

# FILM CHAN

OREGON—"Fighting Blade."  
LIBERTY—"Midnight Patrol."  
BLIGH—"Crooked Alley."  
GRAND—"St. Elmo."

## Fighting Blade Has Historic Background

Our own war for independence, our revolution against King George III of England, is undoubtedly the most significant period of our history. It marked the birth of our republic. A like period in English history is that which marked the birth of freedom, of representative government for the British, the period in which "The Fighting Blade," is now being presented at the Oregon theater.

## "Bright Lights of Broadway" Coming

Commencing Wednesday and continuing for three days, the Liberty theater will present the latest photodrama which has for its theme the struggles and temptations encountered by a young girl who aspires to see her name in electric lights on New York's Great White Way.

## Norma Talmadge is Coming in Comedy

Norma Talmadge, famed beauty of the screen, is coming to the Liberty theater next Saturday in "She Loves and Lies," a comedy drama founded on Wilkie Collins' story of the same name.

## "Midnight Patrol" Opens at Liberty

The midnight Patrol which opens at the Liberty today for a three day engagement, is not only thrilling but convincing, and how could it be anything else when the story is actually taken from the Police Headquarters' Records?

## "St. Elmo" History Rivals Romance

The new William Fox offering, "St. Elmo," starring John Gilbert now showing at the Grand, has a history that in romance and thrills even rivals the story of the impassioned novel.

## FEATURE VAUDEVILLE BILL AT THE BLIGH TODAY

KNIGHT, BENSON & GRAY, are a trio of versatile entertainers possessing voices which blend in perfect harmony. This act carries a story throughout and has many funny situations. Miss Benson plays the part of a jealous and nagging wife. Mr. Knight is the husband and Mr. Gray, the waiter. This comedy skit is full of laughable situations and funny lines. The cast of characters is in capable hands and nothing is left undone to make the offering the laughing hit of the bill. It is to laugh, so enjoy yourselves and charge it up to idiosyncrasy.

RUBY LATHAM DUO present an act that is different from the usual acrobatic act inasmuch as the lady does most of the work, which consists of working on the hanging web and ground acrobatic work. New tricks and ideas are few and far between, but this team are the exception to the rule for they have evidently studied positions with the result that practically all of their endeavors are new to vaudeville and they will be received with real pleasure by the audience.

EDDIE RUSSELL is a pleasant looking and talented young man with a terpsichorean vein in a unique dancing novelty and up-to-the-minute monologue. He will present eccentric and rube dancing numbers; a clever waltz clog; a Buck and Wing dance; his own special novelty dance while sitting on chair and lying on floor using chair as pedestal with blocks of wood in hands with which to keep time. This is something entirely different and abounding in interest and entertainment.

GEORGE & JUNE are a clever pair of vaudeville entertainers who offer splendid variety in comedy songs, talk, and dances. They use some very select musical numbers which blend with their comedy patter, the subject of which is the humorous side of every-day life. It is needless to say that they will keep their audience in the most happy and laughing mood.

Crooked Alley, what a name for a neighborhood! That is where crookdom lives the kinder side of its life in "Crooked Alley" the all-star picture produced by Universal, now showing at the Bligh theatre. Its characters are criminals of the more human type, some of them capable of being "real human beings."

## Unemployment Declines In Countries of Europe

(By The Associated Press)  
LONDON, Dec. 18.—A survey of economic conditions and unemployment figures in the different countries of Europe, compiled by the International Federation of Trade Unions, shows that in comparison with last year there is in nearly all countries, excepting Germany, a notable decline of unemployment. The industrial situation in some countries, together with the latest figures on unemployment, is as follows:

