

SURPRISE SPRUNG BY HOMER FORD

Defaulter Admits That He Is Guilty and Marries Miss Langman.

SENTENCE COMING TODAY

Complete History of Thefts From Peninsula Lumber Company Is Recounted in Lengthy Written Confession.

Fresh from pleading guilty to an indictment charging him with forgery and the purloining from his employers of \$12,000, Homer P. Ford, defaulting bookkeeper from the Peninsula Lumber Company, yesterday afternoon took pretty Marie Langman, aged 23, down to the chambers of Circuit Judge Gatens, where they were married in the presence of Ford's brother and his attorney, Alex Street.

Today Ford will stand before Presiding Judge Kavanaugh for sentence, and this evening he will be taken to the State Penitentiary to serve the sentence which he is ready to have meted out to him without delay.

Ford's marriage yesterday was as unexpected as his decision to enter a plea of guilty to the charge for which he was extradited recently from New Mexico. His bride is a step-daughter of City Auditor Funk. She accompanied Ford when he fled from Portland a year ago this month with more than \$10,000 which he had stolen from his employers through the medium of forged checks. She remained with him, it is said, until a short time before he was returned to Portland a few weeks ago.

Ford Makes a Clean Breast.

Ford appeared Tuesday afternoon before Chief Deputy District Attorney Collier and made a complete confession of his peculations from the Peninsula Lumber Company. The confession contains 15 typewritten pages, and in it he goes into every detail of how he was able to forge the checks. He also tells of his travels during the year before he was finally apprehended and returned to Portland.

Ford's confession is indicative of his statement to reporters the day he was brought back from New Mexico. At that time he said:

"I played the game in my own way and lost, so now I'm ready for what they've got."

Ill Fortune Attends Operations.

"I just figured that the money I had was a Jonah to me," reads the confession. "It seemed like everything in the world I bought with it went to pieces or went wrong. I just decided that I didn't care how soon I got rid of it and felt like I could take my bare hands and make a living."

"Did you get back with any of your money?" he was asked.

"No sir, I had \$40 which they took off me there. I had \$18 in my pocket which they allowed me to keep for cigarettes."

"That was all you had out of your ill-gotten gains?"

"That's all."

"It doesn't pay, does it?"

"No, sir, I have known from the second day I got away that it didn't pay me. No one can ever tell me how much it doesn't pay, because there aren't very many people know as well as I do how little you get out of it."

Burns Agents on Trail.

Ford then went on to relate of how he and "the other party," as he referred to Miss Langman, had traveled nearly 40,000 miles by automobile during the trip throughout the Middle West and South. He told of purchasing a number of different machines at various times, and told further of how he had on several occasions been trailed by operatives of the Burns Detective Agency.

"That money was a hoodoo to you?" was suggested by Mr. Collier.

"If anyone ever had a hoodoo I had one," was his reply. "I got to the point where I felt like taking it out and throwing it down. I got to the point where I didn't care what became of it. I didn't try to save it. I am almost a nervous wreck now."

Accident Led to Forgeries.

In his confession Ford declared that he was first tempted to steal from his employers a short time after he had been in a collision with an automobile for which he was about to be sued for \$100. He said he was driving the company's car on business at the time and the company refused to pay for the damages. An opportunity for him to cash a check presented itself, and he yielded. Twice more he forged checks, his peculations in all amounting to approximately \$12,000.

It was declared by Mr. Collier that Ford's confession and subsequent plea of guilty, as well as his marriage, would be no factor in any plea for clemency in his behalf by the state officials. He will not be paroled so far as the District Attorney's office is concerned.

Several other charges, both state and federal, for which Ford could be held accountable, will not be pressed, it is understood. He failed to register for the draft and could be held as a slacker. He is 23 years old.

WORK TO BE DISPLAYED

JUNIOR RED CROSS EXHIBIT
PLANNED FEBRUARY 12 TO 22.

Campaign of Youngsters' Organization
Is Progressing Well in Many
Counties of Oregon.

With Miss Grace Gillette, supervisor of the domestic arts department of the Portland schools, in charge, there will be given, February 12 to 22, in the windows of the Meier & Frank Company a display of the work already accomplished in Portland by the Junior Red Cross.

Under Mrs. J. C. Elliott King, chairman, the work of the Junior Red Cross is extending, in addition to Portland, throughout Multnomah, Yamhill, Clackamas, Columbia, Washington and Tillamook counties, as a result of a conference of representatives of the Red Cross in those counties with the Portland committee at the Public Library last Saturday.

