

### At the Theatres Today

Oregon—"Winds of Chance."  
 Hedde—"The Winding Stairs."  
 High—Bob Custer in "No Man's Law," and five acts vaudeville.

### The Arizona Sheriff

Tales of his adventures, his courage, his humor, his keen intelligence, as collected by Walter Grever, F. Gordon, "The Deputy from Yavapai County," "How with simple gun and motor car he brings swift and sure justice to outlaws."



### HONEST, IT'S FUNNY

This is what Bill Poulson calls humor. Maybe it's different from your ordinary brand of humor, but it tickles this office, shooting deputy sheriff of Yavapai county, in the heart of Arizona, and how these tears did Frank Denny, fellow deputy when he said:

"Of course, it's reasonable to expect Bill's idea of humor to be different. You see, he was Prescott's leading undertaker for seven years. Used to get lots of work from the sheriff's office. Finally he concluded:

"Pretty soft for these sheriffs, having all the fun, and here I have I have to do all the undertaking work. Guess I'll get into this office business and let somebody else handle the hard work."

So he is a deputy under Ed G. Well, the clean-up sheriff of Yavapai county.

This story really begins down by the Hassayampa river, twelve miles out of Prescott. That's the river from which if you drink with head downstream, you'll never can tell the truth; if you drink with head upstream, you'll never leave Arizona.

Poulson and Denny ran two ranches out of there. The story goes up in an old prospector's digout hole in the mountainside, with a boss running 200 feet down the mountain to a spring.

The fellows got away, but set up again back of Thumb Butte, up from Skull Valley. They had a whole outfit, too—a 12-burner stove to cook the mash and twelve barrels of the mash ready to run.

Again the rot away, and the deputies were riled. They got a tip that the pair was bringing the whiskey they had run into Prescott that night around 8 o'clock.

Roulex were bound to get them. They drove their Studebaker out to the gate down there on the

They jerked and tied the gate shut. Bill crawled through the wire fence to their side, while Denny stayed at the gate. He was to get the man who came to open the gate while Bill covered the rear.

Sure enough, about 8 o'clock, who should come along but George Linsey and Swede Milman with a carload of liquor.

Swede ran ahead to open the gate and Bill boarded the running board of the car and disarmed Linsey.

"I could hear a lot of jawing up at the gate," Bill tells it, "and we turned on the lights of George's car."

"There was the funniest sight I ever saw. Dad Denny had his rifle on Swede Milman, ordering him to put his hands up. Swede didn't want to put them up, and he was jawing at Denny to beat the band.

"You confounded lumox, put them hands up; don't you know anything at all? Dad was yelling at him, not giving Swede a chance to explain that he wasn't armed.

"If you could have seen the look on Dad's face! He had Swede covered fair, but Milman couldn't get a word in edgewise to explain things.

"And did Denny look foolish when he finally found out that Swede wasn't armed and he'd been yelling at him for nothing?"

Denny still grumbles to this day: "These damned bootleggers don't know nothin'; don't even know enough to stick 'em up when they're told. Don't know what folks are coming to, with all this foolishness nowadays. Gotta have drilled him through and taught him something."

And that joke on Denny really is a good one, too, for Sheriff Well had a similar experience. He had covered a Mexican who had a rifle slung across his arm, and ordered the Mex to put hands up.

It was dark, and the Mexican thought Well was alone. If the sheriff's flash lamp were to go out, or any sort of diversion were to occur, all he had to do was swing his body and start "plasting" with the rifle, and it was any man's battle.

But Denny was along that time, too, standing back of the car, and he wasn't going to have any more of these "bum jokes" pulled on him, so he unlimbered his 45 and yelled at the Mexican:

"Sling them hands up and grab onto a star, you ornery greaser, or I'll bust a hole through you that you could sling a bobcat through!"

"Bueno; muy bueno," cried the Mexican, surprised.

Down went the rifle and up went his hands, and the sheriff says of it:

"Funniest thing you ever saw—me telling that bird to stick 'em up and him just standing there gaping like a farmer at a circus and never moving."

So Bill's joke on Denny is a good one, for out in Yavapai county, when Battling Ed Well says a thing is funny, you can bet all your blue chips that any jury of tough old-timers in the county would bring in a verdict of funny, and do it pronto.

Tisn't so funny for Linsey, Milman and the Mexican, for they're all doing time for their foolishness in the Yavapai county jail.

