

CENTRALIA IS HOST

Parent - Teacher Convention Delegates Welcomed.

BIG ATTENDANCE EXPECTED

Public Reception Features Opening Day of State Gathering—Delegation From Tacoma Booms Mrs. Todd for President.

CENTRALIA, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—The attendance at the sixth annual state convention of Parent-Teacher associations, which opened here today, will exceed all expectations. At noon 215 delegates had registered.

Tacoma has the largest delegation, registering from that city, while Seattle is represented by a party of 65. A large number came from both cities in addition to the regular delegates.

The incoming trains are being met by a detachment of Boy Scouts, headed by Rev. F. E. Dorris, scout master, and J. M. Layhne, superintendent of schools.

The convention opened in the high school auditorium at 2:30 o'clock with the general topic, "The State's Provision for the Physical, Mental and Moral Care of Children." Mrs. W. B. Hall, superintendent of the State School for the Blind at Vancouver, spoke on "The Education of the Blind."

Dr. F. D. Tuttle, chairman of the State Board of Health, spoke this afternoon on "The Function of the Parent in the Movement to Prolong Life." Miss Mary Campbell, matron of the State School for Girls at Grand Mound, spoke on "The Training of the Child."

CHEHALIS READY FOR BOYS

Y. M. C. A. and Sunday School Conference Opens Tomorrow.

CHEHALIS, Wash., April 5.—(Special.)—The boys' conference, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. and Western Washington Sunday School Association, to be held in Chehalis Friday, Saturday and Sunday, will attract about 200 delegates from the district, which will be held in Chehalis.

The theme of the conference is "Service." The first session will be held at the high school auditorium Friday evening.

DEATH LAID TO OPERATION

Weston Man Sues Doctors for \$5000 for Loss of Son.

PENDLETON, Or., April 5.—(Special.)—Charles Dr. G. R. Gowan, of Milton, and Dr. J. E. Vanderpool, of Freewater, with the responsibility for the death of his 4-year-old son during an operation last April, Charles Vanderpool, of Freewater, and Dr. Gowan, H. I. Watts, of Athena, and Fee & Fee, of Pendleton, Monday filed suit against them for \$5000.

The plaintiff alleges the boy was in perfect health, but at the suggestion of the physicians underwent an operation. He alleges the physicians did not use ordinary skill, did not examine the heart of the patient and failed to note accurately his condition during the process of administering the chloroform.

DR. NORDIN IS FINED \$75

Unlicensed Naturopath With Six Weeks' Course of Study Sentenced.

"Herbs and grain are placed in a pestle and ground for four hours, at the end of which time the concoction is of a fine consistency that will permeate all sections of the human body. When taken internally," is the explanation of one of the "cures" of Dr. J. P. A. Nordin, naturopath, made before District Judge Dayton in his trial yesterday for practicing medicine without a license.

A six weeks' course in a New York naturopathic institute equipped Dr. Nordin to practice, he testified. He also claims the title of doctor of divinity. He was found guilty by a jury and Judge Dayton fined him \$75.

CLIMBING ROSE IN HOME

Vine That Entered Window Promises Early Reward With Bloom.

During the chilly weather a vine slip of a climbing rose pushed its way through the window cracks of the home of L. S. Kaiser, Chapman street, apparently in quest of the warmth inside. Its plan of getting in out of the cold was not stopped.

Upon reaching the inside it grew rapidly until now it covers part of the inside of the window and is about to blossom. Mr. Kaiser, who is superintendent of the City Water Bureau, says he expects to have the first rose bloom in the city this Spring.

LADIES CAN WEAR SHOES

One size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Paste, the antiseptic powder for the feet. Shaken into the shoes and used into the foot-bath, Allen's Foot-Paste makes them new shoes feel easy; gives instant relief to corns and bunions; prevents chafing, calluses and sore spots. It's the greatest comfort discoverer of the "cure" is today. Sold everywhere. 25c for FREE trial pack. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



H. B. Warner in "The Raiders" At The Columbia Today

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Columbia—"The Raiders," "The Village Vampire," "Blue Blood and Red." Majestic—"Blue Blood and Red." Peoples—"The Sowers," "The Gamblers." Pickford—"Poor Little Peppina." Hells—"The Melting Pot," "The Gamblers."

WHO is going to exhibit the Essanay-Chaplin films in Portland?

