

Children Provide Amusement During Show When Douglas Fairbanks Comes to Town

"The Thief of Bagdad" Brings Forth Choice Bits of Comment From Juvenile Spectators at Special Matinee

By AUDRED BUNCH
"The Thief of Bagdad" has come to town, and the indications are that Douglas Fairbanks in such a role could stay a week and not wear out his welcome.

We chose to go with the school children. It and they were a revelation. We knew the play would be. But the children were a surprise. "I'll read you what it says," volunteered Helen at our right back, while Willie at center back nuzzles two flats in our coal collar and Norman wants to know if that is the "Bagdad yet," and Willie wants to know what "is a bag-bag anyway."

climbing up that!" She shrieks breathlessly. "I wonder what that is?" Norman ventures. "Oh, a thing," Helen explains. If the flying carpet were a bit too matter-of-fact, the flying horse was unsurpassed, unmistakable. The theatre literally rang with enthusiastic whistles and cheers. The plot and the romance the adventure and the Great Lesson may have found in places no response at all in the children, but in all their lives before were they ever so excited? And for us? Well, the two hours could have been six, and no one would have been tired!

Northern Marion County Woman Called By Death

GERVAIS, Or., April 4.—Mrs. Mary Johnston, wife of the late John Johnston, died at her home three miles southwest of Woodburn, on Friday, April 3, 1925, at the age of 84 years.



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in 1855, and has lived on the farm home ever since.

The survivors are four daughters and four sons, and many grandchildren. Sons and daughters are as follows: Mrs. J. K. Manning, Portland; Mrs. Anna Hinkle, Portland; Mrs. Celia O'Neil, North Yamhill, and Mrs. Fred Kinns at the family home. The sons are Robert Johnston of Sacramento, Cal., Tom Johnston, Forest Grove, William and Chas. Johnston, West Woodburn.

The funeral will be held from the St. Louis Catholic church on Monday, April 6, 1925, with interment in St. Louis Catholic cemetery.

Comedy Four Presented on Bligh Vaudeville Program

Ackerman & Harris have booked for their headline attraction at the Bligh theatre today the "Crescent Comedy Four." They are considered as one of the best quartets on the vaudeville stage today. Their act brings back fond recollections of school days and is a scream from start to finish. The boys have been together a number of years, and have worked out a program that offers real harmony singing and plenty of comedy.

Walsh and Kramer in "Who, Me? Alright," are sure gloom-chasers. Comedy and plenty of it is the way they are listed.

Youth, Pep and Harmony is the billing of the "Three Harmony Maids." This trio of young ladies in costumes that are the personification of youth gaily romp through their repertoire of comedy harmony singing and dancing.

Johnston and May are a happy duo of fun makers whose act consists of wholesome, clean comedy talking, whistling and singing.

The Rowleys present a program on a diversified collection of novelty musical instruments, which are their own inventions. Their repertoire is up to date, and they spring many surprise offerings during their act.

MOSHBERGER TO LEAD REGIMENT

(Continued from page 1) regiment, excepting his own. Colonel Hiram U. Welch was inspector of elections.

Following the completion of his promotion Colonel Moshberger was given an impromptu reception by a number of the officers of his regiment and was presented with a set of silver eagles, the insignia of his new rank.

Announcement was also made of the promotion of Major Fred M. West of Portland to lieutenant colonel on the staff of the 41st division under war department authority. Lieutenant Colonel West is assigned as assistant chief of staff G-2 or intelligence section. He is a veteran Oregon National Guardsman with 29 years service to his credit, and came up through the ranks from private, serving with the Oregon regiment on the Mexican border and going overseas with the 162nd infantry as a company commander. He has commanded a battalion in the 162nd infantry regiment for the past four years.



MAY DAY EVENT COMMITTEE NAMED

Appointments for Willamette University Program Announced By Ellis

The May Day program at Willamette university is now in the hands of the committees appointed by Francis Ellis, May Day manager. The details are now rapidly being cared for and a full program for the two days, May 8 and 9, is assured.

The committees appointed are as follows:

Advisory, George Atkinson, chairman, Leland Chapin, and Ruth Hewitt. Student Lunch—Mildred McKilloan, chairman, May Gilbert, Margaret Mades, Mildred Mills, and George Adams.

Queens Court—Juanita Henry, chairman, Elizabeth Silver, Myrtle Jensen, Dwight Findley, and William Walsh.

May Dances—Jannell Vandevort, Lucia Card, and Elizabeth McClure. Hospitality—Ruskin Blatchford, chairman, Elaine Chapin and Terfield Schindler.

Publicity—Lee Crawford and William Warren. Program—Lois Taylor and Joseph Nunn.

Campus Work—Herbert Jasper, chairman, Rawson Chapin, DeLoss Robertson and William McAllister. Music—Mildred Tomlinson, chairman, Malcolm Medier, and Fay Spaulding.

