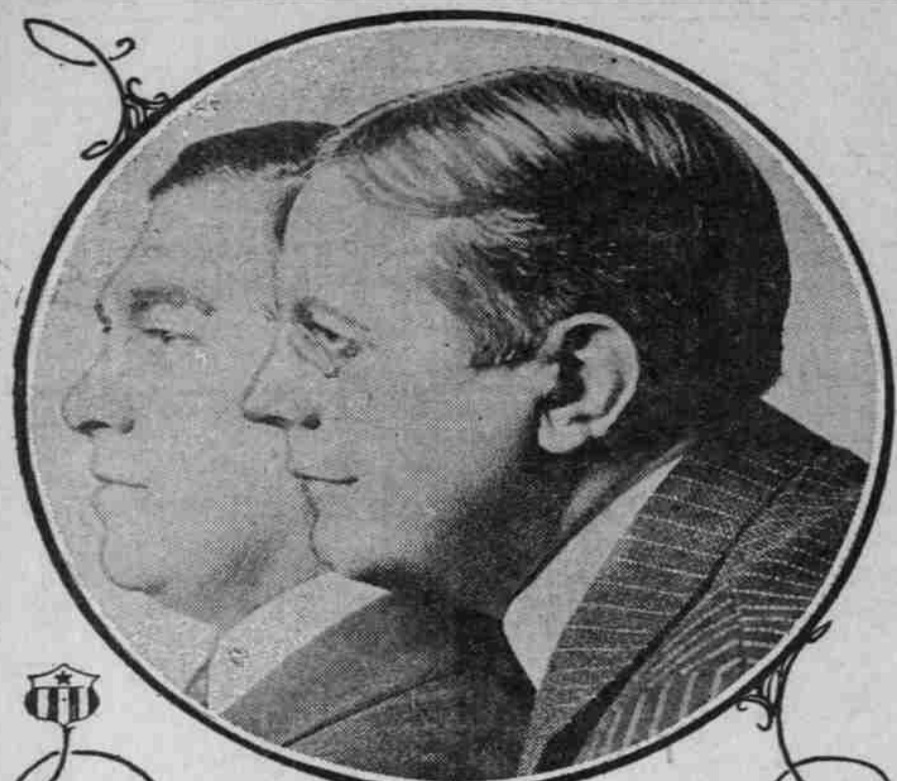


**"FIRST PLAY OF LAND" WILL OPEN IN PORTLAND THURSDAY**

"Turn to the Right," Designated by Government to Open Cantonment Theaters, Will Play Limited Engagement at Hellig.



John L. Golden (left) and Winchell Smith.



Helen Collier, as Betty Bascom.

Mabel Bert, as Mother Bascom.

TO BE designated by President Wilson as the first play to be presented on the Government's circuit of cantonment theaters was the honor conferred recently upon "Turn to the Right," the widely praised comedy of thrills and surprises which ran all last season in New York and Chicago.

Winchell Smith and John L. Golden, producers of the play, have set about engaging a special company for a 16 weeks' tour of the Army camps, opening at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., within three weeks, and the soldiers will see the play exactly as it was presented during its long metropolitan runs.

The announcement of the Government's unprecedented indorsement of "Turn to the Right" will be received with more than passing interest by Portland theatergoers for the reason that the play is to be presented at the Hellig Theater for three nights, starting Thursday, December 20, with the original Chicago company. The cantonment bookings will not interfere with the engagements of this organization, which will tour to the Pacific Coast, or with the New York company, now in its third month at the Tremont Theater, Boston.

**Company Will Be Army Unit.**

The third "Turn to the Right" company will to all intents and purposes be an Army unit. The Quartermaster Department will regulate its movements from post to post, haul members and baggage, arrange for the staging of the play, the building of the scenery, the arranging of the lighting effects, the housing and feeding of the artists and traveling staff. But to Smith and Golden has been delegated the task of working out the innumerable details incidental to such a unique undertaking.

The route will consist of 16 one-week stands, but the company will travel far to the South and West, playing the theaters at the various big posts in the order of their completion. The theaters will be under the general jurisdiction of the War Department commission on training camp activities, to which "Turn to the Right" was tendered by its authors and producers, free of all profits and royalties, when they learned that it was wanted by the Government for the entertainment of soldiers.

