

# SIDELIGHTS OF THE Stage and Screen

## Elsinore Theater

One of the screen's most appealing love stories, told with the photographically beautiful Ozark mountains as a background, is "The Shepherd of the Hills," now heading the entertaining bill at the Elsinore theater.

"The Shepherd of the Hills," is a First National Pictures screen version of the famous novel by Harold Bell Wright, and the lovers of the story, "Sammy" Lane and Young Matt, are portrayed by Molly O'Day and John Babes. Albert Rogell directed the picture, which was produced for First National by Charles R. Rogers.

In the cast, also, are Abe R. Francis, who plays the title role; Matthew Betz, as the villain, and Romaine Fielding, Otis Harlan, Joseph Bennett, Maurice Murphy, Carl Stockade, Marion Douglas, John Stockwood and other notable artists.

Molly O'Day, who played opposite Richard Barthelme in "The Patent Leather Kid" and Milton Sills in "Hard-Boiled Hazy," demonstrates her real attractiveness and ability in the role of the little Ozark girl. It is by far her best work to date.

Fox News, replete with a score of interesting happenings of the day was on the bill, as was a Christie comedy.

Patrons of the Elsinore are anticipating something heralded as truly extraordinary—"Man, Woman and Sin." The title tells little, however, for the film stars the internationally known Jeanne Eagles. The picture has Wash-

ington, D. C. as a background, and many interesting details as to the manner in which Uncle Sam holds a job as a city manager are revealed.

Reviewers, however, are cautioned not to expose the nature of what is really an unusual plot.

## Oregon Theater

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, in arrangement with A. L. Erlanger, Charles Dillingham and F. Ziegfeld, Jr., offers the world's mightiest attraction at the Oregon today, in the celebrated picture version of "Ben-Hur," to which all New York has crowded for many months and which equally delighted Chicago and Philadelphia in as many record-breaking runs. This wonderful picture, which cost \$4,000,000, three years' time and the labors of 150,000 persons in Italy and California.

It culminated in the construction of the gigantic Circus Maximus and race-course of Antioch and in the filming thereon of the thrilling chariot race. Instead of eight horses and the old-time mechanical illusion of the stage show, the new and greater "Ben-Hur" shows twelve teams of four horses.

The details of General Lew Wallace's famous "Tale of the Christ" have been reverently followed. Not only that, the picture heightens the powerful melodramatic and love interest of the play, centering in the four romantic characters of Ben-Hur, Messala, Esther and Iras, enacted by Ramon Novarro, Francis X. Bushman, May McAvoy and Carmel Myers.

the streets outside were ankle deep with running water. Naked Malay boys were dashing about with much glee and enthusiasm over their shower baths. Across the way a native shop keeper was sweeping back the approaching water from the overflowing gutter. In another shop Malay women were peddling their wares before a protected crowd of dark skinned admirers. Save for the muffled mutterings of the shop keepers, the night was still and warm. In spite of the downpour tightly curtained rickshaws were darting past the narrow enclosure of the street. The rickshaw men, half naked, drenched to the skin, trotted on to their various destinations.

When the rain had subsided we paddled back to our wharf. My raincoat was uncomfortably warm in spite of the fact that I had before abandoned my B. V. D.'s, and had acquired a pair of short khakis.

We stumbled over sleeping natives on the narrow covered sidewalks of stone. They were wrapped up for the night's rest like silk worms in cocoons. Anyway, the December night was too warm for them inside of the stuffy buildings. Then many are bound to sleep where providence might put them—on door steps, window sills, or on the hard cement walks.

We went toward Front street. The rain had seemingly depressed the activities of the shop keepers. The banners which before undoubtedly indicated gay activity, now drooped in a melancholy atmosphere. The moon from across the bay guided our steps. We were glad for an opportunity to escape. The hundred and one smells were too much for us to relish.

**EVERY THOMPSON.**  
Aboard S. S. Ellenga, Enroute to Rangoon, Dec. 11, 1927. (Thos. Cook and Son, London, was the address of the World Debater at the time the above letters were written.—Ed.)

governmental leaders who follow the wake of the Cantonese army to promote civil order. They seem to be intelligent and judicious in their means and endeavors. Most of them are educated in the United States, and consequently have an American point of view in many ways. The task before them looks discouraging, but they are persistently going ahead as though there were no disturbance in China at all.

Dr. Lei, vice president of Lingnan university, took us to the Nationalist cemetery where the heroes of the revolution are buried. Two companies of soldiers were paying tribute before a monument of the 74 heroes of the revolution. These soldiers were about to leave for the northern battlefields to fight for the Nationalist cause. Yet one is skeptical that they really know what they are fighting for. On their faces certainly there is not written a desire to kill or injure anyone.

