

### At the Theatres Today

Oregon—"Playing With Souls," with Jacqueline Logan, Mary Astor, Clive Brooks. A Thomas H. Ince production.

Bligh—"The Ranger of the Big Pines," and Milo's Minstrels.

Hellig—Annual Salem De Molay play—"A Pair of Sixes."

### CHANEY PICTURE IS WONDERFUL DRAMA

Great Character Artist Appears in Greatest Human-Interest Role

As might be expected the three-way combination played by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer in the filming of "The Tower of Lies," now appearing at the Hellig theater, is a magnificent success.

Great as have been the former successes of Lon Chaney and Norma Shearer, never before have they reached the heights attained in this picture. Credit must be given the executive who planned to bring out Chaney and Miss Shearer as stars in "The Tower of Lies." He knew a good story when he saw it and he selected a vehicle strong enough to carry two stars at the same time.

I cannot help but think that whoever this man was he had closely followed the success of "He Who Gets Slapped," a picture directed by Victor Seastrom and acclaimed by the picture-goers as one of the most remarkable productions of 1925. It is just about equalling anybody's record to turn out two great productions in a single year equalling "He Who Gets Slapped" and "The Tower of Lies."

His making "He Who Gets Slapped," Victor Seastrom saw the real possibilities of Chaney and Miss Shearer and he evidently planned to bring out every ounce of the artistry of both in "The Tower of Lies." He did it, and he did it in a way that will impress picture-goers with his own genius as well as the genius of the two stars.

Agnes Christine Johnston, who adapted Selma Lagerlof's great Swedish novel to the screen has made a ten-strike in this adaptation. She has not only preserved the human flavor of Miss Lagerlof's story, but heightened its dramatic force as well.

And while conferring honors we must not forget the supporting cast. Claire McDowell has given a finished performance such as might be expected from an artist who has played the difficult role of the mother of "Ben Hur," William Haines, as "August," and Edward Connelly, as the curate, have given splendid performances as have Ian Keith, David Torrence, Anne Schaefer, Edward Connelly and Leo White.

Chaney gives a striking characterization. His role demanded very tender and delicate handling to transplant its appeal and humaneness to the screen. Chaney has done it in a most satisfactory manner and without a slip has carried a heavy burden from the first reel until the last.

### MAD SCRAMBLE FOR WEALTH IS THEME

"Playing With Souls," Now at the Oregon, Is Drama of Social Life

American social life, with its superficialities, its heartaches and its tragedies, as they are seen through foreign eyes, is vividly portrayed in "Playing With Souls," starring Jacqueline Logan and Clive Brooks, which opened at the Oregon theatre yesterday and will remain on the bill there until replaced by "Lord Jim," which is the offering for Thursday.

The story is by Countess de Sarambrin, sister of Congressman Nichols Longworth, and is an intelligent as well as entertaining commentary upon a dollar-worshipping people. The screen interpretation is convincingly impressive.

The trouble, as the story points out, arises from the fact that the man is too busy doubling and redoubling his wealth and his wife is too much engrossed in pursuit of society trifles for either to fulfill their home obligations.

Thus the tragedy—their baby son grows to manhood without knowing either of his parents.

The climactic scenes are reached when the boy, believing himself nameless and beyond the pale of the pure and beautiful girl he loves, is rapidly hurrying his life away in the clutches of a heartless chorus girl in the Paris night life.

During this mad whirl he encounters both his father and mother but recognizes neither. But the sight of his helplessness brings them to a realization of the terrible cost of their neglect, and the work of rebuilding the disrupted home begins.

St. Helens—Western Spar Co. mill is running three shifts on rush lumber orders.

### INFIRMARY PLANNED AT NORMAL SCHOOL

Additional Quarters Deemed Necessary to Isolate Serious Cases

Oregon Normal School, Monmouth, Dec. 14.—Arrangements are now under way at the Oregon normal school for the establishment of an infirmary service to begin with the opening of the new school term on January 4. Four rooms of an eight-room house are being rented and accommodations for seven students will be furnished. This will afford one isolation room for contagious diseases. The infirmary was thought to be a necessary measure for the prevention of the spread of any contagion among the students at the normal school.

