

Moro Theater

Saturday, December 22



LON CHANEY
WEST OF ZANZIBAR

with
LIONEL BARRYMORE
MARY NOLAN

Fate had made him a crawling thing — a crippled monster! So he took his revenge on Life! Lon Chaney, in his screen career, has never crowded so much terror and excitement in a picture as in this drama played beneath the African sun! Don't miss it!

15c — 35c

Movies

"LEGION OF THE CONDEMNED"
"The Legion of the Condemned," Paramount's screen play of the war from the air, comes to the Moro Theater Christmas night, December 25. "The Legion of the Condemned" is filled with the romance, the daring and the excitement which surrounded those birds of war for which no mission was considered too dangerous. It is chock full of unique thrills taken from the cockpit of the airplanes. It is the tale of a young American newspaperman who, believing that his sweetheart has passed out of his life forever, plunges into the "Legion of the Condemned," whose personnel consists of men who want more than anything else to die. Each and every one of them have passions, and, according to their philosophy their sins may be expiated only through death. "The Legion of the Condemned" comes from the pen of John Monk Saunders, author of the famous road-show "Wings," and was directed by William Wellman, who handled the megaphone on "Wings." The latter was a member of the Lafayette Squadron during the war. The cast consists of Fay Wray, who leaped to fame through her performance in Paramount's "The Wedding March," after being "discovered" by Eric Von Stroheim, Gary Cooper, as the leading man, and Barry Norton, Lane Chandler, Francis McDonald, Vova George, Freeman Wood, E. H. Calvert and Charlot Bird.

"WEST OF ZANZIBAR"
Lon Chaney, his head shaven and wearing one of the weirdest disguises of his many outstanding adventures in the sphere of screen makeup, while he enacts "Dead Legs Flint," a sinister, semi-paralyzed voodoo ruler of a tribe of savage devil-worshippers, in his latest mystery thriller, "West of Zanzibar," coming to Moro Theater Saturday, December 22.

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This County Represented

Seven Local Men Will Take Prominent Part in Wheat Conference
Seven Moro farmers have been placed on committees to make arrangements and gather material for the second Columbia Basin Wheat Outlook conference to be held at Arlington, February 11-13. This conference, called by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, will consider many phases of the wheat producing and marketing problems and will lay special stress on investigation of the feasibility of a barge line down the Columbia. Charles B. Cox of Heppner, president of the league, with the other officers and directors, has asked the cooperation of the state college extension service in making the conference as inclusive and practical as possible. Local men who will assist officially in the conference are H. B. Pinkerton, secretary treasurer of the league and chairman of the production, tillage and seed supply committee; W. S. Powell, director and member of the committee on transportation; D. E. Stephens, secretary of the committee on production, tillage and seed supply; W. H. Ragsdale, on the committee on warehousing and intermediate credit; J. B. Adams, chairman of the committee on crop insurance; A. H. Barnum, on the committee on grain inspection and market news service; W. H. Ragsdale, on the legislative committee; Charles W. Smith, on the program of work committee.

