

At The La Grande Theatres

COMIC PICTURE HEADS PROGRAM

COMING TO LIBERTY SUNDAY

Wheeler and Woolsey Here Sunday and Monday in "Peach O'Reno."

- Week's Program at the Liberty Sunday and Monday: Wheeler and Woolsey in "Peach O'Reno," with Dot Lee.
- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: "Union Depot," with Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Joan Blondell.
- Friday and Saturday: Edward G. Robinson in "Hatchet Man" with Loretta Young.
- Alano Taka Dass leaves Monday night.



A scene from "Peach O'Reno" to open at the Liberty on Sunday.

Three strong feature pictures have been billed for the coming week at the Liberty theatre, headed up with a new Wheeler and Woolsey laugh film scheduled for Sunday and Monday night.

Alano Taka Dass, Hindu mystic, who has been an attraction of the present week, will continue at the Liberty until Monday night, serving as an additional attraction. During the week he has attracted a great deal of attention of a favorable nature.

"Peach O'Reno," the comedy Sunday and Monday, is an RKO-Radio Pictures studio production, and mixes a brand new assortment of comedy gags with music and the ludicrously funny situation of two lawyers in the midst of the Reno divorce mill. It is the first humorous treatment of the Reno divorce situation to come out of Hollywood and provides the two comedians with two of the most uproariously comic roles in their varied stage and screen careers.

Besides Dorothy Lee, others in the cast are Joseph Cawthorn, Cora Witherspoon, Zelma O'Neal, Sam Hardy, Mitchell Harris and Arthur Hoyt.

"Union Depot," starting a three day run Tuesday, is a First National picture and is what is known as a "one-set" attraction. Practically the whole story is told in the interior of

a union depot in a Middle Western city.

Of course Fairbanks Jr. and Miss Blondell have romantic parts. Others in the cast include Guy Kibbee, Lillian Bond, Dickie Moore, Polly Walters, David Landau, Frank McHugh and Earle Foxe.

"The Hatchet Man" coming Friday and Saturday, Edward Robinson plays the part of Wong Low Get, Chinese tong member, whose avowed duty is to carry out the edicts of the secret society by way of the hatchet, even when it is his boyhood friend who must suffer the death penalty. New York critics have stated that Robinson's fulfillment of this oath of death to tong enemies furnishes a high spot in film drama, as well as a moment of "horror" unusual in film annals.

Others in the picture are Loretta Young, Leslie Fenton, Tully Marshall, Dudley Digges, Edmund Breese, Noel Madison and Gladys Lloyd (Robinson's wife).



Alano Taka Dass, who is being featured at the Liberty at present.

PORTLAND LIVESTOCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—Cattle 2500, calves 60 for week. Steers and shee were generally 25 cents higher for week with bulls and calves steady. Top steers were \$8.25, but the bulk of desirable sorts sealed \$5.50 to \$6.10; heifers were quotable to \$5.75 and cows to \$4.75, but one select load of each sold higher; bulk of desirable heifers sealed \$5.50 and up with cows \$4.00 and up; low cutters were down to \$1.50, but mostly around \$2.00 and better; cutter to good bulls were \$2.75 to \$3.75, while with week ago there was no net change in killer stuff, but feeders showed a reverse of 25c. Best light butchers sold at \$4.65 top, but the extreme was for diversion freight offerings; drivens and local freight offerings were \$4.65 practically the entire week, with heavy stuff \$3.50 to \$4.25; packing sows were \$3.25 to \$3.50 and sows bred \$3.50 to \$4.25; desirable feeders were around \$4.00 top, but others sold at \$3.75.

Sheep and lambs 3000 for week. Lambs were quotable 25c higher with yearlings and ewes fully steady. Strictly choice lambs were quotable to \$5.50, with the bulk at \$4.00 to \$4.25 and higher; thin stuff was down to \$3.50; medium to choice yearlings were quotable \$3.00 to \$4.00, with cull to choice ewes \$1.00 to \$2.50.

