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FILMSY POLITICS.

It is a wonder that political tactics in Oregon of the old blackmilling type should still prevail, and even have adherents sufficiently gullible to be imposed upon. They are still harping over the old libel in regard to R. N. Stanfield holding his wool crop and making immense sums of money at the expense of the government, when it has been shown over and over again that Stanfield's wool was at the command of the government at any time and all the time. And if the owner of this alleged great amount of wool would not release the same, it was subject to be commandeered the same as all other supplies which the government needs are taken whenever it is necessary for the benefit of the country now at war.

All that can be hoped to be gained by continuous repetition of such libelous matter is to create a prejudice against Mr. Stanfield because he happens to be a man of energy and industry and has made a business success.

If he had made a failure of the sheep and stock business, he would still be berated by this class of politicians because he had not made a success. It doesn't make any difference to the class of political bush whackers who stop at no means that will besmirch reputation for the fancied success which such disreputable tactics will bring.

The level-headed everyday Oregonian knows better than to place any stock or confidence in such stuff, and for this reason alone there is quite liable to be a reaction that will bring as it should stronger support than Mr. Stanfield would have received without having been made the object of this calumny.

A DOUBLE OFFENSIVE.

According to German reports there is to be an offensive against the Italian front at the same time that the operations against the western front are renewed. It may be so. But it looks like von Hindenburg's forces will have enough to do to make headway through the French and British lines. It is a safe enough guess that if any severe inroads were to be made on either of the objective lines, that movement would have been pulled off long ago.

In the meantime the allied forces are apparently ready for anything that may come up along the battle front in either French or Belgian territory. The failure to follow up the artillery storming of the past few days indicates that the German cock sure attitude as to what they are able to do is weakening. And this makes it look more and more like the proposed double offensive is for home consumption.

RECEPTION FOR PIONEERS.

That is a good movement proposed by daughters of pioneer parents to perfect an organization with the primary object of providing suitable entertainment for the pioneers who will meet in annual session at Riverside Park. It is not too much to assume that those who came to this valley among the first and were then in their prime are now mostly beyond the age when they should be required to provide themselves with what they may need to enjoy an occasion of this kind. There are enough of the younger generation to look out for those who have reached the patriarchal age. There is enough of the old neighborly feeling in and around La Grande and other localities within the county as well, to insure the pioneers a good time and a comfortable time when there is someone to take the lead in seeing that they have it. For this reason the proposed organization and its main object are eminently the proper thing.

S-T-A-R

"The Charmer"

Very frequently the unexpected puts a "punch" into a photoplay that was never intended by the director to be there and very frequently these accidental "flashes" are the hit of the production. An instance in point happened when Jack Conway was directing Ella Hall in "The Charmer," the Bluebird to be exhibited at the Star Theatre today and tomorrow. Miss Hall used a trained monkey as the pet of the little orphan she interprets in the screen story. The monkey was "rehearsed" in his part for a scene in which the "monk" was in mischief.

Covered with flour and dough from his rummaging in the kitchen, the monkey was supposed to be discovered at his pranks by the little orphan. He was trained to jump down from a table, thence onto a chair and in one leap disappear through an open window, passing over a sink containing a painful of dishes the girl had been reluctant to wash. Cameras were set to catch the monkey in his kitchen gymnastics, and another machine was placed in the yard, outside the window, the two machines being charged with photographing the little chimp on his completed voyage from mischief to the open air.

When the moment came to begin actual operations the monkey made the leap from "take-off," but instead of jumping to the chair he made a wild leap into the pan of dishes, and then proceeded through the open window. Entirely uninvited a cat ambled onto the scene in the door-yard and when the monkey joyously vaulted through the window he landed squarely on the cat. The camera out-of-doors was grinding away and photographed a scene of unexpected and unrehersed animation.

Making dual leaps six feet in the air, cat and monkey "mixed it up" in rough and tumble sermimage for half a moment—and then the monkey tore for the tall timber. The fight when developed in the film, proved to be one of the most spontaneous "hits" imaginable. The incident could never have been prearranged, for animal training and camera-work could never have been so deliberately blended. It's a real fight, for the brief lapse of time necessary for the cat to consume in making the monkey quit his fur-pulling and skeddaddle.

ARCADE

Hippodrome Vaudeville Tomorrow.

Tomorrow is Hippodrome vaudeville day at the Arcade Theatre. In connection with the vaudeville show there will be shown a two reel Keystone Comedy. The four acts offer a variety of entertainment and have received very good advance notices.

Fred Ferdinand is a young man who offers a number of whistling imitations and monologues. One of the features of his act is Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever." He masters some of the most difficult musical compositions that can be imagined and he has an act that is worthy of every consideration.

The Hanley Girls offer a very pleasing act which they bill as a "Singing and Dancing Diversion." There number is full of delightful singing with plenty of costume changes.

Fargo and Wells offer twelve minutes of harmony which they divide on the violin, banjo, harp and saxophones. They also have a good line of comedy patter and their entire act moves along in rapid fire order.

An athletic young man and woman and la petite Edna make up the De Long Trio whose sensational exploits in

BIG AMERICAN LINER MYSTERIOUSLY SUNK IN NEW YORK HARBOR.



This photograph shows the big American liner St. Paul after she toppled over from a mysterious cause, just as she was nosing into Pier No. 61 at New York. Federal agents are investigating. One charge is that German agents opened the sea-cocks. The water here is 40 feet deep and the side of the big liner can be seen above the water line in the center of the picture. "The gangplank was just being rigged when the ship suddenly gave a lurch and went over to an angle of 45 degrees," said a member of the naval gun crew. "Everything loose began sliding into the water and the men began pouring outside, jumping into the lighter and tugs alongside, onto the dock, and into the water. Just then both masts snapped off short with a crash. Then she settled down into the mud. River craft rapidly picked up the men in the water."

comedy and feats of strength, presents an unusual offering which they call, "Comedy Novelty Aerobats." Baby Edna is a mighty clever child and adds a finish to the act which makes it a very attractive one.

The photo play feature that is coming to the Arcade Thursday features Monroe Salisbury and Ruth Clifford. It is named "The Red Heart" and is taken from the famous novel by Lenore Willard "The Heart of the Desert."

Salisbury takes the part of Kutie, the educated Indian and Ruth Clifford as Rhoda Tuttle, the girl who regains her health and strength in primitive life.

It is a thrilling story of the outdoors and will no doubt please those who like stories of Indians and of the great Western country.

SHERRY'S

The crowds that have followed with absorbing interest the exciting out of door serial "Vengeance and the Woman" at this popular show house and have marveled at the feats of derring of "Blake and Beside" will learn with regret that the story ends with the showing today and tomorrow of the last chapter so don't miss being in at the finish.

With it comes Anita Stewart reel Blue Ribbon Vitagraph "the Suspect" from the play "The Silver Shell" making a story of the Russian Revolution. Eight reel program of unusual interest and excellence. Sherry's invites you to come early and stay late, so that none of it will get away from you.

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NOT COAL LAND
 Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon, May 3rd, 1918.

NOTICE is hereby given that FRED E. HOLTKE, of Starkey, Oregon, who, on May 19, 1915, made Additional Homestead Entry, No. 014763, for SW 1/4 NE 1/4, and NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 21, Township 4 South, Range 35 East, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year Proof, to establish a claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, United States Land Office, at La Grande, Oregon, on the 18th day of June, 1918.

Claimant names as witnesses: Thomas Loftus, W. H. Brazza, Robert P. Parker, W. M. Horgan, all of Starkey, Oregon.
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