

ARCADE Theatre

WEEKLY PROGRAM

Friday, Dec. 26—"BROKEN BARRIERS" with James Kirkwood, Norma Shearer, Adolphe Menjou, Mae Busch, Geo. Fawcett. Comedy and Felix the Cat.

Saturday, Dec. 27—"Self-Starting Rouble Barreled Comedy Riot" "RACING LUCK" with Monty Banks. And a two reel Educational subject "The Death Ray," which may prove the most terrible force of destruction in case of another war.

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Tuesday, Dec. 30—"THE ENEMY SEX" with Betty Compson. A jazzy, thrilly, lavish production by the maker of "The Covered Wagon." And a two reel subject "BIRDS OF PASSAGE."

Wednesday, Dec. 31—"Monta Bell's production of 'THE SNOB' with John Gilbert, Norma Shearer, Conrad Nagle, Phyllis Haver and Hedda Hopper. And comedy.

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KNOW YOUR STUFF.

The Sentinel frowns on promiscuous use of slang as indicating ignorance of use of good old Anglo-Saxon, which is versatile enough for the vigorous expression of an opinion upon almost any subject. Once in a while, however, nothing seems to give quite the shade of meaning that a slang phrase does. That is the reason for the head appearing above and for the use of the slang phrase appearing frequently in the story that follows.

The Sentinel likes to publish the sentiments of others. It has an idea that its readers like to read editorial opinions expressed by others. For that reason it gives its editorial space in this issue to the following editorial story, written by Mr. Lerwill, of the Sentinel's reportorial department:

"Know your stuff" is more than a slang phrase, it is a slang phrase that means something, according to R. J. Gordon, blacksmith, mechanic, roundhouse man, minister, Salvation army worker, and at heart a poet and writer.

Just now Mr. Gordon is working in the Cottage Grove roundhouse of the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway. He is an old railroad man and has had years of experience in roundhouse and railway work in Minnesota and Iowa. He has worked in seven states of the union, holding jobs in Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana, North and South Dakota and California.

During the past summer he preached for a while in Brownsville in connection with his other work, driving up there from Cottage Grove each Sunday during part of the summer.

"The world never held such opportunities for the young man as it does at present," Mr. Gordon declared while talking to an interviewer and working at his task in the roundhouse. "Yet I suppose there is a larger per cent of failures now than ever before. I may be mistaken, of course, but it seems to me there never was a time when competition was so keen and the chance of distinction so great as at present."

"And it is in that connection that I see a real meaning in the slang expression, 'Know your stuff.' My small boy has just picked this phrase up and that is why it comes to my mind now. It is the man who knows his stuff who will get ahead in the keen competition of today."

As he spoke he took a long straight bar of iron from the floor by the side of his furnace and thrust it into the flaming coal in front of him. Then turning the bellows which fanned the flames he turned to talk—a short, wiry little man of about 130 pounds. His gray mustache set off a slightly wrinkled face. Cinders from the fire were flying in all directions.

"You know, I am reminded of the old Olympic games by the strife and competition which is everywhere apparent in the modern world. Athletes trained for four years for these contests and when the race was over all that went to the winner was a simple laurel wreath, a valueless thing except for the honor and distinction it brought the winner for the effort he had made."

"Not that I would give the impression that there is anything valueless in winning success in modern life. To obtain this simple token was one of the highest honors of the ancient world, and rightly so. But it is like modern life in that so many were in the race and so few won."

The blacksmith took the iron bar from the fire and with swift sure blows of a heavy hammer bent it to a circle. Not an approximation of a circle, but so far as the eye could detect, a perfect circle. It was evident that he "knew his stuff."

While bending the bar and welding the two ends together he continued talking. "In the modern Olympic races it is the man who knows who wins the laurel wreath of success, and that is why I claim there is something to the slang phrase which my boy has been repeating around the house recently."

Mr. Gordon doesn't like to be hemmed in by hills. He feels more at home here and prefers the open country in the vicinity of Harrisburg and Halsey to the narrow valley here. He was born in Ontario, Canada, but moved to Iowa

when he was a small child. A son of his, Claud Gordon, lives in Eugene.

In everyday life Mr. Gordon believes in the conflict of good and evil in each of the three fields of life. These three fields, as he sees them, are the moral, the physical and the spiritual. In each of these fields he believes man is taking in a certain amount of good and evil. On the physical side man is taking in life-giving and life-destroying germs in almost equal quantities. If the life-giving germs outnumber the life-destroying germs the man's physical condition continues good.

Morally a man is subject to both good and evil influences. If the good outweighs the evil, his moral condition will continue good. The situation is the same with regard to spiritual life, in Mr. Gordon's opinion.

This versatile man is a great lover of poetry and can still recall many of the poetic works he read while in school. "I never would study," he confessed. "Yet I always had my lessons. All my education was received in a one-room school house and other classes were continually reciting in the front of the room."

"It was by listening to these classes that I got all the education I have. The teacher never could make me study. When it came time for my class to recite I would remember the work from hearing other classes go over it before."

