of the Japanese in California," I thought.  
"The Christian teaching," he continued, "is: "Do to others what you would like to have them do to you." Americans should understand, not only this difference of viewpoint, but the common end they serve."—Maynard Owen Williams in The Christian Herald.

#### Mary.

I think so often of Mary—  
Mary the Mother glad,  
Who lived in a Nazareth cottage,  
When Christ was a little lad.

I think of her in the morning  
As she put on his little frock,  
And brushed the curls from his forehead  
Smoothing each shining lock,  
And heard him speak with reverence  
A little sunrise prayer,  
With a look of child-like wonder  
Upon his face so fair.

When Joseph played with the children  
Who lived across the street,  
I think like the sound of music  
Was the echo of his voice,  
Which sent her pulses thrilling  
And made her heart rejoice.

And when he brought his bruises  
For her to touch and kiss,  
And she smiled away his troubles  
With all a mother's bliss,  
I think that over her spirit  
Stole a promise of endless rest,  
As she "magnified the Father"  
Who had given her his best.

Then, when the shadows deepened  
And the child, now tired of play,  
Rested his head on her bosom  
At the close of a weary day,  
As she taught him a psalm of praises,  
And mused on prophecies dear,  
I think that the song of the angels  
Fell on her listening ear.

So I often think of Mary,  
Mary the Mother glad,  
Who lived in a Nazareth cottage  
When Christ was a little lad.  
—Nettie Cole King, in The Christian Herald.

#### Will Send His Regrets To His Own Execution

Professor T. G. Masaryk Has Been Tried for Treason and Sentenced in Vienna But He Hopes to Die in London.

London, Dec. 28.—(United Press by Mail)—Professor T. G. Masaryk will have to send his regrets to Vienna when the time comes for his execution. Masaryk is scheduled to be the guest of honor at the killing but doesn't believe he will be able to attend.

The Austrian government conducted a regular orderly trial of Masaryk on charges of high treason. He was sentenced to death following a verdict of guilty. The defendant was in London where he remains today as a lecturer at the University of London.

Masaryk is one of the most interesting figures in the Slav political and scientific world. As leader of the progressives in the Reichsrath he was forever demanding liberation of the Czech nation from Austrian domination.

The outbreak of the war made things very uncomfortable for the professor in Austria so he left.

He had organized and led the opposition to Austria's annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Masaryk, although theoretically an enemy alien has found London a friendly haven compared to his homeland.

#### New York's Fur Market

New York, Jan. 11.—(Special)—The bringing of the fur market of the world to New York is an accomplished fact, but a certain amount of anxiety prevails among merchants as to their ability to keep it here after the war is over. It can be said, however, that this fur should be unwarranted if the dealers and manufacturers of fur in this country display as much energy and wisdom in carrying out a movement that is now under way, as they did in establishing it. For this movement they have adopted the slogan "support New York," and they seem thoroughly capable of living up to it.

The business in furs transacted in New York is now at a rate of about \$70,000,000 a year. As high as \$3,000,000 has changed hands in a single week's auction, which is only a part of the business that has developed here since the war closed London as a center of the industry. For a while the feeling existed that the opening of an auction mart for furs would detract from other means of sale in this city. But this has proven to be anything but the case. The auctions have attracted dealers and manufacturers from other cities who have satisfied only a small portion of their demands at the auctions, and who made such amount of purchasing elsewhere in town that all classes of dealers have been benefited.

Up to the beginning of the war enormous amounts of furs passed through New York to London, then the recognized market, were purchased there by American dealers and shipped back here. The freight and insurance charges for this double ocean journey, it is needless to say, were paid for by the ultimate buyer and wearer of the skins. To say the least this was a poor economic proposition. Another factor in the case is that London cannot reasonably hope to resume the place that she once held, as the center and control of the world's supply of furs, as Germany and Austria will hardly buy there, and they represent a considerable factor in the fur industry. It only requires a certain amount of care and expert handling to retain the fur market in New York permanently. There are over a thousand manufacturers and dealers here, with enormous capital, and employing

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Fight for Happiness Is Theme of New Film.

