

NEWS OF THE STAGE AND SCREEN

Elsinore Theater
 Marie Prevost's new Metropolitan comedy production "Almost a Lady," which comes to the Elsinore theater for one day, Saturday, February 19, provides Miss Prevost, the star, with a splendid opportunity for pathos and the colorful roles in which she is at her best. Her supporting cast includes Harrison Ford, George K. Arthur, Barney Gilmore, Trixie Friganza and John Miljan.
 "Almost a Lady" is based upon Frank Adams' story, "Skin Deep" and has as its central theme the tribulations of a poor model's model and the social inclinations of a newly-rich Irish couple. Marie Prevost, as the model, is asked by the Irish climber to impersonate a celebrated authoress who failed to appear at her first reception. Harrison Ford is mistaken for a duke. Complications, full of humor and drama, mark the denouement.
 The comic situations are in the clever hands of Trixie Friganza as the newly-wealthy matron and her beer-drinking, life-loving, simple husband, Barney Gilmore. The story was adapted for the screen by F. McGrew Willis, E. Mason Howard directed.
 "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree."
 "Black Bottom."
 "East Side- West Side."
 "Alabama Stomp."
 "What kind of a program is this, anyway?" asks the orchestra leader.
 The Follies Girl of 1920 says: "Please Sir: This a contrast of music of different times."
 The Follies Girl of 1927 says: "Say! Sousa! It's a wow! It's a scream! You can write home about it!"
 And so you can.
 Fanchon and Marco's "Idea," Follies of 1920, a West Coast Theaters presentation at the Elsinore theatre, on Sunday, February 20, takes a leap from the prim "nineties" to the racy "twenties" offering a startling, amusing and clever contrast of two different generations' idea of how the tired business man should be amused.

Oregon Theater
 With all the thrills and all the fascination of circus day, "Bigger than Barnum's," F. B. O.'s great Gold Bond special, will be seen for the last time here today at the Oregon theater. No picture ever filmed possesses in such a great degree the charm and glamour of circus life, or the dangers and difficulties that confront the performers, and when to this is added the superb emotional acting of such a cast as Ralph Lewis, Viola Dana, George O'Hara and Ralph Ince, the result is bound to be a masterpiece.
 Thrilling "inside" angles of an acrobat's life, the ever-present risk of death on the tight-wire, the love and intrigue that goes on behind the scenes, and a magnificent display of bravery by which the disowned son redeems himself at a crucial moment, are the big highlights of the picture, including the most gripping fire sequence ever portrayed on the screen.

"Beau Geste," coming to the Oregon theatre, February 20, has the distinction of being the first three-act motion picture. Those who have seen the unusual presentation carry away with them the impression that two breaks in the picture are even more effective than one.
 There is really no reason, except tradition, why there should be an intermission about half way through a ten reel picture. However, most reserved seat theatres respect this tradition.
 In "Beau Geste" the mystery story is told in the first twenty minutes of the picture and the first intermission comes immediately after the mystery to give the audience an opportunity to think over the developments and formulate an explanation. During this interval of sixty seconds, Hugo Riesenfeld arranged to have the orchestra make a gradual change from the intense excitement of the mystery to the simple little children's story of the English country-side. The house lights remain dark as the curtains are drawn on the screen.
 On the opening night of the picture the second intermission came just as John and his brother Beau were falling asleep from exhaustion in the fort. Julian Johnson, supervising editor of "Beau Geste," suggested that a change be made to a point about twenty minutes earlier in the picture and the intermission now comes following the scene where Noah Beery stands at the gates to the fort after having lashed the two

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deserters to their death on the desert sands.
 The brief and effective stage prelude has elicited much favorable comment. The music score reproduces the marching songs of the Legion as recorded by Edward La Roche, who served seven years in Africa.

TITHING BILL DUE IN SENATE TODAY; RUMOR
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can be raised under fixed millage taxes. Under the latter bill these revenues could not be increased more than three per cent based on the millage returns for the preceding year.
 Senator Upton attacked the bill giving additional powers to the state tax commission on the ground that property assessments should be left to the county assessors and county boards of equalization.
 "It is wrong," said Senator Upton to allow a state official to go into the various counties of the state and make individual assessments. I have been told that this is what the state tax commissioner intends to do if this bill is approved. This is not the governor's program, but is the program of Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner.
 "I understand that the public utilities are lobbying for this bill for the reason that it does not affect them. If we pass this bill I predict it will result in a storm of resentment and that we will be asked to repeal it two years hence. To properly enforce the provisions of this bill would require the employment of 400 persons in the offices of the state tax commissioner."
 The representations of Senator Upton were branded as unfair by Senator Miller, chairman of the committee on assessment and taxation.
 "This bill attempts to equalize property valuations in this state," said Senator Miller, "and if passed would increase the assessments in Oregon more than \$200,000,000. It would eliminate influence being brought upon the county assessors and authorize the state tax commission to interfere when assessments are not fair. Many industries are now assessed as low as 10 per cent of their true valuation, while in other cases industries are assessed as high as 85 per cent of their value. This is a condition that should be corrected."
 Senator Hall declared that the bill would cure many existing evils in the present tax laws toward more equitable assessments. "If we had passed this law years ago," said Senator Hall, "there would have been no occasion for enacting the state income tax act."
 Senator Hall said he had knowledge of one industry in Coos county whose property value exceeded the total property assessment of the county. It was the opinion of Senator Banks that the bill should be approved as a matter of expediency.
 "I predict," declared Senator Banks, "that the adoption of this bill would do more to defeat the state income tax law than any single agency in Oregon." He said the approval of this bill would do away with any necessity for the income tax law.
 Senator Klepper said the bill was in the interest of equitable assessments and was constructive legislation.
 "This bill if approved," said Senator Staples, "would remove political influence now urged upon county assessors and result in fairer assessments in this state."
 Senator Staples and Bell defended Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, against insinuations leveled at him by Senator Upton.
 "I think we are fortunate in having Earl Fisher as tax commissioner of this state," said Senator Staples.
 The bill having to do with increased powers for the state tax commission is somewhat similar to an act now in operation in the state of Washington. It was