A print of the "Burlesque on Carmen," a two-reeler, left Chicago on Tuesday for Portland. Upon arrival, if not before, the "first-run" privilege will be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

Portland exhibitors have been paying little attention to the Essanay-Chaplin films, although casting covetous eyes towards them, for it has been generally understood that John A. Jennings, of Jennings & Co., owners, and until recently managers, of the Sunset Theater, therefore the news of yesterday that the manufacturers have decided to release the Chaplins as specials through the Big Four, and not through the General Film Company, as advertised for months, proved a veritable bombshell.

Thus for the moment Mr. Merwin is the biggest figure in Portland filmdom, and exhibitors are holding many star-chamber conferences relative to the purchase of the Chaplins.

Much criticism is directed at the manufacturers for their action in suddenly switching the Chaplins from the General Film to the Big Four programme. Thousands of exhibitors throughout the country—and Mr. Jennings is one of them—bought General programme material with the understanding that when the Chaplins came along they would have first call on the big comedy features.

"I received very definite assurances from Mr. Todd, the General Film Company's Portland manager, relative to the Chaplins, and I shall hold the company to its promise," asserts Mr. Jennings. Which means that he is not going to submit to the loss of the Chaplins without a struggle.

Manager Todd refuses to be interviewed on the subject, other than asserting that those who buy General Film service get full value for their money, irrespective of other features or possible features. He has received no official word relative to a change in releasing company.

Majestic.

"Blue Blood and Red," William Fox's first big Western picture, a bright and breezy story redolent of the general film to the Big Four programme. While the film is rich in atmosphere, there is no dearth of action, for a rapid-fire plot takes the spectator through a series of cyclonic scenes, including a prizefight, hold-up, mad

chase, pistol battle, jailbreak and near-lynching. George Walsh and Doris Pawn, the latter a charming Fox newcomer, are featured in "Blue Blood and Red." Walsh playing the part of the ne'er-do-well Easterner cast off by his college and father, and Miss Pawn appearing as the breezy Western maiden who falls in love with the husky chap from the remote East.

Algernon, the Easterner, forced to walk the scholastic plank and told to "keep going" by his father, takes his automobile and a valet and strikes for the West. Low in funds, he earns \$100 in flattening a "white hope" of flat-cuffs, and then, in escaping from a pet bear, meets Mildred (Miss Pawn). A welcome guest at the Demarest home, Algy arouses the jealousy of Buck, a bad-man cowboy. Buck steals \$50,000 of his boss' money, and lays the blame on Algy. The latter is captured but escapes from jail before the hanging party arrives. In a thrilling gun duel he is again captured and the end is in sight when Mildred, at the wheel of the racing machine, effects a rescue. Result, matrimony.

The first of the Frank Daniels comedies, "Mr. Jack Trifles," is fully up to flattering advance notices. "The Path Weekly" and a scenic are additional features on the programme.

Peoples.

Blanche Sweet, the popular Paramount star, will appear in "The Sowers," a stirring photodrama of Russian conspiracy, at the Peoples Theater today. This play, founded on Henry Seton Merriman's novel of the same name, presents a noteworthy cast in support of Miss Sweet, including Thomas Meighan and Theodore Roberts.

"The Sowers" deals with the plots to establish a republican form of government in Russia. Prince Alexis (Meighan), secret head of the revolutionary league, wishes to marry Karin (Miss Sweet), daughter of his chancellor (Roberts), but political exigencies require that he marry another, who is in love with an agent of the secret police. Many dramatic incidents are flashed before the lovers are united in the new world.

The Paramount Pictographs, or screen magazine, which are attracting so much attention in filmdom, will be screened as feature of the programme, together with a Bray cartoon comedy.

Columbia.

"The Raiders," a pictured story of high finance constructed about the attempted ruin of a millionaire by his brokers, and "The Village Vampire," a Keystone reeking with near-tragedy, will open the week-end engagement at the Columbia Theater today.

H. B. Warner, he of "Alias Jimmy Valentine" fame, is the star of "The Raiders," which is featured with a graphic stock-exchange scene and a thrilling automobile rescue of an aged millionaire. The latter, sent to the mountains to regain his health, is plotted against by his broker, who seeks to secure the Haldman millions. Wells (Warner), a clerk, uncovers the plot, warns the villain on the floor of the exchange, and then, with his employer's daughter, effects a rescue of

PEOPLES THEATRE

BLANCHE SWEET AS KARIN FROM HENRY SETON MERRIMAN'S GREAT WORK THE SOWERS. A THRILLING STORY OF LOVE AND INTRIGUE. BLANCHE SWEET, THOMAS MEIGHAN, THEODORE ROBERTS AND A GREAT CAST.



