

THEATRICAL WISEACRES SEE COMING OF REVIVAL OF ROMANTIC DRAMA

"Kismet" and "Omar, the Tentmaker" Are Proclaimed as Worthy Companion-Pieces of "Ben Hur" and "If I Were King"—Departure From Present Sordid, Grim Realisms of Life Removes Theatergoer From Woes.



An Interesting Scene from Omar the Tent Maker

THEATRICAL wiseacres who note the signs of the times firmly believe that we are on the verge of a tremendous revival of interest in the romantic drama. During the last season or two there has been a decided leaning toward plays of grim realism, many of which have been frankly unhealthy in their appeal. Since only clean, buoyant plays can have a permanent place in the American theater, it only is natural that a reaction in favor of romantic pieces should set in. Plays such as "Cyrano de Bergerac" and "If I Were King" invariably achieve greater and more lasting success than sensational muckraking and sex concoctions, and it is entirely right that they should.

COUNTRY LURE WINS EASTERNERS TO GOLDEN AND GROWING WEST

Scholars, Business and Professional Men of Every Line Drawn by Appeal of Outdoor Life and Prospects of Own Homes.

ON THE trip from Hood River to Cloud Cap Inn out attention was repeatedly called to the class of people who had located in the valley. Here was a Pittsburgh attorney, there a New York banker, yonder a Minneapolis merchant and many others, graduates, some of them from Harvard, Princeton and other seats of learning in the East.

What is the impelling motive that brought and is bringing the young men into the Hood River Valley? Is it ambition propelling his ship of success to its destination? Is it the same unquenchable thirst for gold that forever makes far-off fields appear green, that led men through hardships and privations in the early days to the California gold fields and later to the Klondike? Is it a quest for health? Verily these had their place, but above and beyond all, that which stirred his heart and fired his brain was and always will be the lure of the country—the same old that comes to the suburbanite and the apartment-dweller in early Springtime.

of the State Penitentiary, is registered at the Seward from Salem. W. M. Dickerson, of Hood River, is at the Seward. C. M. Sharpstein, of Wasco, is at the Multnomah. William Tyler Smith, of Salem, is at the Imperial. P. C. Bowen is registered at the Washington. H. L. Gill, of Woodburn, is registered at the Eaton. Miss Estella Hammond is registered at the Eaton. O. W. Hellgrave, of Huntington, is at the Cornelius. Anna C. Young, Astoria milliner, is at the Multnomah. Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Miller, of Centralia, are at the Carlton. C. H. Rathay, of Seattle, is registered at the Carlton. Mrs. H. Levy, of Cascade Locks, is at the Multnomah. J. F. Yates is registered at the Imperial from Corvallis. J. A. Hann, of Seaside, registered at the Carlton yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. E. Bell, Seattle interior decorator, is at the Imperial. E. J. Stanley is registered at the Oregon from Walla Walla. Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Caruthers, of Denver, are at the Carlton. Stanley V. Wood, of Goldendale, is registered at the Cornelius. Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Donivan, of Eugene, are at the Washington. H. Nerdmann, of Marshfield, E. Sullivan, of Multnomah, registered at the Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Rodiske, of La Crosse, are at the Washington. E. Lutyns registered at the Washington yesterday from London. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McDonald, of Vancouver, B. C., are at the Perkins. R. R. Graves, of Corvallis, is registered at the Seward with Mrs. Graves. Fred M. Coleman is in the city from Boston, and is registered at the Oregon. M. T. Griddell and W. A. Cartwright and mother, of Calgary, are at the Perkins. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Belts and daughter, Dorothy, of Brooklyn, are at the Oregon. W. J. Kerr, of Corvallis, president of the Oregon Agricultural College, is at the Imperial. F. Ricketts of New York, with a party of 40, "seeing America first," are registered at the Oregon. City Attorney LaRoche left yesterday for a two weeks' vacation at Yalapa, a summer resort 25 miles south of Newport. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hirstel leave for San Francisco this morning on the steamer Beaver, being their first vacation trip for 45 years. Mrs. Frederick Townsend, who has been confined to her home in Irvington for the past month by an attack of nervous prostration, is improving in health. Stanley H. Brett, Mrs. M. Wolff, Miss Emma Wolff, Miss Martha Spingler, Clara L. Daymet and G. E. Sullivan are Chicago people who are registered at the Perkins. Mrs. George M. Hyland, Miss Crystal and Miss Constance, George M. Jr., and Maude, are registered at the Oregon. Mrs. Frederick Townsend, who has been confined to her home in Irvington for the past month by an attack of nervous prostration, is improving in health.

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GOODMAN'S PLAY CHOSEN Otis Skinner to Star in Drama by Son of Portland Woman.

