

WIDOW SAYS ACTOR WOODEN LONG TO MARRIAGE

Joe Howard Fell in Love at Sight and Told Her How He Wanted Her, She Says.

HOME DREAM IS RECALLED

Mrs. Witherspoon "Never Ran After Him," Mother Asserts, and Also Is Sure He Asked Parents for Hand of Daughter.

BY EDITH KNIGHT HOLMES. Joe Howard, popular Orpheum headliner, musical comedy star and song composer, proposed several times to Mrs. Edah Witherspoon, attractive widow in her 30s, and "the end" marriage to one of the prominent historic families of the United States, at least so says Mrs. Witherspoon, who is doing the stage favorite for Edson heart balm.

ATTRACTIVE PORTLAND WIDOW, LINKED BY FIRST MARRIAGE TO HISTORIC AMERICAN FAMILY, AND MUSICAL COMEDY STAR SHE IS SUIING FOR \$56,000.



The widow is indignant over the statement that the proposal of marriage was only a joke made in the Marbrun when there had been a few drinks. It was no joke to her. Proposal of marriage was made many times and to the parents as well as the young woman herself, she says. And if the case of Joe Howard didn't burn yesterday while Mrs. Witherspoon and I were having the interview, there's no truth in one of our best old sayings.

ORPHEUM STAR WINS Gertrude Hoffmann Casts Spell of Witchery.

PLAY BREATHES OF ORIENT Presentation of "Samurun" Is Riot of Color With Wonderful Company of Fine Actors.

BY LEONE CARL BAER. A dream play is "Samurun," a super-colored visualization of a page from The Thousand and One Arabian Nights. In its presentation the Orpheum vanderbilt has touched its highest pinnacle.

Love at First Sight Revealed. I met Mr. Howard first in the Hotel Marlborough. My father and mother were with me at the time. Joe seemed to take an instant fancy to me. He was an old friend of the family. My father knew him and liked him, and when he asked me to marry him, I believed in him. My husband has been dead for four years and I had visions of home and happiness.

"The Never Ran After Him"—Mother. I never ran after him, she said. I was sitting in my room in the hotel. Evidently, she says, Joe forgot later. The fact that Mr. Howard did not want the Witherspoon home is commented upon by Mrs. Witherspoon. She said that the actor had two shows a day and consequently had no time to go far so long a trip. Fear readily believes that statement for I took the trip. The little widow says she met her "honey" downtown every day. There were luncheons and tea-table meetings, she said, and she was, to all appearances, very much in love.

Mrs. Witherspoon declares that she firmly believed that Joe Howard meant when he said he would marry her as a wife. She said that she asked him why he wanted a plain, homely girl like her, when he could have a beautiful and talented actress, and that she replied: "I want a sweet pure woman at the head of my household. I want one that I can be proud of. I want to settle down and write songs and have a home life."

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The widow is in earnest about her suit and vows she won't back out. Mr. Howard says he has a wife, Mabel McCune, who, until this season, for several years has been his partner on the stage.

W. H. Dillard Seeks County Office. W. H. Dillard, member from Lane County of the last session of the Legislature, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of Prosecuting Attorney. District Attorney J. M. Deyers, a Republican, who was appointed by ex-Governor West, has also announced his candidacy.

LITTLE HARD COAL LEFT IN PORTLAND Approximately Half of City's Annual Supply Cut Off by Slides on Railroad.

TWO CARS ARE GRABBED UP Arrival of Regular Supplies Expected Before End of Week. Some Dealers Reported Refusing to Deliver Wood.

Portland is without Eastern coal. Practically half of the total supply of coal used in this city has been shut off by the slides that have occurred on the lines of the O. W. R. & N. Company.

Two cars of Eastern coal arrived last night, and that supply will be exhausted soon. Unless shipments arrive before the close of the current week, coal dealers look for a famine. There is plenty of Washington coal available from two mines, the amount practically half of the city from these two places being approximately 1000 tons. But it is a sub-bituminous coal, making a great amount of ash, and prefer the hard coal that comes from the mines of Utah and Wyoming.

Should recurrence of the slides on the O. W. R. & N. take place again, and consequent delays hold up the shipment of freight and passengers, all local dealers say that Portland will be in a serious predicament. Wood Deliveries Denied. Added to the inability of the dealers to get Eastern coal has been their refusal to make deliveries of wood. Many of the dealers have refused to supply with one delivery. When coal deliveries are made as many as five customers are served by one delivery and thus most of the families are kept warm with one delivery from hour to hour.

Coal dealers have been loath to give the explanation of the real situation, saying that one customer in five is not further than the city. Officials of the O. W. R. & N. report their lines open and trains operating not far from schedule time, but they say that the fuel situation is expected to be relieved before the end of the week.

All Bankers Empty. The last car of hard coal to reach Portland before those that arrived last Tuesday was almost immediately disposed of, four local companies asking the railway to supply their immediate demands. All coal companies are making deliveries from their yards and cars, but the city is practically empty.