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County Notes

WASCO LOCAL ITEMS
Victor Smith is in Portland this week attending to business affairs. Mrs. Walter Medler and daughter Jennette are spending the week in Portland. Mrs. Reid, aged mother of Mrs. Lizzie Fuller, has been quite ill the last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hilderbrand were visitors in The Dalles Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Chas. Adsit, former editor of the Wasco News, is in The Dalles hospital, quite ill. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnson and Mrs. Geo. Crossfield were visitors in The Dalles Monday. Miss McDonald and Miss Triplett will leave Friday to spend the holidays in the valley. Mrs. Frank Anderson of Spokane is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gore. The evangelistic meetings held at the Christian Church are surely well attended and a lot of interest is being shown. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Atwood will depart the latter part of this week for Los Angeles, Calif., to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Konzelman, wife of the coach of Wasco High School, left Saturday for Tacoma, Wash., to spend the holidays with her parents. Miss Haulenbeck, Miss Weaver and Miss Patey, high school instructors, are leaving Friday to spend Christmas vacation with their friends and parents. The high school play, "The Whole Town is Talking," was a great success and the students and instructors, Miss Patey and Miss Weaver, deserve a lot of praise. Mildred Butler, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Butler, is leaving Friday to spend the Christmas vacation with her aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. Layton at Colfax, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins, formerly of Wasco but now residents of The Dalles, visited over the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chapman, Mrs. Watkins parents. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Youcm are the proud parents of a daughter born in The Dalles at the Mid-Columbia hospital last week. Mrs. Youcm will be remembered as Mae Brock. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burreas, daughter Rita and son Lowell, are to leave this weekend for the sunny south, Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Burreas has a brother living in Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hennagin left Saturday morning for Fresno, Calif., to visit with her sister during the Christmas holidays, and also to tour parts of interest in the sunny state. The community Christmas tree was erected in the center of Main street Tuesday. There will be Christmas carols and all that goes to make a Merry Christmas for all Sunday evening. Miss Effie Andrews, formerly of Wasco, but attending normal school at Ellensburg, is much improved and we hope to see her home in the near future. Her mother, Mrs. Guy Andrews, has been with her the last six weeks nursing her. Mrs. Wm. Reid and Mrs. Roy Belshie entertained the high school students and also the instructors, Miss Weaver and Miss Patey, who took part in the high school play, with a delicious dinner. Everyone reported an enjoyable evening. A surprise farewell party was given to Miss Irene Jones Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. R. S. McKean. Fourteen of her classmates were present. They presented her with a beautiful gift. Miss Jones left Sunday for her new home in Redmond. Mrs. Dr. Butler entertained the Lesjoners Bridge Club last Thursday afternoon at the Hotel Sherman. Mrs. Jack Henderson receiving high score for the club and Mrs. J. T. Johnson guest's high honors. After the cards a dainty lunch was served in a befitting manner. Mrs. Merritt Tuel and Mrs. Chas. Everett entertained the Lesjoners Bridge Club with a Christmas party Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Everett. Additional guests were Mrs. Estelle Haisley, Mrs. Albert Kaseberg, Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Mrs. Fred Fortner and Mrs. R. S. McKean.

SHANIKO LOCAL ITEMS
Gerald Kelly of Kent was a visitor here Monday. Alex Ross made a trip to The Dalles Thursday. Walter Wilson of Kent was a visitor here Monday. Herman Peters of Grass Valley was a visitor here Sunday. Henry Padjens of Sisters was a visitor here Wednesday. A. R. Altermatt and Frank Wagner spent the weekend in The Dalles. Several from here attended the dance at Antelope Saturday night. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Pullen were visitors in Bend Thursday and Friday. Marshall Hollister and James Baxter of Maupin were visitors here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. James Bickell and son Billy were visiting in The Dalles Saturday. Dick Harris and Andy Holt, farmers of the Bakooven country, were visitors here Monday. Mrs. A. Griffin and granddaughter Deniece of The Dalles have moved to Shaniko for the winter. Jessie Fine left Wednesday for California to join his father, E. E. Fine, who has been there the past year. Uncle Jay Wilson, who has been confined to his bed the past fifteen weeks, is able to be up and around the house. The Shaniko school will give a program and Christmas tree at the schoolhouse, December 21. Everybody welcome. There is just one vacant house in Shaniko. This is an unusual thing. There have been several vacant houses here for a number of years. Mrs. W. Wade and children of The Dalles stopped here Friday for a short visit with her mother, Mrs. A. Griffin. Mrs. Wade and children were en route to Bend where they will make their home.

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MORO THEATER

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- an aviation thriller
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"THE LEGION OF THE CONDEMNED"

From every corner of the world they came. That valiant band of youths whose last illusion and first women were dim memories. They had tried everything in life but death... and death they eagerly courted. A sensational mystery-melodrama of the air. With Paramount's Glorious Young Lovers.

A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

A William Wellman production. From the story by John Monk Saunders. Screen play by John Monk Saunders, and Jean de Limur.

AND IT'S NO BULL
Real Talking Pictures Coming to Wasco Friday 21st and Grass Valley 22nd

Dinty Moore who is the oldest and most successful film salesman in the Pacific northwest has quit his old job as picture peddler and with a number of other business men of Portland has originated a talking picture road show. Part of the members of the company are Seattle men who organized a similar concern in Seattle and have been playing the Oregon territory for several weeks in the smaller towns where talking picture equipment has not been installed. It was through the fact that Mr. Moore and Manager Sparks have been friends in the picture business for many years that he was interested in playing his real talking picture "Domestic Meddlers," a feature comedy in seven reels, in Wasco and Grass Valley. Don't let anyone or anything keep you from seeing and hearing the first talking picture to come to Sherman county, featuring Claire Windsor and an all star cast of feature players. To enjoy the show perfectly you should be in your seat by 8:15, and remember, no one will be seated after the feature starts at 8:30.

