

## 'FOOLS FIRST' LIKED HERE

PREVIEW SHOWN OF FILM BARRIED IN PORTLAND

Manager McDonald Wants Expression From People as to Whether It Shall Be Shown Here or Not

"What would you do?" was the question asked by the Rex theatre by Managing Director A. H. McDonald when, after purchasing for presentation the Marshall Neilan production, "Fools First," on recommendation of the national board of review of motion pictures, he discovered it had been condemned by the Portland censor. Since the picture had not been publicly released, and influenced by the exceptionally favorable criticism of the national board as well as by the past reputation of Marshall Neilan as a producer of recognized pictorial achievements, the Rex director had contracted the engagement of "Fools First" without first previewing it.

Having asked for public opinion as to whether or not the picture should be shown in Eugene, several suggestions were made that a private showing before a selected audience of prominent local people be held and the consensus of opinion determine whether the production should be given presentation at the Rex. Believing the suggestion fair in every way, a special performance of "Fools First" was held at which well-known Eugene people were present.

When asked to criticize the picture, expressions were obtained from councilman E. B. Parks, who pronounced it "very fine." Rev. F. G. Jennings enthusiastically announced it "all right, indeed." "It is very sound," said G. F. Skipworth, judge of the circuit court. "It leaves a lasting good moral effect and proves that for breaking the laws of society punishment is inevitable," opined Superintendent of Schools E. F. Carleton. "Corking good entertainment," was Richard Alta King's contention. Ida May Tierney, of the economic department of the university, considered it "far above the average." Mrs. D. V. Ford, of the school board, thought "it had lots of good points if the children did not take it literally." Otto Gillstrap proclaimed "it's moral lesson is great; it's impressions remarkably strong. It is not only above criticism, it is above par in dramatic achievement, well conceived and well worth seeing." Councilman S. R. Mosher considered it "all right," while Councilman G. W. Monroe declared it "wonderful," and E. A. Quimby thought it "very fine." Mr. and Mrs. David Auld, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Snodgrass and members of the school board expressed themselves as agreeing with the national board of review that there were no reasons for censoring the picture.

No definite announcement has as yet been made by the Rex management who have published the complete criticism issued by the national board of review and have sent out thousands of copies of the criticism, requesting it be read and a reply made to the question, "What would you do?" As soon as a majority of those answers are received, stated Manager McDonald, he will either announce a public showing of the picture or cancel it forever. When questioned concerning a possible date for the presentation should the reply be favorable, Mr. McDonald said the feature would be for the first of next week could be postponed and "Fools First" could then be shown, starting Monday.

## OREGON CAVES ATTRACT

INFLUX OF TOURISTS EXPECTED THIS YEAR

Grants Pass Expected Big Throng of Sight-seers June 26 When Road Will Be Completed

Oregon caves, near Grants Pass, are being advertised the country over, and a great influx of visitors is expected this summer with the opening of the new automobile road leading to the caves, says C. J. Buck, assistant district forester in charge of recreation, who has just returned from the caves. "Grants Pass is planning a grand opening June 26, when the road will be complete," said Buck. "A permit has been issued to R. McIlveen, of Medford to conduct a lunch room and a small store at the caves this summer. He will also furnish lights and candles for the visitors to the caves." A wonderful improvement in the method of going through the caves has been effected by Guide E. A. Rowley, said Buck. Steel ladders now replace the old wooden ones, and the passages have been enlarged so that one can walk upright much of the way. Some of the openings Rowley enlarged with powder, but others he chiseled out so as not to injure the limestone formations.

"Oregon caves are beginning to attract as much attention as Crater lake," said Buck, "and inquiries are coming from as far east as New York from persons who expect to visit them this year."

## SPOUSE IN JAIL IS SUED

MRS. OLIVE SLACK SEEKS DIVORCE DECREE

Mrs. Olive M. Slack of this city, gives as one of the reasons for seeking a divorce from her husband, Paul P. Slack, that he was recently arrested and convicted of having liquor in his possession and was sentenced to serve a term in jail and pay a fine. Mrs. Slack also avers that her spouse was lazy and indolent and that he failed and neglected to properly provide for her. She says she broke up housekeeping and she returned to the home of her parents in Eugene because of his failure to support her. They were married in Eugene February 17, 1920, and have one child, Truette Frederick, who was born May 12, 1922, after the father had been sent to jail. Mrs. Slack seeks the care and custody of the child and asks for \$30 a month alimony. Young and Day are her attorneys.

