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ABOUT THAT LICENSE

It would be interesting to know by what process of thought, if such it may be called, the mayor and city council have reached the conclusion that it is the proper caper to stick a resident of the city for \$100 a year for dealing in a certain class of goods, while transient fly-by-nights are permitted to come in here and deal in the same class of goods for a longer or shorter period, according to the harvest they can reap, put their profits in their jeans and slide out without contributing a cent to the city treasury for license or anything else. Yet that seemed to be the position held and defended by our chief executive and the council at a recent meeting. The license on motion picture shows, running seven nights a week, is \$25 a quarter. The license on a merry-go-round, running seven days and nights a week, is—nothing. The license on a skating rink running day and night is—nothing. The show represents an investment of more or less real capital in the city, on which taxes are paid. The proprietor is expected to contribute, like other business men, to everything of a public nature that comes along. He is a resident of the city. If he make any money it is invested in the city and in the building up of a business that caters to the pleasure of the public through good season and bad. By a not very strong wrench of the imagination he might be considered a white man, a member of the Coquille business community, and entitled to fair treatment. Yet a little discussion that took place at the council meeting recently showed an unaccountable disinclination to take that view of the situation. If any councilman held the position that the payment of \$100 a year for the privilege of dealing in amusements entitled the show man to some protection from unlicensed competition from transients, his voice was not raised. Councilman Skeels took the view that there was no such competition "now" and apparently thought that settled it. Councilman Nosler pointed out that other merchants were not protected from transients who came in with stocks of close-out goods, apparently forgetting that neither were the merchants taxed \$100 a year nor any other amount for a special license to do business; evidently forgetting also that the merchants are protected by a license tax on peddlers, though they pay no special license themselves. Councilman Sanford objected to the fact that the prices at the local show have not been kept below the living mark, but have been placed on a level with those of all the other houses in the county, following the general and necessary trend all over the moving picture field. As for the mayor's talk and his implied condemnation of moving pictures on account of one picture that has recently been shown all over the United States, being censored only by the female fanatics in Portland, whose arbitrary action met general disapproval, and another objectionable picture shown some six or eight years ago, the like of which has not been exhibited of late years—perhaps the less said the better.

The manager of the Scenic makes no great objection to the amount of the license fee exacted from picture shows—but he does ask a fair deal both for himself and for the city. The license ordinance should be changed so as to include other forms of amusement, such as merry-go-rounds and skating rinks. This is so obvious that no argument seems necessary. Entirely aside from the question of a fair "protection" to the local citizen who pays a license, the city is entitled to the revenue. It is exacted everywhere else except in Coquille, and as a matter of fact the omission here seems to have been an oversight. This matter was talked over with the mayor last fall when a merry-go-round was merrily gathering the loose nickels, contributing nothing to the city treasury, the crew even boarding and lodging themselves and paying no tribute to our hotels or lodging houses. The mayor freely acknowledged that something ought to be done, but pointed out that it was too late to catch these people, for by the time the council could act the contraption would be gone. That seems to have been the situation whenever the question has come up. The roof could not be fixed while it was raining, and when it wasn't raining there was no need of fixing it. It remains to be seen whether any action will be taken before the next transient comes along.

Random Rambles

(By a Rambler)
The other day we made a trip by boat to Riverton and will endeavor to give your readers a pen picture of what we saw. As we glided down on the swift current and looked out over the broad expanse of water, dotted here and there by orchards, farm houses, barns and other evidences that this is usually land, we couldn't help but think of poor old Noah when he was in search of an Ararat whereon to land. But we needed no assurance of olive branch or dove for along the banks the myrtle grew in its perennial splendor, and back of all, as if to frame the picture, was the hills clad with evergreen. Really it was a sight for a worthier pen to describe.
Arrived at Riverton we were put off at the "dock" but had to get a man with a boat to ferry us ashore. It is a typical little mining town, its main dependence being the nearby coal mines of which Mr. McGee is superintendent. Mr. McGee has done his best to keep the work going, and so furnish employment to the men, but he has been up against a hard proposition from the fact