Belgium—A great revival in industry; unemployed 12,368.  
France—Economic situation highly satisfactory; unemployed 1363.  
Holland—Little change in the labor market; unemployed and partially unemployed 80,222.  
Italy—A steady decrease in unemployment; unemployed 231,590.  
Poland—(Exclusive of the former Prussian territory and Galicia) unemployed 87,000.  
Denmark—Unemployed 20,754.  
Norway—Unemployed 12,840.  
Sweden—Unemployed 11,009.  
Switzerland—Unemployment has been gradually decreasing for months past; unemployed 22,840.  
Czechoslovakia—Unemployed (estimated) 200,000.  
Austria—Unemployment steadily declining; unemployed 77,923.  
Russia—Unemployment is most acute among the civil servants, municipal employees, clothing workers and unskilled workers; unemployed (in 53 towns) 443,000.  
Germany—The industrial situation is changing for the worse in every branch of industry; unemployed 660,788.  
This makes a total of unem-

played for the continent of 1,961,697. In Great Britain 1,249,500 persons were registered as unemployed in October.

## ALASKA TUNNEL DUG TO AID STUDENTS OF MINING YIELDS GOLD

(By The Associated Press)  
FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 8.—A tunnel begun merely to demonstrate practical underground mining to students of the School of Mines here may turn out to be a commercial gold mine that will add eventually to the resources of the college and may even sustain it.

The workings have cut a formation giving every evidence of leading to a lode, and the professor of mining engineering has found the experiment unexpectedly valuable in demonstrating scientific prospecting. As yet the gold found has been of nominal value, but the region has geological features making the discovery most promising, experts say. Fairbanks was the scene of rich placer workings in years gone by, and in adjacent districts small rich lodes discovered recently have been paying their owners good returns.

The School of Mines and Agricultural College of Fairbanks boasts that it not only is the farthest north college, but has the oldest freshman. He is Territorial representative E. W. Keys, aged 61, with his 30-year-old son as a classmate, is studying scientific mining. But the elder Keys, contrary to most freshmen, is also an instructor. He teaches rudimentary placer mining. During his residence in Alaska he has taken hundreds of thousands of dollars from placers.

But there are numerous gray-haired students, most of them prospectors who want to add science to their practical knowledge. The college, starting with six students a year ago, now has 60; one senior, one junior, 11 sophomores, 13 freshmen, 17 special students and 17 short-course miners. The subjects taught include, besides mining, agriculture, business administration, geology, general science, home economics, engineering and metallurgy.

## Alaskan Nicknames Pass As Old Timers Drop Out

(By Mail)  
FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Dec. 7.—The vogue of nicknames in Alaska has almost passed, but a few old timers still go about bearing them. Posthole Pete was debtor for his designation to a legend that in Montana he had been set digging holes for posts and told to go straight ahead. His employer, coming back some days later to see how the digger was progressing, found him some miles off, behind him a row of holes, leading straight across Montana.

The Outlaw Swede was not a desperado, but had a desperate admiration for such persons, reveling in the exploits of Jesse James and the Younger brothers. The Seventy Mile Kid was a star ski jumper from Chicago. He is in charge of Mount McKinley National Park, and is said to know more about that peak than any other man. The Malamute Kid was a good dog musher. The Step and a Half Kid limped. The Going Kid was famed for his skill in driving a dog team.



Dorothy Mackaill and Richard Barthelmess in "The Fighting Blade"

Characters of the northland recalled by pioneers include Whiskey Dick, Gambler's Ghost, Rampart Spider, King Oscar, Long Shorty, Jimmy the Bear, Caribou St. Clair and Bull Council. Some of the celebrated women were Sweet Marie, the Dutch Kid, the Dawson Nightingale and the Sweet Pea Girl.

## Bulgarian Lauds Work Of American Nurses

(By Mail)  
SOFIA, Dec. 10.—American nursing and hospital methods are being introduced in the Bulgarian Red Cross hospital in this city as a model for hospital practice throughout Bulgaria. The work is being conducted under the auspices of the American Red Cross and is in charge of two American war nurses, Miss Rachel C. Torrance and Miss Theodora Le Gros. Miss Torrance has been doing pioneer work in Bulgaria since 1914 and Miss Le Gros has been engaged in the work in Sofia about a year.

