

MORO THEATER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20



The world-famous operetta has now been made into a picture hailed as the greatest of all film romances! The glorious story of the Prince who lost his heart to a peasant maid. Gay scenes of student life, actually made in Old Heidelberg! Romance across which falls the shadow of a throne! Drama that will sweep you off your feet! Student days—carefree, footloose—replete with life and laughter! Golden days—glorious youth! Ramon Novarro and Norma Shearer bring the mad, glad hours of first love back to us in this beautiful picturization of the famous play.

MOVIE NOTES

"THE STUDENT PRINCE"

One of the world's simplest, and most appealing love stories has required one of the most elaborate settings ever built to transfer it to the screen.

This is the paradox of "The Student Prince," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's huge filmization of the famous old play, in which Ramon Novarro and Norma Shearer were directed by Ernst Lubitsch, and which comes to the Moro Theater Saturday, October 20th.

With their love as the central theme, a cast of thirty-five famous players and several thousand extras were necessary to reproduce the famous old story, immortalized on the stage by Richard Mansfield, and recently revived in musical form as "The Student Prince."

Whole towns were built; great castles in Germany reproduced, and the University of Heidelberg recreated in wood and plaster for the huge production. In one scene, showing the welcome of the townspeople to the young prince, played by Novarro, two thousand villagers, guardsmen, police and

other characters appear in a gigantic setting depicting a public square and covering ten acres.

The coronation ceremonies required hundreds of soldiers in the brilliant uniforms of the imperial guard, diplomats and nobles; five hundred gaily attired students reveled in the Heidelberg garden scenes, the majestic Heidelberg Castle was recreated, inside and out, and other huge construction tasks marked the filming of the new super spectacle.

The cast includes many famous names: Jean Hersholt, in the role of Dr. Jutner, the tutor; Edward Connelly, as the prime minister; Bobby Mack as Kellerman; Otis Harlan as the innkeeper; Gustav Von Seyffertitz, Edythe Chapman, George K. Arthur, Lionel Belmore, Kent Freilberg, Edgar Norton, D'Arcy Corrigan, James Mack and many others.

Hans Kraly scenarized the story from the original novel by Meyer Forster, on which the play was based.

Every girl wants to marry a rich man, but since there are not enough rich men to go around, she better be content with a nice poor one, and nag him up the ladder.

Taxes Do Not Stay Put

"Taxes are the most important part of the fiscal systems of government in the United States today," says Vance H. Evans, secretary of the California Taxpayers' Association. "Taxes and public debts have grown at such a pace since the World War that taxpayers and officials are now developing a keen interest in matters of public finance."

"Taxes do not stay where you assess them. The heat, which the thermometer measures, covers everyone. Taxes, like the heat, affect everyone. Taxes show themselves in our daily cost of living. There is no such person in this country, or in this state, or in any community, as a non-taxpayer. As has well been stated, every man and woman in this country works between six weeks and two months out of every year to pay the national, state and local taxes."

"What this country needs now more than anything else in the field of taxation is a simplification of the tax laws, common sense thinking, coupled with efficient and intelligent administration. Involved laws and rules governing taxation have caused much dissatisfaction. The individual should have some idea of how much tax he will have to pay, without having to employ an attorney to aid him in the making of calculations. Our courts are today crowded with tax questions and interpretations of tax laws. This creates an element of uncertainty which is very disconcerting both to public officials and to taxpayers."

Thieves Highly Organized

"Fences" organized along highly efficient business lines, dispose annually of loot valued at \$500,000,000, according to Newton D. Baker, chairman of the National Crime Commission. Mr. Baker, who was formerly secretary of war, made public this estimate of annual losses from thefts in a statement announcing the introduction in congress of a bill designed to stop the activities of receivers of stolen goods.

Concerning the work of the committee, Mr. Baker says: "This committee, with the advice of men who have given much previous study to the question, has made an exhaustive survey of the situation, and from the statements of public prosecutors, chiefs of police and business firms throughout the country, is convinced that the claim that losses from this source amount to more than \$500,000,000 yearly, is more than justified."

