

CURTAIN IS READY FOR SCHOOL PLAY

Popcorn School House to Be Scene of Annual P.T.A. Stage Production

A new curtain, painted by Henry Lee, of this city, has been installed in the Popcorn school house by the Parent-Teacher association and will see its first service next Tuesday and Wednesday nights when the association's annual play, will be presented.

"Be an Optimist," a farce-comedy by Adam Appleby, is this year's offering and with the new curtain rolls up on the first act it will present the interior of Isaac Golditch's Art Shop, a place where antiques are sold.

Under the direction of Roy McDowell, stage manager, the new curtain was swung into place and tried out. The proceeds of the present play are to go on payments for the curtain. The cast of the production, which is under the direction of Perry Prescott Reigelman, of this city, has been rehearsing for several weeks.

Last year's play ran for eight nights and the show given in 1924 was given five times.

Fred Gibson, who starred as an unfortunate last year in "Always in Trouble," carries the lead as Jimmy Hayward, "The poor stiff" who changes places with a mummy and gets into all sorts of trouble. Mrs. Jim McDowell, as Mildred Clinton, who is in love and likes it, plays opposite Fred Gibson, while Fred's wife, Ellis Gibson, takes the part of the spooky Madame Geopher, a dispenser of spirits without a surmise.

Ralph Wilson, as Isaac Golditch, of Golditch's Art Shop, is going to surprise his many friends with the way he handles the broad comedy part. He has a wonderful accent but his great trouble is his hair—it is blonde. Ralph appeared in "Always in Trouble" as a station agent and he is making his present part good.

Two excellent characters in the play are Pietro D'Angelo Cacciatino, an expert "warm-holder" from Florence, Italy—if you do not understand what "warm-holding" is, see the play; it's a great art—and Mike, whose nationality is just what his name suggests. Cacciatino is taken by Wilfred Wilson and Mike by Fred Wilson, and they make the characters seem real and life-like.

Among the interesting characters are Becky Golditch, played by Mrs. Fred Wilson; Mrs. Clinton, who is why "mother-in-law jokes in true," played by Mrs. Jim Best; Ray Hudson, a friend in need but not in deed, played by Bryn Simmons, who appeared last year in "Always in Trouble"; Miss Hill, an interior decorator, played by Jewel Wilson; Maggie, played by Mildred Simmons, who also had a part in "Always in Trouble"; Ethel Peabody, who defies love to affect her, interpreted by Pauline McCauley; and Spencer, a paid guest played by Jim Best, who distinguished himself last year in the part of an aged miserly railroad president.

The Parent-Teacher association's committee producing the play is Mrs. Roy McDowell, Jim Best, and Fred Gibson.

A Bismarck in the White House



Baron von Moltzan (left), German ambassador, and Prince Otto Bismarck, grandson of the famed "Iron Chancellor," leaving the White House in Washington after calling on the president.

The play is given on Tuesday and Wednesday nights of next week so that it will not interfere with the basketball tournament.

Germans Build Tall Tower to Meet Demands of Radio

BERLIN.—One of the tallest towers in the world, built exclusively for commercial radio purposes, has been completed for the German Ministry of Posts and Telegraphs at Koenigswusterhausen, near Berlin.

Towering 528 feet above the ground, the triangular steel and aluminum structure falls only 58 feet short of equalling the Eiffel tower in Paris. Including an antenna mast of 58 feet, however, the tower eclipses the Paris structure by two feet.

A spiral staircase of 1,000 steps winds up to the top of the tower, a climb of half an hour. A one-passenger elevator, running in a tube 35 inches in diameter, makes the trip in four minutes. The whole structure weighs only 700 tons, one-tenth the weight of the Eiffel tower, and cost \$36,000 exclusive of radio equipment. It is guaranteed to be earthquake and storm-proof. The Eiffel tower cost \$2,000,000 at a normal rate of exchange.

A 20 kilowatt short wave sending station, designed to serve the Far East, is being built in a two-story insulated cabin on a platform 754 feet above the ground. The tower will be the binding post for 30 antennas leading to as many sending and receiving stations assembled at Koenigswusterhausen. There is ample room for expansion to meet the needs of all Europe for years.