Jules Eckert Goodman, the playwright, whose mother and sisters live in Portland, at the Nortonia Hotel, has just achieved a new distinction by securing his success which became permanent a few years ago with his "Mother." Mr. Goodman has written a play in which Otis Skinner, of "Kismet" fame, and held to be the foremost romantic actor on the American stage, will be starred by Charles Frohman this Fall. It is "The Candle of Faith," and it has been so recently finished that little is known of the story. It is understood to be the most pretentious Mr. Goodman has attempted, however. The premier will be given in October. Mr. Goodman, who is still a young man, has had a tremendously busy year. His "The Trap" met with instant success on presentation a few weeks ago, and now he is whipping into shape a dramatized version of Will Payne's "The Memorandum Book," in which Edward Ablas will play.

CLEWS TO ROBBERS FOUND Sheriff Word Puts All Deputies on Trail of Safe Blowers.

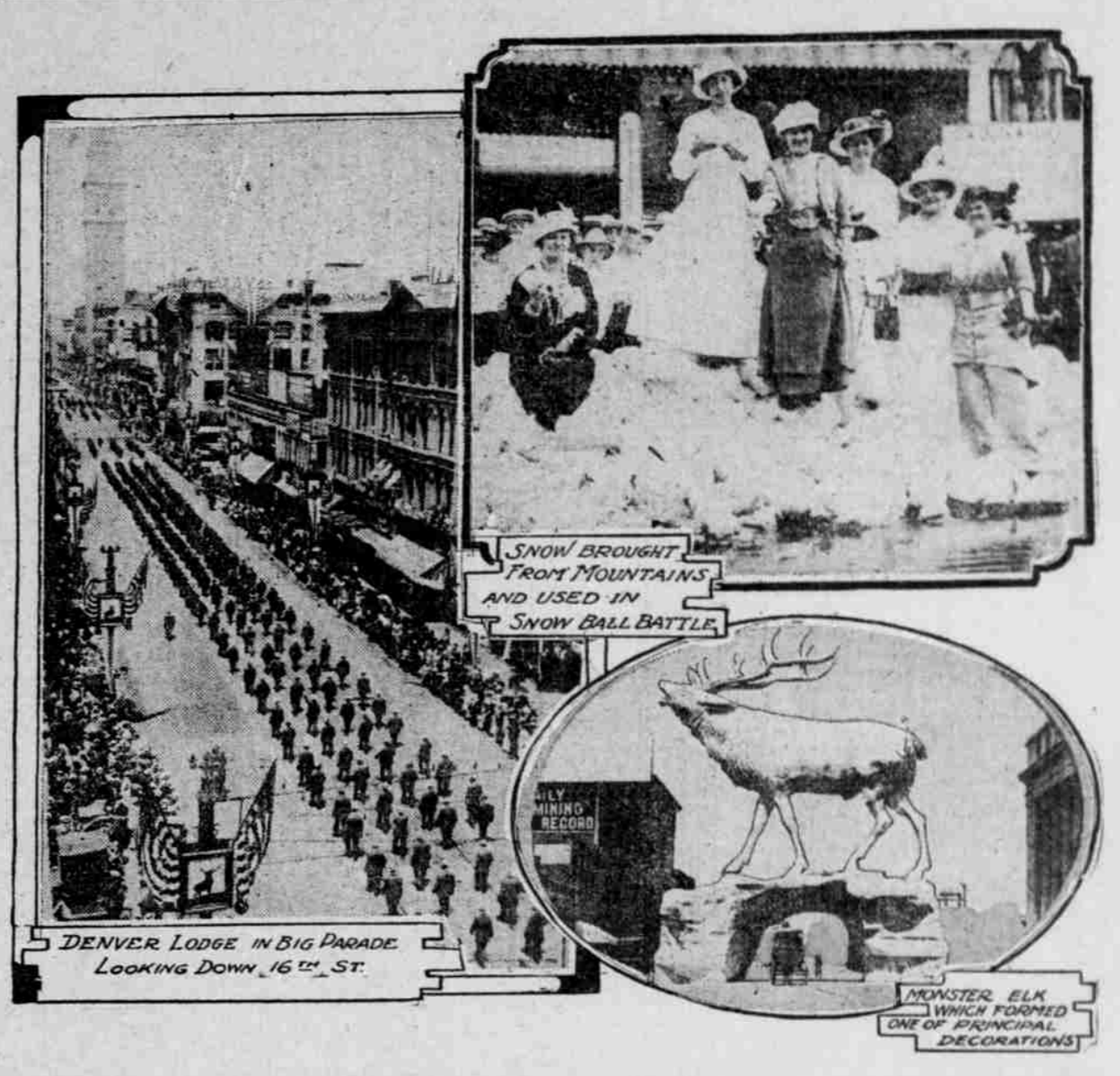
Finding traces of the robbers who blew open the safe in the store of Aaron Fox early Friday morning, Sheriff Word, who was conducting the hunt in person, yesterday sent to his office for all the available deputies, and Kulp, Ford, Rogers, Larfield and Lund, who reside here. At the same time E. A. Perry, guard at Kelly Butte quarry, was sent for and took the bloodhounds to the scene of the hunt. Sheriff Word was accompanied on the man hunt by City Detective Coleman. After searching all day the quest was given up temporarily at night.