While most of the fuel companies that deal in both coal and wood have none to spare, the wood dealers have put forth every effort to make deliveries to their customers. Despite the storm, the supply of wood is expected to be maintained, and the city has discarded its wagons, fitted up with wood, and made all the deliveries possible without any advance in price.

Frank W. Robinson, traffic manager of the O. W. R. & N. Company, said last night that orders had been placed for the delivery of the various species of coal. One dealer on the outskirts of the city has discarded his wagons, fitted up with wood, and made all the deliveries possible without any advance in price.

Slides Give Forest Views and Close-Up Scenes of Species, While Late-mate History is Told. An assembly of several hundred Mazamas greeted Professor A. R. Sweetser, head of the department of botany of the University of Oregon, when he lectured Saturday night at the library hall on "The Trees and Shrubs of Oregon." Dr. Sweetser's talk was given under the dual auspices of the university and the Mazamas.

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ROSARIANS MEET TODAY Officers to Be Nominated and Plans for Trip Announced. Royal Rosarians will nominate officers for the ensuing year at a luncheon meeting at the Chamber of Commerce today at 12:15. The election will be held at the meeting on the first Monday in March.

PERSONAL MENTION. M. E. Sorensen, of Tacoma, is at the Eaton. Fred H. Burns, of Liberal, is at the Perkins. E. S. Crouse, of Des Moines, Ia., is at the Seward. Angus Allmond, of Pittsburg, is at the Imperial. Robert M. Betts, of Cornucopia, is at the Portland. J. Hanson is at the Perkins from Parkrose, Or.

Liquor and Two Seized Constable in Raid Takes 10 Gallons at "Mother Oleese's Place." Between 10 and 15 gallons of liquor was taken in a raid Saturday night at 824 North Second street. Known as "Mother Oleese's place," the raid was conducted by Constable Weinberger and Deputies Kellough, McCullough, Keller, Maltz, Gull, Hayes and Druhot. Deputy District Attorney Charles Robinson directed the seizure of the liquor. "Toots" Roberts was arrested with the change was drunkenness or some other charge was taken by the County Jail, where they were held. Constable Weinberger said that the place had been watched for some time.

GRANGE TO HEAR LECTURE Russellville Members Will Be Entertained by Chester Lyon. Russellville Grange will be entertained at its next meeting at the Base Line road Hall, by Chester Lyon, of Lebanon. An illustrated lecture will be given. Mr. Lyon will tell how his farm is conducted and how the boys who go there are improved physically and morally.

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TOLL LINES RESTORED Telephone Company Establishes Long-Distance Wires.

Emergency Repairs Are Made as Possible—Further Storm Damage is Feared—Work is Difficult. Long-distance service from Portland to most of the important towns and cities of the Northwest, which had heretofore been cut off, was re-established Saturday by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, according to an announcement made by W. J. Phillips, commercial superintendent here for the company.

Street Service Not Held Insurgent Methodists to Continue Church Fight. Banks of snow in the streets about the Taylor-Street Methodist Church, and the steady downpour from thawing ice and snow about the eaves, prevented the insurgent congregation from holding its services in the open air yesterday, but leaders in the organization said that meetings will be resumed as soon as the weather permits.

Overworked Minister Tells How Vinol Restored Strength and Vitality. Portland people will realize that we could not publish such letters as the following if they were not genuine and truthful statements of facts. The Rev. Mr. Hughes, Holly Springs, Ark., says: "I am a Methodist Minister, and suffered from broken-down nerves, loss of appetite and sleeplessness. I was weak, my circulation was very poor, and I was not able to do my duty in my Parish as I felt I should. I had tried various remedies, but did not seem to get any better. Through Mr. Gallin, of Bearden, Ark., I learned of Vinol, and it built me up. I regained my appetite, can sleep better and do more work."

MR. MCCOLLOCH TO SPEAK Debate on Ferris Bill Arranged Before Chamber Members. Claude McCulloch, law partner of Oswald West, will take the place of the ex-Governor today at the Chamber of Commerce meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, in a debate on the Ferris bill.

Old-Time Offender Is Dinner Guest of Detective. "TAKE a look at this 'five,' Tom," I said a frequent offender to Detective Tom Hammerly the other day. The officer looked at the banknote. Also he noted the bearing of its possessor—a well-known Police Court character. The man wore a cheap suit, but it was new. He wore clean linen, was clean-shaven, clear-eyed, and his head was up. There was no longer any "trouble" about him.

Books Saved at School Fire. ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Two hundred high school pupils gathered at a local church here today to identify the books taken from the Lane School building during the fire. Practically all of the books in the study hall were saved, while the equipment in the other rooms of the building was lost.

Letter-Writing Campaign Ends. ABERDEEN, Wash., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The letter-writing campaign in behalf of the gubernatorial candidacy of John G. Lewis reached a mark between 400 and 500 tonight. The campaign will come to an official close tonight, no more letters being received, though the work of typing them cannot be finished before tomorrow.

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