Mr. Adolph Schuster. One of the Irving's Midgets Coming to the High Theatre Monday and Tuesday.



These little folk are all talented artists, recruited from the environs of the Black forest in Germany. While in Spain the Midgets will present three shows a day, one matinee and two at night. At the matinee they will appear at 4 p. m. and in the evening at 8 and 10 o'clock.

### THE RIGDONS IN LAND OF SUNSHINE

#### How They Spent a Couple of Days in and Around Riverside and Long Beach

I thought it might be interesting to Salemites to catch an idea as to how the tourists spend their time in this land of sunshine. So I will try to tell how the Rigdons spent a couple of days at least. We have an apartment in the Comstock, which is managed by Mr. and Mrs. R. C. German.

About 2:30 p. m., a few days ago, Mr. German came in and asked if we would like to take a ride down to Long Beach, (about 85 miles). "Sure," said we, "Then," said he, "be ready in half an hour." We were spongy ready, and Mr. and Mrs. German Mr. and Mrs. Rigdon, Miss Grace Hays and Miss Geraldine Lemon all piled into a nice nearly-five passenger Buick and we were off.

As we passed up Walnut street our attention was called to Mount Ruhidan, where a few days ago a beautiful monument was dedicated to World Peace in honor of Mr. Miller the patriarch of the town, who has been the moving spirit in bringing forth a beautiful, rich and thriving city where one was not much but sand and cactus.

Mr. German presses the gas a little harder and away we went out on Magnolia avenue, which stretches out for several miles with a double-track paved highway with two rows of tall and stately palm trees, one on either side and one in the middle making the finest driveway I have ever seen in California. We had traveled not far on the beautiful road when Mr. German said: "See that old orange tree standing alone on the roadside, well, that is the oldest navel orange tree on the Pacific coast. It is the progenitor of all the navel orange trees which cover the thousands of acres, not only about Riverside but in all California. It once stood down in town, but was moved out here for the sake of its health. It is a good sign of the past, and although it is probably the father of more children than our venerable Uncle Sam, has brought more popularity to California than any other influence. It is not quite as old as the discovery of gold by Mr. Marshall in 1848, but it has had a large share in producing wealth even more than Mr. Marshall's discovery. Take the orange out of California and we might as well hand her back to the president of Mexico."

By this time we were entering the far famed Santa Anna Canyon, where the winding road reminds one of the Columbia highway. Not so well built, not so scenic, but a beautiful drive on out through miles and miles more of orange groves. The never ending sights of orange, lemon, olive and date groves were hardly yet becoming monotonous when the attraction changed.

We had been meeting autos on an average of one hundred a mile, with a few hairbreadth escapes, when, oh, but say, a new beautiful Overland sedan, coming in the opposite direction undertook to make a three way traffic, out of the highway. Never saw it until it shot out from behind another car which it had been following. Mr. German at our helm put her portward, also in to the ditch quicker than any flash ever darted down a lightning-rod, but we received a terrific impact when the left hand front hub of the Overland struck the left rear hub of our Buick. The only injury our car received was externally, but you should have seen that once beautiful new Overland sedan crestfallen! I should say! While we were rejoicing that we were not killed, had Mr. German not turned quick enough we would have met head on, and no philosopher could ever depict what would have happened. Our car did not turn over, which I attribute to the dexterity of the handling by Mr. German. I shall swear by Mr. German as long as I remember the incident.

We helped our antagonist get his car off the highway and left him to clean up the rubbish of broken glass, etc.

We then proceeded, still through alive, orange and walnut groves to Long Beach.

Each of us having friends and relatives in Long Beach, we were delayed in finding welcome hospitality for the night.

The next day our friends took us out to see the oil district. Wonderful change. Where three years ago I tried to make an actual count and failed, I placed the guests at five hundred derricks on Signal Hill alone; but now a new area much more extensive than Signal Hill has been covered much closer with derricks, to say nothing about how many more have been erected on Signal Hill.

Acres and acres of nice, fine dwellings have been reared from the new area in order to give room for derricks. Much new space has derricks on each 50 by 100 foot lot.

Oil is the main topic of conversation in Long Beach. They talk oil, they see oil, they feel oil, they smell oil, they burn oil, they load ships and trains with oil and they are dreaming of new ways to use oil. They may yet be able to scum the Pacific over with oil to such an extent as to forever banish the fear of high seas and shipwrecks from high combers.