The two nurses were assigned to the present work at the request of Ivan E. Gueshoff, president of the Bulgarian Red Cross. They have a class of 23 student nurses, and one of the visible results of their efforts is the elimination of the hospital atmosphere from the Red Cross hospital, which, as conducted by them, has become a modern American institution in almost every respect.

"Miss Torrance and Miss Le Gros are doing a great work for us," said M. Gueshoff recently. "We want hospitals conducted on the American model despite all our poverty. The only way to accomplish that is to get American trained nurses. And these noble women are enabling us to do it, thanks to the American Red Cross."

## Indian Customs Changing Because More People Came

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 6.—Many old ceremonies and tribal customs, once practiced by the Indians are gradually passing out of existence or being discarded, according to Mrs. A. J. Splawn, Yakima valley pioneer, who has made a study of the tribes in this section. The cause, she states, is largely due to the curiosity of the white man. Years ago, Mrs. Splawn said, one could go near an Indian cemetery and hear a curious wailing and moaning. It would be some old squaw mourning for her dead. As the country became more thickly populated, she continued, the strange cries would attract so many white persons that the custom has been practically abandoned.

One of the most symbolic of the old Indian customs was the Easter or spring ceremony, Mrs. Splawn stated. In late years, however, white people have been invited to these, or gone uninvited until it is no longer an Indian celebration, but one modeled after the white man's gala days. Another custom that of burying beads, elk teeth and other treasures with the dead, has also been given up, she said.



"ST. ELMO" WILLIAM FOX SPECIAL PRODUCTION

## SOME IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE LAUREL FAMILY

By ANNA AEBERSOL

The English Laurel, one of the most popular members of the Laurel family endures abuse and neglect, the head can be trimmed to almost any shape and the growth may be kept within small limits year after year. It is therefore, the most popular of plants, for decoration of open air or exposed restaurants, esplanades and the like. Although much used in America, it is still more popular in Europe. Of the European dealers one may order plants with heads trained to pyramids, cones, globes and different other forms. The plant will endure considerable frost.

Another member of the Laurel family is the Portugal Laurel, a small intricately branched tree with glossy leaves and small white blooms disposed in slender racemes.

The Laurustinus, another member of the Laurel family, has dark green shining leaves, the flowers are white or tinted with pink, in clusters, blooming at the present and early spring. The Auruba or Japanese Laurel, a handsome, medium-sized shrub with glossy, evergreen leaves, which thrive in liny soil, and are especially luxuriant under partial shade and ample moisture. They are also beautiful subjects for growing in tubs or jardinières. There are not many Japanese Laurels planted in Salem, but you will find four of these specimens at the south entrance of the state capitol.

The Aucuba, Japonica, Aureomaculata, more commonly known as the Gold Dust Laurel, because of the yellow spots in the leaves, also has berries in the winter. One of these you will find at the northeast corner of our city library. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brownell, at 588 North Winter, successors to the Welch Electric company, have beautified their home by planting

broad leaf evergreens, Hydrangea and other flowering shrubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Hill at the corner of 19th and Chemeketa, have improved their new home by planting a hedge of Azalea and other broad leaf evergreens. Mrs. E. E. Fisher of 515 Market, beautified her home by planting English, Portugal and Japanese Laurel, Cotoneaster Frenchetti, Japanese Honeysuckle, Spirea and other flowering shrubs.

The ancient "City of David" is to be excavated by archeologists.