CRICKET FLAT PERSONALS

By Lois Witherspoon (Observer Correspondent)

CRICKET FLAT (Special)— Eugene and Leonard Cates, of La Grande, spent Sunday visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cates, near Rock Wall.

Mrs. J. E. Witherspoon spent the last of last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Witty, of Elgin. Mr. Witty has been ill for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Beem were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cameron Monday.

There was no school Thursday or Friday at the Hindman school on account of the stormy weather and bad roads.

Miss Helen Hallgarth spent the weekend visiting at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hazelwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Witherspoon were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wade Tuesday.

LaVerne Brugger spent a couple of days last week visiting Bob Cameron.

Donald Yarrington is staying at the Leo Boulet ranch doing chores while Mr. Boulet is recovering from his recent injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Parks were guests Monday at the home of W. H. Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Parsons were La Grande visitors Tuesday.

Lutrona and Albertus Hardy, who are both seniors in the Elgin High school, have been ill of the measles for the past week.

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STOCKS SINK QUIETLY IN TRADING TODAY

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (AP)—The stock market sank quietly under its own weight today.

Trading was quiet, and losses were largely limited to a point or two although a few issues dropped 3 or 4. Traders with profits decided to cash in at least part of them in advance of the Washington's birthday week-end.

Auburn was an isolated weak feature, tumbling more than 10 points. American Telephone also was under pressure, losing more than 3 points. Santa Fe fell 4. The turnover for the two-hour session, however, was only about 700,000 shares. The closing tone was heavy.

Far eastern developments received considerable attention in Wall street, and on the whole were regarded as disturbing. Most international bankers say they cannot understand how either Japan or China can regard itself as economically able to engage in a major conflict.

BROWNS NEAR LACOMB

LEBANON, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—Richard Bogle, 23, a logger, drowned in the Ford sawmill pond near LaComb Friday. He was driving a raft of logs to the mill chute, slipped and was caught under the raft.

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COUGARS WITHIN 1 GAME OF TITLE

Washington State Downs Idaho With Fierce Rally in Last Two Minutes.

Coast Conference Standings Northern Division

Washington State	11	3	788
Washington	8	4	587
Oregon State	6	7	452
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Idaho	2	12	143

MOSCOW, Idaho, Feb. 20 (AP)—Washington State college basketball team moved to within a single victory of the northern division conference championship here last night by defeating the University of Idaho, 48 to 37.

Washington State went wild in the last two minutes after trading baskets with the Vandals throughout the evening. Idaho took the lead early, but lost it soon, and Washington State led, 21 to 18, at the half. The Vandals got the better of a cagey duel in the second period until those last two minutes. With the score 39 to 37 for Washington State, Gordon, center, McLarney, guard, and Holsten, forward, went into action and shot baskets from every part of the court.

The title rests with the Washington-Washington State series at Seattle next weekend. If the Cougars take one of these games, the championship goes to Pullman. Washington can win the title by defeating Idaho Monday and Tuesday here and by sweeping the series with Washington State.

Oregon Products Week Ends Here; Windows Judged

Special observance of this week by the La Grande Neighborhood club and other organizations and merchants as Oregon Products Week was to come to an end this evening.

One of the final acts of the club women, who sponsored the week, was to express appreciation to all who participated in the observance or assisted in any way.

A committee of judges today announced the results of the window-judging contest as follows:

1. Falk's La Grande store, for general merchandise.
2. Piggy-Wiggly store (corner Depot and Washington), for groceries.
3. Grande Ronde Meat Co., for meats.
4. W. H. Bohnenkamp Co., for furniture.

The final event of the week was being held in a downtown store room today—a cooked food and grab bag sale of Oregon products.

During the week special attention has been given to both Oregon and Union county products, as another step in a general movement to educate the buying public as to what home products are obtainable. During the week practically all of the merchants of La Grande have stressed Oregon products in their windows, their store displays and in their advertising.

