

MOVIE GOSSIP

OREGON
Last times today—"Under Two Flags" with Priscilla Dean. A great big special attraction.

BIGH
Two acts Hippodrome vaudeville, Neal Hart in "The Lure of Gold."

LIBERTY
Leaves today—Two big specials. John Gilbert in "Honor First" and Ruth Roland serial.

GRAND
Starts today—Rudolph Valentino in his greatest success, "The Young Rajah" and a special two reel comedy.

Universal is advertising Gladys Walton as "the greatest find since Mary Pickford." In support of this faith, Universal chose

Edward Burns for her leading man, King Baggot of "Human Hearts" as her director and a well balanced cast of prominent players for principal roles in "The Lavender Bath Lady," the attraction next Sunday at the Bigh. The story is by Shannon Fife, and the scenario by no less a writer than George Randolph Chester, who wrote the "Wallingford" stories. Money is being expended freely on the making of Miss Walton's starring vehicles in the belief that the girl who left high school in Portland, Oregon, two years ago, and is barely "grown up" now, will prove to be the biggest star in motion pictures some day.

The Liberty theatre will have another big surprise for their patrons next Wednesday and Thursday. The cozy little the-



HONOR FIRST

Featuring

JOHN GILBERT

A stirring and thrilling story of two brothers—and a girl and just what happened.

THEN THERE'S ANOTHER SNAPPY SESSION WITH RUTH ROLAND AS

"THE TIMBER QUEEN"

Today Only **LIBERTY THEATER** Today Only

At the Oregon Tomorrow

Norman Kerry and Claire Windsor in "BROTHERS UNDER THE SKIN"

Helene Chadwick, playing one of the five star-roles in the picture, "Brothers Under the Skin," written by Peter B. Kyne, which comes to the Oregon theatre on Sunday for two days, has developed under tutelage into one of the most popular leading women on the screen. Among the pictures in which she has scored are "Scratch My Back," "Dangerous Curve Ahead," "Yellow Men and Gold" and "Godless Men." She is a native of Chadwick, New York.

Louise de la Ramée died in poverty. Hardly anyone knew her. But many knew Ouida the author of "Under Two Flags" and today that immortal classic is known even to the "ignorant." Ouida was Louise de la Ramée's nom de plume. As in the case of most truly geniuses, she died without her reward of fame. But today her classic lives on, and in its latest form a special offering, it is seen on the screen of the Oregon theatre with Priscilla Dean and famous film players interpreting its characters.

Things are not always what they seem—even pickles, as is demonstrated in "Poverty of Riches," a picture coming to the Liberty theatre for two days, commencing Wednesday.

Baby Marie Morehouse, in this Reginald Barker production, appears to be eating sour pickles. Now baby Marie is but 15 months old, and as every mother knows, sour pickles are not in-



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cluded in the proper infant diet. But no fears need be entertained for the little motion picture baby, she is only eating a gigantic jelly bean, fashioned in the shape of a pickle.

"My Wild Irish Rose," the special production, which will be shown at the Liberty theatre on Sunday, is adapted from Dion Boucicault's famous play "The Shaughraun."

David Smith, one of the best known directors on the West coast, has the production in his care, and he has secured some of the best Irish atmosphere available. Irish villagers, pigs, goats, go-carts, and geese add to the atmosphere of the thatched roofs in the Irish village.

Last night marked the first showing here at the Liberty theatre of a picture replete with scenes of sunny France and full of the thrills familiar to the land of the Tricolor. John Gilbert portrayed with remarkable skill the dual role of Jacques and Honore Dubois, twins in the William Fox production, "Honor First."

TROUBLED WITH WEAK KIDNEYS
"Have been troubled with weak kidneys since childhood," writes Mrs. G. Hyde, Benzonia, Michigan. "Now past forty and have had terrible backache and that tired out feeling, hardly able to do my work. By using Foley Kidney Pills accompanied with Foley Cathartic Tablets I soon felt like a new person." Backache, rheumatic pains, dizziness and blurred vision are symptoms of kidney trouble. Foley Kidney Pills give quick relief.—Adv.

It now turns out that if Andy Gump had not been counted out in his race for congress he would have been a prominent candidate for speaker of the next congress.

MIDNIGHT MATINEE
New Year's Eve
Bligh Theatre

CRIME NAILED BY SCIENCE

Edmond Bayle of France Does Unique Work in Detecting Offenders

PARIS, Dec. 28. — A chemist of recent years has become the best known detective in France. Edmond Bayle is a small, dark, quiet man; he works in a modern equipped laboratory in the Palais de Justice; he is feared by criminals of all classes, and his ultimate fame promises to surpass that of Alphonse Bertillon, the French fingerprint expert who died in 1914.