Charleston Faces Rivals in Old English Dances

LONDON.—The Morris sword dances which rural dancing societies are reviving in England are far more enduring than the tango and the fox trot and Charleston which the villagers hope to displace.

Judges have agreed that there is nothing ladylike about either the sword dance or the Morris dance, and teams of women which competed at a recent contest in Great Hall, London University, made a poor showing.

They are dances for young men, and very active young men at that, who dance costless in flannel trousers and wear rainbow "braces," which is the English way of saying suspenders. Belts are worn on the knees for the Morris dance.

The team from Cambridge made the best showing in the Morris dance. Music was supplied by a cornet band. The teams of sword dancers all had jesters with them who relieved the serious interest in a very intricate performance with their jokes and antics.

Early Representation of Noah's Ark Is Discovered

LONDON.—An account of what is described as "the earliest representation of Noah's Ark" is contained in a report by the British Museum of discoveries at Ur of the Chaldees Mesopotamia.

The report is from Leonard Woolley, leader of excavations conducted by the Museum in co-operation with the University of Pennsylvania.

"We traced the inner face of the great wall built by King Nebuchadnezzar round the old buildings of the Sacred Area of Ur, and found its southwest gate," he says. "Then we laid bare some houses which seem to have been last inhabited about 2300 B. C. Nearby there was a little plaque of alabaster, carved on both sides, the scenes represented being a boat of reeds lashed together. On the one side a man, while in the other a

TORNADO OF FUN IS FEATURED IN FILM

Johnny Hines, in "The Live Wire," at the Oregon Theatre Today

A veritable tornado of laughs, a whirlwind of action and a host of dramatic thrills is the cinema bill of fare at the Oregon theatre, where "The Live Wire," a First National picture starring Johnny Hines, opened yesterday. The production, as entertaining a comedy as we have ever seen, is Hines' initial picture under his new First National contract, and judging from the caliber of this offering, the company and the star are to be congratulated upon the success of their alliance.

Produced by C. G. Barr and directed by Charles Hines, "The Live Wire" was adapted from Richard Washburn Child's novel, published under the title of "The Game of Light." In the supporting cast are such notables as Edmund Breese, J. Barney Sherry, Mildred Ryan, Bradley Baker and Flora Finch.

"The Live Wire" relates the exploits of "The Great Marinelli," enacted by the comedian, who is a star wire performer in a circus. He suffers an injury and then goes down the ladder of fame until he loses his job and becomes a "gentleman of the road."

In his travels along the countryside he strikes up a partnership with "Sawdust Al," and the two meet with many ludicrous and hair-raising adventures in their endeavors to still the pangs of hunger.

Then comes the great opportunity to save the life of the girl with whom Marinelli had fallen in love while with the circus—and he repeats his famous slide down a wire to rescue her. The act wins Marinelli the fame—and love—that were his due.

Anderson, Ind.—The fuselage of an airplane was the cradle of Farnum Parker, 24 years old, thought to be the youngest licensed aviation pilot in the United States.

Farnum, the son of Fred Parker, president of a local air transport company, and a flyer of 16 years' experience, was first taken aloft when only a few hours old. Mrs. Parker also is a pilot.

The boy was born in Minneapolis, Minn., in January, 1912. "His father wrapped him in a blanket, put him in the cockpit of a plane and took him for a ride," Mrs. Parker said.

Perhaps that first experience explains why the boy would rather fly in cold weather than during the warmer periods. Just a few days after his birthday, this year, he flew from Anderson to Washington to tell congressmen investigating the aircraft situation his experiences.

After his first flight in Minneapolis, the infant flew often with his parents. He frequently was lulled to sleep in a plant thousands of feet above the earth with a roaring propeller for his lullaby.

Young Parker's license number is 33, issued by the National Aeronautical Association. He began piloting when he was 13. He first took a plane up by himself on August 26, 1925. Two days later he flew alone to an air meet at Battle Creek, Mich.

Grand Army Auxiliary Expands in Membership

INDIANAPOLIS.—Because of steady diminution of the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Women's Relief Corps, organized forty years ago by women relatives of Union army veterans to minister to their needs, has opened its ranks to women generally, and expanded its activities to cover children's aid, disaster relief, and promotion of patriotism.

