

### OLD WORLD WEATHERS DESPITE PREDICTION

Genuine Oregon Weather Features "Bump-Off" Day.

### HOLIDAY BUYING NORMAL

Portland Residents Little Concerned About Port's Prophecy of Awful Things Impending.

Tranquillity signalled the weather. Light mist, draperies of softness, beach, hovered over the Willamette. Ever and anon, perhaps oftener, a drizzle of rain descended from the drab immensity of sky. Christmas shoppers cruised through the storm, alight to stern attacks upon the bargain counters, bristling with price tags, and manned by blasé, rather bored clerical people.

It is old news by this time that the world failed to keep its appointment with oblivion. The great globe, with its freight of cares and troubles and happiness, continued to careen away upon its destined course just as it has ever since that lurid dawn when the infinitely aged star spaces saw its birth.

**Prices Remain High.**  
It was a fine day for the fulfillment of prophecy—a fine day to be out-of-doors with both lungs, harassed by draughts of the rain-washed air. After the fashion of prophecies, as might have been expected, nothing untoward befell save an advance, a sort of, here and there, in the high price of mundane necessities. Eggs remained firm and scarce, chickens and other fowl still availed in the rare ozone of exalted finance. And the world wagged on.

Weatherman Wells arose early, but no more so than usual when one considers that the forenoon climate must be worked up before luncheon. He repaired without undue haste to the placid precincts of the bureau, where the telegraph instruments click their gossip of gales and sunshine and snow, and fair and warmer, and low and high pressure areas.

"There is—ah—nothing to justify the apprehension," said Weatherman Wells, "that we won't be guessing again for you on the morrow, and for a number of morrows thereafter, so long as the bureau is solvent. Now this Alaskan storm, that ought to bring relief—and he ranged away after the fashion of weathermen, since 'Oh of the sea-caves, to fields afar, dealing delicately with wretches, and its and but and other contingencies of the capricious Oregon climate."

**Prediction Is Made.**  
And when the instruments had told their tale, from the needle-point that scratches indelible blue right-angles to the do-dad that works all day upon far-off flocks of futuristic geese headed southward—both most sagacious devices, they and their fellows—he predicted this prediction for that particular portion of time that is called today:

Continued rain, with moderate southeasterly winds.  
And there isn't anything to arouse alarm in that, is there?

### SUPPLIES NOT HELD UP

Zone Supply Officer Says All of Stock Is Put on Sale at Once.

That no commodities whatever are being held back from the army retail store here at Fifth and Pine streets and that every effort is being made to serve the public is the statement of Major Frank P. Tingley, deputy zone supply officer, in telling of the recent publicity of the stock. The statement of Major Tingley is in part as follows:

"This office desires to deny, emphatically and officially, reports being circulated around the city to the effect that certain commodities are being held back at the army retail store until after the holidays. This is absolutely erroneous. Just as fast as supplies reach the warehouse of the deputy zone supply officer they are immediately placed on sale.

During the recent storm in this city, when motor transportation was almost impossible between the warehouse and the store, trucks were kept going, hauling supplies to the store, replenishing the stock.

For the information of the public, the receipts of this store have exceeded the receipts of the other three stores on the Pacific coast, San Francisco, Seattle or Los Angeles. This should be taken into consideration, also, as Portland has less population than any of the cities mentioned.

### TORCH MEASURE WAITS

Fear That Ordinance Would Cause Trouble to Plumbers Delays It.

Question over the possible effect of the ordinance prohibiting the use of blow torches or other flame-producing appliances to thaw pipes, delayed its passage yesterday by the city council and resulted in its reference to Commissioner Barbur, in charge of the department of public works for further investigation.

Commissioner Barbur expressed fear that in the event an ordinance was enacted it might interfere with the usual conduct of work by plumbers who use blow torches.

### OLD HERB TEA BEST INSURANCE AGAINST FLU, COLDS AND GRIP

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At this time of the year, when colds, grippe and influenza are in the air, it is of greatest importance to keep your liver, kidneys and bowels in good working order. When these organs fail to carry off the poison waste matter your vitality and resistance are weakened. You are an easy victim for infections and disease germs.

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### MY MINGPICURE NEWS



Moment from the Mitchell Lewis production, many scenes of which were filmed near Portland on the Columbia river and on Mount Hood. It will show at the Liberty theater until tomorrow midnight.

### TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

- Strand—Mabel Normand, "The Sign of the Cross"
- Majestic—Elsie Ferguson, "Counterfeit"
- Peoples—Mae Marsh, "Fields of Honor"
- Columbia—Eid Bennett, "What Every Woman Learns"
- Liberty—Mitchell Lewis, "The Last of His People"
- Star—Eid Markey, "The Curse of Eve"
- Sunset—Anita Steward, "A Midnight Romance"
- Circle—Irene Castle, "The Firing Line"
- Globe—Cecil De Mille production, "For Better, for Worse"

**P**ORTLANDERS may judge for themselves whether their own city and its adjoining scenic wonders are as fit subjects for the motion-picture camera as those of southern California if they attend the Liberty theater today or tomorrow.

The attraction is Mitchell Lewis in "The Last of His People," a film made last summer in and about Portland. It will be remembered that its star appeared at one of the local theaters during the filming of this picture which happened to be during the showing in Portland of his production of "The Night of the North." Hood River was the location of perhaps the majority of scenes made in Oregon. In all the pictures of the Northwest the Columbia river and Mount Hood predominate.

Action of the story begins out here in Oregon and thereafter it varies between this locale and Greenwich village settings. Between the colorful city environs and the natural splendors of the hills the story develops within a cloak of beauty rarely equaled in photography. The story centers about an Indian boy and girl, brother and sister, the last of their people, who have been rescued by an embittered white man. They adopt the modes and manners of the whites and when a merry hunting party journeys from the city white way to their peaceful hut there begins a gripping drama filled with pathos, humor and touches and many spectacular situations.

**Screen Gossip.**  
The attention of 15,000,000 people is being drawn daily to the Ted Cross Campaign for 1919 by a special topic about this worthy work shown on the screen in a current programme of the Literary Digest "Topics of the Day."

Heading the current programme is the following pertinent paragraph: 150,000 die of tuberculosis every year in the United States. You can help prevent this. Buy Red Cross Xmas seals—all the year round.

When Clara Kimball Young's latest release, "Eyes of Youth," opened recently at the Rivin theater, New York, three stars of the legitimate stage, who were in the city for the performance to witness the character of Gina, which they portrayed on the stage, shown on the screen—Marjorie Rambeau, who originated the role in

### SNOW BLOCKADE LIFTED

MOTOR TRUCKS COMPLETE BIG JOB IN JIG TIME.

Two Loads Each Minute, Record of Fleet Under Direction of Emergency Organization.

Forty huge motor-trucks, in service since Tuesday, December 10, clearing the downtown blocks of snow, with an operating force of 200 extra service men from Liberty temple, completed their task yesterday morning, having cleared 10 blocks of the downtown that came with last week's blizzard. The chore cost the city approximately \$17,000.

"Two loads each minute during two shifts of eight hours each, ever since the former service men and the trucks were called into action," said Perrier Zeit, who supervised the trucks as lieutenant to Superintendent Donaldson of the street-cleaning bureau.

Within the past week the trucks hauled and dumped into the river approximately 12,500 loads of snow, averaging 2500 pounds to the cargo. Had the service not been rendered the snow would have flooded the business district with rivalets and slush, choking the drains and rendering downtown traffic exceedingly unpleasant at the least.

An approximation of the storm expense to the city includes the estimated \$17,000 of snow cleaning expenditure, the loss to the public auditorium of about \$3000 in cancelled engagements and depleted attendance, the expenditure of \$500 by the health bureau for fuel for quarantined families, and the estimated expense of \$1000 for meeting the emergency at



Ernest Truex, film comedian, has been elected a member of the Broadway Country club of Flushing, Long Island, in appreciation of his efforts in coaching the club players for their recent presentation of "Very Good Eddie," the show he made famous. Truex starred as Eddie for two full seasons.

David Torrence, the chief player in support of Ernest Truex in "The Night of the Dub," his initial Paramount fun film, has the distinction of having played in two of the first three feature productions made by the Famous Player, namely, "The Prisoner of Zenda," starring James K. Hackett, and "Tess of the D'Urbervilles," with Mrs. Fliske in the stellar role.

