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A Movie Does Move

WE must profess a preference to silent pictures over the talkies. The movie had developed into the great art of pantomime. Now it is to be made over into a talkie-movie. It will take time to develop an art in the talkie. It is neither the "legitimate" drama nor the silent drama; lacks many of the better qualities of each.

The mechanics of the talkie will improve. That may be expected. Certainly it is to be desired. The devices now fail to carry the finer inflections and articulations. The voices are coarse and heavy; too many swishy whispers; too much monotony in the tones; too little variety in the voices.

But the talkie foreshortens the stage. It is the continuous close-up. The characters are few, the scene is limited. The movies permitted vaster sweeps; wilder, more vigorous action. The emotional reaction was heightened by the very silence of the theatre. Certainly the movie gave greater stimulus to the imagination. It pulled the tent-stakes of the mind, lifted the flap and let mind range into far spaces. But the talkie blabs commonplace realities; the mind is confined to the narrow room where the characters move and talk.

Suppose Douglas Fairbanks, as D'Artagnan, that swash-buckler incarnate, in "The Iron Mask" had had to stop and bray awhile through the mechanics of the sound recording device, what a disaster it would have been to a great theme and a great picture. As it was, he moved, bodies of men moved, action piled swiftly on action, scene on scene, with only the occasional intrusion of sound as of horse's hoofs on the cobblestones.

In all this craze for the talkie, we wonder if it is not more of curiosity for a new toy than acclaim for a genuine improvement either in entertainment or in dramatic art.

A Lesson for Detached Wives

MRS. PATTY, who got beaten with a brick and trussed up by the neck in a closet, was one of those detached wives who evidently thought light of her marriage vows. There are plenty of the kind of both sexes who in these days of loose morality think they find justification for stepping out. With the emancipation bolstered up by the "new thought" of the day they can ease their consciences to trip the primrose path. Friend husband may get a little drab; a little grouchy or fussy; and the wife easily becomes enamored of some sheik who looks like a million dollars to her. So she shakes the husband with or without legal divorce and enters new alliances.

Such connections entered upon illicitly seldom bring anything but sorrow and grief. The man who plays the part of a home-wrecker is such a snake that he won't linger long with the one he has enamored. Then he goes off and the poor woman reaching the years of wrinkles and grey hairs finds herself an outcast, without social standing or means of support.

Maybe this Tallman case will impress some unhappy wives that friend husband is not such an unworthy fellow after all. We note where a Hollywood woman claims Tallman invaded her apartment. Probably there are a good many grass widows, undivorced wives who will live in fear of captivated males, especially if they are radio men. Radio must be dangerous to men; Ormiston had a radio job too, it will be recalled.

"Vote for Two"

THIS school election in Salem is more of a pink tea than we have been accustomed to. In the upper part of the valley a school election is usually the grand drag-out of all the petty hates and feuds that have prevailed since boats sailed the Long Tom. Eugene still takes its school elections with bitter seriousness. Corvalls used to have wide open warfare over electing school board members, but the feud there has been abating in recent years.

Unless the Sabbath becomes a day for mixing political brew the Salem school election promises to pass off Monday with comparatively little interest taken and a light vote cast. It takes a lot of "they say" to get folk out to vote for school directors. Start a little gossip and by nightfall it grows into a mountain of slander or vilification.

There are four men who have filed for the office of school director with only two to elect. They are Mark McCallister, E. F. Slade, Dave Pugh and E. L. Wieder. It is painful to have to let a school election go by without making an endorsement, but we have no disposition to disturb the sociability of the occasion. Besides all who vote will be better acquainted with the candidates and their records in the community than the writer. Each of the candidates, we feel, is amply qualified for the position, so the election is a matter of choice among good men.

Distemper May be Prevented

DISTEMPER among dogs has long ranked with the incurables. Veterinarians called in to treat such cases shook their heads and offered no hope. A dog might survive but that was not because of any cure the vet might give him. Some people of course may be sorry to hear that a preventative for dog distemper has been found. They are the ones who spread poison to kill off the dogs in a neighborhood and rate about as low in the human family as a savage. Even the people who have succeeded in legislating dogs into solitary confinement have enough kindness toward dumb animals not to rejoice in a dog's death through distemper.

Distemper has been regarded as a sort of dog influenza or pneumonia. It is contagious, and usually strikes dogs less than a year old. The poor dog who gets distemper lies around, whines pitifully, craves water like a child, refuses to eat, wastes away, finally expires; and leaves behind some wailing children and grown-ups who feel a twinge at the throat as at the passing of a friend.

