

LILLIAN GISH STARS IN "ROMOLA"

Film Version of the Famous Novel by George Eliot Depicts Exciting Life of the Florentines



Dorothy Gish in "Romola," Showing at the Heilig Theatre.

The mantle of Eleonora Duse and Sarah Bernhardt has fallen upon the frail shoulders of an American girl, according to such distinguished opinion as that of Joseph Herzogheim, of George Jean Nathan, John Barrymore, Pola Negri, Theodore Dreiser and James Branch Cabell. And Lillian Gish wears the proud mantle with all of the richly explicit and liveliness that have won all hearts. At once the most authentic, the most subtle and the most elusive artist of our generation, she stands alone, the one supreme genius of the screen. Her appearance at any theatre is an event of supreme importance, and the Heilig takes pride in announcing that her newest picture, "Romola," said to be her finest effort, will be seen here at the Heilig Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Romola" is a film version of the famous novel by George Eliot which tells of the exciting life of the Florentines in the days of Savonarola. It was directed by Henry King.

The film version of "Lazybones," Owen Davis' Broadway success, starring Charles (Buck) Jones will

Moroni Olsen Talks

Head of Repertory Company Says He Just Vibrated Into Theatre Business After Leaving College.

By G. W. M.

If Moroni Olsen's memory serves him with absolute correctness, he first became aware of Byron Foulger and Miss Janet Young, both of whom are now members of his repertory company, at the Cornish school in Seattle, where they were all working under the Maurice Browns. The Cornish school incidentally is one of those delightful places in the Northwest where young students of drama go to perfect their work. Learning dancing, become generally proficient and prepare to go out into the world, east or west, and conquer it if they can.

Mr. Olsen chatted along about his work, sitting easily in his theatre dressing room with make-up part on and part of the lights glaring down on the most domestic-looking of dressing gowns in which he was working.

The head of the Moroni Olsen players has been tamping with things dramatic since he was a lad of sixteen, having started his career with the good old "home-talent" productions which were so familiar at that time. Living in Ogden, Utah, with his parents, he attended school and college there, and was a student at the University of Utah until he went to Boston to study dramatic reading at the Leland Powers school of the spoken word.

Vibrates Into Theatre "Then," said Mr. Olsen with a smile, "I just naturally vibrated into this theatre business as I knew I would. I like it."

The present company was organized in 1922, and consisted of all but three of the present members, so that the players are as at home together and as used to one another as one big family. They are playing in five North-Western states, with a total of forty-five towns and cities on their calling list, and chances to enlarge the scope of work done each year. It is Mr. Olsen's plan however to enlarge their schedule but very little more, since he prefers the personal contact and interest which come only from repeated visits to each community. His ideal is to visit each city at least twice each season.

An idiosyncrasy of his is that he doesn't like stars, in the usual meaning of the word, and never gives leading roles to his plays merely because they are stars. Nor does he refuse to. So there you see—the our friend the Puritan governor, those who don't work can't out, and the man who works is the man who gets the job with the Olsen players.

Asked what was the central motive for his instating work what the main purpose, he replied with a man in his eye, "Excellent." Nothing else can possibly justify any artistic attempt.

And seeing his work on the stage, one cannot but believe that very one thing is indeed his aim in life. To make each production an effective unit of dramatic excellence.

Montana Added to List Montana is the latest state to be added to the company schedule and has come in with ten small

come to the Heilig theatre Friday and Saturday.

This story of simple American people is told in a direct and wholly unpretentious manner, the characters are portrayed by an all-star cast ideally suited to their parts, and the action is filmed in a typical small town.

Strangely enough, the principal character is Steve Tuttle, the latest man in town who has been known as "Lazybones" ever since he was old enough to have a nickname. He is a lovable chap in spite of his lack of energy. He is kind, generous to a fault and one who will do anything to help a friend in trouble, regardless of whether it is destined to hurt his own interests or not.

