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Behold the Man

The chronic habit of offering criticisms for moving picture exhibitions should, in a measure at least, be diluted if people will go and see the picture, "Behold the Man."

It is to be shown in La Grande before long and without a doubt it is one of the greatest pictures ever offered the public. The story is a simple one: It shows a fine mother with her little son and daughter spending the evening at home. And mother tells them the story of Jesus Christ. As she tells it the picture shows in beautifully colored photography the different scenes in the life of Christ. It is impressive, educational and spiritual.

No one should miss the picture for it is one of the best that has ever been shown in America.

One cannot help but think of the cross we bear being mighty light compared with the cross borne by the young man who came among the people to preach love and truth, and one cannot but compare the human nature of that period with human nature of today—a marked similarity—when he sees the money changers, the desire for material things and a thorough lack of desire to follow the teachings of the lowly Nazarene.

It is a film that can well be supported by church and school, by pulpit and press, by mother and father.

The Star in the West

What may prove to be a new star was noticed from Lick Observatory in California a few nights ago. Among the first to notice it were two American flyers, guests of the astronomer at the observatory. Further observations will be necessary before the nature or permanence of the luminary can be determined definitely, but it was agreed at the time that the object was undoubtedly celestial, and either the nucleus of a comet or a strangely bright new star.

The fancy likes to linger around that new star. It appeared near the sun, at sunset, and was said to outshine Venus in radiance, just as the Star in the East outshone the other stars so long ago. Why should not mankind take it for a sign, the Star in the West, this time, but note the less a prophetic symbol of the end of wars?

The disarmament conference is to be held in the western world, soon. Wise men from other lands will come to it, even as if they followed the star. If they come in good faith and keep the faith, they will find at their journey's end "Peace on earth and good will toward men," as surely as the other wise men found it at the end of theirs.

There will be material explanations for the star. There are material explanations for everything. But why cannot the world accept the spiritual

significance which it needs so sorely and be led once more by a star to peace?

Getting a Job.

A college graduate in Boston, unable to get a job in the usual way, donned his collegiate cap and gown and started selling papers on the street. Several business men, attracted by the unusual newsboy costume, learned his story and offered him jobs. It usually pays to advertise.

This story brings to mind another college graduate, who, some years ago, had difficulty in getting a job that suited him. He decided that he wanted to work for a big chemical company and learn the business, but the company couldn't see it that way. Every time he asked for employment at the main office he was turned down. Finally he went to the manager and asked for a job as office boy. Then he was not only turned down but laughed at. He protested that he would work for nothing, and finally got permission to do that.

He stuck around the office for several weeks, chasing errands with the other office boys. It was a fine joke to them. They were young lads and he was a mature, husky six-footer. Finally one day a member of the firm noticed him, inquired who he was and why he was there, and gave him the chance he wanted. He is now in France as head of the firm's foreign sales department.

Yes, jobs may be scarce, for college graduates and others, but there's usually a chance for the fellow who has push and brains and a blessed absence of false pride.

The Vacation Test

Fannie Hurst, the writer, who thinks that married people are happiest if they live apart, is spending a vacation with her husband. They even eat breakfast together and are said to be having a wonderful time.

If they only realized it, they are making one of the best possible tests of temper and congeniality. People who make good vacation companions can usually risk continuous association.

It makes little difference how the holiday is to be spent—roughing it, or de luxe, with all the panoply of golf, tennis, motoring, and fancy hotel service—still it will reveal with startling clearness the usefulness, adaptability and good temper, or lack of it, among those who spend the time together.

There are people who can be agreeable for a week under particularly fortunate circumstances, but slump into their naturally mean characteristics when the fun is over. They are the fair weather sailors of life, and the chances are that some squall during the vacation period will show them up.

As a rule the vacationist who proves himself good company, adaptable and cheerful, taking his share of the bad luck and seeing that his companions get their share of the good luck is a man to tie or in every-day life. He isn't companionable just because he is having a good time, but because his character is grounded in the things that count.

Relief at Last

It begins to look as if the movement toward the relief of the disabled soldiers is actually under way. A definite hospital program has been announced by Col. Forbes, director of the Veterans' bureau. The plan involves the immediate expenditure of over \$6,000,000 out of funds now available, and it is estimated that by Jan. 1 hospital facilities of 6,800 new beds will be ready.