Portland Police Are Searching For Undercover Agent

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 (AP)—An order for the arrest of P. W. Wilkerson, undercover agent for the federal prohibition department, was issued by Chief of Police Jenkins here last night after Wilkerson had given three fictitious addresses when police tried to check up on the destruction of his automobile.

Wilkerson, described by his headquarters as a "25 per cent man," had not been found today. Police interpreted the description as meaning one who gets one-fourth of the fine assessed persons he arrests.

His automobile was demolished yesterday by two men armed with sledgehammers who ordered him from the machine, threatened to "get" him, and then proceeded to wreck the car. The license plates were listed to Wilkerson but the address Wilkerson gave was not known. He was believed to have a garage to recover possession of the wrecked car and gave another fictitious address. A pair of "extra" license plates in the car bore another fictitious address.

In the wrecked machine police found a miniature arsenal. There was an army rifle fully loaded, 100 rounds of ammunition and cartridges for both a .45 caliber automatic pistol and a .38 caliber revolver.

W. K. Newell said Wilkerson's alleged action was taken without his consent.

MUST SPEND REMAINDER OF LIFE IN PEN

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only under the strong conviction that the man who killed Mr. Helms was Owen. At the permission of Crosswhite, the district attorney revealed that a 19-year-old son of Oliver Crosswhite, officer who recently met his death at the hands of bandits, made a statement of all the occurrences since he left Springfield, Ill., until the time of the shooting. He stated that Captain Noe, who accompanied Officer Helms when they approached the car to question them had not drawn his gun when the firing started, and that Mr. Helms never was given an opportunity to take his gun from the holster, but was shot down without a chance. Following the shooting, Crosswhite added, his companion bragged about shooting the police officer.

Judge Knowles announced that he had accepted the plea of murder in the second degree of Crosswhite, because he believed that Owen fired the shot after hearing all the testimony presented in the case, and that he did not think that the jury would have found him guilty of a greater crime. Evidence showed that Crosswhite was an accomplice in the act, influenced by association with Owen, an older and experienced man, he said.

The circuit judge, in addressing Owen, declared that he believed that he killed Spud Helms with malice or aided and abetted in the killing. That the shooting was premeditated was proved by the evidence brought out by the testimony of Merilyn Collett who testified that she said that they would "shoot it out with all comers," he said. The murder was committed in cold blood since the threats were made numerous times prior to the shooting. He also pointed out, as stated by the prosecution during the trial, that the threats against a class such as the state police, are just as much premeditation as if they had been directed against Amos Helms himself.

From the evidence in the case Judge Knowles said he believed Owen is the one who fired the shot that killed Mr. Helms and that the letter, a part of which was read by the district attorney in the court, to Mrs. Opal Richardson, in which he stated that he had shot down a state trooper and tried to escape, was true.

"I don't believe that you believed that Spud Helms was going to shoot you down because you commanded an officer to hold up his hands," the judge said. Judge Knowles also pointed out that Owen was reared by Christian parents, and in a Christian family, members of which are suffering along with the one who committed the crime, and he also pointed out that a great deal of profound sympathy was due Mrs. Helms who was made a widow, the parents who lost a son, and the sister who was left alone through the cold blooded murder.

District Attorney Helm declared he believes that Owen should have received capital punishment, since the officers of the state should have the utmost protection of the juries of the state.

PEACE ATTEMPTS IN CHINA PROVE UTTERLY FUTILE

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The Japanese minister the neutral diplomats "speaking" each for himself. . . . "stated that Japan could not avoid a large measure of responsibility for jeopardizing to foreign life and property at Shanghai due to hostilities thus brought about."

Secretary Stimson refused today to make any comment upon the invitation, extended to the United States by the league of nations to participate in the extraordinary session of the league is to hold on March 3 for the purpose of discussing the far eastern situation.

LUMBERMEN WILL SEEK NEW WAYS TO AID INDUSTRY

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house were laid before them by J. M. Crawford, president of the deal.

