

SIDELIGHTS OF THE STAGE AND SCREEN

Oregon Theater

Strange electrical effects, shadows of huge chains and hideous faces, dismal rain scenes, dark cellars, covered with cobwebs, dimly lighted hallways with murderous eyes glaring from tiny portals, are a few of the scenes incorporated in "The Thirteenth Hour," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's latest mystery drama, now playing at the Oregon theater to make it one of the most thrilling stories ever filmed.

The new story, an original by Chester M. Franklin, the director, and Douglas Furber, noted English playwright, vividly portrays modern crime problems in a new guise. From the opening scene to the final fadeout, suspense is sustained by the presence of a mysterious character, suspected of committing a notorious murder and it is not until the last scene that the identity of this character is revealed by the young detective hero and his dog pal.

There is an old theory, commonly accepted, that a criminal is typified by a certain type, that a person's face and demeanor and general appearance betray his criminal tendencies, if he has them to any marked degree. That this is not actually so is indicated by the study of criminology. "The Thirteenth Hour" reveals this theory as false, thereby adding greatly to the tense interest that pervades it. For the criminal mind about which the entire action of the plot revolves is depicted throughout the greater part of the picture as a mild-mannered, harmless, altogether lovable old man, a benign professor who is, apparently, buried in his books. It is this dual personality of his, this combination of two seemingly complete and distinct personalities that makes all suspicion rebound from him.

Elsinore Theater

Mary Pickford's latest film of fering, "My Best Girl," which comes to the Elsinore today, has dozens of unusual features that should commend it to picture fans. Some of these are:

The shortest street railway in the world—268 feet long.

A huge "downtown" street scene, covering two blocks, in which nearly a thousand extras were employed.

"Close-ups" of almost stoic scenic quality—an effect produced by the "Roshier Kino Portrait

Lens," invented by the star's cameraman, Charles Roshier.

A mammoth 5-and-10-cent-store scene, in which 22 truckloads of typical "five-and-dime" merchandise, representing more than 300,000 individual articles, were used to adorn the store counters and shelves.

The stock clerk in the film, William Courtwright, is the only "covered wagon" pioneer in pictures, having crossed the plains in 1855 with an ox-team.

An exact duplicate of the famous Willard Straight home in New York, said to be the finest example of Georgian architecture in the country, was built and equipped with Colonial furniture including some of Miss Pickford's own historic pieces.

Capitol Theater

Bligh's Capitol will offer "What Price Glory" for a return engagement today and Thursday. It has been several months since this picture played Salem but during that time the theater management has had many requests to have the picture brought back for a run. This comedy war picture has broken box office records where ever it has been shown. Friday the Capitol will offer the regular Association vaudeville with short film subjects.

TEACHER TAKEN WHEN LOVER USES REVOLVER

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No clues had been found late today tending to show the whereabouts of the couple. Lacking any trace officials expressed a fear that Reynolds may have killed the girl and himself.

Pupils of the school, located midway between Unionville and Cincinnati, Iowa, said the teacher had stepped from the room without coat or hat and had been forced into an automobile at the point of a pistol.

A report that Reynolds' automobile, a Ford, bearing a Missouri license number had been seen near Cincinnati had not been confirmed and officials in surrounding counties were asked to aid in the search.

David Thompson, brother of the missing girl, today expressed fear for his sister's safety. Reynolds lived on a farm adjoining the Thompson homestead near Unionville, and taught at a school four or five miles from the King school, taught by the missing girl.

MARION TO PAY STATE \$339,468.18 IN TAXES

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property valuations. Of the 36 counties in the state, six will pay less state taxes in 1928 than in 1927. These are Clatsop, Crook, Gilliam, Malheur, Sherman and Wallowa, all of which reported material decreases in property valuations this year. Multnomah county will pay approximately \$100,000 in state taxes next year more than it did this year.

Suit Dismissed

The commission was able to make the levy Tuesday because of termination of the injunction suit of the Western Union Telegraph company against the commission. The telegraph company sought to get its full valuation on the company's property in Oregon reduced from \$2,360,070 to no over \$1,800,000.

The federal court in Portland dismissed the suit, disclaiming jurisdiction on grounds that relief remedy was provided under the state laws.

With the state prevailing the apportioned valuation of the company's property, or the amount on which it pays taxes, is \$1,491,257. Had the telegraph company prevailed this figure would have been reduced to \$1,137,249.

Notable among the counties that show an increased state levy is Klamath, where the state levy for 1927 was \$176,611.48, while for 1928 it is \$206,977.75. Multnomah county increases from \$2,702,563.78 to \$2,802,522.64.

