

MOVIE GOSSIP



May McAvoy, supporting Wallace Reid, in "Clarence"

BY MAY McAVOY

When asked to tell the worst job I ever had and how I got a better one, I was at a loss to reply.

If the truth be known, I have never had a job that I didn't enjoy, because about the only job to speak of that I have ever had is playing in Paramount pictures and that work has been a source of continual delight to me.

I do recall, as a child, the thing I most dreaded to do every day of my life, was to sit still for about 15 minutes while my mother curled my hair. She would wrap the locks of hair about her finger, after dampening them, and I would have to sit until they were dry, after which the curl stayed in. I longed for the day when I would grow up and could put my hair up on my head and that the daily curling ordeal would be over.

Miss McAvoy is one of the three stars in "Clarence" at the Oregon.

One of the most powerful dramas seen on the screen of the Oregon theater will be presented Tuesday, bearing the title of "The Impossible Mrs. Bellow," and directed by Sam Wood, this feature do luxe presents Gloria Swanson in the strongest and most compelling role of her screen career. Her performance in the role of a wronged young wife who sought to forget, and who eventually found another and greater happiness, is most artistic. As a mother, torn from the child she loved dearer than life, she exhibits emotional talent of a high order. Conrad Nagel, as the young novelist who signs saw the good that was in "Mrs. Bellow," give a splendid characterization. Robert Cain is effective as the despicable husband, while Herbert Standing, June Elvidge, Richard Wayne, Pat Moore and Mickey Moore also appear to advantage.

Taken away from her husband at "The Altar Stairs"—that much of the Universal film play com-

ing to the Bligh theater today, is interesting in advance. The heroine of the story is a delicately bred French girl, and the hero a "roughneck" trader and ship captain of the South Seas. Frank Mayo stars in the latter role and Louise Lorraine plays the former. Lambert Hillier directed, from the novel by G. B. Lancaster.

Coming to the Bligh theater Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday is one of the finest and most thrilling western photoplay productions seen in this city for a long time. It is entitled "Head-in North," featuring Pete Morrison, the cowboy who furnishes more action to every thousand feet of film than a host of the average film stars.

Cooper and Valli, the feature act from last week's bill at the Hippodrome in Portland will be at the Bligh theater today and tomorrow presenting their comedy offering, "Ain't She Rough?"

Lou Davis, late producer and leading man of the Lyric Musical comedy show in Portland, and Harry Harrigan, Hebrew comedian of the same show, will play a special engagement at the Bligh theater today and tomorrow.

"The gates won't close, props," said May McAvoy, one of the leading players in "Clarence" now at the Oregon, in which Miss McAvoy is featured with Wallace Reid and Agnes Ayres. She was referring to the gates in the garden scene.

"If they won't close, they're not gates," responded props.

"What do you mean?" asked May.

"Well, if they are not closed, they are a-jar. It can't be a gate and a jar, too."

Which accounts for the report that this particular props broke seven speed records in the studio after his outburst. To stand still might have meant trouble.

Imagine trying to steal the pearls of the fiercest man in the South Sea Islands, who suspects your purpose in advance. That is what two human derelicts attempt to do in "Ebb Tide," now at the Grand.

You can further imagine the exciting action that follows. This is not, however, the main thread of the fascinating story of this picture. The chief interest centers about the great struggles of a man on the human ebb tide for regeneration through the love of a woman, the roles being played respectively by James Kirkwood and Lila Lee. Other stars having important parts in the production include Noah Beery, Robert Hatton, George Fawcett and Jacqueline Logan.

"Watch Your Step," now playing at the Liberty theater, is a smooth comedy with many surprises. The hero, played by Cullen Landis, has a mania for speed and is cured only by a strange series of incidents that arise after he has had his one grand smash-up with a racing car.

The hero's nature seems somewhat changed after this, as are his clothes, (a band of tramps get them), and he takes up life in a small, country town. Things are different here, especially the feminine interest, added in the person of Patsy Ruth Miller. She is young, pretty and charming, and we didn't blame Cullen Landis for hanging around until the final reel. He had to meet a lot of opposition before that date he made to look at the moon. But he got what he wanted, as well as his father's forgiveness. Let us hope that his father gave him a tricycle for a wedding present instead of another racing auto.

Reaching a public used to all the good and unusual features that go to make a modern offering really worth while is not the easiest task imaginable as numerous managers will testify. However, in the latest musical comedy

CLEVER COMPANY WILL COME HERE

American Light Opera Company to Play Several Days at the Grand

Salem theatergoers are to have a treat offered the last of this week when the American Light Opera company comes in with a repertoire of tuneful music and clever acting. Several of the singers were here last year with the Robin Hood company. Some of them have made Salem a number of times in various roles.

The company played the past week at the Auditorium in Portland, filling that great hall that holds 5,000 people. The first offering in Salem will be "Bohemian Girl" on Thursday night, "Mikado" on Friday night, "Pinafore" as a matinee Saturday afternoon, and "The Chimes of Normandy" Saturday night. They play at the Grand.