May Morning Breakfast—Gertrude Cook. Details—Wayne Crow, chairman, Harley Allen, and Arthur Roundtree. Manager of the Junior Play—Edward Guyer.

Campus Stunts—Dale Hoskins, chairman, Harold Fearing and Lucian Cobb.

England Endorses American Steps to Safeguard Milk

LONDON, April 4.—An International Milk congress in London, similar to that held in the United States last year, is under consideration by the ministries of agriculture and health. Veterinary opinion in this country is so impressed with steps taken by the United States to prevent the spread of tuberculosis through milk taken from infected cows, that strong representations made to governmental authorities here are expected to result in similar measures in England.

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PARRISH PARAGRAPHS

By Doris Goodsey

Miss Phipps and Miss Crozer, who are home economics students at Willamette university, visited the cafeteria class Tuesday and stayed through part of the lunch hour to observe the serving of lunch.

The manual training boys are putting the last coat of paint on their new work shop.

The lawn is being mowed and the fence removed. The pupils are taking pride in their new lawn. Our health officer is doing his best to keep the yard clean.

The civics students are very

much interested in the city parking problem. Each student plans to interview several car owners to get their expression on the question. The students favor head-on parking.

The city has installed a fire hydrant at the corner of Capital and D streets.

No stopping or parking of cars are allowed in front of our school. There are three zones for students to follow in crossing the street. This work was done by the city as a safety measure.

Marriage Reform Needed Every State Offender

NEW YORK CITY, March 28.—There is need for important reforms in the marriage laws and their administration, either or both, in practically every state in the United States, according to a 150-page report on "Child Marriages," issued here today by the Russell Sage Foundation as the result of several years' investigation extending into 90 cities in practically every section of the country.

The report, which was prepared by Mary E. Richmond, under whose direction the study was conducted, with the collaboration of Fred S. Hall, takes the position that at this stage reforms must be effected state by state. The report calls upon associations of parents, women's organizations, school authorities, ministerial associations, social workers, legislators, and other interested in the problem of child marriage, to undertake the following ten steps toward a solution of this problem:

- 1. Work toward a reasonable and enforceable minimum marriageable age law; the minimum for girls should be at least 16; in many states it is still 12.
2. Procure in states which now are without it a law requiring five days advance notice of intention to marry; such a law is now in operation in eight states.
3. Put the marriage market town out of business; there are at least 40 notorious Gretna Greens where the exploitation and commercialism of marriage are responsible for numerous child marriages.
4. Through co-operation with adjoining states discourage hasty marriages across the state border, where out-of-town marriages are railroaded through either at the

license office or the justice of the peace office, or both.

5. Know the work of your license issuers, so that the difficulties with which they are now contending single-handed may be brought to light, and that they may be encouraged to use the discretion which the laws of many states now empower them to exercise.

6. Destroy the fee system; in so far as the system of fees in lieu of salaries to license issuers survives, it interferes with the disinterested character of their service.

7. Strengthen requirements as to proof of age of applicants for marriage licenses; at present no proof of age is required in most marriage license offices and the practice of accepting affidavits leads to falsification by applicants and sometimes their parents, making possible the marriage of children 11, 12, 13, and 14 years of age.

8. Substitute better evidence of age for affidavits; no other form of evidence is so unsatisfactory. Aside from birth and baptismal certificates 16 other forms of documentary evidence of age are suggested in the report.

9. Require both applicants for a marriage license to appear in person before the license issuer.

10. Harmonize the different state laws in which a minimum age is required; the minimum marriageable age should not be lower than the minimum working age, and the compulsory school attendance age should fit both these others.

Adoption of such reforms, says the report, would act as a check upon those parents who are willing to marry off their boys and girls while they are still children. What is more important, they would protect other parents who at present never know when some

designing person or impulse of the moment may spirit away the immature girl or boy from the home and make the child a victim of an administrative system which is without proper safeguards.

Freedom Turned Down For Joys of Life in Jail

ROME, April 4.—The incorrigibility and contempt for the police which made Silvio Visconti a thorn in the side of the authorities a half century ago, when he was a member of the famous Cipriano La Gala band, stood him in good stead recently when he again, at the age of 94, found himself at odds with the forces of law and order.

Portici prison in Naples, where he had been incarcerated for 45 years, that he wanted to spend the rest of his days in jail. Despite the aged man's protests, two carabinieri took him to his native village, Gissanti-Vallepiana. But Silvio knew they could not keep him out of jail if he broke his good conduct parole, so he walked back the 300 miles to Naples, an heroic task for a man of his age, sat down in front of the prison gate and howled until the wardens were forced to admit him.

Mayor Bell and Conrad Staffron were visitors here from Dallas yesterday.

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