An extra fee of \$1 per student each term for this service which will increase the regular student body fees per term to 10, has recently been authorized by the board of regents of the normal school. This fee will make it possible to allow each student three days of free service at the infirmary in case of illness. This service to include the care of the student and one visit from a physician.

The fee will also provide means

of increased dispensary service at the normal school, which service is under the direction of Miss Bertha G. Wilson, health nurse. Mrs. E. K. Barnes of Monmouth, at present acting as assistant health nurse at the normal school, will take over the position as mistress of the infirmary.

Infirmary service at the present time is provided by several rooms at the senior cottage on the normal school campus, which have been set aside by Miss Jessica Todd, dean of women of the normal, for that purpose and in which five girls can be cared for at one time.

### BUILDING FALLS, 4 DIE

WALL COLLAPSES; CRUSHES WORKMEN TO DEATH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(By Associated Press).—Four men were buried and crushed to death when a one story brick and frame building at Eighth and Mission streets suddenly collapsed here this afternoon. Two men reported buried climbed out of the debris only slightly injured.

The building collapsed when the wall next to a lot that was being excavated fell in. The four men buried were working in a trench at the base of the wall. They were employes of a construction company. Two were carpenters; the others were laborers.

Police and firemen were still working tonight in an effort to extricate the buried men. One of the first to visit the scene of the accident was Mayor James Rolph Junior.

The building that collapsed was occupied by the Peerless Welding works.

### DEMOLAY PLAY SET FOR SHOWING TODAY

Penitentiary Walls Rock With Laughter at Monday Dress Rehearsal

With a dress rehearsal in the theatre at the Oregon state penitentiary Monday night that went with a bang and made the old stone walls shake with the roars of laughter, the Demolay play that will be presented at the Hellig at a matinee and evening performance today, romped through their parts with a vim and go that promises much for the presentation this evening.

The rehearsal proved the laugh-producing qualities of the play and it was evident from the response given it that the situations were well-worked out and ably presented. There is not a dull moment in it from the first curtain until the last. There are moments of quiet amusement and then scenes that bring the chuckles out into a full grown roar.

Wayne Harris, better known as "Speed," takes the lead in the part of T. Boggs Johns, one of the fighting partners in the Eureka Digestive Pill company, and Daryl Meyers ably supports him as George B. Nettleton, the irascible and choleric senior partner who invented the pill but could not sell it. So the partners fight,

### NEW PICTURE IN SALEM



"Playing With Souls," a dynamic film-story is the feature attraction at the Oregon theatre today, continuing from yesterday. Clive Brook, Jacqueline Logan and Buster Collier are starred in the production.

Mr. Nettleton says it is the inside of the pill that has made it successful and T. Boggs Johns says it is the sugar coating that he invented that makes the public swallow them. And so it goes until the mix-up caused results in breaking an engagement, almost a divorce, and in nearly ruining the business.

Unconious comedy is served up in generous quantities by "Coddles," the English maid who has a crush on Johns, played by Julia Query, and by Sally Parker, the gum-chewing, fire-eating, stenographer, played by petite Florence Powers. Both are inimitable in their work and were thoroughly

### EVANGELIST NEARS END OF CAMPAIGN

Stivers Company's Last Week at Church Street Christian Church

The Stivers' evangelistic company are now entering the last week of their meetings with the Court Street Christian church. A splendid Monday night audience greeted the evangelists to hear one of his strongest sermons of the series on the interesting question, "Does Death End All?"

From the telling lessons of life Evangelist Stivers showed conclusively that death could not possibly end all. The life hereafter is greater to the Christian. The church was packed and many standing Sunday night to hear the chart sermon, "Why So Many Churches in the World?" The services began with a preconcert of negro spirituals sung by Lorraine Stivers.

Two large choirs added to the service as did the saw solos and the impressive pantomime "Have Thine Own Way Lord." There will be services each night this week, except Saturday. On that night Lorraine and Ruth Stivers will give a secular musical concert and readings. Next Sunday night will be the last service by the company. There were twenty responses to the invitation Sunday;

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### APPLE PLANT BURNS

YAKIMA, Dec. 15.—Apples valued at \$29,000 and a packing shed worth \$25,000 burned near here tonight on a farm owned by Allen McCoy. The fruit was heavily insured. The fire it is believed, started from a stove in the shed.

Imbler—J. A. Gaskill receives second place for best spring wheat at Chicago International Livestock exposition.

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