Charles O'Hara of the opera company was in Salem Saturday getting ready for the coming of the singers. He says that they have already been booked for eight solid weeks for Portland for next winter, and they have 20 weeks steady at Long Beach, Cal., and 13 weeks at Los Angeles. They are working steadily on legitimate grand opera and will soon have a complete repertoire of the great stage favorites which they will have to alternate with the light opera by spring. At Portland Friday night the singers took eight encores on "The Willow Song," and the show simply couldn't go on until the crowd was satisfied. The company is a coast organization, and sings only on the coast.

triumph, "Father on His Vacation," which will be the attraction at the Grand theater Wednesday afternoon and night, an entirely different entertainment along entirely unconventional lines will be offered. This play, which is in three acts, is based on the internationally famous cartoons of George McManus, "Bringing Up Father." Fun of the rampant, insinuating, infectious and penetrating sort; music that jingles and haunts the ear; mirth that brings back the sunshine of existence and every other essential ingredient that makes amusement one eternal joy and song is promised. Surely one cannot expect more than this!

NEW GOVERNOR WILL TAKE OFFICE MONDAY

Capitol is Ready
Nothing remains to be done at the state house now but receive the members as they come in. The capitol has been set in order by the forces of the state department, desks all equipped with articles needed by lawmakers, and each desk labeled with the name of its occupant and the counties represented by him.

Most observers look for a session full of bitter controversies. On the other hand there are indications that the session will be as peaceful as any preceding it. Many of the sore spots of the campaign period have been healed and on the eve of the session there is a feeling of good will that was not expected.

Few Bills Public
Not a great deal is being said about bills to be introduced. Only a few have been given publicity in any sort of detail, and these mainly are sponsored by organizations, associations or professions. A large number yet to be formulated will have their basis in the remarks of Governor Pierce when he gives his message before the legislature tomorrow, or possibly not until Tuesday.

It is said that the naming of the committees of the two houses has not yet been completed. This will be one of the interesting events of the first or second day.

Taxation Foremost
Much legislation will center about the subject of tax revision, backed up by the message of the governor who will press home his income tax proposal with emphasis and also his severance tax plan.

Included in the few bills that have been brought to light is an income tax bill prepared by K. K. Kubli, a group of social legislative measures including the sterilization and the eugenics marriage bills, four proposed amendments to the prohibition law, readjustment of the assessment system of the state, a bill to place assessors under civil service and a number of educational measures.

Many More to Come
Hundreds of bills will be added to these as soon as the session reaches the period of bill introductions.

Most of the members of both houses were in Portland last night and it is reported that many caucuses were held.

MAY WITHDRAW TROOPS ON RHINE

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private maneuvering against it on the part of administration senators after Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations committee had

sought and obtained the views of Secretary Hughes regarding it. Returning to the capitol after a long talk with the secretary, Mr. Lodge said it was his opinion that the time was inopportune for senatorial action.

Fear Entanglement
It was indicated that the resolution, which was introduced by Senator Robinson, Democrat, Arkansas, would remain in the foreign relations committee for a week at least without action while the committee waited for Secretary Hughes to compile a report of the activities of the American unofficial observers attached to the reparations commission.

The resolution for withdrawal of American troops was pressed largely on the ground that the French reparations policy contemplating military occupation of the Ruhr might entangle America by involving the American troops, its adoption was preceded by outside efforts to stave off a vote by a motion to refer the matter to the foreign relations committee for investigation. This motion was defeated 39 to 22.

Support is Heavy
Thirty-three Republicans and 24 Democrats, including Senators Lodge and Underwood of Alabama, both party leaders, supported the resolution. The opposition for the most part developed because the senate lacked information as to the administration's course in holding the American contingent in Germany and also on the ground that the force was stabilizing influence in Europe.

In the discussion of the reparations question, Senator Underwood said it was manifest that the administration did not intend to appoint official American representatives on the reparations commission on that, therefore the American troops should not be left in Germany to enforce decrees of other governments.

Read the Classified Ads.

SILVERTON NEWS

SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special to The Statesman.)—George Landon of the Landon Furniture company has purchased the Bowser furniture stock and leased the Bowser building. Mr. Landon has been located at First and Main street for a number of years but is now moving to his new location on Main street. The Landon furniture company is moving into the building recently vacated by Landon.

Mrs. Alice Jensen entertained a group of friends at the home of her mother Thursday evening. Those present were Mrs. Anna K. Jensen, Miss Alice Jensen, Alfred Jensen, Ruebin Jensen, Mrs. Marie Bunesa, Miss Cora Sater, Miss Lillie Madsen, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Madsen, and Alvin Madsen.

Mrs. William Woodhouse, formerly owner of the Falls hotel at Silverton, died at her home in Minneapolis, Minn., after a long illness, on December 24, according to word received here recently.

RATE DECREASES BENEFIT VALLEY

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sion via the Yaquina branch through Corvallis and Albany to Mt. Angel on the East Side would cost \$101.80 instead of \$147.60 under the old scale.

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Civil Suits Filed for Collection of Money

Two civil cases were filed in the justice court yesterday for

collection of small merchandise accounts. They were H. T. Love against E. A. Thompson and Ira Jorgensen against George Witherite.

In the complaint filed by Love against Thompson the plaintiff alleges that on June 23, 1922 he sold the defendant merchandise to the extent of \$44 which has never been paid.

Ira Jorgensen states in his complaint that he sold the defendant George Witherite \$45.35 worth of goods, wares and merchandise in July 1920 which since that time has not been paid.

The new caliph in Turkey has had one wife. He must belong to the matrimonial "bliss."

Radio Communication Between US and China

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Commercial radio communication between the United States and China has been established, the Federal Telegraph company announced today. An arc station at Hillsboro, Ore., working on 8,409 meters, is being heard regularly at Shanghai, China, where the company has erected an experimental station, a cable from Shanghai advised the headquarters of the company.

The Hillsboro station, which is near Portland, Ore., was established to work with San Francisco, its power output is 30 kilowatts.

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