that the principal market for their product is local only and the depressed times have resulted in a big falling off in demand. But with the revival of the lumber industry will come a better demand for coal as well, and they are hopeful that the coming spring will find them working most of the time to keep pace with their orders.
They have quite a little settlement with a general merchandise store conducted by Ben & Martin, and a confectionary conducted by Mr. Peterson. They have a nice school building and carry the ninth grade. Miss Rounce (we are not sure of the name) is one of the teachers and is a bright energetic young woman who puts her whole energy into the work.
While there we met Mrs. S. M. Legget, mother of Rev. Legget of the Christian church of this place. W. W. Smith is the road supervisor and is already preparing to devote his time to the much needed road work.
H. Bumgardner has a nice little home here and is developing a mine of his own, in company with his son and another man or two. They have some fine specimens of coal. Mrs. Bumgardner is a splendid housekeeper and has one of the nicest homes in the place—but really the poor lady is to be pitied—she has such a bum gardener (Bumgardner) for a husband.
J. F. Lee is another who deserves mention, if for no other reason than for the fact that he and his wife have just passed the fiftieth mile post of their wedded life. They are both hale and hearty and able to "crack a joke" or enjoy one if another springs it.
Quite a number of families live in the place, many of whom have homes of their own and keep flocks of poultry and raise gardens. But the main dependence is the mine, and most of the men are engaged in mining whenever there is work to do.
Riverton is easy of access by boat and the fare is low. It is tributary to this place and most of the people make frequent visits to the "metropolis."
While things are dull at present there are signs of awakening and we may yet see it the busy bustling place of earlier days. It is a very pleasant place to dwell and flooded with the soft February sunshine, it made a lovely picture nestling at the river's feet.
Across the river a number of fine farms are visible with their large red barns, evidence of the wealth of the soil in this locality.

Bridge Pointers

The high water did no great damage in this vicinity. It aided the Powers Logging company to float logs which had hung up down stream.
The farmers have commenced to stir for spring work.
Mr. Ford, who is now in charge of the Farmers' store, lately made some inside improvements on the same.
All stores of Bridge report a good trade for the time of year.
The playshed for the school is now being rushed to completion since the better weather has come.
A good and attentive audience of visitors listened to the program given by the Bridge Literary and Debating society of the school last Friday afternoon. The program was "Lincoln" in its nature. The debate "Resolved, That electrical power is more useful than steam power," was debated by the 7th and 8th grades of the school. The question was decided in favor of the affirmative.
Adrian Welch was initiated into manhood last Saturday evening by a surprise party. It was his 21st birthday.
N. P. L. S. U. L. A.
F. A. Koser, of Rickreall, Ore., won \$1,483 in prizes on 24 sheep at the Panama Pacific Exposition.

NOTES ON THE PHOTOPLAYS

Of Interest to Those Who Patronize the Movies

For a time at least, no Sunday night shows will be given at the Scenic. The regular show nights will be Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. This week, however, there will be a show on Thursday night, and an extra good one. This is made necessary by the following circumstances:
Arrangements were completed by wire Friday morning with the Pathe Exchange, for the exhibition at the Scenic of one full program of six reels of Pathe pictures each week. See what this includes: A chapter of the new serial, "Neal of the Navy." This is a big serial, written by a big author (Wm. H. Osborne), acted by big stars and produced in a big way. The scenes of navy life are taken with the approval and by the sanction of the Secretary of the Navy and are true to life and of a very high educational value. The story is an absorbing drama, full of life and adventure. The serial is complete in 14 chapters of two reels each.