The Junior Red Cross is a school organization. Schools become auxiliaries of the Junior Red Cross by every pupil taking a special membership, which costs 25 cents.

The following district committees and chairmen have been appointed by Mrs. King: Hillsboro district, Mrs. J. McCasie; Mrs. R. E. McPherson and Mrs. C. Moore; Beaverton, Mrs. F. G. Donaldson; Newberg, Mrs. E. L. Evans; Tillamook, Mrs. C. J. Edwards and Mrs. C. Iverson; Clackamas, Miss Gertrude Hargreaves; Wilsonville, Mrs. M. C. Young; Multnomah County, W. C. Alderson, Superintendent of Schools.

MOVING PICTURE NEWS



Harold Lockwood
Star of
"The Avenging
Trail," at
Liberty

Taylor Holmes,
in "The Small Town Guy,"
at Columbia

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.
Star—Vivian Martin, "The Fair Barbarian."
Sunset—"God's Country and the Woman."
Liberty—Harold Lockwood, "The Avenging Trail."
Majestic—Theda Bara, "Cleopatra."
Peoples—Mabel Normand, "Dodging a Million."
Columbia—Taylor Holmes, "The Small Town Guy."
Globe—Vivian Martin and Jack Pickford, "The Girl at Home."

Majestic.

"CLEOPATRA," that William Fox super-production which has been playing to capacity-punch houses at the Majestic Theater all week, will conclude its engagement tomorrow night, although it seems almost impossible for the management to evade a return screening of Theda Bara's magnificent story-spectacle. The schedule calls for the screening of that remarkable old melodrama, "Blue Jeans," starring Viola Dana, on Saturday.

The success of the "Cleopatra" engagement is the more remarkable in view of the increased admission charge, which makes this production the highest priced ever presented in a Portland theater devoted exclusively to motion pictures. However, the picture has been playing to record crowds in every large city of the country and often at prices more than twice that asked at the Majestic.

Liberty.

Harold Lockwood enacts the most vigorous role he has had in his eight years' experience before the camera in Metro's production of "The Avenging Trail," a five-part drama of the timberlands, which opens at the Liberty Theater today.

This new Lockwood picture is based on Henry Owen's novel, "Gaston Olat," Lockwood plays the role of Gaston. His leading woman is Sally Cruise, remembered as an Edison featured player for several seasons and for her prominent part in a number of Metro productions.

"The Avenging Trail" is said to be particularly rich in physical combat, with Olat, his hero, continually engaged in warfare. A pleasing love theme runs through the picture, with Olat's struggles aimed at the girl's enemies.

Peoples.

"Dodging a Million," Mabel Normand's successful comedy-drama which marks her debut as a star of the "refined dramma," will be shown at the Peoples Theater until tomorrow night, giving way to the multiple-reel picturization of the famous Winston Churchill story, "The Crisis."

There's a man a laugh in "Dodging a Million," which gives fans an opportunity to see the beautiful and vivacious Mabel for the first time in more than a year, or nearly two years. There's not a custard pie in the entire picture, but there is a gorgeous array of snows, chiefly adorning Miss

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Washington at Eleventh.
VIVIAN MARTIN
AND
JACK PICKFORD
IN
"The Girl at Home"

ALSO
"Who Is
Number
One?"

Starting
Saturday—
BILL HART
in
"The Bargain"
6 Parts

Universal's
Animated Weekly,
Too!

that famous old Vitaphone picture of the Far North, and Alice Howell's newest comedy, "She Did Her Bit," will be presented to Sunset Theater patrons on the week-end programme opening today.

"God's Country and the Woman," which is featured by famous Siberian dog teams, tells a story of the Canadian Northwest, as originally penned by James Oliver Curwood. William Duncan, a new Pathe star, George Holt and Nell Shipman are the leading players in this photoplay-thriller which was filmed high in the California mountains.

Star.

"The Fair Barbarian," the latest Paramount vehicle in which Vivian Martin, that Peter Pan girl of the flickers, is making new friendships and cementing old ones, is scheduled for presentation at the Star until tomorrow night. Charlie Chaplin is another Star entertainer on this programme, the slapstick comedy king appearing in his old Essanay scream, "The Park."

A hoydenish young American heiress in old England is the guise in which "The Fair Barbarian" offers Vivian Martin. It's a "Peggy" type of story, with the Y. A. H. fearfully upsetting traditions in a staid old English village. She conquers every man in town and then disappoints them by running off with a young American.

Columbia.

