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ALTA TODAY
 WONDERFUL CAST IN "DOUG'S" NEXT PICTURE

One cannot help but marvel at the exceptional strong cast that Douglas Fairbanks has gathered to support him in his latest United Artists production, "The Mark of Zorro," an adaptation of Johnston McCully's novel, "The Curse of Capistrano" that appeared serially in the "All Story Weekly" magazine recently. This picture will be the feature attraction at the Alta Theatre commencing today.

As this highly interesting story is practically a deviation from those previously attempted by Mr. Fairbanks in so far as the locale, plot, time and customs are concerned, he has successfully striven and collected a cast which has been specially adapted in playing their respective parts.

For the feminine lead, Miss Marguerite DeLaMotte, a mere slip of a girl, was finally selected after a host of prominent candidates were personally considered by Mr. Fairbanks. Incidentally this is another occasion where "Doug" has chosen a new leading woman. By a curious coincidence her first screen appearance was with the Fairbanks organization in the production of "Arizona". Fully cognizant that the camera offered her a wider scope for the exploitation of her talent and art, Miss DeLaMotte was persuaded to terminate a highly promising stage career. It was not until "The Mark of Zorro" had been definitely decided for his next production, that Mr. Fairbanks found it to contain the ideal role for the promotion of her skill and therefore lost no time in engaging her.

Noah Beery, who portrays the big, pretentious Gonzales, and who supplies some of the humor by his boasting and ludicrous actions, is already acquainted to the vast host of screen admirers for his esteemed efforts in numerous other productions. The character assigned to him in this picture certainly affords him the opportunity of displaying that part in which he excels.

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NEW YEAR IN BILVILLE.
 (By Frank I. Stanton)

Oh, de New Year come wid bran an' bluster—
 Ketch some folks in a linen duster,—
 I know
 I froze—
 I most froze up in Bilville!

Dey puts me down for a weak believer—
 Fa in de hand er de same receiver—
 I broke—
 (No joke!)
 I plum dead broke in Bilville!

Dey ain't no sign er a jinglin' dollar,
 Country dry, an' de jug ring hollow!
 Plum dry
 (Oh, my!)
 An' I wants my dram in Bilville!

I knows I bound for de trouble maker;
 (Jes' tell my age ter de undertaker!)
 Goodby!
 (Oh, my!)
 It's de trouble-time in Bilville!

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ONTARIO VS. OREGON

GOVERNOR OLCOTT'S request for repeal of the quarter mill road tax is founded on a desire that some needed improvements be made at the boys' training school. That the school is now poorly equipped is probably true and the governor's humanitarianism is to be commended.

But who says Oregon must curtail on road work in order to provide a fit training school for unfortunate or incorrigible boys? Is this state so hard pressed it cannot do its duty in one department without cutting down on other work that is vitally needed?

The East Oregonian refuses to believe it. Oregon is not as impoverished as some would have the world believe. Besides, there are other forms of economy aside from starving our state institutions or crimping the highway program.

We are letting one of our best assets—water power—go to waste. Twenty million horse power in the Columbia basin is unused while we buy expensive coal and oil on which we pay high freight rates. The sum we sacrifice in this respect would build a thousand boys' training schools.

Does Oregon have to endure this colossal waste? If so, then we must confess that we lack the ingenuity and progressiveness of the people of Canada.

The province of Ontario, Canada, is solving this problem. Just how it is done is not clear to this paper, but a New York newspaper on January 12 published the following summary of what has been accomplished and those results speak volumes:

"Ontario hydro-electric system established in 1910, when it supplied power to six municipalities.

"In 1920, 250 municipalities were supplied with power at cost.

"Private company in Toronto, Ontario, before the advent of the public commission, charged 12 cents per kilowatt hour for commercial lighting. The rate now under the hydro-electric plan is 2 cents per kilowatt hour.

"For electricity used by manufacturers the price has been reduced to \$14.50 per horse power. In New York state the price for the same power is from \$50 to \$75.

"The saving to users of electricity for household purposes alone has been \$2,380,000 a year.

"Cheap electric power has reduced the consumption of bituminous coal in the Province of Ontario from five to six million tons per year.

"It has reduced the freight haul on all this coal and eliminated obnoxious smoke to that degree.

"It has made electricity available to the farmers by taking the place of gas engines and other power and is used by the farmers' wives for household purposes.

