

# SIDE LIGHTS OF THE STAGE and SCREEN

**Elsinore Theater**  
Five exceptionally fine vaudeville acts will be on the stage at the Elsinore theater today, April 29. The Olympic Trio cram more physical culture into the five minutes they are on the stage than the ordinary man undergoes in a year. They are acrobats supreme, strong and vigorous with the powers of youth at their command. Their work is of the knockabout type with many of their stunts difficult in the extreme.

"Dear Brute-ess," the laugh provoking skit presented by Bob Alderman and Eileen Robinson, should serve as a warning to husbands and wives as to the future if the modern trend of domestic affairs continues.

The Duncan Sisters, Rosetta and Vivian, of "Topsy and Eva" fame, have produced a marvelous vaudeville for their proteges, The Three Lawrence Sisters. The Lawrence girls have developed into perfect entertainers, thanks to their imitable teachers, and are at the present time a distinct credit to their sponsors.

A figure that is almost unknown to the vaudeville patron is the "old time fiddler." Will be privileged to hear one of the very best of the remaining few when "Dad" Pettis will appear at the Elsinore theater today.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Usher will appear at the Elsinore theater today in their unique acts, which has created wide interest in scientific as well as amusement circles.

Man's battle with the desert, his never-ending fight to wrest a

living from the arid wastelands, is the background into which is woven Zane Grey's story, "The Mysterious Rider," appearing at the Elsinore theater April 29-30.

The fast riding Jack Holt plays the title role of Bent Wade, whose life is in danger at the hands of the homesteaders because of his suspected duplicity. The sequences in which he proves his innocence at the same time gaining them back their meagre lands which they were in danger of losing, form one of the most exciting motion pictures of the year.

The famous Hollywood Fadettes will appear on the program at the Elsinore theater Sunday and Monday. They have 30 people in the cast including two bands.

**Oregon Theater**  
"The Overland Stage" shows at the Oregon April 29-30.

The first National offering is replete with thrills of story, setting and the daring horsemanship which marks the dark haired Lophario of the West.

The tale is set in the days when the stage coach lines from the East and the West were just being linked in the Indian country. Maynard has the role of a scout of the stage coach company, posing as a gambler, in an effort to discover who is robbing the lines and at the same time stirring up Indian antagonism against the company's general store.

The romance that develops between the daring young agent and the daughter of the storekeeper will give the Oregon patrons one of the most enjoyable evenings of entertainment the screen has offered in some weeks.

## VALUABLE RECORDS ON PRUNE GROWING

### District Manager Allen of the Hunt Cannery Has Been Keeping Records

(The McMinnville Telephone Register of April 22 has the following, interesting to all who are concerned in any way in the prune industry):

"With growers debating as to the outlook for the Italian prune crop this year, data kept by W. G. Allen, district manager for Hunt Bros., on his prune crop in the Dundee section, covering a period of 15 years, is of interest as showing the apparent relationship of sizes of crops from one year to another.

"We are pretty sure from watching crops year after year that unless conditions are extra favorable, to have a smaller year following a big year," sated Mr. Allen.

"Last year there were quantities of 50-60 prunes, and as a result we are pretty sure that there will be no 50-60s to speak of this year. The preceding year we had quantities of 30s, and last year there were no 30s to speak of. Had the growers found some satisfactory means of carrying over their 30s another year they would have had a big advantage. We need some method of doing this to even up the distribution of sizes, and I believe it may be worked out, in fact, quite sure it will.

"Last year we had a big prune crop, and this year it looks like a light crop. However, there is bloom enough now on our Dundee orchard to give us half a crop if we do not get a lot of rain."

The 15-year period on which Mr. Allen has kept a crop record for his 240-acre Dundee orchard of Italian prunes from 1905 to 1919, inclusive, and an analysis of the results from year to year indicates the influence of one year's crop on the next and gives some sort of a basis to make estimates of the possibility of the crop, although this, as shown again by analysis of the figures, is not conclusive.

The record for the period is as follows:

Year	Lbs.
1905	400,000
1906	406,000
1907	488,502
1908	527,976
1909	430,000
1910	738,000
1911	491,622
1912	101,578
1913	532,339
1914	236,320
1915	281,000
1916	652,350
1917	316,300
1918	856,696
1919	539,774
Total	6,999,358



In Ben Hur, Oregon Theater, May 1 and 2

satisfied that nothing can prevent war. Then there are those who, in their desire to abolish war, wish to make it as horrible as possible.