Mr. Baker's report shows that the solitary burglar is disappearing, and that his place is being taken by criminals well organized who make thefts of merchandise on a large scale. He expresses the belief that commercially organized thieves would dissolve their bands overnight if their "fences," their market or outlet, were eliminated.

With such tremendous thefts, burglary and robbery insurance is being called upon to protect the public from losses which, in the aggregate, are running well up toward the total of the annual destruction caused by fire in this nation. The casualty insurance companies are stepping into the breach to repay much of the disastrous loss caused by robbery, but they must have public cooperation along lines of crime prevention, just as must fire insurance companies have similar cooperation along lines of fire prevention, if this terrific annual drain on the country's resources is to be checked or reduced.

County Notes

KENT LOCAL ITEMS

J. L. Davis is spending the week in The Dalles.

J. C. Wilson was an over Sunday visitor with his family in Portland.

George Witter is now drilling a well deeper for Henry Peters near Bourbon.

Quite a lot of wheat was sold here the last of the week at around \$1.05 per bushel.

W. H. Ragsdale of the Republican County Committee was a caller here Saturday.

The local Rebekah Lodge will give a shadow social on the evening of October 30th.

Sheriff Chrisman and two state officers were stirring things up on the John Day river Saturday.

County Commissioner Peets and Road Master Wall were looking over county business here Tuesday.

Mrs. W. C. Guyton left here Tuesday for Eugene to attend the State Convention of the W. C. T. U. as a delegate.

Quite a number of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs went to Moro Monday night to attend a meeting there. Grand Master Fred J. Meindl was paying an official visit to the Sherman county lodges.

W. S. Hall is here again after spending the summer with one of the state highway oiling crews. He was on the Mt. Hood loop and on the road from Lebanon to Newport most of the season. He spent the last two weeks visiting with relatives in Ashland.

Development Is Essential

"Of one thing I am more positive than I was even 40 years ago—the electrical development of America has only well begun," declared Thomas A. Edison in a recent statement.

"Great days are ahead of this nation and the world, and electricity will have a vital part to play, granted only that it can be unfettered, with full opportunity for the largest possible individual initiative and energy."

"I have lived to see the street car, elevator, electrified railroad, automobile, phonograph, motion picture, radio, airplane, and the beginning of television. It seems today to many, as it seemed to most men and women in 1882, that no great forward steps remain to be taken which are comparable to those already taken."

"It may be that the next 40 years will not produce inventions of such revolutionary character. Progress has been so rapid that we may require a breathing spell in which to consolidate our gains and develop present inventions to the full capacities."

"So long as there remains a single task being done by men or women which electricity could do as well, so long will that development be incomplete. What this development will mean in comfort, in leisure, and in opportunity for the larger life of the spirit, we have only begun to realize."

Spirit Of The Press

Now we know why they called it Walnut Creek. Contra Costa county boasts an English walnut tree planted for shade as long ago as the Civil war. The trunk is four times the circumference of a man's body and it is estimated to have produced 12,000 pounds of saleable nuts in its lifetime. At the present retail price of walnuts that would be called about a \$4800 tree not to count its value for shade and beauty in over 60 years which might run it up easily another \$4800. It grew in the Walnut Creek district we are told without irrigation or pruning and stands as a landmark before the home of Henry Brown near Lafayette. Plant more trees. —Stockton Record.

Ruins of a civilization dating back to possibly 1500 B. C. have been discovered in the mountains of Peru. The romance of the life of the early peoples of America vies in interest with any of those of the Old World. And the time may come when it will be found even that title is a misnomer, that the footprints of man in some ancient glacial stone will show human beings trod the western continent as long ago as did the stone age man in Europe. —Sacramento Bee.

This age of power is not merely an age of mechanical power. We live in a time when a single, ordinary, totally unimpressive individual may press a button and thereby exert a power greater than that of all the cavalry commanded by Darius the Great, or any other of the mighty captains of ancient time. That is true, but the most characteristic kind of power today is not the purely mechanical sort, but that power over human thoughts and purposes for which the keenest mechanical devices of the age are only means to an end. —San Diego Union.

