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SHERRY'S

A FIGHT FOR MILLIONS
EPISODE 8 TODAY

One good Indian and always very much alive, is Iron Star in "A Fight for Millions," Vitagraph's newest and greatest adventure serial, the eighth episode of which will be seen in the Sherry theater on Friday. Iron Star is the faithful and fearless protector of the heroine and to make good on the job and stay alive despite the efforts of the villains to kill him, he performs some of the most amazing feats ever shown on a screen. Willie Calles, who takes the part of Iron Star, was born in Mexico City, of Spanish-Mexican parents and his education there completed, turned to the stage. He specialized in Spanish dancing. Coming to the states he reached a year in Arizona, became an expert in the saddle as at dancing and many of the tricks he learned from the cowboys he uses in the serial. When fourteen years old he won the prize as best high jumper in Mexico, and always has been not all around athlete. He worked in pictures with Lubin and Lasky and was the "Cyclone" Captain in "The Gray Horse Troop." He did splendid work with Vitagraph in "Vengeance and the Woman."

REAL OLD FASHIONED
CIRCUS SHOWN ON SCREEN

Folks who have not been to a circus for so long they have forgotten what one is like, should see "The Highest Bidder," the Vitagraph Big Ribbon Feature which will be seen in the Sherry theater today and tomorrow. A real children's show is screened, with all the best and animals and cages and popcorn and peanuts and shows of young and old. "The Highest Bidder" is a fascinating romance by Florence Morse Kingsley, in which Alice Jones has the leading role, that of Barbara Houston, a beautiful young girl who sells herself at public auction to the highest bidder to save the Preston farm to her young brother. Walter Mitchell plays opposite her and others in the cast are Percy Brundage, Edna Murphy, John Cowles, Miss Carr and Stephen Carr. Tom Ferris directed the picture.

JANUARY RECORDS
Just received. Come in at once. W. H. Bohnenkamp Co. 12-17-18

Observer advertising pays.

ARCADE

PRINCESS MONA DARKFEATHER
TO BE AT THE ARCADE SOON

Princess Mona Darkfeather, the famous Indian photoplay star, will appear at the Arcade theatre soon. Princess Darkfeather has appeared in more photoplays than any other actress in the profession, numbering over 500 in her eight years' experience on the screen. She has been identified as star with the original Bison company, also with Selig, Universal, Kalem and the Mutual company.

CHARLES RAY HAS FINE
ROLE IN NEW PICTURE

"His Own Home Town" is Filled With Many Thrilling Situations
Charles Ray, whose pictures, "His Mother's Boy," "The Hired Man" and "The Family Skeleton," have won for him a host of followers, is to be seen

ARCADE TODAY



CHARLES RAY
WEDNESDAY
BIG HIPPODROME ROAD SHOW
"Watch the Children"
THE FEATURE ACT
The Treat of the Season

at the Arcade theatre today in his latest Paramount photoplay "His Own Home Town."

In this production Mr. Ray has a role which is eminently suited to and affords him ample scope for the exercise of his talent. The scenes are laid in a small inland city, which has been dominated for years by a political boss and a few favorite henchmen, including a hypocritical minister of the gospel, the latter being the father of Jimmy Dunbar, the character assumed by Charles Ray. This young man's soul revolts against their corrupt practices and he determines to rid the city of the baneful presence of these malcontents in office. How he accomplishes this, and in addition wins the love of a beautiful girl, is captivatingly told in a series of highly thrilling scenes.

ATTENTION, AUTO DRIVERS
Patients in the Grande Ronde hospital are disturbed at all hours, day and night, by the constant use of the west end of Adams avenue by joy riders. In order to protect similar institutions other cities have found it necessary to make restricted traffic ordinance. I believe all that will be necessary in our instance is to call attention to the owners of autos and in deference to the sick that much of the traffic now entirely unnecessary will be eliminated.

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BABY NESTS
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All hats at half price at the Walling millinery. 12-17-18

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Maybe you'll need Spices—look your stock up. Lemon or Vanilla Extract for flavoring.

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GROCERY

FUNERAL TO-MORROW

Remains of Enterprise Young Man to be brought to La Grande.

The funeral of Charles Albert Berry, who died at Enterprise Monday morning, will be held from the Bohnenkamp chapel to-morrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The interment will be in the Summerville cemetery.

A CHRISTMAS BEEF

Jack O'Neil Arranged for Unique Window Exhibit.

Jack O'Neil, proprietor of the La Grande Meat Market, has made arrangements for a window exhibit that will be out of the ordinary. It will be a dressed yearling of the "baby beef" class. The animal selected for this purpose is a Hereford from the Biokland Brothers herd and those who know what this strain is for beef will realize that it is something out of the usual line. This is to be a special feature for Christmas. The young cattle at the Biokland farms are being specially fed, also, to make the whole program of the highest quality for the Christmas season.

TEACHERS MEETING POSTPONED

By action of the executive committee the general meeting of the state teachers association will be postponed indefinitely. The representative council however will meet on Friday, December 27, the morning session beginning at 9 o'clock and the afternoon session at 1:30. The department of superintendents will hold its session on Saturday and probably other departments will do likewise. The place of meeting is the Lincoln High school.