FAMOUS ACTOR IN "THE MAN ON THE BOX" AT THE PEOPLE'S THEATER TODAY.

"The Man on the Box," by Harold MacGrath, is now a motion picture, with Max Figman and Lolita Robertson in the leading roles. "The Man on the Box," which as a novel enjoyed wide vogue and as a play was most popular, is now a Lasky screen production. The play is in five parts and is said to be one of the most vividly interesting and potently attractive productions ever created. Robert gets on the wrong box. "MAN ON THE BOX"

DENVER FAILS TO MEASURE UP TO PORTLAND'S IDEA OF ELKS' FROLIC

Colorado City Beautifully Decorated and Lighted, Parade Is Brilliant but Short and Many of Biggest Lodges Fail to Participate in Any Events—California Wins Many Skillful Maneuvers.



DENVER LODGE IN BIG PARADE Looking Down 16th St.

SHAD O. KRANTZ. DENVER, Colo., July 25.—(Special.)—Portland maintains its supremacy as an Elks' convention city. While Denver dispensed hospitality this year in true Western fashion, the record set by Portland two years ago was never even approached. Old-time convention fans who have attended every Elks' reunion for the last quarter of a century declare that there is no comparison between the entertainment provided by Portland and that furnished by Denver or that furnished by any other of the other conventions either before the Portland reunion or since.

In every department, though, the Denver convention was one of the most successful ever held. The grand lodge transacted a large volume of business and the lay members had an abundance of pleasure and fun. Good weather prevailed. While the sun did steadily business early in the week, a cool mountain breeze got busy Thursday morning and made conditions for the big parade ideal.

The parade was a brilliant spectacle but it was only about half as long as that in Portland. It was composed principally of Colorado lodges. About 6000 participated. The decorated floats of the various Colorado cities were one of the principal features. They were of an industrial nature and advertised the principal resources of the particular community that they respectively represented.

Attendance of grand lodge members, as well as that of lay members and the public in general was far short of that of Portland attendance. That accounts for the lack of numbers in the parade. None of the big Eastern lodges was represented. New York City, which had nearly 100 men in line at Portland, was not in evidence at all in this year's procession. Chicago, Omaha, Jersey City and other lodges that made big showings at Portland and which are comparatively near to Denver did not enter.

California lodges turned out, headed by San Francisco's 7th team, and celebrated the victory of Los Angeles in securing next year's convention. Denver Gaily Decorated.

Denver was dressed in fitting fashion to entertain the anti-elk warriors of this department. The streets were beautifully illuminated at night. The Portland idea of a "court of honor" was adopted here. However, instead of holding the court form a rectangle, as in Portland, it was built along Champa street, one of Denver's principal thoroughfares.

At the head of Champa street and at the intersection of Eighteenth street, on which corner stands Denver's new 1,500,000 Federal building, a huge image of an elk was erected. It was 85 feet high and 45 feet wide across the base. By night this figure was attractively lighted. At the far end of the court of honor, and directly in front of Denver's big municipal auditorium, in which the grand lodge sessions were held, was a great "welcome" arch. This, likewise, was emblazoned with lights.

The court was outlined with decorated posts surmounted by the Elks' clock with the hands pointing to the mystical hour of 11. Although disappointed over their failure to win the 1915 meeting, Seattle Elks displayed their good sportsmanship by turning out for the parade and by keeping open house in the Brown Palace Hotel throughout the week.

It appears now that Seattle lost the 1915 meeting when she consented to hold the Shriner's convention there during the second week in July—the week fixed by custom as that belonging to the Elks.

California took advantage of this situation and came here with secret plans to capture next year's meeting. The trick was turned when a resolution was put through the grand lodge fixing the second week in July as the date for holding next year's meeting. Seattle objected to this, but before her delegates could offer much serious protest, the resolution had been passed. Seattle then tried to convince the grand lodge that she could handle the Shriner's and the Elks in the same week, but the delegates would listen to no such plan.

It was easy then for Los Angeles to win. It is certain, though, that fully 90 per cent of the Elks in attendance here this year preferred to go to Seattle next year, as they were in Los Angeles only five years ago. However, they did not want to do this. In July, as the meeting from the week in which they have been accustomed to hold it, and thus punished Seattle for giving the Elks' week away. It is noted, even, that the act of fixing the Shriner's dates for the second week in July was a cleverly maneuvered plot originated in California for the very purpose of winning the meeting.