**Sentiment Needed**  
"It would seem to be clear that you cannot rely on declarations or resolutions, or papers, to prevent war, unless back of all these is the triumph of the spirit of reasonableness among peoples who have ceased to think in terms of war; a habit of peace which will not be found while causes of strife still exist, and dreams of successful appeals to force for the vindication of injuries or the extension of power continue to fascinate, and nations are so intent on preparation for fighting that they find it impossible to agree upon any measures for the reduction or limitation of burdensome expenditures of armament.

"It would appear to be worthy of consideration that if there is not sufficient compelling humane sentiment to induce agreement, if war should come, to mitigate unnecessary cruelties and to spare non-combatants from unrestrained violence, little progress has been made in cultivating the reasonable disposition by which war may be prevented."

ment left to complete the break thus begun.

This would mean that the inundation of the parishes of St. Bernard and Plaquemines would be very gradual, with time still left for the hundreds of residents who have refused to join the caravans of refugees to make their way to safety.

**Opposition Expressed**  
There has been a tense feeling in the territory to be flooded ever since the proposal to dynamite the levee first was broached early in the week, with some of the trappers of that section refusing to leave and with other residents who have sought refuge in camps here expressing dissatisfaction with the forced removal.

While prepared for any eventuality, state officials anticipated no open resistance when their forces move to the scene early tomorrow to carry out their drastic plan for the relief of New Orleans, which has the tacit sanction of the federal government and the full approval of the army engineers.

## STATESMAN GIVEN CREDIT FOR BENEFIT

### For Bringing Good People Who Help to Make Brooks Spotless Town

BROOKS, Oregon, April 28.—Desiring to become the "Spotless Town" of Oregon, Brooks has kept in the front ranks for some time past by picking up all papers and cans and boxes and wires and pieces of glass that may often be found scattered about in larger towns, and all home owners are turning their attention to beautifying their premises by flower gardens.

Among the newer residents who are setting the pace for a more beautiful Brooks, is Mrs. Humphries and her son, who purchased the attractive home of Mrs. Rebecca Jones at Main and Pacific streets last fall. The Humphries returned last week from California, where they spent the winter, and they are now busily engaged in landscaping their premises and adding flowers and shrubs to the already excellent collection. Previous to coming to Brooks, they resided eighteen years at one home in Portland, which, because of the flowers, was one of the most attractive in the city.

The Statesman may claim a little glory for securing these excellent people as residents of Brooks, as they were subscribers before coming here, having helped a friend in a subscription contest, and through its columns learning of the advantages of this agricultural district.

## Robert Witty Wins Oratorical Honors

Redding to Speak at State Contest in Eugene Today

Robert Witty, a student from Florida, yesterday won the oratorical championship of Williamette university, and incidentally the Walter C. Keyes prize of \$15, when he defeated his debate colleague of the season, Charles Redding, in the annual school contest for top honors. James Kettle, of Fossil, Oregon, was also entered in the contest.

Witty used his oration "The Darkening Shadow" with which he placed second in the Pacific coast contest and the State Peace contest this year. It is a peace oration which advocates the placing of war in its true light, in-

stead of giving it the patriotic glorification now accorded.

Redding entered his oration "Portentous Symbols," an oration on the constitution. This oration placed second in the annual state old line contest recently. Redding will deliver it today at Eugene in competition with orators from other Oregon colleges for the privilege of entering the western championship on the constitution at Los Angeles.

At Eugene, Redding's chief competitors will probably be Alfred Lyman, the O. A. C. speaker, and Benoit McCroskey, an ex-Salem high student, who represents University of Oregon.

## ST. PAUL TEAMS DEFEAT GERVAIS

ST. PAUL, April 28.—(Special)—The St. Paul high school boys' and girls' baseball teams defeated the respective Gervais union high teams at Gervais Tuesday afternoon. The score in the boys' game was 13 to 9, and in the girls' game 34 to 5.

In the previous games, played on the local grounds, St. Paul defeated Gervais in the boys' game 7 to 2; in the girls' game 24 to 5. The lineups Tuesday were:

St. Paul	Boys	Gervais
Harlie	C	Manning
Hansen	P	Freschweller
Gooding	1b	Seeley
McCarthy	2b	Stokx
Berhorst W.	3b	Tooley, E.
Kerr	ss	Rouch
Berhorst E.	lf	Tooley, S.
Blosser	cf	Kuhn
Lehman	rf	Eder

St. Paul	Girls	Gervais
Harlie	C	Cross
Newcomer	P	Manning
Faber R.	1b	Sidebottom
Davidson	2b	Messer
Hiller	3b	Harms
Faber, L.	ls	Harris C.
Jette	rs	Fuller
Simon-Bittler L.F.	lf	Lief, M.
Gooding	cf	Lief, F.
Eder	rf	Harris, E.