BLANCHE SWEET AS 'KARIN' IN 'THE SOWERS' SOWING THE SEEDS OF LIBERTY

Beginning Today--Three Days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday Paramount Pictographs -- Bray Comedies

the man forcibly detained in the mountains. "The Village Vampire" deals with a matrimonial bureau wife, \$20,000 in gold and the efforts of a gang to secure it. Flycatchers, crushers and ore buckets are utilized for murder and escape.

Hells.

Walker Whitehead in "The Melting Pot," a picturization of the famous Zangwill play, and Ethel Clayton in "The Gamblers," a Lubin masterpiece, will continue on the screen throughout the week at the Hells Theater. These films, comprising ten reels of entertainment, and exhibited at popular prices, are proving big drawing cards at the home of the "legit."

"The Melting Pot" deals with the amalgamation of the alien races in the United States and is a screen interpretation of a drama which has been presented with phenomenal success in Portland as in other cities of the United States. "The Gamblers" is a story of high finance, plot, counterplot, loves and hates, and for five reels holds the spectators in no uncertain grasp, while incident after incident, dramatic in the extreme, is unfolded.

Pickford.

Mary Pickford, the most popular woman on the screen, about whom a controversy as to contract, salary, etc., is now waging similar to that centering on Charlie Chaplin a few weeks ago, scores the artistic triumph of her career in "Poor Little Peppina," the seven-reel Paramount feature which is now being exhibited at the Pickford Theater.

Miss Pickford is always attractive, and her mannerisms always delight her myriad admirers, but in "Poor Little Peppina" she is more than Mary Pickford—she is Peppina. "Poor Little Peppina" is an Italian play. It fairly reeks with atmosphere, a splendid acting corps of Italian actors contributing much to the artistic result. Miss

James Marcus, the delightfully blunt man of many experiences, is a mine of information at the Fox studios, in Eindhoven. He is one of the most picturesque characters of the screen and his memory turns easily back to the days when films were unknown and circuses were the thing.

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Can you read Chinese? Hazel Dawn, the Famous Players-Paramount star, has received a long, palmy blue scroll from a wealthy Chinese merchant, which is covered with wild, weird cobs, spinaches and criss-crosses resembling a composite photograph.

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FIRST HALF TAXES PAID

FINAL SPURT BRINGS TOTAL COLLECTIONS WELL UP.

Penalty on Belated Payments Now is Accumulating at Rate of One Per Cent a Month.

Fifty per cent of the 1915 tax collections for Multnomah County had been taken in by 9 o'clock last night, due to the tremendous rush to pay during the three days just past, according to the estimate of E. S. Huchabay, Sheriff Hurlburt's chief deputy. This in spite of the fact that up to March 25 not one-sixth of the total assessment had been collected.

Snow and cold, rainy weather during February and March made payments light, and it was feared that a small portion of the 1915 tax of \$7,981,937.32 would be collected before April 5. At midnight last night, all first installments of taxes became delinquent, and from now until paid will accumulate interest at the rate of 1 per cent a month.

Thousands of letters poured in upon Sheriff Hurlburt yesterday due to realization through the announcement of The Oregonian that a long wait in line could be avoided if money or checks for the taxes were mailed and post-marked before April 6.

On account of the congestion, it will be from ten days to two weeks before receipts can be returned for all taxes paid, though a night force will be kept busy.

Twenty-five hundred persons, approximately, paid their taxes in person between the hours of 8:30 A. M. and 3 P. M. yesterday.

There were long, constant lines to

Bluhill Green Chile Cheese. Melts in one's mouth! T. S. Townsend Creamery Co. Wholesale Distributors for Oregon and S. W. Washington.

T. S. Townsend Creamery Co. Wholesale Distributors for Oregon and S. W. Washington. One of the more brilliant of the younger members of the Green Room Club, New York, is at work on the scenario of an eight-reel feature dealing with life among the garlic growers of Southern Italy. The picture is to be called "The Breath of a Nation."

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