The new adventures of Wallingford. You all know the peerless J. Rufus Wallingford, whose operations in the confidence field have been recorded in the Saturday Evening Post and the Cosmopolitan and whose name has become a household word. Now you can see him in action. Each episode is a complete story in itself and runs in two reels.
The Pathe News picture needs no recommendation. It gives you one reel of most interesting news items and those to be shown will be of recent date.
One reel of good comedy will complete a most interesting and well balanced program.
In order to secure the first episode of the Neal of the Navy serial it was necessary to grab a program already used in Marshfield, North Bend and Bandon and about to be shipped back to Portland, and in order to catch up, and get on a regular schedule with the rest of the houses it is necessary to use two of these programs this week. Therefore, the first was run last evening and the second will be shown on Thursday evening. Hereafter, the Pathe program will be shown every Monday evening, and the prediction is made that it will prove most popular with the discriminating picture patrons of Coquille.

Touching the raise of price from 10 cents to 15 cents, it may be said that it has been made through necessity, as it has already been made by every other picture house in this county. This has been the tendency over the whole country for some time, all the higher class houses raising their prices of admission to enable them to show the better class of pictures that are now being put out at greatly advanced cost. Not only has the cost of picture service been advanced but that of supplies of all kinds has raised, while "hard times" has appreciably cut down attendance. At the same time, the number of reels shown has been working up until now you see about three times as long a show as formerly. At first you cheerfully turned out to see two new reels and one old one that you had seen before. Now you are shown five and six reels of new pictures of a far superior and more expensive kind. It is true that "cheap" pictures can be obtained, far cheaper than any formerly available—but the Scenic does not believe that the people of Coquille want that kind of a show.
The last William Fox feature to be shown here for some time was put on at the Scenic last Wednesday. This service was cut out for two reasons: It was too expensive, and it ran too much to a certain class of stories. Enough said. Lest it be thought that the condemnation so lavishly bestowed by a certain high city official had anything to do with it, the public is informed that this step was taken a month ago, when the question of renewal of the contract which expires Feb. 15th was raised by the Fox people, and the Scenic declined to renew.

For the benefit of those who did not see the first chapter of "Neal of the Navy," the great Pathe serial which is to be shown at the Scenic and the first number of which was exhibited last night, the following outline is given: Thomas Illington, an American, is

owner of Lost Island, on which a mine is situated, and has a map showing the location of the island. At Martinique he enlisted the services of Hernandez and Ponto, two evil adventurers, to assist him in working his mine. Then Mount Pelee starts an eruption that is shown on the screen, and the inhabitants seek refuge in boats. Illington's daughter and her nurse, Manuella, are picked up by the tramp steamer Princess, taking the map with them. Illington and his two helpers are cast away on an island, where the two villains assault Illington and leave him for dead. The steamer Princess takes fire and Mrs. Hardin and Neal, wife and son of the captain, Annette and Joe Weicher, the mate, put off in one boat and are later picked up by a U. S. cruiser.

The next episode, entitled "The Yellow Packet," will be shown Thursday, and the story may be given briefly as follows:
The second episode opens eighteen years later. Neal is a clean-cut manly young American, while Joe is a slinking young man of bad habits. Hernandez and Ponto are drug smugglers and have as their alive and beast of burden a gigantic bear-man bereft of all reason. A young adventurer, Inez Castro, is in league with the smugglers and insinuates herself into the Hardin household, to steal the map of Lost Isle. Hernandez, Ponto and their brute-man are apprehended in an attempt to land some drugs off the Seaport coast, and a running fight follows. Mrs. Hardin explains to Annette about her heritage of Lost Isle, and shows her the map. They are all alarmed by many shots outside and run out in time to see the smugglers, pursued by the officers coming toward the house. Annette is knocked down by Hernandez in his mad rush. Neal is mainly instrumental in capturing the two outlaws who are put in the town jail. Late that night the brute tears out the bars from their cell and frees them. Neal decides to try for Annapolis.

The third episode, "The Failure," will come next Monday evening, and the story runs:
After the test Joe slips the stolen exam papers into Neal's pocket, where they are found. Neal starts for New York to enlist in the U. S. Navy. That night in an attempt to secure the yellow packet, Joe sets the house on fire. Annette rescues Mrs. Hardin, and then rushes back into the burning building, but is overcome by the smoke. Outside, Hernandez, Ponto and the Brute assemble with others. The Brute enters the blazing building and rescues Annette, who he lays at the feet of the hysterical Mrs. Hardin, much to the rage of Hernandez, who felt the Yellow Packet almost within his grasp. Joe Weicher loses the Annapolis appointment.