Bayle Called Magician
Dr. Bayle is chief of the technical bureau of the Paris police department. Here all the criminal information of the republic is concentrated, classified and studied. From this bureau the expert chemist and physicist gives directions in the field of criminal detection. So successful has he been that the ignorant criminal classes have come to regard him as a worker in black magic. His unique methods have been studied by the police department of New York City. Dr. Bayle rarely gives much attention to the personality of criminals or their psychology. He works rather with material things. His workshop consists of many rooms and passageways, equipped with all the paraphernalia of a big industrial laboratory, and includes a photograph gallery. He has spectrometers, microscopes and X-ray machines by the dozen, each fitted for a special purpose such as examining blood spots, forged documents, counterfeit money, powder burned clothes, and the wreckage that is picked up on a criminal trail.

Dr. Bayle's study is lined with books on science, and catalogue records of his work. In the records of his bureau there are registered no less than eight million names of persons involved in crimes, past and present.

Criminals Not Intelligent
"The detection of crime today is something very different from the popular conception," said Dr. Bayle to the Associated Press correspondent. "The Sherlock Holmes and Arsene Lupin stories of great criminals and their feats do no doubt most entertaining, but that is all I can say for them. From my point of view there is no crime that cannot be detected, that does not leave its traces behind, at least theoretically. For one thing criminals, as a rule, are not very intelligent. The uneducated man usually commits crimes of passion and brutality; the educated man runs to fraud."

"My methods astound the ignorant criminals, and they have come to fear me when I enter the courts. The so-called intelligent professional criminals seem to have begun to try to thwart me, in a small way. Nowadays they endeavor, by wearing gloves, not to leave fingerprints behind, but we have reached the point where their fingerprints through gloves can be detected."

"Crime is really not very mysterious. The curious point to me is that the crimes which interest me most do not interest the public."

Great Progress Made
"There has been very great

progress made in the detection of crime during the past six or eight years, particularly through the application of chemistry and photography to detection.

"In my opinion we are not yet in sight of a crimeless civilization. Crime is a part of human nature. Much of it is spontaneous. The fear of detection and punishment will not prevent it."

"I would like to point out that part of our endeavor has been to help to protect innocence, and prevent the miscarriage of justice. Science does not seek to convict. It looks for the truth, no more and no less."

"During the war a spy case, that of a certain Vigo, alias Almereyda, attracted much public attention. The man was found dead in his cell, and there were those who claimed he had been assassinated there. The only evidence was two spots on his shoe laces. By comparative analysis of these, one I found to be mud and the other paint off his bed, and I was able to conclude he had hanged himself and thus clear the jailers of guilt."

Science Cannot Lie
"Another case; during the war a young captain wrote his mother the night before a battle in which he was killed. A postscript to the letter revoked a former will in favor of his wife. By analysis of the ink and the handwriting in this postscript, it was shown that the mother had forged his signature. She confessed it, though her confession added nothing to the value of the proof."

"We are beginning to eliminate eye-witness proof in crime. We prefer our own, as eye-witnesses distort the facts without sometimes wishing to. Science cannot lie."

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GIRL LEGISLATOR WANTS "SIMPLIFIED LAWS."



Here is Miss Sarah Lucille Turner, one of the young women recently elected to the Missouri Legislature. She is "about twenty-five years old," comes from one of the Kansas City districts, was elected as a Democrat, is a practicing lawyer and her hobby is simplified laws.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Prince Gelaseo Caetan, the new Italian ambassador, presented his credentials to President Harding.

The house completed consideration of the interior appropriation bill which carries \$294,000,000, most of it for pensions.

Balthasar H. Meyer became chairman of the interstate commerce commission, succeeding Charles C. McChord, who remains, however, as a member of the commission.

Surveying domestic business conditions, the department of commerce said satisfactory progress has been made during the past year with further advances in prospect.

Credit to a maximum of one billion dollars would be extended to Germany for use in purchasing foodstuffs in this country under a bill introduced by Senator Bursum, Republican of New Mexico.

Conrad E. Spens, federal fuel distributor, preliminary to relinquishing his post, announced that the bituminous coal situation was "good," and that anthracite production was exceeding expectations. The office, however, will be continued at least for another month.

Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, announced he would withhold his proposal for an international economic conference in order not to embarrass negotiations by the administration with a view to aiding Europe.

