

SIDELIGHTS OF THE STAGE AND SCREEN

Elsinore Theater
Although literally hundreds have lauded "Ben Hur" the motion picture showing at the Elsinore, as the most wonderful photoplay ever screened, it is possible only to quote a few persons who voluntarily—and they are conservative—today gave vent to their feelings regarding the production's merits.

R. A. Harris, real estate broker—"I have seen 'The Birth of a Nation,' 'Intolerance,' 'Quo Vadis,' and a score of other so-called super-films. May I say, very sincerely, that none is comparable to 'Ben Hur.'"

Al Krause, merchant—"Adjectives are futile. I am almost convinced there can be but one 'Ben Hur.' No one may adequately describe it. It must be seen to be appreciated."

Frank Myers, merchant—"I need no questions put to me concerning 'Ben Hur.' It stands alone in the motion picture world thus far."

Percy Varney, merchant—"I know what the average person

would expect me to say of the greatest picture I have ever seen. I don't say it. Merely let me say that—never—has "Ben Hur" been equalled."

Don U'John, (with aliases)—"Ben Hur" is exquisite. It is the only picture I could enjoy four or five times."

Rex Adolph—"I'm not very good on this praise stuff. But I'd like to say that, among the scores of motion pictures I have witnessed, none approaches 'Ben Hur.'"

Hollis Huntington, merchant—"Never have I seen anything to equal it—I mean 'Ben Hur.' Frankly, though I can't qualify as an expert, I never expect to see another film as fine."

Jesse George, restaurateur—"It—'Ben Hur'—is the most marvelous spectacle I ever expect to witness."

E. F. Smith, life insurance man—"No layman can, in words, do the picture justice. 'Ben Hur' is much more than I expected. It must be seen."

BOY OF 11 WINNER "MAGIC AGE" AHEAD

HIGHWAY SAFETY ESSAY RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Jack Glover, age 11, Laurelhurst school, Portland, won first prize for the best essay on "Highway Safety," submitted by Oregon elementary students in the 1927-28 national safety campaign held under the direction of the National automobile chamber of commerce.

Young Glover resides at 1647 Couch street, Portland. He was awarded a gold medal valued at \$15.

Second prize of \$10 was awarded to Burke Inlow, Lincoln school, Pendleton. Third prizes were awarded to Ruby Gilbert, Washington school, Pendleton, and Evelyn Caplinger, Hawthorne school, Pendleton. The third prizes were bronze medals valued at \$5 each.

The contestants wrote on the subject, "Why Should I be Taught Street and Highway Safety at Home and at School?" The essays were illustrated by an original drawing, appropriate photograph or clipping from a magazine or newspaper and were written by pupils of the 5th, 6th, 7th or 8th grades.

Miss Janet N. Latourette, a teacher in the Lewis and Clark school, Astoria, received first honors for Oregon on her lesson in highway safety. No state awards were offered for teachers.

The prizes in the safety essay campaign are being forwarded to the winners by Charles A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction.

REV. C. E. WARD ADDRESSES LIONS CLUB MEETING

"We are on the threshold of a magic age," Rev. C. E. Ward, pastor of the First Congregational church, told members of the Lions club at the luncheon yesterday, in urging members to keep in step with this super-century of discovery.

Rev. Ward mentioned some of the important discoveries which have been made since 1900, the radio, in 1903; the electron tube, in 1904; importance of vitamins, in 1907; Perry's discovery of the North Pole, in 1909; Amundsen's discovery of the South Pole, in 1912; the Einstein theory in 1915; giant stars in 1920; and the cosmic ray in 1925.

"There is no excuse for not using the mental equipment we have," said Rev. Ward. "Instead, however, we pick the poorest of the great accumulation of literature, and seldom get deeper than the funny paper."

Rev. Ward characterized the Einstein theory of relativity as the profoundest single achievement of the human mind, and went at length to illustrate it for the club members.

Rev. Ward also traced new developments in psychology and religion.

Another speaker at the club luncheon was Henry Swart, of Portland, who urged the local club to aid in organizing other clubs in valley towns.

Miss Ruth Bedford sang two numbers, accompanied by Betty Bedford.

32,642 TAKE BONUS

TWO-THIRDS OF VETERANS ACCEPT CASH PLAN

Approximately 32,642 ex-service men have taken advantage of the cash bonus and loan privileges of the state bonus act, according to a lengthy financial report filed in the executive department here today by Frank Moore, secretary of the world war veterans state aid commission.