A chemist says the first alcohol ever distilled was Arabian, which may explain those nights.—Redding Searchlight.

Some husbands are perfectly frank and honest with their wives, but most of them prefer peace at any price.

Sinnott's Successor

Will Oregon lose its place on the public land and irrigation and reclamation committees of the United States house of representatives on account of the resignation of Nick Sinnott from congress?

This is a question being discussed with considerable concern by homesteaders and those interested in government reclamation in Oregon.

Sinnott achieved a place on these committees when he entered congress in 1913—and when he resigned he was chairman of public lands and ranked next to Addison T. Smith, chairman of irrigation and reclamation. His remarkable record of achievement in getting irrigation project aid and legislation of particular benefit to the farmers, miners and homesteaders of eastern Oregon was in large part due to his place of vantage on these two committees.

Under the rules and practice of the house the membership of committees is usually divided between the two major parties—with a larger number of members of the majority party than of the minority party so as to keep the control of each committee in the majority party. The present house (seventieth congress) organization is republican and will remain so this winter. The public lands committee consists of 12 republicans; eight democrats; Victor Berger, socialist, and Delegate Houston of Hawaii, ex-officio member of the committee—a clear majority of republicans. Sinnott's resignation leaves a republican vacancy which under precedent would be filled by a republican, when congress reconvenes in December.

Hon. Addison T. Smith of Idaho became ranking member of the public lands committee as soon as Sinnott resigned and under the seniority rule would be in line for appointment as chairman of public lands committee.

Smith is now chairman of the irrigation committee and might elect to remain in that position. In that case Congressman Don B. Colton of Utah would be in line for chairmanship of public lands. In case Smith becomes chairman of public lands, Congressman Leatherwood of Utah would be in line for chairmanship of the irrigation committee, as he ranked next to Nick Sinnott and Chairman Smith on that committee.

The irrigation committee consisted of nine republicans and eight democrats before Sinnott resigned. At present the committee stands eight and eight as to party. Obviously, a republican must be appointed to fill Sinnott's place or the committee would be a democratic committee in a republican house, an unheard of arrangement.

So they are saying up in the sage brush country that the election of a democrat in November at the special election to fill Nick Sinnott's unexpired term means that he could not get on either of these committees in December unless some democratic member should die between now and that time. They reason, however, that if Judge Butler the republican nominee, is elected, that the two republican places left vacant by Sinnott on these committees so important to Oregon's interests will lie there almost ready made for him to seek and accept.

Oregon has a better chance of being assured a place on these committees in this way than if the vacancy did not exist until March 4 next, the beginning of the 71st congress. Members from other western states might wish these places and possibly Oregon would not win them in a contest before the committee on committees at the organization of the 71st congress. However, if Butler, the republican nominee, is elected and steps into these waiting places next winter he then would be a member of these committees and naturally could remain on them, is the way the knowing ones in Sinnott's old district are figuring it out.

Wet—But It Burned

Usually, when material is wet—thoroughly soaked—there is no need to worry about the possibility of fire. There's a "joker" in the pile though, when hay is the subject of the wetting!

A barn located in New Hampshire, during the flood in November 1927, was particularly wet, being partially submerged. And it contained hay! The owner started to remove the hay when the water had subsided sufficiently, but spontaneous combustion beat him to it. Result—the barn burned to the ground.

Spontaneous combustion is perhaps the least understood of all causes of fire. That's probably the reason why it does so much damage, over \$15,000,000 in 1926, according to figures computed by the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Take your own home for instance. How about that cellar, that attic and that garage? Don't forget the clothes closets either! Remove any piles of rags, paper or rubbish. Such materials may be oily or wet without your knowledge. If so, look out! You may wake up in the middle of the night and wonder how you ever got into such a hot place.

Better look around now before any damage is done.



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