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"Dead End" will rate as the best picture of 1937, or
among the very best. The acting is excellent, especially in among the very best. The acting is excellent, especiall in
some of the minor parts. TTe plot is effective, supplying the
triple threads of romance and tragey and comedy to weave
s.t. a coherent narrative. Bet it is the setting whith is superb.
and the theme which the very setting supplies.
 York, where the street runs into the river. The palatial homes
of the well-todo stand shek-b-joiow with the rotten slums
of the tenement district The gang of boyss amphibian in habof the tenement district. The gang of boys, amphibian in hab-
it and cothing, frequent the treet-end, the basements, the
piling the water, the shadowy spaces under the walks sand piling, the water, the shadowy spaces under the walks and
builinings. Characters of real worth batte against the pull
down of unemployment, of the strike, of bitter poterty, of down of unemployment, of the strike, of bitter poverty, of
support of dependents. A brace of gagsters drift in to sup.
ply the sinister and the dramatic elements of the play. The sheer hopelessess and helplessness of ""ead End"
are portrayed as ompetently in the character of the
stangster's sother as in the whole dirty, sordid scene. For her there
is despair and wretchedness, physical and mental a sem-
blance of mingled pride and bitterness which makes her bantive her own son when he seeks her out, eight killings to his
discredit; an exhaustion and debility which reveal a life of


 emancipation on slom dwellers will not come until their pur
chasing power is increased. But there are ther surres o "Deandagion End"
There is sex passion which sears, and
ment satisfies conventions. It carries no particular preach
 tion under the direction of Samuel G

## Mellon Tax Case


Oregon's "Who's Who"
Who". Most anyone who breathes in more than three sylla-
bles got his name on the list, and his pedigree. Sometimes the facts were wrong, but to, one who thought out loud an
in Odales's opinion out of order got his name on the list in Odales sominion out of order got his name on the list.
Some of the enrollese rejoce at the listing as adge
of honor; ;others are irritated at the insinuation they are dog Treys, caught in bad company; others are mildy amused. N
one seems to have thought of that very adequate edense which Popeye frequently iterates realm asale moppears to th have moved in quite as shadowy a
they are lost in threst. They get such a head-swim of the old terrorists,-everyone is suspet. Now all that is keceded is to tet a littlie dayyiight in, and some fresh air, and
chase away the hoboblins. The reds aren't going to catch us






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 have to bear ail the cost and eharge rates to retire the whole enn
ment. What gopd is a yardatick if it ts cut to about 23 thches?


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