Organized in 1883 as an auxiliary to the Grand Army, the Relief Corps at first admitted only the feminine kin of those who served with the Union forces during the civil war. Mrs. Catherine Mc Bride Hooster, of Indianapolis, is the national president. The membership now exceeds 200,000. The corps has spent approximately six million dollars in relief work.

Texas Joins to Develop State's Dormant Riches

DALLAS.—The hidden wealth of Texas soon is to be revealed by a new adventure into the field of state development.

Five hundred public spirited citizens have organized as the Society for the Scientific Development of the Natural Resources of Texas with a view of unlocking, by scientific exploration, the secret

MOORE'S AEOLIAN BAND



Duke Moore's Aeolian Band is to be featured today with the regular Association Vaudeville program. The Aeolian Band is from the Mellow Moon dance pavilion at West Salem. The boys have the reputation of having the best dance band in the valley.

of the state's undeveloped riches. In West Texas may soon give the country its only natural supply of ketchup, an oil used in medicines. A rubber plant growing wild in Southwestern Texas is being manufactured into rubber. Another plant makes a valuable wax. The state has one of the largest sulphur mines in the world. In the mountains of the Southwest is said to be unlimited wealth in quicksilver.

The society has a program for building a fund of \$5,000,000 at

the rate of \$1,000,000 a year to expend in collecting scientific information on these natural resources and making it available to the public.

Females Decreasing in Ratio to Males in Japan

TOKYO.—The female population of Japan with reference to the ratio to the male population, is decreasing, figures of the last national census disclose. The census gives the population of Japan proper (excluding Manchuria, Formosa and the South Sea Possessions) as 59,786,704, an increase of 3,766,666 in five years, or an average annual increase of about 750,000.

Of the total population 30,517,820 are males, exceeding the number of females by 228,226. This means 109 females for every 101 males. Five years ago the ratio was 100 females for every 100.4 males.

The density of the population is shown to be 157 for every square kilometer.

The city of Osaka leads all other cities in number of population which is 2,114,309, followed by Tokyo's 1,995,308, Nagoya's 768,569, Kyoto's 679,076, Kobe's 644,212 and Yokohama's 495,328.

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The Oregon Statesman's prize competitors given extra prize to encourage them to get the early start in the big \$3000.00 Automobile Contest. Enter your name today and take advantage of this splendid offer.

The Special Prize Offer



Value \$125.00 Purchased from Vick Bros.

RADIO The Modern Aladdin's Lamp

To be given away Saturday night, March 20, to the one turning in the most money on subscriptions March 1 to March 20

The Contest Department of The Oregon Statesman wants to help every candidate get a good start in the Big Automobile Prize Contest, consequently The Statesman has decided to give a splendid extra prize offer which we feel sure will aid every candidate securing votes and subscriptions. It is as follows: To the candidate in the whole contest who turns in the most money on subscriptions between the dates of March 1st, and March 20th, Saturday, at 9 o'clock in the evening, we are going to give a \$125.00 Radio. Every one nowadays wants a Radio in their home. You can get all kinds of news and amusement any time of the day or evening. Once you have heard this Radio you will feel more like getting out and working for it. It is now on display at the Statesman office, where it can be seen at any time. This Radio was purchased from Vick Bros., South High street, Salem, Oregon.

Candidates may secure subscriptions any place. That is, a country candidate may secure subscriptions in the city or a city contestant may secure subscriptions in the country. Any money collected on old arrears subscriptions, renewal subscriptions or new subscriptions to the Oregon Statesman count toward this special prize and also towards the grand prizes. This would be a very good time for new candidates to enter and win this special prize, for everyone starts even today. Come in and see the Radio.

This Prize Will Be Awarded Saturday, March 20th at 9 P. M.

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The Roughneck



First impressions are often misleading, and you know this better than the fortunate, or unfortunate, being who has had dealings with Father's "Our Gang." The main reason is Jack's conduct, his usual looking somber with the usual hair and the button-willie. But today he is different. For Jack's "illness" makes him a great creature, and