The Christmas edition of the Portland Spectator is about all the decoration needed for the holiday season. It would seem impossible for the Spectator to find pictures of new beauty spots for each annual edition, but it seems always to find them. The beauty spots in Oregon probably are numerous enough to furnish any paper with plenty of them for Christmas editions for a century.

POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES THANKED FOR WORK.

Cottage Grove, Ore., Dec. 23.—(To the Editor.) I think it appropriate that we should recognize the extra service of employees in the post office who are so faithful, patient and polite in delivering our mail in all kinds of weather.

Boys, I thank you. To you and yours a merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

MRS. ANNA DECKER.

UNCLE BOB TELLS OF OLD LEGISLATIVE FIGHT

(Concluded from first page.)

I told him that I hadn't lost, that I had just gone down and fixed things in the house so that the bill couldn't pass there. Simon hurried over to the house and when he learned what I said was true he came back very red in the face.

"You know, Veatch, that is very bad legislative policy to follow a bill from one house to another that way," he said.

"Yes, I know it's bad policy," I admitted, "but when a man has been treated as you treated me yesterday he sometimes has to stoop to things that are not strictly ethical."

"Then Simon wired to Portland and Sol Herch, Ladd and Tilton and Busch came up on a special car and a night session was held. Because it was now apparent that the bill could not pass the house they had decided to reconsider the vote. They called on me to make the motion for reconsideration but I declined and said that Simon would have to make that motion."

"I never saw another jaw with as red a face as Simon had when he came down out of the president's chair to make that motion for reconsideration. There was a rule that when a motion to reconsider was brought up again, so as soon as the motion to reconsider the vote was passed I called on Simon to move to reconsider the reconsideration. He did this and the motion was voted down and the reapportionment bill was killed for good."

APPROACHING EVENTS

The LaComus club will hold its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. W. McFarland.

The Tanglefoot club will hold its last dance of this series Tuesday evening in Phillips hall, with Mrs. Jewell, Mrs. James Rentle, Mrs. Lilly, Mrs. R. E. Short, Mrs. C. S. Roberts, Mrs. N. J. Nelson Jr., Mrs. K. K. Mills and Mrs. Schofield Stewart at hostesses.

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LOCAL MAN IS INVENTOR OF USEFUL MACHINES

W. F. Trout Perfects Device to
Test Air Brakes and
Pre-heating Torch.

A torch for heating metal and a device for testing air brakes are inventions of W. F. Trout, master mechanic at the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway roundhouse at Cottage Grove, and for 50 years a worker on the railroads of the United States.

In 1875, when the Santa Fe railroad system consisted of only 798 miles of railway track, Mr. Trout went to work for that road as a wiper. From this position he worked up to that of master mechanic and traveled over most of the Santa Fe system installing roundhouse machinery and equipment and inspecting the company's works.

The Santa Fe railroad now has 12,000 miles of track as a contrast to the 798 miles of road when the Cottage Grove inventor went to work there 50 years ago.

The pre-heating torch which Mr. Trout invented in 1914 has been installed through the entire Santa Fe system. The local inventor worked out the plan for this machine after much study especially to meet a need he saw in his work in the railroad shops.

The machine consists of a tank which may be filled with any combustible liquid such as kerosene, gasoline or crude oil, an atomizer for breaking up this liquid, a movable burner attached to the tank by means of a hose connection, and an air pressure attachment. A number of burners may be attached to each tank. The one in use at the shop of the Oregon Pacific & Eastern railway is provided with six burners. As it is mounted on wheels it may be moved about the shop.

For setting tires and other work which necessitates the pre-heating of the metal, local mechanics declare the machine to be extremely serviceable.

The apparatus for testing air brakes is in use only in the local shops and is a more recent invention of Mr. Trout's. It consists of a series of pipes and valves so arranged with a pressure gauge that the efficiency of the air brakes may be determined very accurately.

Mr. Trout went to work for the Santa Fe company when he was 19 years of age and was for 12 years an apprentice. His early home was in Pueblo, Colo., and it was there that he entered railroad work. As a boy he was keenly interested in mechanics, and early recognized that his heart was in railroad work. He was with the Santa Fe company 46 years, coming to Cottage Grove four years ago to take his present position.

Fruit Inspector Gives Rules for Care of Orchard

C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector, gives advice to fruit men on how to protect their trees from the ravages of the cold weather. He says the extent of the damage cannot be ascertained until the thaw comes. His statement follows:

"If trees are found to be split when the thaw starts it will be a good plan to obtain strips of burlap four or five inches wide and wind these on the trunks from the ground up to the first branches. The binding should be very tight

and the burlap left on the trunks until midsummer at least.

"The splitting is usually on the south side of a tree as this is where the daily alteration of freeze and thaw comes. Tests made in Lane show that temperature taken two inches from the ground on the north side of a tree show 21 degrees and on the south side at the same time 33 degrees. If there was a gradual thaw there would

be no damage to the bark by the daily thaw and the nightly freeze all on the south side of the tree is very harmful and there is where the examination for damage should be made.

"Loganberry bushes and the mammoth blackberry that are above the ground and not protected by the snow are in particular danger as a result of the present low temperature."

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