Of the total number of applicants for the bonus 10,013 accepted the loan provision of the law. These loans on December 31, 1927, aggregated \$24,356,225, or an average of \$2431 for each applicant. Cash bonus distributed among 22,624 ex-service men totaled \$5,014,320 or an average of \$223.

Of the cash bonus payments 1355 have been refunded in order that the applicants might take advantage of the loan provisions of the law. Eighteen of the bonus loans aggregating \$41,800 were cancelled.

Repayments on bonus loans to date total \$5,482,198.59, of which amount \$2,823,486.37 was interest and \$2,658,712.22 was principal.

TARIFF VOTE MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The senate agreed today to vote on Monday at three p. m. on the resolution of Senator McMaster, republican, South Dakota, calling for immediate revision of the tariff.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTRIX

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Marion, as executrix of the last will and testament and estate of Jennie V. Hunt, deceased, and such executrix; all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are hereby notified to present the same, duly verified, to me, at the office of Ronald C. Glover, my attorney, 203 Oregon Building, Salem, Marion County, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Salem Oregon, this 14th day of January, 1928.

CLARA COOLEY, Executrix of the last will and testament and estate of Jennie V. Hunt, deceased.

RONALD C. GLOVER, Attorney for executrix, Salem, Oregon.

"BOAT RACE" OPENS

SALVATION ARMY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST UNIQUE

"Sir Thomas Lipton" will arrive in Salem Sunday—and the famous yacht classic, between the "Columbia" and the "Shamrock," will begin.

Only instead of having the race run on the Willamette, as one might naturally suppose, the event will take place at the local Salvation Army hall on State street.

To make matters more clear, this is to be a Sunday school contest, for the securing of new members—especially boys and girls having no church connection.

The real Sir Thomas will be represented by Victor Williams, a young member of the Army's Sunday school, while the yacht "Columbia" will be skippered by Frances Mattoon, as "Miss Columbia."

A strip of the ocean—on paper—has been stretched across the wall of the local hall, and small replicas of the two famous yachts will run their course over this as the contest progresses from Sunday to Sunday, 500 miles to be covered.

Points, or miles, are to be gained as follows: every new member will count 5 miles for the side responsible; the side knowing Memory Text the best gains 5 miles; another 5 miles will go to the side having the largest attendance, per Sunday, while the side that gives the most in the "offering" will receive 1 mile for every "dime" over and above the other. Primarily the contest is planned as a "drive" for the securing of new "young blood" among those whom the Army is in the habit of reaching in the main.

OPEN HIGHWAY BIDS

14 MILES OF ROAD INCLUDED IN PROJECTS

Bids for the construction of approximately 14 miles of road and store concession at Emigrant park on the Old Oregon Trail, will be opened by the state highway commission at a meeting to be held in Portland January 26.

The various projects for which bids will be considered follow:

Beaton county—Surfacing of 6.1 miles and resurfacing of 5.9 miles of Aleska Mountain-Philomath section of Aleska highway.

Clackamas county—Widening of 4.7 miles of Canemah-New Era section of Pacific highway.

Washington county—Three miles of grading on Beaverton-Multnomah county line section of Tualatin Valley highway.

Umatilla county—Lunch room and store concession at Emigrant park on old Oregon Trail about 23 miles southeast of Pendleton. Contract to cover a period of three years.

LONG ISLAND MAN WOULD BE OWN COOK

"The Detour" At the Capitol Will Present Some Interesting Scenes

Steven Hardy, owner of a small farm on remote Long Island thought that he could run a house as well as any woman and started in to prove it.

It all came about this way. His wife Helen Hardy had been a kitchen drudge for twenty years. She had saved and suffered and sacrificed comfort, health, beauty for the sake of her daughter. She had, she believed, discovered in the girl the artistic genius that she had felt she had had herself as a girl but the expression of which she had surrendered to the youthful passion of love—and married her former husband.

As time went on the relentless monotony and dreariness of the backwoods farm life had made the development of her powers and take her away from the empty hopeless existence on her fathers impoverished acres.

The mother worked tremendously to realize her ambition and at last by the sale of some old antique furniture had secretly amassed a fortune over one thousand dollars. Then the husband stumbled across the money and declaring that everything in the house was his proceeded to use her savings of a lifetime to acquire a neighbors twenty acres.

The wife's spirit rose stung at last to open rebellion. She bitterly berated him. Goaded by her taunts, Hardy gave his wife the alternative of giving up all claim to the money or taking the money and leaving the house.

