

At the Theatres Today

Oregon—James Oliver Curwood's "The Ancient Highway" with Jack Holt and Billie Dove.

Heilig—Lon Chaney and Norma Shearer in "The Tower of Lies."

Bligh—Hippodrome Vaudeville and Pictures.

WONDER ACTOR IS HERE IN PICTURE

Lon Chaney, "The Man With a Thousand Faces," Stars in Heilig Drama

History failed to repeat this time!

As a usual thing a featured player wins the laurels of stardom through a series of screen successes and then appears in an initial starring vehicle which makes the picture-goeer wonder why she is a star.

For the last couple of years Norma Shearer has consistently



appeared in good pictures, or, at least, has interpreted her roles so well that the faults of the pictures have been dwindled in comparison with her beauty, ability and personality.

Yielding to popular demand, Louis B. Mayer, head of the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studio, recently announced that Miss Shearer would be starred and she more than justified the promotion. She is now co-starred with Lon Chaney in "The Tower of Lies," the Victor Seastrom-directed picture now playing at the Heilig theatre.

Instead of following in the footsteps of other stars, who have helped contribute to the delinquency of their subsequent starring vehicles, Miss Shearer has outdone herself in "The Tower of Lies," and gives the best piece of acting thus far in her career.

What has been said of Miss Shearer, applies equally as well to Lon Chaney who is co-starred in this production. Chaney, also, has long been regarded as a star by picture-goers, but this is his first vehicle where he has been officially pronounced a star by the producers. Of the many great roles Chaney has so successfully portrayed, it must be admitted, that none has been as human and appealing as the mad "Jan" in "The Tower of Lies."

The great success of this picture is contributed to by most everybody who has had any connection with it. To be fair to everybody concerned, we should mention that Selma Lagerlof's novel, "The Emperor of Portugallia," of which "The Tower of Lies" is a screen adaptation by Agnes Christine Johnson, made a remarkable vehicle.

Then there is Director Victor Seastrom, who was directorially

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"THE ANCIENT HIGHWAY" NOW PLAYING



This picture at the Oregon Theatre, featuring Jack Holt and Billie Dove, is a drama of the big woods of the Oregon country. All the timber scenes were taken in Oregon, in the wonderland of the Coos County section.

SALEM PEOPLE ARE PLEASSED WITH FILM

"The Ancient Highway," Now Playing at the Oregon Is Welcomed

The greatest story of its kind ever transferred to the screen, was the verdict of those who saw Jack Holt in "The Ancient Highway," which yesterday opened its showing at the Oregon theatre, where it will remain until Tuesday. Particularly interesting to Oregonians is the setting of the picture, which was entirely in Oregon. Nearly all of the scenes were taken in the lumbering camps of Coos county, and they contain a wealth of detailed information about methods of logging that are not generally known even here, the home of the lumber industry. Almost every step in the progress of felling and delivering the big trees to the mills in the shape of logs is illustrated.

The log drive scene showing thousands of logs being started on their way to the mill by releasing the impounded water behind a dam is particularly impressive.

The story chiefly concerns Cliff Brant (Jack Holt) an adventurer, who has wandered all over the world and returns to his native town along the St. Lawrence river for the sole purpose of inflicting physical punishment on a millionaire paper manufacturer, played by Montagu Love, who had ruined Brant's father and caused his death. In Love's office, Cliff, thoroughly beats and humiliates him, the encounter being witnessed by Billie Dove, a beautiful girl with whom Ivan Hurd (Love) is in love.

This is the beginning of one of the best pictures of the year.

VARIED VAUDEVILLE ON BLIGH PROGRAM

Songs and Jazz, Comedy Tight-Wire Walking, Provide Fine Bill

Today's bill at the Bligh theatre offers a splendid list of numbers. Heading the new bill is "Toyland," composed of seven people and a jazz band. Singing and dancing are featured in the offering and the musical numbers by the band is a hit in the offering. They carry special scenery.

A comedy number is offered by Edwards and Levan. For good measure, the uke comes in for its share of the honors. This couple do not use "Laundry Wagon Annie."

Ruth Davis will add color to the bill with her singing, and her impersonations. She has added enough comedy with her enter-

tainment to make her act a big hit.

Patrick and Retta present one of the cleverest wire-walking acts to play the house this season. This couple have a turn that is new and novel, and they never fail to score.