That is why it seems so futile. China is fighting for something, but no one has a clear idea of just what that something is.

## THRIFT WEEK AIDED

**PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS VOLUMES ON THRIFT SUBJECTS**

The Salem public library is co-operating in the Thrift week program by making a special collection of books easily available, appropriate to the week. The list follows:

Thrift Day Books: Brown, Development of Thrift; Hall, Thrift; Marden, Thrift; How Other People Get Ahead, Ten Lessons in Thrift.

Budget Day books: Abel, Successful Family Life on a Moderate Income; Bailey, Meal Planning and Table Service; Donham, Spending the Family Income; Fitzpatrick, Budget Making in a Democracy; Kinn and Coley, Shelter and Clothing; Peyser, Cheating the Junk Pile; Streightoff, Standard of Living; Taber, Business of the Household; Woolman, Clothing, Choice, Care, Cost.

Life Insurance Day books: Fiske, An Epoch in Life Insurance; Huebner, Life Insurance; Q. P., How to Buy Life Insurance.

Own Your Home Day books: Bonta, Small House Primer; Crane, Everyman's House; Leach, Home Owners Hand-Book; Osborne, The Family Home; Outwater, Designs for American Homes; Saint, Maur, Self Supporting Home; Small Home.

Pay Bills Promptly day: Atwood How to Get Ahead; Fowler, How to Save Money; Moore, Accounting and Business Practice.

Share With Others day books: Babson, Ending Investment; Babson, Religion and Business; Brandt, How Much Shall I Give; McKaughy, A Man and His Money; McKaughy, Money the Acid Test.

Safe Investment Day books: Atwood, Putnam's Investment Handbook; Frazer, A Woman and Her Money; Hamilton, Savings and Saving Institutions; Herrick, Trust Departments in Banks and Trust Companies; Kirkpatrick, Use of Money; Marsson, How to Invest Your Savings; Mellon, How to Save Your Savings; Mead, Careful Investor.

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## YEAR'S FIRE LOSS HERE \$160,658.95

Fire Department Responds To 236 Alarms, Travels 329 Miles In 1927

The total fire loss in Salem on buildings and contents for 1927 was \$160,658.95, with insurance collected totalling \$122,104.36, according to the report of Fire Chief Hutton.

The loss on buildings was \$52,110.90, and on contents, \$107,548.05.

The fire department responded to 236 calls during the year, travelled 329 miles, laid out 36,000 feet of fire hose, raised 881 feet of ladders, and used 1007 gallons of chemicals. Eight alarms from outside the city were answered.

During the year, the department installed eight new hydrants, repaired seven old hydrants, and replaced six hydrants.

At the present time, there are 6400 feet of hose in service, 6,000 feet of which are in good condition, and 400 feet in fair condition.

One eighty-five foot aerial ladder, one-1000 gallon combination truck, one 750-gallon pumper, two combination hose chemical cars, and one Ford with 500 feet of 1 1/2 inch hose.

All hydrants have been inspected, flushed, and oiled; stand pipes have been inspected; and hose connections oiled, according to the report.

## SENDING HICKMAN NEWS SUPERVISED

C. G. Bunnell of Salem Directs Army of Operators On Slayer's Car

C. G. Bunnell, of Salem, who is commercial manager for the Western Union in Oregon and Washington, had an interesting assignment when Edward Hickman, child-slayer, was transported from Pendleton to Los Angeles recently.

Mr. Bunnell directed the small army of telegraph operators in their tasks aboard the Hickman special car. He boarded the train at Pendleton, and with him came three telegraph operators. As the train speeded on, more operators were taken aboard. At stations where long dispatches were dropped, the extra operators were left behind to augment the office force at such points, and others went on the train to take their places. Every effort was made by the company to send the stories to various points in the United States without delay.

Thousands of words of copy were filed at various points along the line, and it was necessary in many cases to send advance orders to have lines cleared and, where necessary, to establish new circuits.

Mr. Bunnell grew up in Salem and still maintains a home here. He comes into town almost every week-end after completing a circuit of his territory. He was one of the first messengers ever to be employed at the local telegraph office. He served for a time as manager here and then was promoted to his present position. A sister, Mrs. Edna Shoemaker, is assistant manager at the local office.

