

ARCADE THEATER WEEKLY PROGRAM

Fri.—Will Rodgers in "The Strange Boarder."
Eddy Polo in "King of the Circus," chapter No. 14.
Sat.—"The Mask," by Jack Holt and Hedda Nova. A story that sweeps from Africa's veldts to America's lights and carries your emotions with it.
Comedy, "House Full of Spirits."
Owing to a change of dates "The Mask" will be shown on this date instead of "Kazan."
Sun.—Wanda Hawley in "Something Different."
Hoot Gibson in "Out of Luck." One of his two reel westerns.
Mon.-Tues.—"The Stealers",

written and directed by William Christy. An all star cast. The story of good bad men. The story of a man with a God-like tongue and a satanic soul.
Comedy, "A Lion Tamer."
Wed.—Dorothy Gish in "Mary Ellen Comes to Town." She was tired of being the 'only live one' in a village of sleep walkers. So "Mary Ellen Comes to Town," New York—and tried her arts on the Great White Way.
Comedy, "Ged ap Napoleon."
Thurs.—Irene Castle in "The Invisible Bond."
Chaplin in "The Square Head."

LUMBER REVIVAL WAITS ON REVISED CONDITIONS

With Demand Way Down and Cost of Getting to Market Up, Northwest Mills Helpless.

Responsive to requests recently made, the following statement is made by President R. W. Vinnebeck, of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, with the thought that approximately 65 per cent of the payroll of the western parts of the states of Oregon and Washington is dependent upon the prosperity of the lumber industry, conditions affecting this industry would be of general public interest:
"Operating conditions during the past eight months have been most difficult. Large stocks were carried over on account of slack demand last year, which have passed to consumption slowly. Production during the year has been far from normal with consequent reduced payrolls and resultant lessened buying power, which has been felt by all lines of trade dependent upon the largest industry of these states.

"Stocks today are slightly below normal. Although costs have only decreased 35 per cent, sales prices are 65 per cent below peak prices. Other items entering into the cost of building have not been sufficiently reduced which, unfortunately for those dependent upon the lumber industry, has delayed the return of prosperity until such factors, including building labor, accept reductions which will be unsatisfactory to the buying public. Further delay by such building factors in getting in line with present commodity values is delaying the return of prosperity which means to the states of Oregon and Washington increased payrolls and the consequent prosperous conditions felt by general business following the increased buying power of those given employment by the lumber industry of the northwest.

"A survey recently taken among west coast mills to ascertain the extent of the Fourth of July close-down reveals that over 50 per cent of the mills will close approximately ten days. This apparent eagerness to operate may be misinterpreted by those not familiar with present conditions in the industry. Briefly, these conditions are the most serious the northwest mills have faced in the past decade. Railroad rates have been advanced to the point which is very directly reflected in the sale of lumber. The northwest is particularly affected as a result. It ships its lumber 2200 miles before reaching the center of population and the freight on that lumber equals, and in many cases exceeds, the f. o. b. mill price of the lumber.

"The average sawmill cannot close down without maintaining a certain organization. It costs the average mill \$4000 to \$5000 every month it remains idle—many mills two or three times this amount. If operation can be continued and come near this mark it will be done, even to the extent of losing slightly more, because by so doing it maintains its organization, gives employment to its men and retains its trade built up over a period of years.

"The solution of present conditions lies in but slight part in the hands of the lumber operators themselves. First, the northwest must have rail rates to its consuming territory which will permit it to compete with the south—our keenest competitor. There is much we can do in securing a higher average sales price for our lumber. This we are endeavoring to bring about through the West Coast Forest Products bureau, which is the market extension activity of the northwest lumber industry. We must increase the use of lumber. The output in the United States is greater than the normal demand. The per capita consumption of lumber has dropped from 521 feet in 1904 to 312 feet in 1919. This tells the story. We must do what our competitors are doing; namely, advertise our product. This the lumber industry is doing through the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, which is launching a campaign to portray the real facts and problems of the industry as well as the virtue of our west coast products.

"This is one of the activities recently mentioned by the federal commission as being grounds for a congressional investigation. Notwithstanding this heckling attitude of the commission, the industry will take this obviously business-like method to exploit its product.

"We are endeavoring to maintain an eight hour day, when all our competitors are on a ten hour basis. We are maintaining a minimum wage scale of \$3 a day. In the south the minimum wage is 90c to \$1.50 a day for ten hours.