A woman's battle against a man who deliberately brings unhappiness into her home, forms the background of the action in William Fox' photoplay, "Love and Hate," in which Bertha Kalich stars. Madame Kalich plays the part of Helen Sterling, whose husband Robert (Kenneth Hunter), is brought to ruin through the machinations of George Howard (Stuart Holmes), a dishonest broker, and his assistant, Rita Lawson (Madeleine Le Nard).

Howard's motive is to get Helen away from her husband, and by clever schemes, he succeeds in forcing Robert to sue for divorce. The broker's own false testimony leads the court to grant the decree.

Then another ruse of Howard's brings Helen to his house. Enraged by his continual nagging and eternal cruelty, the woman kills him. Then she goes horrified to her home.

She finds Robert there. He has seen the truth, and has come to take her back.

Screen Drama Based on Hay's Famous Poem to Be Produced by Triangle-Fine Arts.

A film drama based on the famous poem "Jim Bludso" by former Secretary of State John Hay is soon to be produced by the Triangle Fine Arts been done, and the camera work will soon begin.

Wilfred Lucas will play the role of Jim Bludso and will direct, Tod Browning being his co-director. Olga Gray will play the principal emineine role. Triangle has purchased a river steamer for the play and it will be turned to the river's edge.

In "The Matrimaniac," the new Triangle-Douglas Fairbanks play, one of Fairbanks' stunts is riding the "rods" of a passenger coach accompanied by a clergyman in a bathrobe, whom the athletic picture actor star has kidnapped to perform his marriage for him.

generally the most modern methods of dealing, and the auction sales, which are regarded as a backbone of the situation, have been uniformly successful since they were started.

The use of furs is increasing by leaps and bounds in America. It would denote a certain stupidity or failure of American business methods if the market is lost to New York after the war is over, but what the American purchaser wishes to know just at this time is this: After normal conditions have been resumed, and each individual skin sold in this country will not have the added cost of the journey to and from London, plus the insurance charges, will he be given some of profits to the dealer and manufacturer.

#### Butter Honors.

Premier honors for butter were won at the last National Dairy Show, Springfield, Mass., by the creamery at Grove City, Pa., operated under the supervision and direction of the Dairy Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Twenty-seven states and the Dominion of Canada were represented in the 151 samples entered. All the entries were of high quality, but in the opinion of the judge the 10-pound tub, from Grove City was the best, with a score of 96. The award is the more interesting because the creamery had been in operation only a little more than a year.

Only fresh, sweet cream and whole milk are accepted by the creamery and are carefully handled under sanitary conditions. All cream is pasteurized and then ripened with lactic-acid cultures. The high quality of the product may rightly be attributed to a good raw product and proper methods of manufacture.

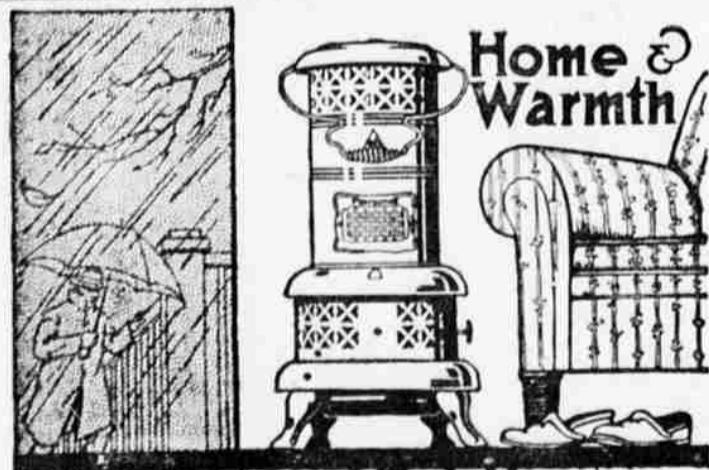
#### Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cove State Bank will be held at their banking house, in Cove, Oregon, on Thursday, January 11, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m.

At this meeting a Board of Directors will be elected to serve for the ensuing year and such other business will be considered as may properly offer.

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