The new treatment is not a cure. It is a vaccine for immunizing dogs against distemper and is said to be practically 100% efficient. It is called the Laidlaw-Dunkin treatment, and is now available commercially. Time of course will be required to prove the virtue of the remedy. If it is a success great will be the rejoicing among dog-owners. We know a boy who for the lack of it makes some day in January his private "memorial day."

Tomorrow is father's day; and if the weather is favorable he will have to celebrate it with a family picnic, eat potato salad and peanut butter sandwiches, and watch that the children do not stray too far from camp. Somehow no one waxes sentimental over father's day, least of all the fathers.

Brookhart calls for the formation of a third party. Better have a second one before starting a third.

The fundamental law of the new nation state consists of 21 articles. Why the extra 20?

The Test



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BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

The Minto pass—

That is the true and rightful name—

And that is the name by which it ought to be designated, notwithstanding former efforts to call it the Hogg pass, and the marking of it by the forest reserve people on their maps as the Santiam pass.

There is before the writer a copy of The Statesman of Friday, February 6th, 1874, then published by S. A. Clarke. The principal news item of the paper of that date had to do with the movement for a wagon road over the Minto pass, and so did one of the editorials.

A public meeting had been held the evening before "at the old court house," which was afterwards used as a livery stable, on Court street, opposite the present Grand opera house building. The news item says the meeting was called to order by Geo. H. Jones, A. J. Morse presided.

Hon. John Minto, one of the committee appointed to see the county commissioners, reported that "the court had conferred to the wish of the petitioners, and had appointed Alonzo Gerner, surveyor and Geo. S. Downing, T. P. Jack and John Minto viewers."

Hon. Rufus Mallory, chairman of the committee appointed to wait upon the city council, reported that the idea of the proposed road was favorably received, but that the Salem city charter prohibited the giving of the aid prayed for asked for. Mr. Minto and Frank Cooper of the committee on correspondence reported that the persons with whom they had conferred along the proposed line of the road were almost to a man in favor of the project. Hon. Rufus Mallory introduced a resolution that was unanimously carried, condemning the action of "some evil disposed person or persons, residing in the city of Salem," who had caused to be printed and circulated throughout the county a petition to which a large number of signatures had been procured, "representing, by indirection, that it is the purpose of the county commissioners of Marion county to cause a large sum of money to be expended in draining lake Labish and to tax the people therefor, and coupling with it a clause of opposition to the construction of the proposed county road across the Cascades."

The resolutions went on to say that most of the signers were in favor of the proposed road over the Minto pass, but opposed to county money being expended to drain lake Labish. So, the resolutions went on to say, on account of the petition being so drawn as to contain on its face a false impression, "We, citizens of Marion county, do hereby most emphatically and positively denounce and condemn the action of any man or men who, for the purpose of gratifying personal malice or revenge, will resort to such means for the accomplishment of any purpose, and especially to defeat a measure of great importance and for the public good."

Hon. John Minto had long been an advocate of the opening of a wagon road over the pass he had discovered. He continued in the advocacy of the project as long as he lived. He "built better than he knew," for he could not foresee in his time that the Minto pass would furnish the way over the Cascade mountains that would be the easiest route and the cheapest for a paved highway for automobile travel, and the only one that could be kept open

the year through; though he realized that it would make the shortest way between the central Willamette valley and the inland empire country.

The editorial in The Statesman of that morning of February, 1874, referred to in the above, and under the heading, "Wants No Bunch Grass in His," said: "A very prominent gentleman whose name has during the past month been mixed up with every prominent office in the gift of Marion county, and whose capital is equal to holding them all if the people and the state constitution could be made to see it, has struck the richest idea out of his head, and has named it 'The Minto pass'."

He is supposed to have originated the remonstrance against the viewing out of the new Cascade mountain road, because it possibly may cost something. He wants to keep lake Labish at high water to drown his sorrows in and not to have any mountain road made by which his constituents can escape him. Tying lake Labish to the mountain road is shrewdness epitomized, but we suggest that the road to bunch grass ought to be made soon, if only to give him a chance to imitate the example of Nebuchadnezzar in hopes to prove his condition and enable him to live without any office. He can contrive the manufacture of 'slates' as a harmless amusement."