Naturally the mother chose to take the money and go, thus ensuring the child's salvation, and immediately she and the girl began to pack their meagre belongings, to start out on the feared but longed for trip to New York.

Here is where the husband Steven Hardy proclaimed that "Any man can run a house as good as any woman." "Sure you can. All you need is a little common sense and a good appetite," says a neighbor Tom Lane, who incidentally is in love with the daughter and does all he can to keep her from going away. The enlightenment of this amusing situation will be seen in "The Detour" by Owen Davis which the Moroni Olsen Players are bringing to the Capitol theater on Tuesday, January 17th.

Ladies, bring your husbands with you if you wish to jeer at them in watching a man's helplessness when he starts to keep house. Come and be stirred by the struggle of wills between the husband and wife, girl and lover in this emotional drama of life on a Long Island farm.

GROUPS TAKE PART

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN REVIVAL SERIES

Every night this week some Salem church or group has attended the revival meetings at the Court Street Church of Christ, Court and 17th. Tuesday a large delegation of Nazarenes were present, Wednesday First Christian came, Thursday was Methodist night and Friday, Baptist night, while tonight the Evangelicals are expected.

The "Singing Longs" are making a place for themselves in the hearts of the people, as their work is entertaining as well as spiritual. The sermons frequently develop unusual themes, or handle the old ones from a point of view entirely out of the ordinary.

The half hour study of the little-understood book, Revelation, from 7 to 7:30 each evening is different from the usual revival methods, and is proving of interest to many. The most interesting portion of that prophecy is just being approached.

GLEE CLUB APPEARS

FIRST CONCERT AT CHEMUNAWA; TRIP PLANNED

The Willamette university glee club gave its initial concert last evening at Chemawa Indian school.

Next Wednesday, the singers will appear at Jefferson under auspices of the Methodist church. The group will start its annual tour January 27. The itinerary is as follows:

West Linn, Sunnyside church Portland, Hood River, The Dalles, Pendleton, Whitman college at Walla Walla, Kennewick, Ellensburg, Wapato, and Washougal. Concerts in Milton, Oregon; Prosser, Toppensish and Goldendale, Washington, are tentative. The club expects to return to Salem by February 11.

March 14 is the date set for the home concert.

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAH LODGES INSTALL OFFICERS

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, MONMOUTH, JAN. 13 (Special)

Monmouth Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges held a joint installation of new officers Tuesday evening in the Odd Fellows hall.

According to the secretary, Beatrix Crofoot, the following officers were installed in the Rebekah lodge: noble grand, Olive Gentle; vice grand, Anna Hinkle; secretary, Beatrice Crofoot; treasurer, Iva Hamar; inside guardian, Arnes Friesen; outside guardian, Lettie Johnson; chaplain, Myrtle Halliday; conductor, Alta Rogers; warden, Rosalie Andrus; musician, Ella Coates.

Officers taking chairs in the Odd Fellows lodge were: noble grand, Cecil Price; vice grand,

Floods Sweep Down Upon Eastern Oregon Sections

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 13.—(AP)—Creeks and streams throughout Umatilla county were out of their banks today and highways and roads were reported flooded in many sections following two days and nights of warm weather—thawing the snow and ice and unusually heavy rains last night.

The local office of the highway department was swamped with telephone calls this morning from all parts of the county asking for relief from water sweeping over the roads or reporting small slides.

Locally, the flood hit on both the north and south sides this morning and streets leading from the hills were, in many cases, running full of water from curb to curb. In the east end of the city water poured over the highway leading from town in such volume that highway officials automobiles derailed over the railroad right of way. In the west end Tualilla creek was out of its banks this morning and was flowing over the state highway bridge on the Oregon-Washington highway leading to Pilot Rock and was approaching homes on the flat to its north.

Torrential rains fell in the Blue mountains last night and it was still raining hard at Meachim at 9 o'clock this morning, according

GROUPS TAKE PART

Jess Johnson, secretary, Paul Tacheron, treasurer, T. J. Pettit, inside guardian, J. M. Partridge, outside guardian, Jack Goodell, chaplain, H. K. Sicksafosse and warden, Clay Bush.

Visitors from Albany, Independence and other points made up an attendance of more than 300.

GLEE CLUB APPEARS

FIRST CONCERT AT CHEMUNAWA; TRIP PLANNED

The appointment of C. P. Bishop to the playground board to succeed F. A. Erickson was announced yesterday by Mayor T. A. Livesley.