**Wilson's Enjoy Play.**

The Chicago company, to be seen here, is linked directly with official Washington's fondness for the play, as reflected in its being chosen for the series of gala "openings" at the cantonment playhouses. It was this same company that introduced "Turn to the Right" to Washington last winter. It had been formed especially for Chicago, but engagements of one week each were played in Baltimore and

**"Bill" Brewer Sends Thanks to Oregonian Boys.**

"Remembrances of This Kind," Says Recipient, "Recall to Mind Other Days and Old Associations."

"BILL" BREWER used to pound out the news of the world through the medium of a linotype in The Oregonian composing-room. He now is in infantry uniform at Camp Lewis, training to take a hand in the making of that news, wherever the colors go forward.

Because the boys of the composing-room, and the girls, too, liked "Bill" and fretted a bit about his comfort, they pooled a few quarters and sent him the thickest, warmest, olive-drab sweater that money could buy. This is the way "Bill" Brewer "came back at the donors."

"To the big-hearted boys on The Oregonian: I regret that I can't thank you individually and personally for your gift, which brings with it so much good will and so true and sincere a feeling of generous fellowship.

"Remembrances of this kind, in this new and unaccustomed life of a soldier, mean even more than formerly. They bring back other days and the old associations, out of which we have stepped for a time to prepare for the grim business of war in the Nation's defense.

"The pledge of your kindly interest and good will expressed in this gift is heartening like the sight of your faces and the sound of your voices. I shall never wear it without a grateful thought of those who sent it, and when we go 'over there' it may yet shelter me on the Wintry plains of France.

BILL BREWER."

**IMPERIAL LODGE ELECTS**

Past Master Kollock Presented With Beautiful Jewel.

The annual communication and election of officers of Imperial Lodge, No. 155, A. F. and A. M., was held Tuesday evening, December 11.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the year 1918: John T. Hotchkiss, W. M.; Frank E. Smith, S. W.; Gustavus F. Peek, J. W.; George W. Hoyt, treasurer; Willard P. Andrus, secretary; Ralph A. Coan, S. D.; Everett T. Stretcher, J. D.; Robert C. Bell,

Washington en route to the Windy City.

President Wilson, with Mrs. Wilson, several members of his Cabinet, heads of departments and Army and Navy officials, witnessed the first performance at the National Theater. The next day Mrs. Wilson wrote a personal note to one of the producers—a tribute as spontaneous as it was unusual, to the play that had so plainly pleased the President and made him laugh an evening through.

Helen Collier as Betty Bascom and Mabel Bert as Mother Bascom are two of the leading characters to be seen here.

**"Bit" Is Done in Unusual Way.**

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special)—Mrs. Eva Hemenway is setting an example that others might emulate in doing their bit during these war times. Being unable to attend the Red Cross meetings and do her share of the work, she cares for the baby of Mrs. J. S. Sibley while Mrs. Sibley attends the meetings.

**William Sutherland Enlists.**

William Sutherland, secretary to John M. Scott, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific Company, has resigned his position and has joined the Coast Artillery, being stationed at Fort Stevens. He came to the South-

ern Pacific service four years ago from the O.-W. R. & N. Company. H. F. Craig, nephew of the late James Craig, of Silverton, a well-known resident of Western Oregon, has been advanced to the position just left vacant.

**Drill at University Is Brisk.**

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 15.—(Special)—Three hundred men are now enrolled in the university battalion under the command of Colonel W. H. C. Bowen, United States Army, retired, and five days out of each week may be seen at the task of mastering the fundamentals of military drill. It is serious business with the men, although as yet no provision has been made to give them university credit for their work, and there is keen competition between the companies for the honor of being designated the "crack company."

**Four Mink Captured.**

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special)—E. D. Handy reports the trapping of four mink at exactly the same spot. Mink are very seldom trapped in this section, and these four were caught at the edge of the city limits. The mink is a wary animal, and seldom more than one is trapped at the same spot.

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