recommended by the state tax investigating committee created at the 1925 legislative session.
 The senate laid on the table resolution introduced by Senator Joseph providing that candidates at the primary election who shall receive a majority of all the votes cast for any office shall be declared elected and be relieved of the necessity of entering the campaign at the general election.
 Senator Joseph said that this resolution, if approved, would prevent interference by one party of another party.
 Senator Klepper charged Senator Joseph with attempting to railroad the resolution without giving other members of the committee an opportunity to be heard.
 A bill providing that minors between the ages of 14 and 16 years of age would be allowed to operate motor vehicles when accompanied by their parents or guardians was indefinitely postponed.
 Senator Banks branded the bill as sound legislation and urged its passage.
 "We are making a mistake if we do not pass this bill," said Senator Banks.
 Senator Dunne branded the bill as ridiculous.

Eighteen Members Answer Roll Call at Fine Meeting

The February meeting of the WFMS of Leslie church was held at the home of Mrs. John Koorman, with 18 members answering to roll call.
 Dr. Miller, the evangelist from Nashville, Tenn., was introduced and gave an illuminating and inspiring study in the life of Job. After the business of the day was disposed of Mrs. Corner opened the mystery box. A growing interest is shown in these questions which can only be answered by reading the Woman's Missionary Friend.

Woman Who Crossed Plains With Oxen Dies at Eugene

BURLINGAME, Cal., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Mrs. Martha Whiting, 83, who crossed the plains by ox-train in 1858, died here today at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Colvin N. Reed. She will be buried tomorrow at Quincy.
 Other surviving children are Randolph V. Whiting, attorney and chairman of the democratic state central committee; Dr. Fenton B. and Richard H. Whiting, of Eugene, Ore.; Dr. Franklin M. and Herbert W. Whiting, and Mrs. W. J. Clinch, of San Francisco.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS PLANNED

SILVERTON, Ore., Feb. 18.—(Special)—Electric lights will be extended from the city limits west of Silverton out to the Evergreen district, according to reports from men of that district. The movement has been under way for some time. It is headed by Walter Von Flue, F. D. Kaiser and John Moe.

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INCOME TAX HIT BY HOUSE FAILS
 Committee Appointed to Ascertain Amount of Revenue Coming to State

Speaker Carkin appointed a committee of R. S. Hamilton, chairman of the taxation and revenue committee; Mr. Gordon, chairman of the ways and means committee, and himself, to confer with Secretary of State Kizer and State Treasurer Kay for the purpose of ascertaining amount of revenue the state can expect during the next two years, and to gather data on general financial conditions. The committee will report on their findings next week.
 Mr. Carkin thought this plan necessary as the house is more or less passing appropriation bills blindly and the information gathered by the committee will give them something to work from.
 When the word was passed that the governor had vetoed the Wilson River toll road bill the ire of many of the legislators became aroused. Yesterday a direct hit was aimed at the administration program when Representative Bailey made a motion in the house for the reconsideration of the vote in which the house had concurred with the senate amendments to the income tax bill. After considerable debate, this motion was lost and very shortly afterward Governor Patterson signed the bill, which had been passed by both houses with slight amendments from his original suggestions.
 Representative Bailey, in explaining his motion, said that the house had concurred in some haste and that no doubt many were not at all familiar with the amendments at the time.
 Mr. Henderson said he had asked a few members if they knew just what effect the amendments would have on the bill and all said that they did not. In his speech against the concurrence with the senate amendments he stated that no one seemed to care much what the amendments contained.
 Mr. Henderson's main objection to the amendments were that they

INJURED YOUTH DIES

EUGENE, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Carroll Parker, 23, who was injured when a Southern Pacific train struck his automobile at a crossing in Springfield, Saturday, died here today. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Parker of Springfield.

LEGISLATION ENDS ON RADIO CONTROL
 Senate Sends Measure to President Without Taking Vote of Record

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—(AP)—The last step in the enactment of radio control legislation was taken today by the senate after weeks of delay without even a record vote and with less than a third of the membership present.
 The long pending measure, as rewritten by house and senate conferees, now goes to President Coolidge, who is expected to sign it next week and send to the senate before adjournment of congress two weeks from today the names of the five men who are to make up the radio commission created by the measure.
 Demands that the legislation be sent back to conference for amendment in important particulars were made in closing debate by Senators Pittman, Nevada, and Elease, South Carolina, democrats, and Howell, republican, Nebraska.
 The senate previously had twice refused to take this course. The chief points raised by opponents were that the bill failed to assert the right of the federal government to control the air for the benefit of all of the people; to provide for a waiver of rights to wave lengths, and the use of the

either by licenses and to make it certain that each state will have the right to at least one of the effective wave lengths.
 Under the terms of the measure the commission of five will have complete control of radio for one year from the date of its organization and thereafter will have the power to pass final judgment on all controverted questions and all those which might be voluntarily referred to it by the secretary of commerce.
 Among the other provisions are those designed to prevent monopolies; to control wave lengths, the number and power of stations, chain broadcasting, the length of time stations may broadcast, and to prevent discrimination and excessive charges for radio transmission.

UNIVERSITY GRADES OUT
 Fraternity Students Make Higher Average Than Others

EUGENE, Feb. 18.—(AP)—Students at the University of Oregon living in organizations made a higher average number of points during the fall term than did non-organization students. It was announced today. Fraternity men garnered 35.45 points against

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