

# MOVIE GOSSIP

Coming to the Oregon



George Beban in *The Sign of the Cross*

**BLIGH**  
Thursday—Hickman Bessey Co. presenting "Thorns and Orange Blossoms." George Larkin in "Boomerang Justice."

**OREGON**  
Dorothy Dalton and Jack Holt in "On The High Seas." Always a good program here.

**LIBERTY**  
Last times today—Vivian Martin in "Pardon My French." Also comedy and three other reels.

**GRAND**  
Starting Saturday—Harold Lloyd in his best comedy, "Dr. Jack," his second five reel "rib buster."

"The Cradle of Courage," William S. Hart's picture offers him one of the most varied roles of his career as well as one of the most unusual parts he has ever played. At different times in the action he appears as a soldier, a policeman, and, later, as the peaceful citizen.

Throughout this picture there are many incidents filled with stirring action. The scenes in the trenches, on board the army transport, the fight in the water front saloon, and the safe robbery, all lend themselves to the sort of acting in which Mr. Hart does his best work.

Ann Little is the leading woman in the new picture, she, playing a part which is as varied as the star's and which, at one point, requires her to appear disguised as a boy. "The Cradle of Courage" was written by Fred Brabury and adapted for the screen by Lambert Hillier, who also was the director. At the Bligh Friday and Saturday.

Harold Lloyd has again proven that he is the most consistent funmaker on the screen by his latest Pathe five-reel comedy, "Dr. Jack," which is seen Saturday at the Grand theatre. There are comedians who make exceedingly funny pictures, but Lloyd is the most consistent and dependable of the Sons of Laughter. "Grandma's Boy," seemed to us to be the perfect comedy—until we saw "Dr. Jack."

In "Dr. Jack," Lloyd has again given us a comedy with a serious vein running through it, but the laughter is continuous and everlasting. Never was there anything funnier screened than Lloyd's acrobatic antics in his weird disguise as the madman. The poker game was a gem of cleverness, as was the comedian's scene with the little freckled kid. Then there was his ride on the back of the bronco-like calf, and—why continue? It was a laugh from start to finish. Harold Lloyd is seen in the who role, that of a young doctor who cures ill by the "sunshine methods." The fast and furious Lloydian comedy is interwoven with a charming love story, and here the comedian fairly outshines all the great lovers of the screen. It's a great comedy and you really can't afford to miss it.

"Pardon My French," starring Vivian Martin provides a delightful medium for that very vivacious star. Miss Martin plays

**TO DAY**  
**BLIGH**  
**HICKMAN BESSEY Co.**  
Presents  
**"THORNS and ORANGE Blossoms"**  
**THEATRE**

the part of a young actress who finds her profession too un lucrative and is forced to take the position of maid in a newly-rich household; while another member of the company plays the part of the butler in the family.

The adventures of the maid and the butler are at all times amusing and often dramatic. There is a tale of intrigue and fortune hunting woven into the love story, between Polly and a neighbor, which provide excitement for moments when laughter is stopped. The picture is at the Liberty.

Often as George Beban has starred on the stage and screen it is not generally known how he began the acting which reaches magnificent heights in his new picture, "The Sign of the Cross." At the age of eight he was singing and dancing with Reed & Emerson's minstrels in San Francisco and was said to be the cleverest child ever seen on the local stage. Years later he had progressed as far as New York, where his eccentric Frenchmen in Broadway musical comedies attracted general attention. This led to his joining Weber & Fields' all-star company where he divided honors with David Warfield, Lillian Russell, Fay Templeton and many others. His screen debut was made in Triangle pictures and Beban's success as a star was absolute. At the Oregon Saturday.

Co-featuring Dorothy Dalton and Jack Holt, and with Mitchell Lewis in their support a Paramount picture of Edward Sheldon's first original screen story, "On The High Seas," at the Oregon theatre. It is a powerful story of the sea and recounts the stirring adventures which befell a beautiful young woman cast adrift upon the ocean in a small boat in the company of two burly stokers. After some dreary days in the boat they take refuge on board a sinking schooner, from which they are rescued in the nick of time, after one of the men had been killed by a falling mast. Mitchell Lewis plays this role. Irvin V. Wilbur's direction of the picture was excellent.

A dramatic climax that breaks with all the pent-up force of a sweeping, surging tidal wave is one of the outstanding features of Harry Carey's latest production "The Kick-Back," which will be shown for the first time at the Liberty theatre tomorrow. Never before have Mr. Carey's admirers beheld him in a production that carried so much dramatic punch, so much appealing romance and so much suspense as his newest attraction; which is based upon the adventures of a cowboy beset by a band of

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land thieves who not only covet his property but his sweetheart as well.