There was a financial hitch in the plan for the return of Syd Franklin as Mary Pickford's director and John Dillon has been chosen to succeed Paul Powell, who is just completing the cutting of "Pollyanna." Franklin, who, like Powell, is one of the old Griffith school, directed Mary in "The Hoodlum" and "The Heart of the Hills." Then he went back to New York to make a picture with Norma Talmadge. While Miss Pickford was east it was arranged to have Franklin return for the next picture, but when he wired his terms the Pickford management considered them exorbitant. The salary asked was considerably in excess of the \$1500 weekly stipend which Franklin drew in his previous engagement. It is understood.

No story has been decided upon to follow "Pollyanna," which is to be Mary's first Big Four production. All three Pickfords are now at work, Lottie having begun work on an independent production under the direction of Martin Justice, a well-known artist. It is said that Mrs. Charlotte Pickford is financing the Lottie Pickford company. Possible financial entanglements which might result are understood to have been abated by Miss Pickford and her husband. Alfred G. Rupp, which was followed by the filing of a divorce suit a few days after Rupp returned to New York. The latter is an automobile salesman.

### ARCHITECTS' FEES RAISED

County Hospital Designers Benefit by New Contract.

Instead of a \$10,000 fee, Sutton & Whitney, architects, will receive upwards of \$20,000 for their work in connection with the erection of the new county hospital on Marquam hill, according to the terms of a new contract agreed to by the county commissioners yesterday.

The original contract, which will be replaced, called for a fee of 5 per cent of the hospital cost, but not more than \$10,000. The new contract does not fix a limit except that the fee shall not be more than 5 per cent of the cost of the hospital. It is expected that the hospital cannot be completed without an expenditure far in excess of \$400,000 and the new contract will provide for fees on the basis of the money expended.

### OSTEOPATHS ARE DINED

Charges Are Made School Inspection Is Inadequate.

Charges that the present school inspection system is inadequate were made at the meeting of osteopaths at a banquet Tuesday night at the Benson hotel. The banquet closed an all-day session, the morning being devoted to examination of patients at the clinical rooms of the Portland osteopathic society and the afternoon to a programme given by Dr. H. J. Leonard, Dr. C. A. Pengra, Dr. P. T. Collins and Dr. J. E. Anderson.

Dr. T. J. Buddy, head of the eye, ear, nose and throat department of the Los Angeles settlement house clinic, where 18,000 children are being treated annually, was the principal speaker at the banquet.

## The Sapphire Ball and your Christmas Gift

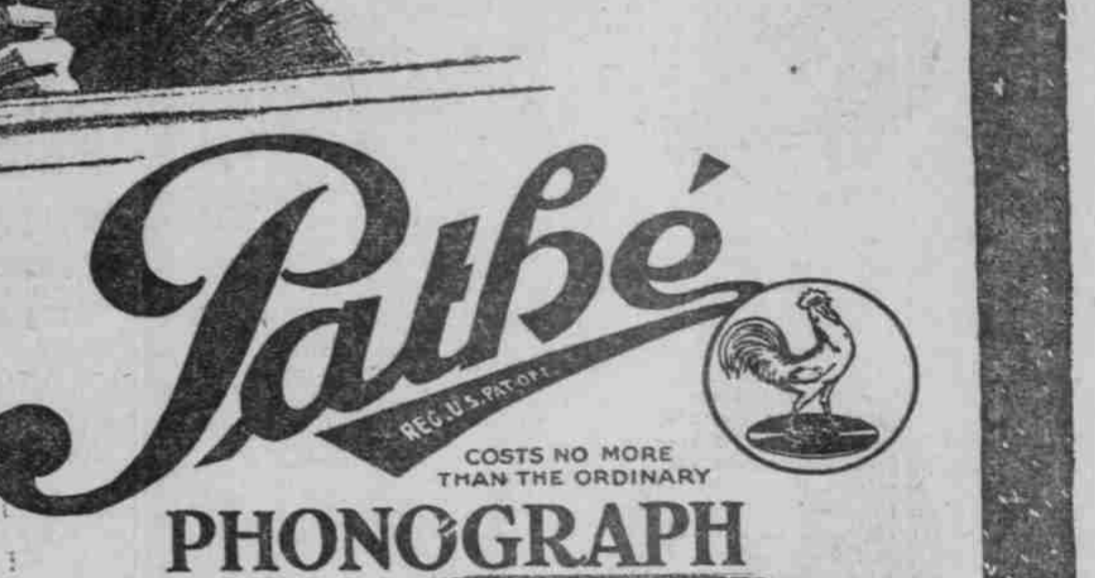
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