Seattle Elks say they will start right away to land the convention of 1920. In spite of the fact that they are to convene in the South, thousands of Elks will visit Portland on their trip to the Coast next year. That is another reason for the small crowd this year—they are waiting for the chance to come to the Coast next year.

California's Victories Many. California is particularly proud of the week's work. In addition to landing next year's meeting, she also is the home of the new grand exalted ruler—Raymond Benjamin, of Napa. Mr. Benjamin, who is Assistant Attorney-General of California, doubtless will be one of the most popular and most successful grand lodge officials ever chosen by the Elks. He has served as chairman of the grand lodge, a member of the judicial committee and has been active in the affairs of the grand lodge for many years. He was one of the prominent figures at the Portland convention two years ago.

"I hope to pay a visit to Portland early in my term," he said on the day after he was elected. "I consider the Portland convention one of the best we ever held and it will give me a lot of pleasure to get back there." Now that this year's elections are over, aspirants for next year's honors are coming into the field. It is predicted that James R. Nicholson, of Springfield, Mass., will be elected grand exalted ruler at Los Angeles. Mr. Nicholson was grand exalted at the Portland reunion and handled the big parade there. At present he is a member of the board of grand trustees.

Probably the principal legislation enacted this year was the provision made for appointment of a ritual committee and to serve for a term of two years, at the end of which time a new ritual is to be reported. Meanwhile, no change is to be made in the ritual. Through the efforts of the small town lodges, the "roast" was restored to the initiation proceedings at this year's meeting. The "roast" was eliminated at Portland two years ago.

There is a determination among the Elks to quit tampering with the ritual after a new one is permanently adopted. Acting on the recommendation of Edward Leach, retiring grand exalted ruler, the grand lodge this year again fixed the minimum population necessary for a city seeking a charter for a subordinate lodge at 5000. This is the figure at which it had been until last year when it was raised to 10,000. As a result, no new lodges were organized while this rule was in effect.

Advocates of the state Elks' association persisted in their efforts this year to secure formal recognition from the grand lodge for those organizations. It seems that the movement in that direction is gaining strength annually. Ultimately it is expected to win. Then, it is believed, the state reunions will replace the National reunions, which on account of the growing membership of the Elks, are becoming unwieldy.

ZUMWALT FAMILY MEETS Descendants of Early Pioneers in Reunion at Hayden's Bridge. EUGENE, Or., July 25.—(Special.)—More than 150 descendants of Solomon and Nancy Zumwalt, Lane County pioneers, gathered from all parts of the county, today closed a two days' reunion at Hayden's bridge, eight miles from Eugene. They came yesterday and pitched their camps on the banks of the McKenzie River.

Six children of the two pioneers, all of whom crossed the plains with their parents in 1850, were present—A. J. Zumwalt, C. W. Zumwalt, Mrs. Mary Conrad, Mrs. Ardella Walker, Mrs. Francis Hamilt and M. tilda Warren. Tomorrow the annual reunion of the family of Alexander and Sarah Seavey, also pioneers of the early '50s, will be held at the original Seavey home ranch on the McKenzie.

HEILIG FILMS FOR WEEK SHOW PARIS GANG LIFE

Story of Underworld of French Capital, Its Thrilling Happenings and Climax Mixed With Love and Adventure Told by Screen Pictures.



SCENE FROM THE PHOTO PLAY, "THE STRANGERS OF PARIS."

THE story in brief of "The Strangers of Paris," a film to be shown at the Heilig this week, and dramatized by David Belasco, follows: In a rose-covered cottage in a village of France lived Simmonet, his wife and their little daughter, Mathilde. Their happiness was complete but short-lived, as his wife died after a short illness. Simmonet, nearly insane with grief, takes to drink, neglects his business and sinks to the depths of an outcast of society.

He takes his child to Paris, where she grows to womanhood ignorant of her father's double life. Simmonet assumes the name of Jagon. He soon drifts into the underworld of Paris, becomes the leader of the dreaded gang known as "The Strangers of Paris." Claude Guerin is attracted by Ma-

thilde's beauty, and asks her hand in marriage. Jagon makes a test of Mathilde and compels her to accept, provided Guerin makes a will in her favor. This he does, and is strangled by Jagon and found dead before the wedding day. For this crime, Blanchard, an innocent man, is convicted on circumstantial evidence. Later, Captain Guerin, a brother of the murdered man, contests the will and obtains a verdict in favor of his daughter, Jeanne. The day the money is paid to him by the court he is followed to his home by Jagon and his accomplice, Lorenz. That night Captain Guerin is strangled by Jagon and the money stolen. After a number of thrilling situations, Lorenz, the accomplice, is strangled and Jagon dies, but not until after he clears Blanchard of the crimes.