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## GEOLOGISTS TO TAKE TRIP

PARTY OF STUDENTS GO TO SOUTHERN OREGON

Dr. Packard Will Have Charge of Research Work in Vicinity of Ashland

Headed by Dr. Earl Packard of the geology department, a small party of university students, limited to 12 in number, will leave immediately after the final examinations for southern Oregon to spend three weeks investigating the economic resources of the area and mapping the geological features of the Ashland quadrangle. According to Dr. Packard, who is a recognized paleontologist as well as a geologist, this section of the state, with the exception of the Willamette Blue mountains, is the most fertile in Oregon for research work of a geological nature and it is expected that the investigations carried on this summer will be of interest to geologists throughout the United States.

The expedition into the fossiliferous formations of Southern Oregon this summer will be the third sent into that part of the state by the geology department of the university and the work accomplished will ultimately be incorporated in a geological folio of the quadrangle covering a period of seven or eight years' work, which will probably be published under the direction of the United States bureau of mines. In the territory to be studied this summer, uplifts of the Sierran mountains have bared geologic strata, which extends in age back to the Paleozoic, the time when strange forms of faunal life came into existence. Also in this area Mesozoic strata have been exposed and the geologists will have the opportunity of examining formations laid down at that distant time when cumbersome forms of land and water reptiles lived. Fossils of plants and Pleistocene animals have been found in the vicinity, according to Dr. Packard, and he hopes to excavate fossils which will give scientists a better understanding of the Paleozoic life of the western coast of the continent.

The majority of the students who are to attend the geology summer camp are advanced majors in the department, with several graduates from other institutions, and for this reason it is expected that the work accomplished will surpass that of other years. Since the group will make a study of the artesian waters and oil resources of the Ashland country, it is probable that the people of southern Oregon will be interested in the work to be done by the geologists.

Glenn Walkley, of Eugene, has been elected manager of the summer camp and will leave next Friday to establish headquarters about midway between Ashland and Medford. A fossil location has been reported in the vicinity of the Oregon caves and while in the south the geologists will visit this region. It is probable that the caves will be studied by the party before the field work is finished.

## PIG FEEDING IS WATCHED

DEMONSTRATIONS ARE SHOWING INTERESTING RESULTS

One Lot Is Fed Skim Milk and Grain While Another Straight Ration of Barley

Two typical hog-feeding demonstrations were yesterday witnessed by Ira P. Whitney, county agent, and H. A. Lindgren, animal husbandman of the Oregon Agricultural college, and Mr. Whitney reported last night that good results had been obtained in both cases and that further observations will be made on the same animals in the fall.

Mr. Whitney and Mr. Lindgren first visited George Platt's dairy farm at Thurston. Mr. Platt is feeding 10 pure-bred Hampshire pigs, dropped 66 days ago. At the present time their combined weight is 592 pounds or averaging 59.2 pounds per pig. Mr. Platt is now putting them on a fattening ration of skim milk, ground corn, ground oats and mill run and expects to have them in five weeks ready for market. He figures that the pigs cost him \$4.67 each, allowing a fair price for the milk and feed. Their commercial value at the present time is between \$6 and \$7 and he figures that he has already made a good profit out of them. He paid \$45 for the sow just before she dropped the pigs and Mr. Platt says that he will receive a very good return on his investment. Mr. Whitney and Mr. Lindgren went to Cal M. Young's farm north of Eugene where Mr. Young is feeding eight Poland China sows on a barley ration. They now weigh 850 pounds or an average of 106 1/4 pounds each.

Mr. Whitney says the two different methods of feeding will be watched with a great deal of interest. Where the hogs are raised on a dairy farm it is always desirable to feed them skim milk but on a grain farm this ration is not available and the best that can be done is to feed the hogs grain as Mr. Young is doing.

## PATRIOTIC DANCE PLANNED

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND LEGION JOIN

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion will cooperate in putting over on July 4, what promises to be the biggest and liveliest dance ever held in Eugene for some time. Decision to stage the dance was reached at a meeting of the committee from the two organizations at the chamber of commerce last night. Among those present at the meeting were Major Merritt B. Huntley, Paul Green, R. S. Huston, Edward Collins and Meador Fletcher.

The music for the affair is being arranged for and it is planned to have a number of special features for the dance. The members of the committee say that the big event is to be a patriotic dance for patriotic people and those attending are assured a real time such as has seldom been had in Eugene.

## VALUABLE LOTS ARE SOLD

QUARTER BLOCK ACQUIRED BY L. H. DERY

Mrs. Angeline Holt, who lives at the corner of Ninth avenue west and Charnellton street and has owned half a block of land facing Ninth avenue for many years, yesterday sold to L. H. Dery, of this city, the quarter block at the corner of Ninth avenue west and Lincoln street. This property is described as lots 1 and 2, block 4, Whiteaker's addition to Eugene. Mr. Dery, who has previously in-

vested quite heavily in Eugene property, says he will build a fine residence on the corner and may sell the other lot.