C. A. Kells will advance to chairmanship of the board. The other member is Mrs. Lamolne R. Clark.

FRENCHMEN IN PANAMA CAMPO LINDBERGH, Panama, Jan. 13.—(AP)—The French aviators Costes and Lebric arrived here this afternoon on their flight from Guayaquil, Ecuador.

PLAYGROUND BOARD NAMED; C. P. BISHOP NEW MEMBER

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HICKMAN BLAMES PROBATION LAWS

Too Much Mercy Reason For Present Predicament, Says Murderer

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 13.—(AP)—William Edward Hickman today blamed the probation law for the plight in which he finds himself—indicted for the kidnaping, slaying and mutilating of 12 year old Marian Parker. This he revealed in a conversation with Assistant Jailor Ray Bogie.

He said: "If I hadn't been given probation on the check charge this crime obviously never would have occurred."

"But when I was released it encouraged me. Now if I had been placed in a reformatory and some effort had been made to study my mind and correct me I probably would have straightened up."

"First offenders should not be given probation anyway. But I'm not in favor of putting them in prison. I think if boys were placed in a special school and given to understand it wasn't a jail but a place where they will be studied and helped, it would cut down crime."

"I think they'd appreciate it. The doctors could look for any signs of insanity or any mental disorder that might cause them to be criminals and correct it."

During the night, Hickman, according to hidden observers stationed in the jail by orders of District Attorney Asa Keyes reported that the slayer had been rehearsing "insanity scenes" with which he intends to try to hoodwink the jury. He waved his arms, mumbled incoherently and caused his muscles to jerk convulsively. Then changing his voice several degrees he read along in sing-song whine.

In view of this earlier performance, Assistant Jailor Bogie said following Hickman's conversation on probation and crime: "That doesn't sound to me much like a crazy man talking."

NEW INCORPORATIONS

The Olympian Investment company, with capital stock of \$250,000, has been incorporated by D. C. Millward, I. Johnston and George W. Gearhart. Headquarters are in Portland.

Other articles filed in the state corporation department follow: Portland Bottle Supply company, Portland, \$10,000; A. Rosenfeld, M. Rosenfeld and S. Rosenfeld, Irving C. Huntington & Company, Portland, \$10,000; Irving C. Huntington, Franz Bogner and B. S. Huntington.

Van Wil-Mansfield Studios, Portland, \$25,000; A. L. Mansfield, B. G. Shepherd and J. F. DuPaul.

Willamette Art Tile company Eugene, \$25,000; G. B. Steal, W. C. Steal and R. I. Trawin.

Taxes collected in Klamath county during 1927 will be based on a rate of 58 mills on the dollar. The 1926 rate was 70.5 mills.

Heads Girls' Leagues



Miss Ethel Elliott, Medford high school, president of the Girls' League association of Oregon, who will take a prominent part in the conference at the University of Oregon, January 13 and 14.

Speaker At Normal School Tells of Russia of Today

OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Jan. 13.—(Special)—A special assembly was called at the Oregon normal school at Monmouth Thursday to afford the students the privilege of hearing a lecture by M. G. Hindus on the subject of "Russia."

Mr. Hindus' description of the country as it is today, of the millions of peasants who to him represent the future strength of Russia, of the Soviet government, and his intimate pictures of home life in the Russian villages made his lecture intensely interesting and humorous.

The Coos Veneer & Box company has commenced construction of a furniture factory at Marshfield that will cost \$50,000.

CHICKS JUST FOUND

NOBODY CLAIMS FOWLS BUT THEFT CHARGED

Haled into justice court as a chicken thief, Fred McVern yesterday entered a plea of not guilty and was placed in jail upon his failure to put up \$500 bail money.

McVern really didn't steal the chickens, according to the story he tells Clifford Moylan, the attorney representing him—he found the min a couple of sacks beside the road.

He discovered the chickens a short distance north of Salem on Tuesday morning. He insists there were two sacks there, with three Rhode Island Red fowls in each.

McVern, who had come all the way from Oregon City as a foot passenger, decided to appropriate the birds himself, or at least save them for a while, since there was nobody there to take care of them.

He was later arrested on North Capitol street, however, charged with petty larceny. His case came up in justice court yesterday. A John Doe warrant having been lodged against him.

In the meantime, according to Moylan, nobody has come forward to claim the chickens.

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