This is only a beginning. More hospitals are to be erected as rapidly as may be, while arrangements are also being completed with existing institutions to take immediate care of cases in pressing need of attention.

For years to come the man either directly or indirectly disabled from army service will be one of the big problems of the country. It will be harder to handle the matter because there has been so much bungling and red tape. But order is coming out of confusion. The consolidation of offices for the work is proving helpful already. Then, too, time enough has elapsed to allow a chance to study the problem. No such tremendous thing suddenly precipitated could be got into smooth running order without many mistakes and delays.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



It is hoped these are over, and that every man who needs it will soon have the best of care in comfortable surroundings.

Veteran infantrymen believe that Private John McGregor, of the Second Division, has established a new world record for hiking with a 45-pound pack. The official report shows that he covered the last 500 miles of the march in 14 days, an average of more than 35 miles a day. The entire distance covered was 1,100 miles, from San Antonio to Denver, and was made in 49 marching days.

De Valera is going to appear in the role of the Irishman who would not be satisfied with anything but a fight if he continues his attitude toward the offer made by England, unless there are some jokers in that offer which do not appear on the surface.

King George, being short of funds has asked parliament for permission to liquidate his capital. Has George been hearing about the profits in bootlegging?

Remember, too, that it won't take any more grain to keep the starving Russians alive than used to go into booze.

The consumers' strike is nearly over, but the taxpayers' strike has just begun, and the public intends to fight it out on this line if it keeps Congress in session all summer.

"All Powers Agree on Armistice Day." That's good, as far as it goes. Put on Armistice Day will they all agree?

This is August—the dull summer month.

And school opens September 12th. Had you heard about it?

Cost of living continues to go down.

THE OFFICE CAT



—BY JUNIUS—

SHR-HH.
"Officers seize booze plant when they hear liquor bubbling in boiler. We always had an idea a booze plant was still."

Don't pray cream on Sunday's and live skin-milk the rest of the week, says a La Grande preacher.

At A BoloEna Dinner.
At a dinner one day in Pomona they served only steaming bologna. "It looks very queer," said a maid, "and I fear I shall have to remove its kimonos."

Harry Swartz says as you journey thru life you will find that there are rocky roads to a number of points besides Dublin.

Fall Styles.
For afternoon funerals, wear a cutaway coat and a silk hat. If the funeral is your own, leave off the hat—Euclid Booster.

It is a short ride that hath no mending.

"God bless the laddest! Whom would we fight with if they were gone?" asks Mr. Mae.

Hitching your wagon to a star is all right, but you've got to watch the earth to see if there's a good road ahead, opines a La Grande Taxi driver.

A Stitch in Time.
"A stitch in time," says mother, "is the proper thing you know. A stitch in time will often save embarrassment and woe!"
But Bobby, who is most concerned, would like to disagree—
"Be careful, Ma," he murmurs, "Please be careful! Don't! That's me!"
—Martha Hart.

Later Day Methods.
First croak: "De last guy I stuck up didn't have nuttin'."
Second croak: "Watch do? Croak him?"
First croak: "Nah! He looked like a straight guy, so I takes his L.O. U. for 50 bucks."

Sugar is cheap but fruit is scarce. Last year it was the reverse. Isn't it a funny world?

It's not hard for a girl who has money to throw away to find someone who has a strong arm.

Paris has its nighties for women at knee length this winter. How shocking!

A man swimmer has to rescue seventeen people and take a hundred chances on his life before he gets a write-up in the paper. We said a man swimmer.

How To Start A Parade.
Get a package about twelve inches long and about four inches in diameter, and have it wrapped in a newspaper so that one end comes down to a long tapering point.
Then put the package under your arm and start down the street.
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PUG PICKED UP AS VAG—TRIES SUICIDE

PENDLETON, Aug. 18—(Special)—Romeo Hagan, pugilist, picked up by the police last night on a charge of vagrancy, and who later attempted suicide by scratching his throat.

with a safety razor, is in no serious danger.

Hagan did not give his real name when he was booked at police headquarters, but he was recognized. He has fought in Pendleton on previous occasions, and he is very well known in the intermountain district for his fights.

He was removed to the St. Anthony hospital after it was discovered that he had cut himself, but within half an hour was returned to the city jail, and his case was reported by the city physician to be not serious.

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Geo. H. Currey

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