**LAWYERS NUMEROUS**  
CHICAGO—Seven thousand lawyers practice in Chicago, one to every 435 of the city's population.

## EPIDEMIC PERIL DUE TO FLOODS PROBLEM

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flats and broken or damaged sanitation facilities.

With the "entire water supply in the flooded areas out of commission," Dr. Reiden declared another menace lay in the path of the physicians who must conquer the aftermath of the flood.

Vaccination of everyone, insurance of safe drinking water and milk through proper sanitation, and immediate isolation of all cases of disease were proposed to the health officials as most effective measures to combat the situation.

## ARMS LIMITING SEEN AS MAKING PROGRESS

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indifference," he said. "Fundamentally, it appears that the compelling sentiment does not exist. First, there are those who are so intent on abolishing war, that they have no patience with regulations of war. There are others, perhaps as numerous, who are

## CITY'S SAFETY HOPES PINNED ON LEVEE CUT

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to the days of French control of the Mississippi valley. Plans of state engineers regarding the exact methods to be used and the extent of the break to be made still were carefully guarded secrets.

**Break to be Gradual**  
Those versed in river engineering lore, however, said there would be little of the dramatic about the actual break itself, that probably small charges of dynamite would be used so as not to weaken too great a stretch of the levee, with the mighty rush of the flood cur-

## PROLOGUE OF MUSIC WEEK

Presented by Pupils of  
**Mrs. Ralph White**  
School of the Dance  
And  
**Miss Beatrice Shelton**  
School of the Piano

### Seventy-Five Salem Children in Ballet

Capitol Theater, Tonight, 8:15

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"Pageantry of Play" Given in Honor of Tom Thumb and His Bride

Pictures of those in this play, which was given in Salem 15 years ago, will be shown on the screen, many of whom are grown men and women well known in Salem today.

Gala finish of Music Week!

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year period and carry interest of 4 1/2 per cent.

The incinerator when constructed will require very little fuel, committeemen pointed out, except during cannery season, and only one man will be needed to superintend its operation, at a cost not to exceed that now required. Ashes from the incinerator will be dumped in fills.

The five mill levy which will provide about \$100,000 a year based on Salem's increased valuation will be sufficient to care for construction of bridges and improvement of streets. The South Commercial street bridge is especially in need of replacement, it was said, and a good share of the first year's returns would be devoted to this purpose.

Purchase of new equipment for the fire department, construction of new fire houses, installation of fire alarm systems, and maintenance of the department including payment of salaries will be furnished necessary funds under the two mill levy for these purposes.

**Provision Handicap**  
The city has been badly handicapped in the past by the charter provision making it impossible to employ any one in a city office who has not resided in the Salem for a period of three years. There have been opportunities, committeemen said, for the employment of experienced firemen and technical experts which could not be taken advantage of because of this stipulation. Its repeal is sought.

Another matter which has caused city officials difficulty is the fact that it has been impossible to collect from house owners for laying of sidewalks in front of their property, because this is not provided for in the city charter. It has been looked upon as a minor lien on the property which could not be foreclosed. Only when the property changes hands has the city been able to collect for the improvement. Inclusion of the word

sidewalks, along with pavement in the charter under street improvements will remove this difficulty.

All the proposals will be acted upon a council meeting next Monday and if approved, will find their place on the ballot in June.

The ways and means committee consists of W. W. Rosebraugh, S. E. Purvine, and Harry M. Hawkins. Members of the ordinance committee are S. E. Purvine, Watson Townsend, and L. J. Simeral.

and, except for a rather disastrous blowup in the second, was master of the Wildcat slugs.

**ALBANY WINS MEET**  
ALBANY, Or., April 28.—(AP)—Albany college defeated Oregon State normal in a dual track meet here today 73 3-4 to 51 3-4. Albany won eight firsts, six seconds and six thirds places, and Monmouth 5 firsts, 5 seconds and 5 thirds.

**THE OREGON**  
Today — Saturday

# Ken Maynard

**OVERLAND STAGE**

Special morning matinee for children under 11 years of age at the Oregon Saturday Morning at 10:30. Doors open at 10 a. m. Children under 11, bring 5c and a Statesman Coupon.

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Director  
D. W. GRIFFITH

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18 - Girls—18  
2 - Bands—2  
30 - People—30

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**TONIGHT 8:15**

**CAPITOL THEATRE**

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