GOOD PROFITS ARE PROMISED

Departments of Swedish Government Look Forward to Prosperous Era

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28. — The various departments of the Swedish government are concerned just now with the preparation of the 1923-24 budget, and surpluses are expected in many directions, according to information received by the minister of finance.

The customs service reports that the duties on imports for the next fiscal year will total about \$28,000,000, which is a slight increase over the present year. The postal department, already profitable, will, so continue, it is said, and show a surplus of about \$1,600,000, while the department of telegraphs is expected to take in \$4,000,000 more than it expends.

The state railways, with the exception of the ore carrying roads, expect a surplus of about \$8,800,000. This figure will be cut, however, by the deduction for the increase in wages which will continue at a rate not now determined for several months during the next fiscal year. The state railways which serve the iron mines by carrying ore expect to realize about 5 per cent on the invested capital.

A total of \$3,000,000 is expected from the government monopoly in tobacco, while \$2,500,000, it is believed, will be realized from the sale by the state of waterpower and electricity. Another \$2,000,000 is looked for from the state domains department.

WOULD REPEAL OLD OREGON STATUTE
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no funds in the treasury then he shall indorse such warrants 'not paid for want of funds,' together with the date and all warrants so indorsed shall draw interest at the rate of six per cent until called in for payment.

"The law requiring the state treasurer to indorse warrants where general fund money is insufficient for their payment has been in force since the year 1859. For a number of years thereafter the number of warrants which the treasurer was obliged to indorse for want of funds was small and the amount of money involved not large.

Conditions Changed
"The state has grown, however, and the number of warrants required to be indorsed not paid for want of funds has increased correspondingly. This has not only entailed a large amount of work for the state treasurer but has increased the interest charge against the state.

"It has occurred to me that this method of taking care of situations of this kind can be materially simplified and a public convenience afforded by authorizing the state treasurer to borrow moneys for the general fund only to the extent as such moneys may be required from time to time to meet the payment of outstanding warrants which have been issued by the Secretary of State pursuant to law.

Would Relieve State
"This money could undoubtedly be borrowed at a less rate of interest than the legal rate and certificates could be issued in such denominations that whenever any sums of money were received in the treasury they could be immediately applied in payment of such outstanding certificates and relieve the state of the interest burden just to that extent.

"Under existing laws the treasurer is really obliged to await payment into the general fund of a considerable sum, then issue his public call for the redemption of outstanding warrants which have been presented in the interim and endorsed not paid for want of funds. Even though money could not be borrowed from the bank at less than the legal rate of interest, I apprehend that there would be some saving

Coming to the Liberty

Scene from "Poverty of Riches."



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Doukhobors Returning to Russia, is Report

TORONTO, Dec. 27.—A report from Yorkton, Sask., says that there is a movement among the Independent Doukhobors to migrate back to Russia, whence they came more than a quarter of a century ago. There are about 5000 of the sect working farms outside the original Doukhobor communal colony over which Peter Verigin is the head. Verigin's followers in Saskatchewan and British Columbia are not involved.

Two agents from the independent districts, which have been formed by offshoots from the original communal colony, have been in Russia and have just returned to Canada.

The religious beliefs and practices of the Doukhobors have frequently brought them into conflict with the provincial and federal governments. The education law and the war-time draft resulted in the movement of a large colony to Mexico.

Central Europe Losing Valuable Railway Stock

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—While the members of the Austrian rolling stock commission are making efforts to decide how the equipment of the former Austrian railroads shall be divided among the newly made states, thousands of locomotives and freight cars are rotting on the sidings of Central Europe. The commission, which is composed of one representative of each of the seven states erected from the old Austrian empire, was appointed under the treaty of St. Germain to dispose of the railroads and rolling stock under a plan favorable to the allies.

The commission has so far been unable to come to a decision, and it has had to dismiss its staff of engineers and experts because of lack of funds. The British government has been advancing money to the commission for its work, but last summer it refused to loan any further amounts until re-payment was guaranteed. The commission has been unable to do this, although the rolling stock in question is said to be worth \$500,000,000.

Pardon Given Polk County Moonshiner for Holidays

DALLAS, Ore., Dec. 28. (Special to The Statesman)—Lester Keeney, one of the Falls City moonshiners captured a few months ago in a raid near that city was released from the county jail the first of the week and allowed to spend Christmas with his family. The pardon was granted by acting Governor Ritter upon recommendation by the local county officials in order to allow Keeney to be at the bedside of a sick wife and to attend to livestock on his farm near Falls City. Keeney drew a \$200 fine and a four months' jail sentence at the time of his trial and more than half the sentence has been served. The fine was paid in full.

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