Lieutenant Frank Luke, Jr., one of the famous American aviators during the World War, brought down fourteen balloons and four planes in seventeen days, which is believed to be a record, staff, Norm staff, debate, basket-

## Women's League At State Normal Elects Officers

**OREGON NORMAL SCHOOL, Monmouth, Jan. 17.**—(Special)—Election of officers of the Women's League and of house organizations on the campus of the Monmouth normal school was effected last week, according to the president of the league. Raising the standards will be the special aim of the Women's League during the winter term.

At the council meeting held last Thursday Dean Todd explained the plan by which a standard contest will be conducted between the house organizations. The contest will be based on a point system, and points may be earned through activities in the glee clubs, McDowell club, orchestra, Lamron staff, Norm staff, debate, basket-

## Bridge Across Columbia At Astoria New Proposal

ASTORIA, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A plan for a \$20,000,000 bridge across the Columbia river at Astoria, proposed by W. D. B. Dodson, manager of the Portland chamber of commerce, in commenting upon the possible construction of an interstate bridge at Astoria, said last night: "If a bridge is proposed at Astoria, we will ask only adequate vertical clearance and assurance that the channel will not be obstructed."

"In view of the fact that no national standard for bridge clearances has been specified, we will insist upon a vertical clearance of 200 or 225 feet as has been asked at other major seaports."

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—(AP)—resolution proposing the bridging of the Columbia river at Astoria, submitted to the city council by E. M. Elliott and Associates, Inc., Chicago, for approval, was referred to the city attorney and Oscar Gratz, city manager, for further investigation during a regular session of council men last night.

Although the resolution carried nothing but toll charges and minor clauses pertaining to the right of way to approaches, councilmen to-night pointed out the span would dwarf the proposed Longview-Itanier bridge in height and length and probably would cost in the neighborhood of twenty million dollars.

There is little doubt but that the resolution would be approved by city officials unless some unforeseen development arises.

In a letter addressed to the city council accompanying the resolution, the company stated: "Our neighbors in their preliminary study of your location suggest that there is a possibility of the need for a bridge—and that in all probability a more thorough check of traffic and bridge study will show that a bridge constructed it would pay for itself."

"For your information our business is the sale of money and through the same to profit directly, as well as indirectly, thereby. We, together with our associated companies seek out desirable toll bridge locations and when we have assured ourselves that a bridge over any stream or body of water, if built, would prove a profitable venture, then we design, finance, construct, operate, and maintain a privately owned toll bridge and where the occasion warrants, and if it is safe to do so, arrange that the bridge pay out and then become the property of the bodies politic controlling the bridge-roads."

Little is known here of the E. M. Elliott and Associates, Inc., although in their letter they cite connection with the J. G. White Engineering company, an international organization. The letter also sets out numerous Missouri, Kentucky and other southern states where bridges have been constructed by the Elliott concern together with cities which have approved resolutions similar to the one they have sent to the Astoria commission.

The letter further states that "Mr. Elliott is in Washington now doing the necessary work pertaining to procuring congressional permission. We would like to get your bridge bill through congress during this session and get into construction this spring—so it's your move now."

Councilmen pointed out tonight that the phrase that "in all probability a more thorough traffic check . . . will show that were a bridge constructed . . ." was probably the lingering statement.

City officials declared that a thorough traffic count would show that a span, costing approx-

## BYRD BUYS VESSEL

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Commander Richard E. Byrd announced today that he would leave New York on his Antarctic expedition next September 10.

He has purchased the ice ship "Samson" for the trip. The vessel now is at Tromso, Norway, and is being fitted up for an early trip to New York.

The explorer and airman declared he hoped to return to the United States from the south pole region in June, 1929, but added that conditions there might make it necessary for him to remain until June of 1930.

He elaborated on his plans for the Antarctic expedition by saying that he would take 100 dogs instead of fifty he first thought necessary. With these he will establish bases and landing fields on the Ross Ice Barrier to within 1,000 miles of the south pole. The

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Representing farmers' organizations throughout the middle west and west, Gray advocated the passage of the remodeled McNary-Haugen bill on the ground that it represented the best legislation obtainable. He suggested one important amendment, creation of advisory councils in each of the federal land bank districts in place of commodity advisory councils to be established at the discretion of the federal farm board.

This would mean, he said, that emergency situations in all commodities in the regions would be met and dealt with by councils of the respective regions. Under the present plan separate committees are required as situations arise, respecting any one commodity.

The leaping baboon is found only in South Africa, says naturalists. So college cheer leaders must be human after all.

final air flight will be 2,000 miles over an ice field never before revealed to man.

The several bases and landing fields, he explained, will enable him to conduct air flights at right angles to the main course of the expedition. They also will be an emergency should his plane, in the climactic flight be forced down.

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