As the crafty leader of the band Henry B. Walthall gives a brilliant performance and others of note in the cast are Ethel Grey Terry, Charles Le Moine, Vester Pegg, Jim O'Neill and others. The story was directed by Val Paul, who has kept the action fast and furious.

William Farnum, the William Fox star, tells a story of an Austrian Count and ex-Duke of Russia, who engaged in an exciting session of "African billiards" on an ocean liner coming into New York.

Luck was with the Austrians, and in a desperate attempt to recoup the Russian kept doubling the stakes. The last roll the Russian made was for sixty million rubles, for which he had put in his I. O. U. The Russian rolled the bones—and lost.

"What did he do then, Bill?" asked Director Emmett Flynn, who was an interested listener. "Oh! an American chap made good the I. O. U.—it amounted to a dollar and sixty-nine cents in U. S. A. money—" replied Farnum. At the Liberty Sunday.

## SEVEN BOYS ARE NABBED

### Gang Responsible for Recent Thefts Here Believed Rounded up

Another Salem youth was drawn into the burglary net cast by the police around six Salem high school boys late yesterday afternoon. Burglary charges were preferred against Kenneth Wetcher, alleged to have been implicated with the gang that for the past six weeks is alleged to have committed thefts in Salem stores and churches, among them the Sampson store, C. P. Bishops and two Salem churches.

The recent capture brings the total of those apprehended in the "burglary ring" up to seven. They are Howard Hendricksen, Westley Ellis, John Propp, Paul Ehmer, Wesley Putnam, Clarence Clement and Kenneth Wetcher. Ehmer, Putnam and Clement were arrested earlier in the week for alleged coat thefts. Three

## Dr. Jack Starts Saturday



others were implicated yesterday morning and another yesterday afternoon.

According to Chief Moffitt, who intercepted a letter written by Putnam to Clement, they had intended to steal the receipts of Y. M. C. A. basketball games to be held in the future. Putnam had been employed at the Y. M. C. A. and is understood to have been responsible for a number of thefts committed there. In addition they planned to visit the Salem public library, Chief Moffitt said.

## Clement Bound Over

Clement, who is the oldest of the seven, waived a hearing in justice court yesterday and was bound over to the grand jury on \$350 bail. It was furnished and he was released pending grand jury action. The other six, whose ages range between 15 and 17, will appear in the juvenile court before Judge W. M. Bushey Friday at 2 o'clock. They are being held in the Marion county jail.

## True Philosophy

A country merchant was in his store when a little boy came in and the following conversation ensued:

"Boy, what is your name?"  
"My name is Ephum, suh."  
"Well, Ephum, what is your daddy's name?"  
"Ah ain't got no daddy."  
"Is your daddy dead?"  
"Naw, suh, ah ain't never had no daddy."  
"What is your mammy's name?"  
"Ah ain't got no mammy."  
"Why, is she dead?"  
"Naw, suh, ah ain't never had no mammy."  
"Well, if you never had a mammy and daddy, how did you get here?"  
"Ah dunno, suh. Fust time ah knowed anything, ah wuz here."

## 75 TEACHERS TO BE GIVEN TESTS

### Annual Examinations Now in Progress at First Methodist Church

A total of about 75 teachers will take the Marion county teachers' examination this year which commenced yesterday morning at the Methodist church, according to Mary Fulkerson, county school superintendent. Yesterday's registration showed a total of 51 taking the examinations. However, it is expected that by Saturday, final day of the tests, the registration will reach 75.

There are at present 14 teachers teaching on permits who must take the entire examination. Others are taking tests in particular subjects in which it is necessary to receive a grade of 90 per cent in order to be exempt the succeeding year.

No teacher can fall below 60 per cent in any one subject and the total grade in subjects taken must approximate at least 75 per cent, which entitles them to a one-year teaching certificate. A grade of 80 per cent entitles them to five-year certificates, while a grade of 85 per cent secures a life certificate.

Examinations commence at 9 a. m. each day and according to Mrs. Fulkerson it is necessary that all taking the tests be on hand promptly at that time.

At the conclusion of the tests all papers will be sent to the state examining board which meets here early in January for consideration.

## STAYTON NEWS

STAYTON, Or., Dec. 20.—Charles Van Handle went to Brownsville Thursday for a brief business trip.

H. J. Rowe, manager of the Stayton Light & Power company, drove to Salem Friday, where he took a train into Portland on a brief business trip for the company.

The student body at the high school here gave a pie social Wednesday evening. The pies when auctioned off brought from 35c to \$5 each and netted \$70. The money goes into the gymnasium fund for improvement and equipment.

ment. A social program was given by the pupils.