"The Small Town Guy," is the title of the photoplay which will present Taylor Holmes, well-known stage comedian, to Columbia Theater patrons for two days commencing today.

Holmes, who has Helen Ferguson as his leading woman, plays the role of Ernie, hotel clerk in a small town. Two city crooks, the Swell Dresser and Slim McGleary, are stranded there over night. They paint vivid tales of a market-place for his unusual talents, and Ernie believes them.

His experiences in the city, his shattered dreams, his loyal love for a maid of the small town, all contribute toward making "The Small Town Guy" a production of laughs and heart-throbs.

Screen Gossip.

Wind caused \$10,000 damage to buildings, settings on open-air stages, etc., at Universal City recently.

A large ship was destroyed by mines in the Pacific last week, but it was only for the filming of a Sessue Hayakawa picture.

All of the producing activities of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation are to be transferred to Southern California as soon as possible.

Hobart Henley, actor-director, has been engaged to direct Mae Marsh's future Goldwyn pictures. Henley directed "Parentage," a highly successful states right subject.

Edwin August, actor-director they used for a presidential candidate yarn a year or two ago, is supporting Dorothy Phillips in a Universal picture directed by Alan Holubar, Dorothy's husband.

Jackie Saunders has quit Balboa and is in New York preparing to join another concern. Miss Saunders is the wife of one of the Horkheimer boys, Balboa owners.

E. K. Lincoln, one of the stars of "For the Freedom of the World," was leading man for Mae Marsh in "The Beloved Traitor," her latest Goldwyn picture. Lincoln is to be featured by W. Christy Cabanne in a seven-reeler to be made in Hollywood.

That Canadian producing experience of Marguerite Snow, Holbrook Blinn, Barry O'Neil, Clifford Bruce, Herbert Prior, Mabel Trunelle and June Daye proved disastrous, according to Motion Picture Magazine. The players left Toronto with several weeks' salaries unpaid, but they say O'Neil carried off the picture, nearly completed, and soon will present it to the public.

COLUMBIA

Today Tomorrow Try to Get In

THE SMALL TOWN GUY

Ernie's Trip to Chicago to "Knock 'Em Dead" results in a flock of experiences that will afford you an hour of pleasant memories of the days when you were "A Small Town Guy"



LIBERTY

Starting Today—Stopping Saturday Midnight



A LUMBER JACK TALE WITH LITTLE LUMBER AND LOTS OF JACK

Sunday: First of the Wonderful Finley Nature Pictures GO!

Today, Fri., Sat. Bristling with love, thrills and tense moments

'God's Country and The Woman'

Story of The GREAT NORTHWEST TIMBERLAND Where Men Live Wild and Shoot True

Clear Picture of the Big Snows and Siberian Dog Teams, Wonderfully Filmed

Also ALICE HOWELL in Komic "SHE DID HER BIT"

10c KIDDIES 5c ALWAYS 15c MATINEES EVENINGS AND SUNDAYS



Report Many Cases of Rheumatism Now

Says we must keep feet dry, avoid exposure and eat less meat.

Stay off the damp ground, avoid exposure, keep feet dry, eat less meat, drink lots of water and above all take a spoonful of salts occasionally to keep down uric acid.

Rheumatism is caused by poisonous toxin, called uric acid, which is generated in the bowels and absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine. The pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. In damp and chilly, cold weather the skin pores are closed, thus forcing the kidneys to do double work, they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate this uric acid, which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles, causing stiffness, soreness and pain called rheumatism.

At the first twinges of rheumatism get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts; put a tablespoonful in a glass of water and drink before breakfast each morning for a week. This is said to eliminate uric acid by stimulating the kidneys to normal action, thus ridding the blood of these impurities.

Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used with excellent results by thousands of folks who are subject to rheumatism. Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink which overcomes uric acid and is beneficial to your kidneys as well—Adv.

How He Quit Tobacco

This veteran, S. B. Lingo, of was addicted to the excessive use of tobacco for many years. He wanted to quit, but needed something to help him.

He learned of a free booklet about tobacco habit and how to conquer it quickly, easily and safely. He a recent letter he writes: "I have no desire for tobacco any more. I feel like a new man."

Anyone desiring a copy of this booklet on tobacco habit, smoking and chewing, on a free, postpaid, by writing to Edward J. Woods, 1821 B. Station B, New York City. You will be surprised and pleased. Look for quieter nerves, stronger heart, better digestion, improved eyesight, increased vigor, longer life and other advantages if you quit poisoning yourself.—Adv.