Christmas is to be celebrated in the Yuletide style at the Heilig, for "The Ancient Mariner," the great fox picture especially made for this occasion, will be offered. "The Ancient Mariner," a fantasy founded on the familiar tale, is heralded as one of the outstanding cinema dramas of the year, and the Heilig was enabled to get it as a Christmas attraction only by applying for rights on it last summer, before filming was completed.

cities on the slate. Mr. Olsen's judgment on the little theatre work on the coast has been thoroughly vindicated by the response given to it here. The entire company feels most gratified over its success and the warm reception accorded the productions.

Mr. Olsen is keenly interested in athletics of all kinds and played football at Utah for a year or two. To this day he follows the athletic activities of his alma mater, and is as interested as a college freshman. He is a member of Sigma Chi, and enjoys visiting the chapters, active and alumni, whenever he is near them.

Members of the company reached Eugene from Roseburg Friday morning and spent much of the afternoon doing their Christmas shopping in various of the small gift shops about the city. Miss Young, Miss Adams and Miss Thatcher were most interested in various Japanese wares which they found displayed conveniently, and were purchasing busily.

Eugene folk are especially interested in Miss Young, since she is a graduate of the university with the class of 1914, and has gone into various departments of dramatic activity since that time.

Out of Town Society

At Springfield (Register Lane County Special) SPRINGFIELD, Ore., Dec. 12.—Miss Freda Fandrem and Mrs. Fandrem entertained a group of friends at the Henry Fandrem home, south of Springfield, Friday evening. After playing games refreshments were served to the following guests: Mrs. Sidney Ward, Mrs. Pete Tomseth and daughters, Alice and Abby, Mrs. Walter Larwood, Mrs. Levi Scott, the Misses Abby and Josephine Cooley, Mrs. Grace May, Mrs. John Tomseth and daughter, Ellen; Mrs. Harry Lichty, Miss Edessa Erickson and Mrs. Thorvald Nystien.

At Riverview (Register Lane County Special) RIVERVIEW, Ore., Dec. 12.—In honor of the birthdays of Miss Laura Thom and Miss Helen Edwards, which occurred on the same day, Mrs. Richard Thom entertained at a bountiful 7 o'clock dinner, Friday evening for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Fathi and son Donald, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Edwards and four children, Mrs. Mary Edwards, Miss Alma Smith, Mr. Ernest Edwards and daughter Helen, and son Horace, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wing and two children. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing carom and singing.

At Fall Creek (Register Lane County Special) FALL CREEK, Ore., Dec. 12.—A pleasant surprise and farewell party given at the L. H. Morehouse home at Fall Creek Saturday, December 5 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Jacoby, who are leaving here the first of January for Long Beach, California. Those who helped to make the evening a success were Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Murphy and little daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. John Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stewart and children, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Drury, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walcott, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wallace, Mrs. D. Jacoby, Miss Lucille Walker, Wayne Elliott Lester Jacoby and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hills and Mr. and Mrs.

L. H. Morehouse. After a pleasant evening of cards and music Mr. and Mrs. Jacoby were presented with an electric iron as a token of remembrance by their friends, a beautiful supper was served at midnight.

At Cottage Grove (Register Lane County Special) COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Dec. 11.—Mrs. D. H. Henninway, Mrs. Clara Burkholder and Mrs. H. A. Miller were hostesses for the Constellation club which was held Friday afternoon in the Masonic hall. Forty-five were present including guests, Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Mrs. Baldwin, and Mrs. Joe McGee, the latter of Albany. The rooms were decorated with miniature Christmas trees and holly. A two course luncheon was served. The next meeting of the club will be held on the evening of December 21 and the annual Christmas tree will be a special feature.

Mrs. George Scott was business Tuesday afternoon to the Lacomas club. Mrs. D. H. Henninway was a special guest. Following an after-

noon of fancy work the hostesses served a luncheon. The rooms were made cheerful with beautiful yellow and white chrysanthemums.

The Elmarites club met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Meriville Veach. The afternoon was spent playing bridge. Mrs. L. E. Lawson won first honors while the consolation prize went to Mrs. Charles Hall. At the close of a delightful afternoon a two course luncheon was served. Mrs. Harvey Hollerman and Mrs. Ivan Barker were additional guests.