Exorbitant Rate?

The people on the Bay who are still complaining about the \$1.50 rate on the gasoline launch from Beaver Hill to Coquille during the high water, should feel thankful that they didn't have to walk over. When it is figured out that gasoline is 25 cents per gallon and that the owners of the launches had to hire a pilot also, and take the chances of shipwreck on an uncharted sea of brush and stags, it can easily be seen that it was not such a graft as it looked.
If some of those same people who are kicking were placed in command of one of those launches, it's a safe bet that they would advance on the \$1.50 rate. It is a poor business man that won't work a good thing when he has it nowadays.

Woman's Study Club

The literary department of the Woman's Study Club met yesterday afternoon in the city library, and devoted a couple of hours to "Emerson's Prose" and "New York City." Among other interesting features was a talk by Mrs. E. D. Sperry on her personal impressions of the metropolis.

The domestic science department will meet next Monday, February 21. The lesson is the chapter on "Green Vegetables and Fruits." The next meeting of the literary department will be on February 28. Following is the program:
Roll Call—Answers to Questions on Current Topics. Talk—Springer. Talk—The Scarlet Letter—A Study of the Puritan Conscience—Mrs. Longston. Reading—The Scarlet Letter, Chapter 2, First Part—Mrs. Smith. Readings from Twelve Told Tales—The Ambitious Guest, A Rill from the Town Pump—Mrs. Rogers. Talk—Hawthorne's Peculiar Genius—Mrs. Barrow. Reading—The Great Stone Face—Mrs. Anderson. Travel in Three Cities. Baltimore a. Situation; Chesapeake Bay. b. City of Monuments and Squares. c. Brief History; Fort McHenry; The Star Spangled Banner. d. Druid Hill Park; its natural Beauty. e. Johns Hopkins University. f. Gettysburg and its Memorials—Mrs. Pursley. Washington and its Environs. a.

Social Life; Cosmopolitan Charac. e. The Capitol; The Radiating Streets. e. Library of Congress. c. Smithsonian Institute; National Museum. e. White House and its Associations. f. Arlington; Mount Vernon—Mrs. Young

East Fork Items

Thursday Stacy Ward of Catehing creek, brought out Mr. Paget, Sr. and two men who were looking for land. Mr. Paget showed them the country on the Gold Brick road.

The storm of Saturday night and Sunday the 6th inst., caused slides and washouts in many places on the old Coos Bay wagon road. The mail has not missed a trip although Earl Endicott had to pack the sack on Shank's mare when slides stopped the stage a few miles west of Sitkum. There is a big slide on Summer mountain. Endicott gets the mail from Summer to the slide. Mark Brown carries it from the slide to Sitkum in his auto. When we read about the storms in Southern California we may feel that we are living in God's country—Coos county, Oregon.

Walter and Hailey Laird made a trip to town with a four horse team the last of the week.

Sam Stout, road supervisor Dist. No. 4, was here Monday, Feb. 7th, to see about having the road cleared.

One who was a passenger on the stage to Summer recently writes: "While on Summer mountain Endicott spoke of seeing a deer nearly every day. Soon he said 'there he is now.' The deer stood in the road as if watching for the stage and after looking awhile bounded around a curve. We did not see it again though Endicott says it sometimes comes into view again. There used to be two but the driver thinks that perhaps one has been killed."

The same person writes: "Any one who is suffering for lack of exercise and is unwilling to walk, ought to go on the stage from Marshfield to Empire."
I received an anonymous post card last Thursday. It is very religious. I would hate to be a "disciple" of a Christ that would make me such a coward that I would be ashamed of my name, even if I was trying to help out a criminal.
R. A. EASTON.