Dr. Mark Skiff has kept this old copy of The Statesman of the road were almost to a man in favor of the project. Hon. Rufus Mallory introduced a resolution that was unanimously carried, condemning the action of "some evil disposed person or persons, residing in the city of Salem," who had caused to be printed and circulated throughout the county a petition to which a large number of signatures had been procured, "representing, by indirection, that it is the purpose of the county commissioners of Marion county to cause a large sum of money to be expended in draining lake Labish and to tax the people therefor, and coupling with it a clause of opposition to the construction of the proposed county road across the Cascades."

That last was just like saying it's a waste of time to talk to a well-head school teacher about God. That was a nasty crack and we are glad it was Old Chuang that said it and not us. Chuang's dead.

But just the same, Old Chuang must have had some reason for talking like that, don't you suppose? Makes you feel like you better soft pedal any wise cracks that other people may know something about, doesn't it?

Another guy they called Chi Kang Tsu, (might have been Chuang's uncle—same name. And you could say it easy enough if you was used to it like them) asked Confucius a while back (2,500 years):

"Should I not cut off the lawless in order to save the law and order?" Chi was a big boss, a prince or something. Old Chuang came right back something like this: "No use to kill your people off. You are like wind and your people are like grass. When the wind blows the grass will bend."

About that same date a fellow by the name of Tsu Chang asked Confucius what a man must do in order to be distinguished. Chuang had a hunch that Tsu (right, sneeze, hard sound) was trying to put one over on him and so asked him what he meant by distinguished. When Tsu said he meant front page stuff and lots of it, Chuang landed as follows:

"That is notoriety, not distinction." Chuang went on to say that distinction was other people's

estimates based on simple honesty, love of justice and duty, not your own hunch about yourself, that you've been smooth enough to get spread all over the community. Speaking of the distinguished man, Chuang also said: "He weighs men's words and observes the expression of their faces." In other words, he looks them in the eye to see whether they're lying. "He is anxious to put himself below them. Such a one is truly distinguished. As to the man who is much talked about, he puts on an appearance of charity and benevolence, but his actions belie it. He is self-satisfied and has no misgivings. Neither in private nor in public life does he achieve more than notoriety."

This may help us to find several distinguished people right here in Salem. It sure is a comfort to know you can be distinguished and not know it yourself.

Old Oregon's Yesterdays

Town Talks from The Statesman Our Fathers Read

June 16, 1904

The question of high school or the high school is becoming warm in the city, and many friends of higher education are working hard to carry the point at the election Monday, Salem is the only city in the United States with a population of 10,000 or more without a high school.

Ladies' day will be observed at the C. A. A. C. ball park today. The Raglans and the Eugene Blues will vie for the ladies' favor.

A wall of woe is being emitted by Willamette valley farmers, all because the long dry season fails to break.

Rev. I. Driver is in the city from Eugene.

J. C. Goodale has returned from a five-weeks trip east, and included in his itinerary a visit at the World's fair in St. Louis.

Editors Say:

HELP FOR MR. COREY
The Eugene Register criticizes Public Service Commissioner H. H. Corey for opposing the construction of a railroad from Nyssa, Oregon, to Winnemucca, Nevada. Mr. Corey states that the Public Service commission objects because it might seriously interfere with the construction of the cross-state railroad. The Register intimates that the cross-state line is a nebulous proposition, while the Nyssa to Winnemucca line is a "definite railroad development." Commissioner Corey is right. The Nyssa-Winnemucca proposition is simply a move on the part of those opposing the cross-state line to hamper its construction. The Nyssa-Winnemucca line never will be constructed, while if the Public Service commission demand provisos—and every indication now is that it will—the cross-state line will be built. Let us stand solid-

Demanding to know what the democrats were to do about the situation, Representative Box urged them "to fight, not to submit; to fight, not to retreat."

"Let the democrats of the nation, each and all, take a new attitude, and begin to fight for the control of their party," he said, adding that the "party needs to be reformed, regenerated and re-vitalized."

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Lay Sermons

Whether I go from the Spirit or whether I go from the presence of God, I shall be there. If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, thine hand shall lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. "Oh that I knew where I might find him! That I might come even to his seat!" Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; And backward, but I cannot perceive him; On the left hand, when he doth work, but I cannot behold him: He hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him. —Job 33:8, 7-10

The Psalmist cannot "escape God's presence"; the hero of the great philosophic drama of the old testament, Job, cannot find him. Their descendants have similar experiences today. Some make diligent search for some satisfactory evidence that a personal God exists. But they find none that con-

vinces them. To others God is so real they claim almost to feel his presence.