## German Kills Self Rather Than Share His Home

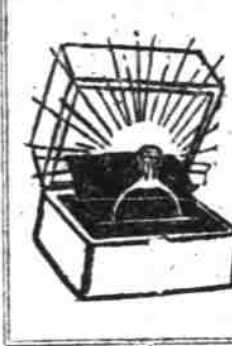
(By Mail)  
TREPTOW, Germany, Dec. 12.—Paul Nickel, formerly chief of the local board of Treptow, killed himself rather than surrender two rooms of his dwelling to a family with many children, in accordance with an order of the housing committee. Nickel, who was 70 years old, had resisted the commandeering of his rooms, but when it became evident that he would lose the case and be forced to share his home with strangers, he shot himself. This did not kill him, so he hanged himself, leaving a letter saying he could not bear to have part of his home taken from him.

## THIS MAGNIFICENT DIAMOND RING

is third prize in the Oregon Statesman's great automobile contest.

This ring was purchased at Hartman Bros. Jewelry store and is on display there in the window where it can be seen at any time if you wish to drop in and see it. This magnificent platinum ring has a blue white perfect stone and has 18 karat gold mountings.

Oregon Statesman Automobile Contest Editor



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A Thrilling Drama of Life in New York's Chinatown

See a Daring Police Raid on An Opium Den

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"BRIGHT LIGHTS OF BROADWAY"

## OREGON

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## RICHARD BARTHELMLESS in "The Fighting Blade"



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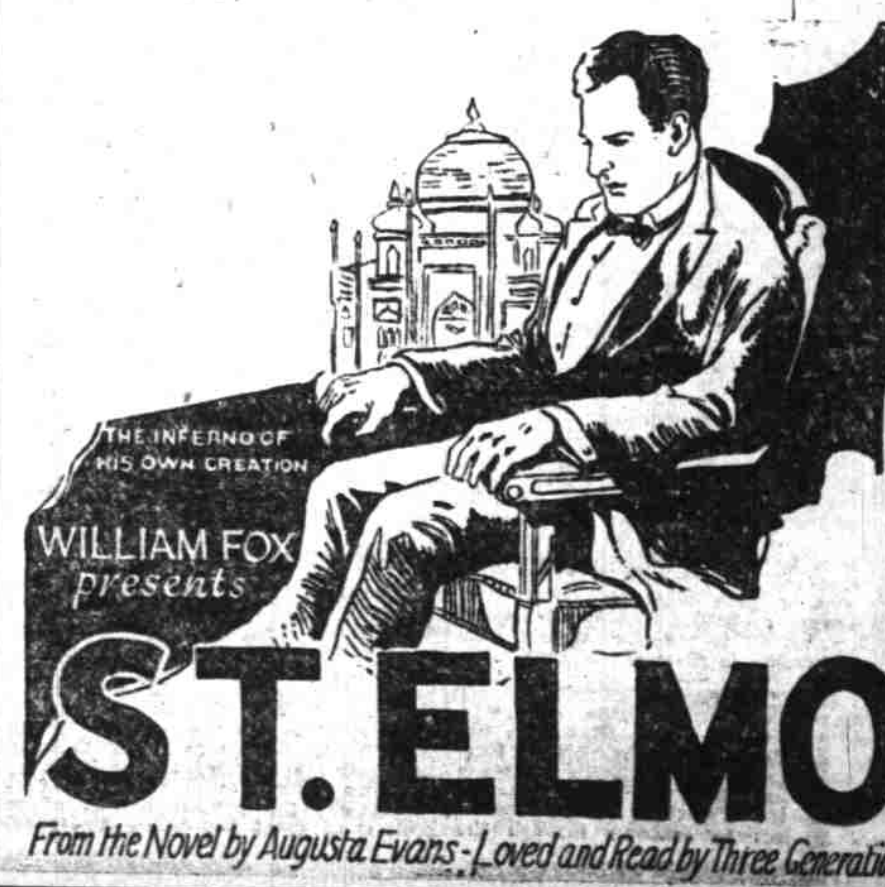
LAST TIMES TODAY—2—11 P. M.



Bessie Love  
Barbara LaMarr

And

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WILLIAM FOX presents

ST. ELMO  
From the Novel by Augusta Evans—Loved and Read by Three Generations