

Pioneer Story at Oregon Theater Today Is Epic

"North of 36," by Emerson Hough, depicting all the thrills and hardships of pioneer days on the Texas cattle ranges, has been filmed for Paramount by Irvin Willat, who made the natural-color picture, "Wanderer of the

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Wasteland" and other classics. "North of 36" is a tale of the Texas cattle trail, picturing a country wild, almost lawless, at the period of the story, roughened and disheartened by the recent Civil war. Lois Wilson, as Taisie Lockhart manager of her own vast ranch in Texas, finds herself penniless, with no means of disposing of her herds, her chief asset being the true spirit of the pioneers. Word comes that way up "north of 36" a market beckons. With her 4,500 cows, 16 cow hands, 19 kinds of rifles and six shooters and 115 cow ponies, Taisie makes the start with all the thrills that the start of the wagon train in Emerson Hough's "The Covered Wagon" evoked. Through this great panorama one sees groups of ragged snowy men, the glorious girl at their head, the oxcart and the sea of long horned cattle, accomplishing one of the greatest deeds of pioneer bravery and daring. Paramount has furnished a notable cast to visualize the story. It includes Jack Holt, Ernest Torrence, Lois Wilson and Noah Beery in featured roles. The picture opens a three days' run today at the Oregon theater. It's a colorful page from the history of the United States, a second "Covered Wagon."

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Have you noticed it? The evenings have been growing longer, and now the whole days will grow longer.

Marion county has 226 miles of paved roads, including the paved streets in the cities and towns.

The doctors are explaining why people shiver when it is cold. It is in response to an irresistible demand for oxygen. Does that satisfy you as well as a hot stove?

We Webfeet are yearning for a gentle south wind. The snow may be all right for the hard-billed corn-feds from Iowa and Nebraska, but it is not our style of weather.

The cherry growers are up against a hard proposition. But they know it, and they propose to fight it out to a final victory. There are others in the same boat, and they will no doubt get some help. The time to begin fighting is now, and the thing to do is to keep it up till the bitter end.

Salem barber says customer told him to cut his hair longer than usual; he was afraid of being mistaken for his wife.

A cross-word puzzle fan has just made the startling discovery that it was Noah and not Daniel Webster who compiled the dictionary.

Pearl Bearing Shells Need Fostering Care

MANILA, Dec. 18.—The insular government has taken steps to protect the Philippine pearl beds and the pearling industry by ordering closed certain portions of the pearl fishing field around Mindanao and Sulu, during alternate periods ranging from three to five years.

This action is said to be preliminary to a thorough regulation of the pearling industry which the government contemplates undertaking after a survey of all the pearl beds in Philippine waters. The regulation of the industry by fixing open and closed seasons for fishing in various localities is urged by those engaged in the pearl fishing business on account of fears that the present beds in the Sulu seas may become exhausted in the near future.

One in Three Attends Church in Great Britain

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The churches of Great Britain have increased in membership in the last year on a scale not recorded since the great Welsh revival. With three small exceptions, the Church in Wales, the Scottish Episcopal church and the United Free church of Scotland, every denomination has increased its number of communicants or members, the total increase recorded being 110,000. While this increase has been made in the adult section of the churches, there has been a decrease of 23,662 in the number of Sunday school scholars.

The strength of the churches in Great Britain is summarized as follows: Communicants and members 5,846,187; Sunday school scholars 5,495,292; Roman Catholic population (England and Wales) 1,997,250, making a total of 13,338,729. These figures, however, are not complete, as they do not include the statistics of the Salvation Ar-

my, the Free Church of Scotland, the Unitarians, except as to their Sunday schools, and a number of smaller communions, such as the Plymouth Brethren. As affording a fairly complete record, however, the figures may be compared with the last population census of 42,767,530. On this basis, one person in every three is associated definitely with a Christian church.

STATE TAX IS IN EXCESS OF CURRENT YEAR

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Boyer, county clerk, by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner. The levy for the county is .044330 mills while the levy for Polk county is .018161 mills, \$136,076.03.

With the addition of the state tax the total tax to be levied for all purposes in the county will be \$1,096,535.95 as compared with \$1,004,930.73 for 1924, making an increase of \$91,605.22 in the total tax levy.

In addition to the increase in the state tax, the balance of the increase is accounted for by \$85,000 to be paid as an installment on retiring the county road bonds, an increase of \$1500 in the money to be paid for the one mill market road fund.

There is an offset in a decrease of \$1995.16 in the county government costs and \$464 in the county school fund as well as several other minor decreases. Should it be decided that the school districts in the Woodburn union high school district, which are now defunct, do not have to pay the taxes which they were not required to pay last year, the total county tax will be again increased by approximately \$10,000.

OFFICER KILLED

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Dec. 18.—Special Officer William Wiles of District Attorney H. E. Schmidt's prohibition squad was shot and instantly killed this afternoon near Woody by Lovis Love, 31, who was operating a still, according to a report received at the district attorney's office. Love was captured by three other officers who were with Wiles.



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