The house would have a full cemented basement, hardwood floors in two rooms, five-piece plumbing, good shingles, fireplace, two coats of paint on the outside and three on interior woodwork, and ample electric outlets and fixtures. It would include a furnace or hot water installation.

The material estimates made by the builders averaged \$1200, the remainder being for labor.

In order to stimulate building of such houses, Crawford suggested a huge finance corporation organized by all phases of the lumber industry. Present lending agencies, including the pending federal home loan act, do little to encourage builders, he explained.

Under the federal home loan act, he said, the actual loan to the home builder is only 24 per cent of the value. "But the average citizen would not be able to obtain the other 76 per cent," the speaker said.

He proposed that lumbermen, through financial organization, could provide money on first and second mortgages.

PENLETON WINS

PENLETON, Feb. 20 (AP)—The Penleton High basketball team defeated Hermiston 45 to 18 here last night in one of the few remaining games of the season.

The Buckaroos go to Baker tonight.

Prices Steady Generally On Oregon Market

PORTLAND, Feb. 20 (AP)—Absence of price change in the butter trade reflects an unusually steady condition. Usually there is a slight reaction in the quotation during February but this season despite the increased seasonal production there has been no change in values recently except one day when some one booted cubes on the produce exchange, an action which was eliminated during the next session.

One condition in the butter trade locally that tends to keep values steady is the keenness of the call for so-called undergrades.

There was again a general lack of change in the price on eggs during the weekend trading. Some were reported as talking a rise of 1c but sales at the advance could not be found. There appears plenty of eggs at the old price.

General slight betterment in the price list on chickens is confirmed at the weekend. Buyers appear more anxious to secure supplies and especially light weight hens which are not so plentiful.

At the weekend general cleanup of turkey offerings here is noted. Demand is far the best for hens and for small sized toms but even large toms are today finding call for shipment into eastern states.

There is a rather good demand for supplies of spring lambs at the weekend but receipts are limited. Prices are steady. Yearling or old crop lambs are finding a full call at late prices. Ewes in better call.

In the market for country killed veal and hogs, there was practically no change during the last few days. Both are inclined to maintain prices with difficulty and especially so far undergrades.

While the consuming call is rather limited locally at the moment for top quality, low grade and small sized, or boiler onions, are in greater demand. This appears due to the unusual good per cent of No. 1 stock as compared with total offerings.

Owing to the very severe weather in California it has been impossible recently to make shipments of celery and lettuce while orange movement is almost nil on this account. There has in consequence been a sharp advance here for Imperial lettuce to \$3.50 a crate. Celery is up 50c crate at \$4.

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WINNIPEG WHEAT

WINNIPEG, Feb. 20 (AP)—Wheat closed: May 67c; July 68½c; Oct. 70½c; Cash: No. 1 hard 66½c; No. 1 northern 64½c; No. 2 northern 61c; No. 3 northern 56½c.

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 20 (AP)—Wheat closed: March 58c; May 60½c; July 62½c. Exchange \$3.45. (October unquoted).

CHICAGO MARKETS TO CLOSE

CHICAGO, Feb. 20 (AP)—The Chicago board of trade, the stock, curb and mercantile exchanges will be closed Monday, Washington's birthday. The livestock exchange will operate as usual.

Portland Cash

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—Cash wheat: Big Bend bluestem 71½c; Soft white 59½c; Western white 59½c; Hard winter 57½c; Northern spring 57½c; Western red 57½c. Today's car receipts: wheat 50; flour 16; hay 4.

MARKET NEWS OF THE DAY

CHICAGO WHEAT

	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	57½	58	58½	58½
May	61½	62	61	61½
July	63½	64	63	63½
Sept.	64½	65	64	64½

PORTLAND WHEAT

	Open	High	Low	Close
May	61½	61½	60½	60½
July	61	61	60	60
Sept.	60½	60½	60	60

CHICAGO CORN

	Open	High	Low	Close
Mar.	36	36½	35¾	36½
May	40	40½	39¾	40½
July	42½	43	42¼	42½
Sept.	43½	44	43¾	43¾

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