"DOMESTIC MEDDLERS"
"Domestic Meddlers," the feature picture which opens at the Wasco Theater Friday, December 21st and Grass Valley Theater Saturday, December 22nd, involves the domestic triangle, and sports some of the most beautiful costumes imaginable for the females of the cast, thanks to the fact that the two businessmen who appear as the hero and the heavy of the comedy drama are partners in a wholesale dress house. The scenes in which the merry models display the season's offerings furnish a gorgeous style show and also a good bit of the humor of the picture, for out-of-town buyers are gay lads when in New York and the senior partner, Lew, has a well-deserved reputation as a ladies' man. Claire Windsor plays the wife's role and her rare blonde loveliness and stunning gowns add enormously to the dramatic possibilities of the part. Handsome Lawrence Gray, rapidly becoming the pet leading man of the day, has the husband's role, while Roy D'Arcy performs more than creditably as the villainous partner. The models and the out-of-town buyers, ably led by Jed Prouty as Jonesy from St. Louis, add plenty of comedy.

Seattle White Elephant
(Corvallis Gazette-Times)
On March 1, over \$1,000,000 will be required by the city of Seattle to pay on its white elephant, the street railway system, municipally owned. For this, Seattle people pay just as much to ride on street cars that they wouldn't have if a public utility owned them, as they would pay if owned by a private corporation. They get poorer service, on worse cars over rougher lines on dilapidated streets and pay just as much for it, that they would ever stand for if the lines were owned privately.

Women are steadily growing more beautiful, declares a great painter. Indeed they are, but why shouldn't they? Haven't they been trying to for several thousand years?

Living Christmas Trees
"The children of Moscow, in soviet Russia, are this year forbidden to have Christmas trees. The Russian "Society for the Defense of Nature" laments the destruction of young fir trees," so reads a recent news item. "Not so in America, where foresters strongly endorse the continuance of the old custom which brings joy to youthful hearts," says John D. Guthrie, of the U. S. Forest Service, Portland, Oregon. Forestry is the growing and handling of trees for human uses and needs, and a Christmas tree surely is a legitimate human use and need. Cutting Christmas trees may be done in such a manner as to improve the forests and may be good forest conservation. By cutting trees from thick patches of young growth and using the shapely tops, and not cutting more trees than actually are to be used, a real benefit will be done to the forest, federal foresters say. The use of living Christmas trees, brightly lighted and decorated, by towns and cities is growing in popularity in Oregon and Washington and is also strongly endorsed by the United States Forest Service as a beautiful and practical form of expression of the Christmas spirit. It is said that some five million Christmas trees are used each year in the United States. By cutting every suitable tree 5,000 to 10,000 acres would furnish this supply, whereas a single man-caused fire might destroy several times this number of young Douglas firs, the Forest Service says.

Why Blame The Cat?
In the good old days when grandpa and grandpa were young, it was considered an ill-omen to have a black cat cross one's path. Doubtless many of the dear old folk would exclaim, "I told you so," if they heard the story of John Coffey, reported from Muskogee, Oklahoma. Apparently the black cat of this tale crossed Farmer Coffey's path at a very inopportune moment. The farmer, in attempting to light his pipe, broke the match, which dropped into a kerosene can. An unfortunate accident that came instantaneously ignited the poor feline and it scampered frantically for the barn, where it was consumed by flames along with the building and the hay stored in it. "A black cat—I told you so" . . . yes, but why blame it on the cat? Why have an open can of kerosene standing about and why light a match near such a can? Common sense dictates that all inflammable and explosive liquids should be kept in tightly closed metal containers and in a safe place. The black cat from his happy hunting grounds knows they are dangerous, and the National Board of Fire Underwriters supplies figures showing that the annual fire loss from careless handling of petroleum and its products was over \$14,000,000 in 1926.

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