MADE SHIPMENT OF HOGS

R. E. Slack of Summerville, has just returned from Portland having shipped two cars of hogs to that market. Mr. Slack reports the hog market steady at the North Portland yards. The weather is fine and shipments are keeping up to the normal.

NEW TODAY

LOST—Black neck piece, last Tuesday. Leave it at Observer and get reward. 12-16

FOR SALE—Eggs fresh, eggs guaranteed. Also fruits and conifers for Xmas. Phone Bk. 3261. Call 1304 E. N. Ave. 12-17-18

LOST—Chainlink pouch containing some silver, and bills. Return Observer office. Reward. 12-17-18

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping rooms. Bk. 1292. 12-17-18

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FAVORS FINANCIAL UNION

French Government Considering Plans for Paying War Expenses.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—The French government is considering a bill establishing among the allies an international financial union. The purpose of this union would be to distribute the expenses of the war between the nations on the basis of population and power to contribute. The proposition is supported by 400 delegates of all parties. It is understood that a similar plan is under consideration by the British government.

It is estimated that the expenses of the allies totaled 424,000,000,000 francs (approximately \$84,800,000,000), while the central powers' expenses aggregated 370,000,000,000 francs (approximately \$74,000,000,000). To avoid international bankruptcy, it is declared that such an association is necessary to float an international loan estimated at 518,000,000,000 francs (or \$103,600,000,000) to be distributed on a basis of population and production. Each state would guarantee its proportion from customs and other revenues.

Special Hippodrome road show, Arcade Wednesday.

SENDS THOUSANDS HOMEWARD

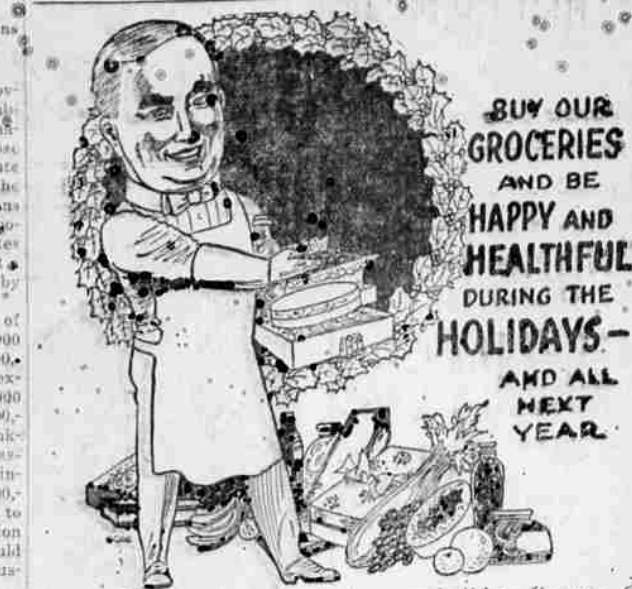
Girls from Departments Mingle With Soldiers from Camps.

In the endless procession of young soldiers that passed through the Union Station at Washington, D. C., in the first days after the ending of the war were many young women. Among the heterogeneous piles of luggage from camps were numerous neat suitcases. The luggage was destined for all parts of the United States, but it all might have been classified as "going home."

And "going home" was written on every eager young face. Girls released from government offices were not less happy than boys honorably discharged from army service. Both girls and boys had accepted the burdens of war brought to them, and now once more they were free. And all could smile for the government had taken care that the going home should mean more than mere family reunions; that it should mean waiting positions, real chances to build for the future.

Through the United States Employment Service the most careful preparation has been made for reconstruction work. Each of its 300 branches has been asked by Mrs. Margaretta Neale, Chief of the Women's Division of the Service, to canvass its special community openings, and in this work the District of Columbia branch has given the fullest cooperation.

The Women's Division of the District of Columbia branch had provided first for the girls who desire to remain in Washington by obtaining lists of the needs of businesses to which peace will divert much business. These agencies quickly absorbed many clerks, whose experience in government work would be of value. In one case fifty-two girls were placed temporarily by a transfer from one department to another.



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Careful inquiry at the various bureaus brought out the fact that large numbers of the girls were impatient to return to their homes. In many cases the clerks desired to go back to domestic responsibilities, as scores had volunteered for war work while their husbands served in army and navy. Most of the expert stenographers had assurance that their old position would be open to them when they returned.

One of the activities of the Employment Service has been to encourage applicants for minor clerical jobs to take the Civil Service examinations, and more than 1000 girls have qualified or taken the test. These girls are in line for vacancies, and while filling vacancies positions have been able to wait patiently for their chances to procure permanent positions.

The District of Columbia branch of the United States Employment Service does not expect many difficulties in the demobilization of the girls, for their war work will end gradually, since the plan is to dispense with about 1800 workers a week, and out of this number the proportion of those who desire to remain in Washington is not large enough to suggest serious consequences. The main cause for anxiety is that the period of non-employment shall be as short as possible, or that it shall not exist at all. With living expenses at their present mark, this is a

most important consideration. When it is remembered that women's first economy is generally in food, the danger of impaired vitality or even illness from under-nourishment is to be avoided.

In the redistribution of the workers many will leave the government service with experience that will be valuable and with training that will add to their efficiency. During the period of the war girls have been encouraged to improve themselves and to prepare for promotions. In numerous cases they have been able to raise the standard of their work and incidentally to increase their salaries.

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