When it comes to balancing, the credit goes to Herbert Bigler, who balances objects on his nose and face. In fact, there is no part of his body that does not work, while he has everything he can lay his hands on up in the air.

SOCIETY

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cluded Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Daily, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. William Gosse, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Inlath, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hoppe, Dr. and Mrs. Aubrey Johnson, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Purvine.

Mrs. Barton Places Poem The many friends of Mrs. F. S. Barton, who writes under the name of Clara Virginia Barton, will be interested to know of her

success in placing her poem, "Moods" with Good Housekeeping. Mrs. Barton is a prominent member of both the local Writers' club and of the Northwest Poetry society.

Mrs. Spaulding Celebrates Birthday The birthday of Mrs. C. K. Spaulding was celebrated in a happy manner on Thursday when her daughters, Mrs. Roy Mills, Mrs. Lewis Griffith, and Mrs. Walter L. Spaulding entertained in her honor with a charmingly appointed 1 o'clock luncheon at the Griffith home.

Poinsettias and holly gave a festive Christmas note in the rooms and on the luncheon table where covers were placed for Mrs. C. K. Spaulding, Mrs. Ed Hartley, Mrs. John Scott, Mrs. John Albert,

Now Playing

NORMA SHEARER
LON CHANEY
in
THE TOWER OF LIES

See It!

HEILIG

Mrs. Thomas B. Kay, Mrs. C. H. Robertson, Mrs. J. T. Whittig, Mrs. J. C. Griffith, Mrs. Joseph Albert, Mrs. John L. Rand, Mrs. Seymour Jones, Mrs. S. P. Kimball and the hostesses, Mrs. Mills Mrs. Spaulding and Mrs. Griffith.

Officers Elected The Pythian Sisters elected the following officers December 8: M. E. C. Augusta Denham; M. E. S. Mabel Erickson; M. E. J. Sarah Vincent; manager, Hilda Hooper; M. of R. & C. Susie Parmenter; M. of F. Irene St. Helen; Protector, Maggie Knighten; O. G. Lula Young; musician, Alice Davies; press cor., Mae Ratcliffe; staff captain, Bro. Greenwood; installing officer, Cora Farrell.

Drinkwater in Portland The coming of John Drinkwater famous dramatist and poet, to Portland next Wednesday will doubtless attract a number of local literary people. The Northwest Poetry society has abandoned plans for a reception in Mr. Drinkwater's honor, due to the pressure of his engagements.

Mrs. F. G. Franklin, representing the Salem writers, is in receipt of a telegram from Mr. Drinkwater declaring that it will be quite impossible to make a Salem engagement.

A. A. U. W. Luncheon The Salem branch of the American Association of University Women will meet on Saturday, December 13, for a luncheon meeting in the Elks' dining room. Mrs. J. C. Van Etten who is in charge of the section in Interior decorating sponsored by the Portland branch of the association will be the guest and speaker of the day.

W. C. T. U. Program An interesting social meeting of the W. C. T. U. is planned for 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon

in the Hall on South Commercial street, with a special program of speeches and music. Any gifts which will help to make Christmas for the orphans at the Children's Farm Home a happier holiday will be received gladly by the Union.

Hostesses for the meeting on Tuesday will be: Mrs. E. R. Macy, Mrs. Emma Hoeking, Mrs. E. M. Mulkey, Mrs. Robinson, and Mrs. E. M. Lau.

Guest From Albany Mrs. I. M. Doughton has as her house-guest over the week-end Isabel Springer of Albany. Mrs. Doughton and Mrs. Doughton and Miss Springer are sisters.

Merry-Go-Round Club The attractive home of Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Shipley at 48 East Washington street was the scene of an enjoyable meeting of the Merry-Go-Round club last Tuesday evening.

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day evening. Mrs. E. G. Cross was an invited guest of the evening and winner of the ladies' prize. W. G. Allen won the prize for the men. An ornamented Christmas tree gave the decorative note in the hall while yellow chrysanthemums were used in the living room. At the refreshment hour Mrs. Frank Spencer and Mrs. W. G. Allen assisted the hostess. On Tuesday afternoon of this week the club will meet again, when Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Boise and Mrs.

NOW PLAYING

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LON CHANEY
in
THE TOWER OF LIES

A
VICTOR SEASTROM
production

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