Neither can understand the attitude of the other. The skeptic is critical of the credulity of the religious. The believer cannot fathom the obtuseness of the other. So there is not only lack of sympathy but open antagonism between the mystic and the rationalist, the believer and the dissenter.

Where is God? has been the question that has perplexed minds of all ages. In answering it religious have been formulated enrolling thousands in acceptance of diverse solutions to this riddle. Pagans placed him in stone or tree. Higher faiths placed God in man, and worshipped the exalted deity. Pantheism said that God is everywhere. Mediaeval belief made him inhabitant of a planet some miles above the one of earth. The growth of knowledge revealed that the firmament was not a heaven, but a mass of rotating worlds, that whirling pine and rugged rock were not the abode of deity. And glorified kings and heroes have been deprived of deification in the cold appraisal of modern times.

Faith alone gives assurance of the presence of God. The testimony of the supernatural no longer is accepted. But human reasoning ends either in the cry of faith or the groan of despair; in conclusion that there must be a living

God; or that all is but a delusion ending in night and chaos. There is either the hopeful cry of the Psalmist that God is felt everywhere; or the complaint of the character Job that he is not to be found.

It is well for one to credit the sincerity of the other, for the cynic to respect the conviction of the man of faith; for the believer to be tolerant of the opinions of the unbeliever. And in the same mind there are moments of assurance and periods of depression. Now we may doubt; again we may believe. The same Job who could not apprehend the God he sought, at another time could exclaim:

"And after my skin, even this body, is destroyed, Then without my flesh shall I see God."

"Canst thou by searching find out God? Some can; others cannot. Certain it is that a deep consciousness of the presence of God comes only to those with minds 'in tune with the infinite,' minds where the scientific method has not dulled spiritual perceptions. There is something sublime in the calm confidence of those who can say with Tennyson:

"Speak to Him, thou, for He hears, And spirit with spirit can meet; Closer is He than breathing, And nearer than hands or feet."

Heflin of Alabama must lead a vivid life. When he isn't on an orgy of senatorial oratory he is away lecturing to the klan telling how Mussolini has betrayed Italy to the pope and declared war on the Masons. No wonder we get nowhere on farm relief.

The Texas senate, having nothing important to do, took time Friday to score Mrs. Hoover for entertaining a negro woman, the wife of a congressman in the White House. Such action belied the democracy on which the United States is supposedly founded. Years ago Roosevelt was scored for entertaining Booker T. Washington in the White House. We should have progressed from this day.

Killing of citizens by law-enforcement officers is not pleasant news, and when the killing was unprovoked the matter properly comes one for censure and punishment. But columns of useless sympathy are wasted when it is considered that for every civilian needlessly killed, any number of officers lose their lives. The Aurora, Illinois, killing, occupied far different perspective when all the facts came out and it was shown that the officers were actually in danger of their lives and fired in self-defense. But the world needs it; "martyrs," whether they are "martyrs" or not; John Brown, fanatic and zealot, was hailed by such great men as Hugo as a martyr of the ages. The sensible viewpoint of present deaths caused by law enforcement officers is that the task of seeing that law is obeyed is a big one and demands a firmness which may lead to use of the gun.

California peach growers are asking \$30 per ton for No. 1's this year. Last year the crop amounted to nearly \$15,000,000 cases which is nearly 5,000,000 more cases than the normal consumption of peaches throughout the United States. This year the estimated production will reach only half that amount, placing them at 7,000,000 cases with the \$50,000 left over from 1928 will make the total pack available less than 10,000,000 cases. That's the reason for the greatly improved price this year. High peach price is good for Oregon because it means more of a market for Oregon peaches. When California has a big peach crop, the prunes suffers because cheap peaches are big sellers.

Oregon has arrived as a state of consequence now that the first volume of a "Who's Who for Oregon" is off the press. When E. E. Brodie, who is the publisher of the book, conceived the idea and announced that he was going to carry it through, a number of bystanders stood back and said it couldn't be done. But Brodie did it. The volume is not one of puff but it is rather complete compendium of men who are active in the state. As such it is valuable as a source of reference and should be revised and reprinted from year to year.

Doctor at 83 Found People Preferred His Prescription

The basis of treating sickness has not changed since Dr. Caldwell left Medical College in 1875, nor since he placed on the market the laxative description he had used in his practice, known to druggists and the public since 1892, as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin.

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Dr. Caldwell did not approve of drastic physics and purges. He did not believe they were good for human beings to put into their system. If grown people want to use them no one can deny them the privilege, but they should never be given to children.

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