"With a limited demand for lumber, it is obvious from the foregoing facts that the northwest lumber industry is at a distinct disadvantage. We must meet the handicap by reducing costs and securing greater efficiency. Labor has taken a considerable reduction and doubtless must take more. The statement by a Washington labor representative in Denver last week to the effect that "unbridled wage slashing" is reported as being carried on in this state is mischievous and calculated to prejudice the minds of labor against accepting the necessary deflation from the peak which every commodity must accept before we can again realize the impetus of a revival. From this same representative is heralded through the country the "corrupt political situation in Washington, due to the fact that the state legislature is dominated by lumber interests," which is so obviously puerile as to require no denial. He admits the industrial conditions in the state are demoralized, which is about the only rational deduction to be found in the whole interview. Let him assist in solving the problem by constructive acts rather than by iconoclastic misrepresentation.

"The northwest lumber industry realizes and respects the 'living standard of the workmen' by paying higher wages and working less hours than any other lumber producing region in the United States. Public opinion, including organized labor, should rebuke the uncalculated for attack upon this commonwealth and upon the largest industry in the state."

New This Week

One small item we have been unable to buy: Racine Stocking Feet, just received.

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SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Merville Veatch, newlyweds, were guests of honor at a picnic supper given Friday evening in the city park by members of the Eastern Star. Mr. and Mrs. Veatch were presented with a set of silver knives, forks and spoons.

Announcements have been received of the marriage of Miss Harriett Queen and Mr. Dee Fox at The Dalles, Ore., June 30. They are at home at Gateway, Ore. The bride is one of the well known young women of this section and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Queen, of Sagnaw. She has been teaching school for several years.

The Helliwell clan held a family reunion and picnic dinner on the Fourth on the Eakin lawn. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Helliwell, of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Helliwell, of Yoncalla, parents of the clan, the Ernest Helliwell and Barton Helliwell families and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Helliwell, of Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Helliwell, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith and daughter Pauline, of Roseburg, parents and sister of Mrs. A. W. Helliwell, and Mr. and Mrs. Claud Plaster, Mrs. Plaster being a sister of Mrs. Barton Helliwell. Two of the Helliwell daughters living in other states were unable to be present.

The M. P. G. club meets next Tuesday with Mrs. Roy Short.

Tales of the Town

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hill left yesterday on a motor trip through Washington.

Earl Hill has sold his residence property on Twelfth street to James Lemon, from whom he purchased it several years ago.

Mrs. J. W. Shaw, of Glendale, spent the Fourth here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Mitchell.

Carl Heinlein, of Dufur, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Huff.

Harry Young and Miss Lucile Wolf, of Salem, spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harlow.

Luella Knowlton and Kathryn McQueen left for Dexter Wednesday to spend several weeks.

E. J. Fritts, of Eugene, who had been visiting his grandchildren, Virginia and Fred Bosley, returned home yesterday.

The Omer Moore family were in Eugene yesterday.

Mrs. Sarah Brush, of Marcola, was a guest the first of the week of Mrs. E. C. Spray.

Miss Clara Hunt, of Seattle, accompanied Miss Mamie Knox from there yesterday.

Miss Beulah Saffley left yesterday for Albany to visit relatives.

Mrs. A. Henniman, accompanied by her grandson, Harold Cooley, returned Wednesday to her home in Curtin, after spending the Fourth with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Cooley.

The H. G. Hinckley family, of Knab, Wash., were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Scofield.

Miss Izel Bunk was home from Myrtle Point for the Fourth.

The Seventh Street garage erected a large flagpole from which to fly a large flag on the nation's natal day.

WATCH YOUR LABEL.

MOUNT VIEW.

July 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Rowley Cox, of Portland, arrived Saturday to spend the Fourth with Mr. Cox's sister, Mrs. J. E. Cooley.

William Heath and Clarence Sears were in Eugene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Miller, Selma Miller and Mrs. McCormack and son James were visitors Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Arne.

A large part of the neighborhood attended the celebration Monday in the Grove.

Mrs. J. R. Cooley and her brother, Rowley Cox, are quite ill. They went to the Grove Monday morning and were compelled to return home early in the afternoon.

Sunday guests at the W. D. Heath home were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Long, of Cottage Grove, Clarence and Brison Sears, Miss Hazel Ashby and Marion Horning, of Silk Creek.

J. B. Lanester has moved to Latham, where he is employed in the J. H. Chambers mill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Heath and daughter and J. W. Fisher motored to Disston Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Layng and family were in Cottage Grove Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Heath and family spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Lowry at Walker.

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