This is one of the finest pieces of property for residence purposes in the city. The purchase price is not announced but it is said to be in the neighborhood of \$6000.

## OBSERVE FLAG DAY TONIGHT

EVERYONE INVITED TO ELKS' SERVICE

The annual Flag Day services of the Elks' club will be held this evening in the city park blocks opposite the court house at 7:30 o'clock. All patriotic, fraternal and civic bodies are invited to attend. A special invitation has been extended to the children attending the daily vacation Bible school. Everyone is included in the invitation and it is expected to have a large attendance at the services in honor of the nation's flag. The Elks will give their Flag Day ritual and a number of musical selections will be on the program.

The program for the ceremony follows:  
Musical selection—Oregon State Band.  
Patriotic Songs—Madame Rose McGraw.  
Address—Burge E. Leonard.  
The committee in charge of the affair is as follows: Chairman, Dillard A. Elkins; W. W. Moore and R. H. Fields.

## BONUS PLAN IS APPROVED

PROGRESSIVE PAYMENT ON HOME IS OUTLINED

No applications of local ex-service men have yet been acted upon by the state bonus commission on the recently announced progressive payment plan of home building that has received the approval of the state commission, according to members of the Lane county appraisal board. The plan provides for the payment on the new home as the building progresses.

According to the information sent out by the bonus commission the applicant after filing his application is to submit the plans and specifications and the contractor's estimate of costs. The amount of the loan is decided upon by the commission after the engineer of the board and the county board of appraisal examine the plans and site of the proposed home.

The loan is placed in escrow and payment is made to the contractor as the building progresses providing the title is satisfactory and the amount of the loan meets the approval of the applicant.

## BUILDING WORK IS ACTIVE

PERMITS FOR NEW RESIDENCES ISSUED EVERY DAY

Building operations in Eugene continue unabated. Hardly a day passes but that a permit is issued for one or more new residences and permits for remodeling residences are still numerous.

Yesterday J. B. Bell took out a permit for the erection of his fine new residence at the corner of Twelfth avenue east and Pearl street at a cost of \$6000, according to the estimate given the inspector, W. H. Alexander. The excavation for the building is now nearing completion.

Permits were issued yesterday for remodeling a residence owned by Thomas J. Casey at 1247 Eighth avenue west at a cost of \$250, to remodel a residence owned by E. Koppe at 265 Third avenue east at a cost of \$250 and to build an addition to a coal shed at the corner of Fifth avenue west and Charnellton street owned by W. A. Hansen at a cost of \$150.

## DEMOCRATS WILL ORGANIZE

SEVERAL VACANCIES TO BE FILLED ON COMMITTEE

In addition to officially perfecting their organization and electing officers to handle the coming political battle, the Lane county Democratic county committee, which meets at the courthouse next Saturday, will have the task of appointing many district representatives to fill the vacancies where no committeeman was named and also to take the places of many members of the opposition party that were written in at the recent primary and who are not expected to attend the organization gathering.

As the Democratic party has a complete county slate to enter the campaign at the November election, it is expected that all at the office of the committee members will be present and the credential committee will be busy sifting out the many Republicans that have been officially named as delegates.

## STEIN JURY DISAGREES

SECOND TRIAL WILL START TODAY, ANNOUNCES JUDGE

The circuit court jury which tried Abe Stein, a Russian, charged with unlawful possession of liquor, last night at 9 o'clock reported to Judge Skipworth that it had failed to agree upon a verdict after having deliberated and balloted for nine hours, and the judge announced that the case will be retried, the second trial to start this morning.

The jury stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal for a long time, said the members, and it was impossible to effect a change.

The jury consisted of Roy Brewer, Clinton Hurd, Mark T. Burns, Abbie F. Wheaton, Elizabeth E. Day, Thomas E. Edwards, John T. Genn, Minnie McMahon, Hattie S. Gross, Francis Crenshaw and Zuda J. Midgley.

## CARPENTER SENT TO PEN

YOUTH WILL SERVE THREE YEARS FOR RAPE

Andrew Carpenter, Springfield youth, found guilty by a jury in circuit court few days ago of the charge of rape upon a young girl, also residing at Springfield, was sentenced by Judge G. F. Skipworth to a term of three years in the state penitentiary at Salem.

A strong plea for parole or leniency was made by H. E. Slattery, the boy's attorney, stating that he had previously borne a good reputation and that he was a veteran of the world war. The judge took the case under consideration Friday, the first date set for sentence, but concluded that the boy should serve his term.

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"When the laws of society are broken, punishment is inevitable,"—E. F. Carleton, superintendent Eugene public schools.  
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