Build Sewer System

JOHANNESBURG—This city will spend 1,700,000 pounds sterling during the next six years in municipal construction projects, chief of which is a sewer extension system to cost 1,000,000 pounds. An electric power plant is nearing completion and a 300,000 pound municipal gas works soon will be built.

RESPONSE TO ARMY GIFT PLEA RECORD

Eighty-Six Families Assisted Through Local People's Generosity

Salems response to the Salvation Army's Christmas appeal this year was the best ever—and if it will make the many donors feel good over the matter they might be told that their generous giving has enabled the organization to extend Christmas Cheer to a larger number of families than heretofore—86 in all. This figure represents a total of 381 individuals. Such was the statement made by Dr. B. F. Pound, chairman of the Army's advisory board, last night.

It took two days to deliver 86 boxes of Christmas groceries to as many families, some as far away as Woodburn, Gervais, Turner, West Stayton and Independence. The largest family was composed of 12 members.

Meals and lodgings were given to some 40 homeless men. A number of children, who were special cases, were supplied with stockings, underwear, sweaters, etc., while many second-hand garments and pairs of shoes were distributed to the needy. Several sick cases were given special attention, with gifts of fruit, jellies, warm clothing, etc.

The total income was \$972.00, practically of which has been spent with local merchants.

The completion of the Army's Christmas activities came with the annual Christmas Tree, for Sunday school members, held at the hall on State street last night. The crowd was a record breaking one, and the tree and program satisfying to all. E. Cooke Patton, local magician, was the chief entertainer, followed by other interesting numbers.

Santa Claus never received a greater ovation than when he came jingling through the well arranged fireplace, with its chimney. Marked presents were distributed to approximately 125, mostly children, and those who were not members of the Army's Sunday school came in for the "extras" of which there were many.

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6:30—Assembly for grand parade.
7—Parade of candidates and members.
8—Initiation.
8-12—Professional vaudeville of new members.

PUPILS ENJOY TREE

NORTH HOWELL FAMILY GETS CHRISTMAS AUTO

NORTH HOWELL, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Bertha Wiesner is spending the holidays in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bateson have been visiting relatives and friends here the past week.

Joe Woelke is driving a new Whippet six sedan as a family Christmas treat. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wiesner and daughter Mary Lou drove to Eddyville last week to visit Mrs. Alice Eagleson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Waltman drove to Portland last Saturday. The Christmas tree and entertainment at the schoolhouse here last Friday afternoon was well attended and much enjoyed by everyone.

North Howell friends of Mrs. Royce Allen of Salem extend their sympathy to the family because of the death of her father, C. M. Wickwire, last Saturday.

Gilbert Oddie, a junior at Pacific U., is home for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sawyer of Silverton and children Donald and Eva are spending this week at the home of Mrs. Sawyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beer.

WORD RECEIVED FROM PLANE OVER WIRELESS

Position In Doubt

The Sabie Island operator judged the sender of the message to be about 80 miles distant as it was on this slender clue that searchers on the sea and in the air proceed on their fruitless hunt. The Los Angeles reported by wireless that visibility was good and it covered an area 60 miles wide and yet it saw nothing. But the search was to go on. The destroyers requested the Sabie Island operator to give them the weather since Christmas eve so they might estimate drift and include in their search area the waters into which the plane might have been washed by wind and wave after landing.

The flight to Newfoundland was preparatory to Mrs. Grayson's attempting to achieve her ambition of becoming the first woman to fly the Atlantic. That ambition had not been diminished by her knowledge that four women had set forth upon ocean flights this year, that all had failed to reach their objectives and that two had lost their lives.

2 NATIONS FRIENDLY

U. S. AND MEXICAN GOVERNMENTS MAKE OVERTURES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Executive acts tending to crystallize into definite form the atmosphere of rapprochement between Mexico and the United States that surrounded the Lindbergh flight

from Washington to Mexico City came to the surface today in both capitals. President Calles moved toward the amendment of his republic's oil laws in conformity with the recent decision of the supreme court of Mexico in the Mexican petroleum company drilling permit case, apparently with the purpose of eliminating retroactive features of articles 14 and 15 against which American companies have appealed to the Mexican courts.

President Coolidge made it known that the Washington government was preparing to ease the arms embargo against Mexico to permit importation by the Mexican government of airplanes and other munitions from the United States. The state department announced that a license had been issued to permit the Mexican purchase of the Ford plane in which Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh flew to Mexico City to join her son for the Christmas holiday.

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REFUND CLAIM ALLOWED

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None of this money is being spent by the 18 counties in the state that are receiving it, pending the outcome of a suit in the supreme court to decide whether the state has any equity in it.



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