Mrs. C. S. Roberts entertained with a birthday dinner in honor of Mr. Roberts' birthday anniversary on Monday evening, having as guests, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart and daughter Margaret and Mrs. Schofield Stewart.

Mrs. H. A. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hollwell entertained at the home of Mrs. Miller, Tuesday evening with a seven o'clock dinner for the employees of the Hollwell and Marksbury store.

Music and social pastime followed the dinner.

The engagement of Miss Lois Compton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Compton was announced Friday night at an entertainment in her honor given by her parents. The evening was pleasantly spent with conversation and games. The engagement of Miss Louise Compton to Brighton Leonard was announced in a most unusual manner. The guests were each given a nut and told to crack it. Within was a small roll of paper and upon it was written the news of the engagement of the young couple, followed by a life history of Miss Compton. A two-course luncheon was served. Mrs. Wm. R. Ashworth of Eugene, sister of Miss Compton, was the only out-of-town guest.

At Lower Fern Ridge (Register Lane County Special) LOWER FERN RIDGE, Ore. Dec. 12.—The women of the Thursday club enjoyed one of the most pleasant afternoons of the season when Mrs. F. C. Sanborn entertain-

ed on December 10 a lively contest was a feature of the afternoon after the business meeting. At five o'clock, the hostess served a buffet lunch. The tables were decorated with carnation and ferns. Those present were Mrs. A. C. Morrow, Mrs. J. N. Leigh, Mrs. E. I. Klemmer, Mrs. O. A. Drew, Mrs. E. F. Saunders, Mrs. Del Holcomb, Mrs. S. C. Adams, Mrs. W. B. Smith, Mrs. D. O. Fisher, Mrs. J. A. Adams and Mrs. S. E. Drew, Mrs. Haley and Miss Cora Dayton as guests.

The next meeting will be on December 21, with Mrs. A. C. Morrow at Alondore with a gift exchange as a feature of entertainment.

At Harbingsburg (Special to the Register)—Another event in honor of the high school football boys was held Friday evening. This was a six o'clock dinner given at the Artisan hall by a number of the high school girls. Five tables were needed to accommodate the groups of students. An hour or two was spent after the

dinner in playing progressive rummy. Girls present were: Jennie Wade, Jean Weber, Jean McAfee, Julia Balcovich, Adah Norwood, Alice Murphy, Edith Hilyon, Frances Stroda, Wilma Owen, Marshall Berhan, Mildred Moody, Bill and Elma Gilbert, Catherine and Margaret Cartwright, and Roberta Hanson. Boys were, Clyde Perkins, Harry Rice, Alphon Crane, Jerry Somerville, Charles Jackson, Wayne Brock, Gilbert Marguth, Everett Scott, Lloyd Grimes, Earl Brock, Donald Morgan, Bill Stulp, Edgar Grimes, Harold Moody. These boys were also given complimentary tickets to the Blue Jay dance at the M. W. A. hall.

Helen Ferguson, one of the most popular feminine luminaries of the screen, who made her debut as a player opposite Jack Mulhall was born in Decatur, Illinois, but when she was nine years old the family moved to Chicago. Helen's way to school led past the Eastman studio and when she saw Francis X. Bushman drive up in a purple limousine every day, she decided

she wanted a purple limousine and would forsake her usual mode of becoming a millionnaire.

Though Evelyn Trent, still unacquainted with the governing board of the film industry, she is planning to miss the show, she has a series of short pictures allowed to her to get no further than New York but she returned to Hollywood.

Dorothy Kenyon is in New York doing her Christmas shopping. In order that her friends may be well taken care of, she has arranged for the filming of a series of short pictures.

June Hand arrived in Chicago from the coast last week to assume complete charge of the dressing and recreation of the wardrobe of the eastern studio.

Dorothy Mackall is scheduled to play the female lead in a picture for eastern production only.

LILLIAN GISH

in ROMOLA

by GEORGE ELIOT

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