

Goldwyn Has New Policy for 1920

Recognizing that every picture must stand on its own merits, no matter what the prestige of the company distributing it, Goldwyn Pictures corporation promises to make each release of the coming year a genuine special. This means according to the statement received from the Goldwyn offices this week, that everyone connected with the Goldwyn producing force, from the director to the player in the least conspicuous role, will be impressed with the necessity of turning out pictures of the highest quality and not the product of a machine-like system.

The lesson of the year, as interpreted by Goldwyn officials, is that the greatest photoplays have been the result of individual effort unchecked by time restrictions and the limitations necessarily imposed on a director who is working to keep pace with a rigid release schedule.

Goldwyn's spectacles of recent months, "The World and His Wife" and "The Flame of the Desert" were placed unreservedly in the hands of Reginald Barker, who worked in his own manner, with the resources of the Culver City studios at his disposal. Other productions, even when they did not require scenes of such magnificence and hundreds of extras, have been treated with the same care.

With the added facilities consequent upon the establishment of a producing force in the East, it has become possible for Goldwyn to handle more pictures than ever, without the studio space being crowded, but the production schedule will not be increased. The producing policy is to treat each picture as though it were the only photoplay being made by the organization. If more than the customary time is required to get the desired results, the stages are at the disposal of the director as long as he needs them. In offering the productions to buyers Goldwyn follows the system whereby an exhibitor is expected to choose whatever attraction appeals to him.

A Wee Bit Personal

Metro Pictures corporation is going to film "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," the novel by Vicente Blasco Ibañez. The author will visit the studio at Hollywood, Cal., during the making of the picture.

"The Spoilers," which was produced by Selig more than eight years ago from the Alaskan classic by Rex Beach, is still showing to heavy business. Although there have been great advances in the art of picture making since it first came to the screen, it is still regarded in film circles as one of the greatest half dozen movies ever made. This is largely due to the splendid acting of Tom Santschi and William Farnum.

William Stowell, the Universal actor who was killed in a South American railroad wreck, left an estate of \$17,000, which an aunt in Chicago will inherit.

Motion picture players in Southern California are to have a handsome church. It will be built with their contributions and will cost more than \$100,000. It is to be called the Church of Saint Mary of the Angels. The rector is Rev. Neal Dodd, an Episcopal clergyman.

Jack Dempsey, champion heavyweight pugilist, has begun his work as star in a 15 episode series. He has leased the residence in Los Angeles, formerly occupied by Fannie Ward.

Fritzi Brunette, the raven-haired heroine of many late J. Warren Kerrigan productions, will play opposite the star in his forthcoming Brunton picture, "One Week-End," a story of New York society life. This marks Miss Brunette's sixth engagement with Kerrigan.

Mildred Harris Chaplin's first starring vehicle under the management of Louis B. Mayer, "The Inferior Sex," has aroused a great deal of curiosity among picture fans as to just which is the inferior sex. In order to have this question answered satisfactorily to herself and her husband, Charlie Chaplin, Mildred has offered a prize of \$500 to anyone who will give the most convincing reason as to why the world-old tradition of man's superiority should be shattered. This contest is open to every patron of a movie theatre; the only condition being a letter addressed to Mrs. Chaplin at 6 West Forty-eighth street, New York city. To everyone entering the contest Mrs. Chaplin will present an autographed photograph of herself.

Mrs. Alice Moore McComas, mother of Carol McComas, actress well known in Portland, who died in Los Angeles recently, at the age of 69, was a pioneer suffragist and was widely known as an educator, lecturer and journalist. She was the first woman in California to conduct a woman's department in a daily paper and the first to address a state Republican ratification meeting. She was one of the earliest organizers of the Free Kindergarten association and of clubs for working women.

For several years she had lived in New York with her daughter, Carroll, but when the latter went overseas as an entertainer with the A. E. F. she returned to her home in Los Angeles, where Miss McComas went upon her recent return from abroad.

Alice Moore McComas was the wife of the late Judge Charles C. McComas of California and the daughter of General Jesse H. Moore.

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TO THE EDITOR:

Now days pretty near every time you pick up a paper you read where they's somebody else going to run for president and they don't want to but their friends coaxed and weeded till they sacrificed their own personal feelings for the cause and it looks to me like so many of them has yielded that unless a compromised candidate comes to the 4 and relieves the congestion they will half to shut down on the last few 100 nominating speeches so as the newspaper men can go to the worlds series.

Amongst the names that has been mentioned they's a few that would make a pretty good president and I wouldn't mind seeing them nominated a specially men like Pershing and Wood but I reason I got against them running vs. each other is that

the comical writers would all say it was a general election and besides that suppose Pershing was to get elected and all of a sudden Belgium would plunge everybody into another war, why Black Jack wouldn't know weather it was his duty to go away and fight or stay home and write. But even if we eliminate the 2 gens. they's still so many candidates yet that they can't never ballot on all of them on acct. of the white paper shortage, so as I say the only thing to do is for each party to agree on a compromised candidate and may the best man win.

Yes, but whom would it be you ask. Well gents I have in mind one man that god knows he has moved enough lately without moving to Washington but would cheerfully pack up and move again if my country demands it. This man gents would run on either ticket if necessary and from any state that seen fit to nominate me except Rhode Island which they tell me is so little that the higher class of people like my-

self would half to stand up all the time they lived there.