THE FORD PEACE EXPEDITION

(Continued from Page One)
commendable because she was always on the job and apparently she thought no more of walking in and out of the guest rooms than as though we were all children under her care. We all understood and appreciated the splendid comforts of the bath afforded us by this young lady. It usually took about two hours to get from your bed to the street. I have no doubt that in summer weather the fascinations of the place would be increased.

THE KING'S PALACE

A heavy fog hung over Christia during most of the time of our visit, but one morning it cleared and there at the head of the street stood the King's Palace. It is a great, barny looking affair, but surrounded by beautiful grounds. My impression is that the people of Norway regard the King as a sort of needless extravagance. Anyhow, he has practically no part in the official affairs of the kingdom. He does, however, mingle in a democratic way with the people, notwithstanding the fact that his prestige has been curtailed beyond that of most monarchs. The Queen is a sister of the King of England and this fact may explain the tender sympathy that appears to exist between Norway and the Allies, or more particularly the British.

Norway is rather a poor country and only the industry of its people could make it great—for it truly is wonderful when all the handicaps that have surrounded it in the past are considered. Without going into history I am willing to assert without much fear of contradiction, the statement that Norway has not had a square deal in the past; but it is taking on new and modern methods and is rapidly securing its place among the progressive nations of the earth. It is strange that this old country has but three million people, perhaps not any more than there are Norwegians in the United States. They are a serious minded lot and our peace meetings appeared at first to be something of a mystery to them.

New Radio Station

Branch Hydrograph Office at Portland gives out that Morris Wygant, C. E. of Newport, Oregon reports that Mr. Bosow of the Yaquina Electric and Telephone Co. will construct at that place a commercial radio station having a radius of 500 miles and a wave length of 300 metres.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon and for the County of Coos

JOHN D. GOSS, Plaintiff
vs.
JOHN G. MULLEN as administrator of the Estate of John W. Negithon, deceased, SUMMONS
John Doe and all heirs known and unknown of John W. Negithon, Deceased, Defendants.

To Alfreda Negithon, John Doe and Mary Doe and all Heirs, known and unknown of John W. Negithon, deceased. In the Name of the State of Oregon: You and each of you are hereby notified that you are required to appear and answer the Complaint filed against you, in the above entitled Court and cause, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within six weeks from the 15th day of February, 1916 and if you fail to appear on or before the 28th day of March, 1916, said date being the last day of the time prescribed in the order for publication, judgment will be taken against you and each of you, for want thereof for the relief demanded in plaintiff's complaint, a succinct statement of which is as follows:

That plaintiff recover from the above named defendant John G. Mullen as Administrator, of the estate of John W. Negithon, deceased, the sum of Six Hundred Dollars together with interest hereon at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from the 1st day of June 1912 to date and the sum of Seventy Five Dollars as an attorney fee hereon together with the costs and disbursements of this suit. That a decree of Foreclosure issue as against all of said defendants and all persons interested in the hereinafter described real property, and that the same be sold in the manner prescribed by law, to wit: The west one half of the southwest quarter (w $\frac{1}{2}$ sw $\frac{1}{4}$) of section three (3), the north-east quarter of the southeast quarter (ne $\frac{1}{4}$ se $\frac{1}{4}$) of section four (4) and lot four (4) of section ten (10) all in township twenty-five (25) south range twelve west of the Willamette meridian Coos county Oregon. That all of the interest of the above named defendants and each of them and of all persons claiming by or under them in the above described real property be forever barred and foreclosed. That the plaintiff have judgment and execution against the defendant John G. Mullen as administrator of the estate of John W. Negithon, deceased, for any deficiency which remains after the proceeds of the sale of the above described real property have been applied to the satisfaction of said judgment herein. That Plaintiff or any other party to this suit may become a purchaser at the sale of said real property; that the sheriff execute a deed to the purchaser and that said purchaser be let into possession thereof forthwith.

Service of this summons is made by publication pursuant to an order made by the Hon. John S. Coke Circuit Judge, dated February 12th 1916, directing publication hereof in the interest of the above described real property for a period of six weeks.
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