I very much wanted to see the progress being made on the new forty million dollar harbor, but I got so swamped with oil that I deferred that pleasure for another trip.

well into the night. Mr. German would not charge Mr. Neese one cent for all the service he rendered. He who says there is no generosity left in humanity is mistaken. Although the world may seem sordid and selfish, yet there is occasionally a man who, like Mr. German, will give a helping hand in need.

Remember this, O doubting man. That naught will not outweigh a kindly word or generous deed. In God's great judgement day.

W. T. RIGDON  
 Riverside, Cal., Dec. 28, 1925.

### OVER 200 ARE HURT WHEN STANDS CRASH

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the Pasadena hospital, took personal charge of arrangements and called in his entire staff of nurses and assistants, many of whom were witnessing the parade. A motorcycle officer was despatched down the line of parade calling for doctors and within an hour or so scores of physicians were at the hospital.

When word of the accident spread thousands of persons swarmed toward the hospital and it took the efforts of many police officers to prevent a panic being staged by those anxious for the safety of relatives and friends.

The dead:

Mrs. Caroline Sherman, 35, Long Beach. Died of cerebral hemorrhage caused by shock of seeing stand collapse.

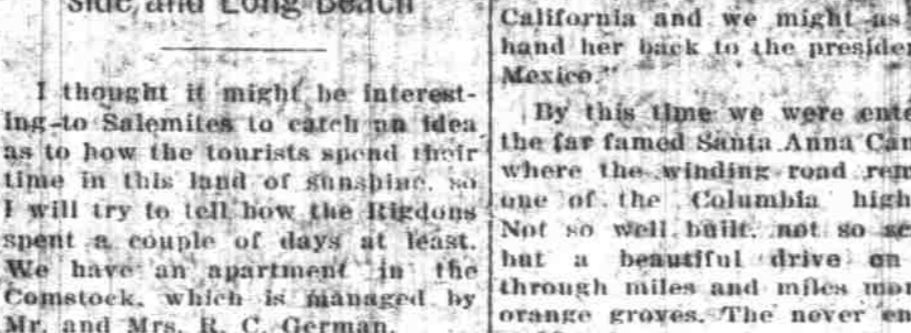
Mrs. C. W. Bowen of Pasadena, killed in a fall from two-story building while watching parade.

Mrs. Bessie Barick, 65, Los Angeles. Died from internal injuries and fractured shoulder, hip and ribs.

### MUNN TAKES MATCH

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Wayne "Big" Munn, Nebraska heavyweight wrestler tonight won in straight falls from Pat McGill, Irish champion. Munn took the first fall in 18 minutes, 12 seconds, with a reverse body lock, and won the second after four minutes, 25 seconds with his favorite croch and half-hold.

### OREGON HAS REX BEACH FILM



"The Winds of Chance," by Rex Beach, is now playing at the Oregon theatre and will continue there today, Sunday and Monday. Viola Dana, Ben Lyon and Dorothy Sebastian are starred in the production.

Foreign Demand Creates a Milk Industry in China

CHICAGO.—The foreign colony has given rise to a thriving industry new to China—the milk business.

Jersey cows have been imported and the water buffalo, heretofore a mere beast of burden, has been successfully crossed with European breeds, said S. N. Au-Young, director-general of the Chinese bureau of economic information, who has been sojourning here.

Chinese children for centuries have been weaned on softened rice and even today milk is drunk only by children of the wealthy classes and butter consumed only by the foreigners.

"A large percentage of the milk used in the European concessions comes from the crossed-breed cows," Au-Young declared. "It is of fine quality; high in butter-fat content. But milk is still a luxury among the Chinese."

### WAR BOOK AT M'COOK FIELD Key to Next Air Warfare

DAYTON.—If the United States were to engage in warfare tomorrow, a certain closely guarded book would be rushed to Washington from McCook Field.

It would tell government officials how to build airplanes; exactly where to get materials; what aviation principles and ideas were sound and what were obsolete; what airplane parts should be standardized, and what should be junked.

At the field, which is the engineering division of the army air service, the book, which in reality is not a volume in the strict sense of the word, is known simply as the "War Book." Its resting place is known to only a few and access to it is impossible.

"Should war be declared tomorrow," said a post official, "we can give this book to the war department and say 'gentlemen here it is. Go out and build them.' There will be no need to engage in a mad rush for verification of ideas, such as was the case when the United States entered the world war."

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