"Provides that the municipalities shall pay in the power-rate bonds in thirty years and at the end of that time own the hydro-electric plant free of debt."

If Ontario can do such things, why cannot Oregon and Washington, especially if we can get some federal help for reclamation purposes? The Columbia basin power sites are among the best in the world and constitute one-third the potential hydro-electric energy of the nation.

Why not get busy with a view to developing our resources, then we will not have to fuss so much over economy in places where we already operate on a parsimonious basis.

President-elect Harding is going to wait a month after his inauguration before calling congress into special session to save the nation and the world from democratic misrule, it is now announced. This is startling, indeed. Most of the anti-Wilson oratory and editorial effort prior to November 2 indicated that the fate of Uncle Sam was most critical and that nothing short of a swift G. O. P. operation could save his life. Then why wait a whole long month?

Through action of the public service commission Portland homeowners face an increase of 70 per cent in the price of gas. The advance in rates is attributed to the fact that gas in Portland is made from oil imported from California and the price of this oil is four times what it was in pre war days. The Rose City should devote some attention to the matter of generating electric power at Bonneville and Celilo. It is practical to heat houses and cook with electricity if you have the electricity.

NOTED BRAZILIAN TO PAY HOMAGE TO DON PEDRO II.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—Dr. Ruy Barbosa, sole survivor of the prominent men who in 1889 caused the bloodiest overthrow of the Empire of Brazil, set up a republic and banished the imperial family, will play a part as representative of the League of Nations Delegation, in paying homage to the former Emperor Dom Pedro II and his wife when the Brazilian battleship Sao Paulo brings their bodies back from London. The bodies are expected to arrive here within a few weeks.

Responding to the League's request that he represent it at the landing of the remains of the late Emperor, Dr. Barbosa said that the banishment of the imperial family had not been an act of proscription and revenge but merely a precaution, an elementary guarantee of security for the heads of the old regime and for the calm birth of the new. He was glad that at what was practically the end of his public career, the opportunity had arisen for revocation of the act of banishment and thankful to be able to take part in the ceremony.

SILVER DEPOSITS FOUND.
 DAWSON, Yukon Territory, Jan. 15.—Silver deposits, said to rival in richness the Klondike famous placer gold of Eldorado and Bonanza, have been revealed as the result of winter operations on the claims of the Yukon Gold Company at Keno.

SIMPLE DRESS TYPIFIES SPOKANE GIRL GRADUATES

SPOKANE, Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—Girls are to be graduated in the January class at the Lewis and Clark high school here will be simply dressed when they receive their diplomas.

It has been ruled that no dress shall cost more than \$15. Neither georgette crepe nor silk will be permitted, and no gloves will be allowed.

Unexpected Reply.
 "Woodman, spare that tree," cried the poet.
 "All right. No more wood pulp, no more paper, no more poetry,"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

BASEBALL OF 60 YEARS AGO HAD POPULARITY

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—Baseball fans of 60 years ago were just as rabid as those of today, according to the summary of a game played at Baltimore, Maryland on October 8, 1860, printed in a paper called "Wife's Spirit of the Times" which at that time was an authority on all sports. A Springfield sporting man has a copy of the issue.

The rival teams were the Brooklyn New York "Excelsiors" and the Baltimore "Excelsiors." With no pop bottles nearby, the bugs probably didn't know what they were missing. The three thousand spectators maintained good order, with exceptions of "occasional annoyances from the crowd pressing too close upon the catcher."

The regular Baltimore pitcher's pillow "perhaps was packed by a wise knacker, for "Mr. Patchen who came out to witness the game, kindly volunteered to pitch and exhibited beautiful play."

Mr. Patchen would have received a beautiful panning at New York's present stamming ground on Coogan's Bluff. He "allowed" just 51 runs. In the sixth inning, Brooklyn—New York made 13 runs. The final score was 51-4.

BASEBALL OF 60 YEARS AGO HAD POPULARITY

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Send 10c. to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel in Buffalo, N. Y., for a trial package of any of his medicines.

BANDIT AND WOMAN SHOT DURING HOLD-UP

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 15.—(U. P.)—One bandit was seriously wounded and another believed to have been shot when they attempted to hold up the suburban bank. Policemen in civilian clothes who were in the bank at the time of the attempted holdup, shot one bandit through the abdomen. Two other bandits escaped in a high powered automobile, under fire from the policemen.

Mrs. Cora Wilson was hit by a stray bullet.

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