S. F. Danford, district superintendent of the southern district of the Methodist Episcopal church was here last week holding conference for the district.

Marion Fresh who has been ill the past 10 days with pneumonia, is rapidly recovering.

Snow which attained the depth of about four inches here Thursday has about all disappeared due to rising temperature on Monday. The snow was thoroughly enjoyed while it lasted, sleighing and tobogganing being especially good.

Mrs. Mary Allen is at home again after a couple of weeks' absence spent at Seaside, where she visited at the home of her brother J. H. Brewster.

Mrs. Alois Teitz and daughters, Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Goodie of Mehams, spent several days last week at the John Zimmermaas home here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Jones drove to Salem Tuesday, where they spent the day looking after business interests.

Harry Humphrey, manager of the Star theatre, was a business visitor in Salem Tuesday.

David W. Hoeye, whose death occurred in Mill City Saturday, was a former resident of Stayton, having lived here with his family several years ago. The body was brought here for interment Monday afternoon. He leaves his wife and several children.

Frank Mack and wife, whose home is near Toledo, arrived in Stayton the first of the week and are guests at the home of their son J. Forrest Mack until after the holidays.

## EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Words of Appreciation

Editor Statesman:  
The passing of Mrs. Anna Lindgrin-Myers at her home in Keizer Bottom yesterday morning, has caused the sincerest grief among the hundreds of children in Marion county among whom the best years of her life have been spent in teaching.

Mrs. Myers with her loving personality and high ideals was universally beloved.  
—FROM A SCHOOL PATRON.  
Salem, Or., R. 8, Dec. 19, 1922.

## DALLAS COUNCIL TO HALT FIRES

### Strong Ordinance Passed and Authorities Will Enforce it to Letter

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The Dallas city council in session Monday night passed one of the strongest fire ordinances in the state, and one that it is hoped will lessen the danger of fire and prevent such a disaster as wiped out the business district of Astoria two weeks ago.

The new ordinance, which repeals all such ordinances heretofore made, prevents the construction of any building within the business district of the city from anything but concrete, brick, building tile, stone or concrete blocks. Heretofore buildings could be erected of sheet iron over wood frames, but these are to be prohibited in the future. The ordinance also states that where a wooden building now within the fire limits becomes damaged by fire to a certain extent, or where it becomes delapidated, it cannot be repaired, but must be torn down and a building of non-inflammable construction erected.

Dallas, like most other cities and towns in the state, has its greatest fire hazards in the rear of the mercantile establishments in the shape of old woodsheds and warehouses, and it was a step towards eliminating this hazard that the ordinance was passed Monday night.

Repeated efforts have been made in the past two years by the council to clean up the alleys in the rear of the business houses and to provide for the safety of guests at the hotels, rooming houses and apartment houses. An ordinance was passed prohibiting the setting of fires for the burning of trash in the downtown district, but this ordinance has only been half-heartedly followed. An ordinance was also passed calling for the placing of fire escapes on the hotels and rooming houses, but this has never been complied with although efforts have been made by the state fire marshal's office to have the law followed out. In the future the council intends to have these measures followed out to the letter and all violations of the ordinances will

be brought up and fined before the police judge.

## Umatilla County Pioneer Ends Life With Revolver

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 20.—William H. Prentice, a resident of Umatilla county for the past 20 years, ended his life in his home at Milton, Ore., this afternoon by shooting himself with a revolver, according to word received from officials here tonight. He had been sick for some time, it was said. His only relative, a brother, Harry Prentice, is thought to be in Walla Walla.

## FUNERAL NOTICE

Sam Kukko died at a local hospital December 19. Body at Webb & Clough. Funeral announcements later.

Annie Harvey died at a local hospital December 20, 3 a. m., age 26. Survived by father, James Harvey and mother, Mrs. James Harvey, of Medford, Oregon. Body at Webb & Clough. Funeral announcements later.

The funeral services for the late Henrietta Hoefler will be held tomorrow, short prayer services at 11:30 a. m. at the Walfemeyer residence in Hayesville. Regular services will be held at 2 p. m. at the residence of Joe Conners, Dever, Or., Rev. Deany officiating, interment in Miller cemetery. Webb & Clough in charge of arrangements.

## DIED

IRVINE—Ted M. Irvine died at a local hospital Dec. 19, 1922, at 11 a. m. Mr. Irvine was 30 years old. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sylvia Irvine of Salem; his mother, Mrs. Ella Hart of Independence; and one brother, Roy C. Irvine of La Crosse, Wash. Funeral services in charge of Webb & Clough will be held in the Independence Presbyterian church, Dec. 21, 1922, at 10 a. m. Interment in the Independence I. O. O. F. cemetery.

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