In regards to qualifications it comes kind of hard for one of my calibers to talk about themselves but as some of the other candidates don't seem to have no such compunction I will ask the genial readers indulgents while I give a few bear facts.

Comparisons between the great presidents of the past and myself is mostly odious as far as they are concerned. For inst. I am taller than Abraham Lincoln and as good looking to say the least. I have crossed the Delaware a 100 times to Geo. Washington's once but never got near the publicity. I use as much tobacco as U. S. Grant and pretty near as much language and play golf a whole lot like President Wilson. Unlike Gens. Pershing and Wood and Sens. Harding and Johnson and etc. I wouldn't half to resign from no other job to take this job as I all ready write for a living like a president and as for speech making why I addressed the Cincinnati Reds right after they win the national league pennant and they went ahead and win the worlds series like they was inspired or something.

A great many people might think I am too young for the office but as my birthday is March 6 it wouldn't only be 2 days after I was inaugurated when I would be older than I was and I would promise to wait those 2 days before taking any steps.

What about your war record I hear somebody inquire. Well gents I got over there and seen it any way and arrived less than 2 mos. in arrears of Gen. Pershing and the first dozen and further more the ship I went over on didn't have no more convey than Jess Willard at Toledo but I never give submarines a thought except day times and part of the night besides with they's no man in America that said nastier things about the Germans and didn't mince no words or nothing and finely when Uncle Sam announced that they was going to draft men between 31 and up why I went right over to the nearest board and took a number though I was very busy at the time and my number was drawn amongst the first and I waved exemptions and was ast to come over-and take a physical examination the 15 of Nov. a year ago and if it hadn't of been for the d-m armistice getting signed on the 11 why I would of got turned down 4 days later on acct. of flat ft. In addition to this, out of 8 brother in laws with I have picked up at 1 time and another more than 1/2 of them was in the service and instead

of standing in their way I told them to go ahead and do their best and the same with a good many of my man friends.

Perhaps the public will maybe



want to know how I stand on the various questions of the day. Well gents I am in favor of military training for everybody under 34 yrs. of age but if elected I can assure my

friends that they wouldn't be no war except maybe a short 1 with Mexico as I would ignore all challenges from the other side of the pond just like once while I was travelling with the Cubs and I wrote something in the paper that 1 of the boys didn't like and he called me something but I pretended like I didn't hear him and here I am.

On the question of prohibition I stand pretty good and the only real question in my mind is witch will last longest me or the basement and I will say that if the liquor interests is left with a lot of supplies on their hands why it is not my fault but poor salesmanship and if I was in the present incumbents shoes I would of declared peace along while ago and by this time everybody would of been out getting demobilized at reasonable prices instead of paying \$1 a shot for ether high balls.

In regards to Sabbath baseball I would allow it at once in all cities except Philadelphia and would give it to them as soon as they have got the week day kind mastered.

I would cut out the income tax and other taxes of all kinds and if the govt. needed some money the first of the month why I would send over and get it some place where its cheap like Russia.

That is where I stand gents and you can take it or leave it and if

elected I would guarantee to give the stars and stripes a administration like witch they never seen and pledge myself to not run a 3d time and I haven't had a day's sickness for yrs. only once in a while in the morning and even when I got my tonsils took out a couple yrs. ago was able to write 2 days later though it pretty near killed me to swallow but never complained except in the bosom of the family.

I am aware that in a campaign of this kind they's bound to be many personalities and mud throwing and etc. but if chose by either side as their compromised candidate I will say nothing about my rivals above a whisper and personally my own private life is a open book without no plot or theme and on the few occasions when I tried to read it aloud my audience has either fell asleep or walked out on me.

Respy,
Ring W. Lardner
Greenwich, Conn. Jan. 9.

Indians Generous To All Tribesmen At Dance Functions

The quaint Indian custom of making a present to the partner one selects for a dance was followed during the almost nightly dances held near Hayden Lake, Idaho, where the Cathrine

Curtis company was recently engaged in filming a new story of the West. It is also usual for the party so honored to later select the donor of the gift as a partner, and to return the gift in kind.

As a result of the custom, many of the Indians, who are really a generous race, have given away their most cherished possessions and when they return to their reservations will have to begin anew the work of securing elaborate wardrobes.

At a social dance recently held Crying Bear, an influential member of the Nez Perce tribe, who had received a gift of an elaborate saddle from Yellow Bear of the Coeur d'Alene tribe, in return gave the latter a feather belt such as is worn only by men who have served their tribes in a notable way, a porcupine head gear, elaborate beaded gloves, and metal arm bands, the entire outfit representing the product of the hunt for several years.

Homer B. King, business manager of the company, has been decidedly popular with the Indians, and has received gifts of beaded cuffs, a beaded belt, a beaded tobacco sack and a beaded martingale which is classed as the most elaborate piece of work of its kind among the entire collection of the Nez Perce tribe.

Ministers on Stage

Rev. Dr. C. C. McCrea of Ridgewood, N. J.; Rev. Dr. M. L. Andraes of Bound Brook, Rev. Dr. Charles Waldron of Hoboken, Rev. Dr. W. H. Hudson and Rev. Dr. Lucien of Jersey City have joined the cast of "The Wayfarer" at Madison Square garden, New York, which, it is safe to say, is the only known theatrical production in which preachers of the gospel are participating actively on the stage. These ministers enact the roles of the disciples and the holy men in the gigantic Biblical production.



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