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Oscar R. Otto

## MAY BE SO, YOU NEVER CAN TELL

Some satisfactory method to keep tall people like Ray Bonine off the front seats in the balcony of the Star

Henry Cohn advises people in these times of high cost of living to never the house, refused to open, after many throw away the vacant holes in a efforts on the part of the employes. Swiss cheese. They can be saved and Hugh Bran and several other strong

Alderman Gene Noble thinks that with the advent of the bone-dry law the streets can be narrowed, thus saving money if there ver comes a time when the people of Heppner decide to do any street improvement. "Anybody," says Gene, "can go home on a narrower street now after midnight than they used to."

At Minor & Co. Grocery Peach-"Can you tell me the latest-Jimmy-"Pardon me, madam, but you want the dry goods department." Peach-"Indeed, young man, I don't. I am looking for the latest style in French dressing."

Bob Carsner, prominent Spray catconvention at Salt Lake City some time ago. Bob had a good time and was well pleased with the trip. "They let us meet at the Utah hotel, which is a swell place," he said, "and put some

nice canvas over the floor so our hobnails would not mark the polish."

Some time ago while Manager Joe L. Wilkins, of the Palace hotel was in Portland on a business trip, the hotel safe, in which was contained many box "sharks," tried their luck but there was nothing doing. The word leaked out that an honest cracksman was wanted. Lester Ingram, night clerk, tells us that there were 17 Heppner residents applied for the job.

Clyde Wells, who every now and then reads a little history, tells un about a custom they used to have in Germany about New Year's time. It seems they take a bible and sticl leaves. The verse one touches will be their prophecy for the coming year. 'Ambrose" Currier, well known local poet and cribbage shark, caretaker of the county property on Pecan avenue who picked up considerable bible lore in his childhood days attending Sunday school around Boston, says that if any one really believes in predictleman, attended the Woolgrowers' tions he would be taking an awfuchance, as there were some predictions in the bible which he used to read that a person might call pretty tough.

"Red" Van Marter says he can in-

The writer hereof is a firm believer in adequate remuneration or the performance of the duties of the United States. It has always seemed that the holding of remuneration of labor down to the lowest possible level is bad

business, from any and every point of view, and a policy which must perforce react detrimentally upon the industries of any

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The moving picture industry has, however, in one of its branches gone to an utterly absurd length in the other extreme, and this condition has been brought about by the use of tactics to which I think no one who has studied the situation could give unqualified approval. I refer to the salaries of "stars."

There are today scores of artists playing leading roles and receiving therefor sums absolutely out of all proportion to any remuneration they could, by any stretch of the wildest imagination, hope to receive were their efforts confined to the legitimate stage. In fact, until some of the thousand-dollar-a-week talent broke into moving pictures they considered one-tenth of that sum as the

moving pictures they considered one-tenth of that sum as the standard price. The matter of salaries paid by producers would not be of in-terest to the moving picture world if these salaries were really paid by the producer, but when we come to analyze the situation it is found that this is not the fact. True, the producer makes the

contract and pays the actual money, but in effect he merely advances that sum, later collecting it from the film exchange, which in turn collects it from the exhibitor, who is the real goat.

Thave remarked that an element of unfairness was contained In the matter and firmly believe my statement to be correct. Let us examine into that phase, taking an extreme case of the untrained school girl, who "butts" into moving pictures, and due, of course, to some measure of talent, plus certain personal qualities, "makes a hit," As soon as she displays the fact that she has real ability, coupled with the energy and stick-to-itiveness necessary to success, she is placed in leading roles and the producer proceeds to advertise her. Now this advertising is not done for nothing. It costs money; also it is likely to cost a lot more money in kick-back, which almost invariably results. Mazie has now bein kick-back, which almost invariably results. Mazie has now become a "movie queen." She has made good, is now given leading roles, and calls herself a star; also the producer overlooks no oppopprtunity to advertise her as such. Mazie now, in the parlament of the racing stable, "begins to feel her oats," and promptly demands added reumneration, backed by the threat that unless she gets it she will go over, bag and baggage, to an opposition

Now, if her demands were reasonable, taking into due consideration the fact trat she owes to the producing company the advertising which has made it possible for her to become a popular star, there would be no complaint. Maxie does not do anything of that sort, however. Far be it from her to indulge in such unseemly modesty. It is a case of "grab the money" with, please remember, the exhibitor as the goat. A few months ago Mazie was literally tickled out of her shoes when she was put on the salary roll at \$50 pey week. Now she demands \$500, with a short-time contract, and when that contract is up she, having meanwhile nosed around among other producing companies, comes in with a demand for double that sum, again backed up with the threat that if the producer don't "come across" she can get it elsewhere.

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The second contract is signed at the higher figure. She is still advertised to the limit, and pretty soon some "anterprising" feature producer hunts up Mazie and says: "You working for \$1000 a week? Why, good heavens! I would not insult you by offering such an absurd sum. Come over to us and we will pay you \$3000."

and so it goes.

The figures may be somewhat exaggorated, but the fact uncuestionably remains that the moving picture industry, as a whole, and the exhibitor in particular, is laboring under as unwarranted burden of absurd salaries paid to leading men and women. Mind you, I say this as one who, as I said in the beginning, firmly believe in adequate remuneration for labor performed. I don't, however, regard it as reasonable to pay moving picture stars the huge salaries which are now all too common. It is this burden which is pushing up the film rentals to absurd and impossible figures. The exhibitor has it in his own hands to remedy this condition by refusing to pay exhorbitant film rental fees which he knows are very largely based on unreasonable salaries paid to actors. Why kill the goose that lays the golden eggs, for that is what it will mean in the long run to all concerned.

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•••••• sure us against any kind of an accident except matrimony.

> "Soapy" Smith, pianist of the Star theatre orchestra and erstwhile tenor soloist, has accepted a position with the Palace Hotel Company and is and counties and between cities and now to be tound at his desk there.

A drummer called in at the Heppher club early one mosning.

"Girc me a package of pipe clean. ers," he raid. "Ah-er-you mean those long, fuz-

y things with a wire running through them?" asked Ralph. "That's what I want," said the com-

mercial man. "I know what they are, all right. I've seen them," asserted Ralph, "but we haven't got any."

owes Bill O'Rourke an apology. In a former issue it was stated that he has \$7.50 in a bank here. Bill called on us and demands that we let the world know of our mistake. He said and, though known to the inhabitants notified of an overdraft so we guess stranger. it is up to us to make it right and correct our former mis-statement.

Bliss was milling around the other day in a very agitated manner. He Herald. was wildly excited and seemed to be thinking deeply.

'What's the matter," asked the boy vho carried the fire shove!

"I'm sure I've got a snipment due today," was the reply, "but darn me if I can think what name it is coming

Joe Wilkin's small daughter was pressing her fingers against her eyealls in a way that created an optical

"Papa," said the little lady, "I can see two light where there should have been but one."

"Yes, yes, honey," replied Joe abently, "I've been that way myself."

Sam Van Vactor's interpretation o the bible story of Jacob and Rachae and Pat Crow's interpretation of 'Simpson Smiting the Philadelphians," told at the banquet Monday evening, along with Currier's poem, "The Las Straw," are forming the principle topics of conversation of the war college which is convened daily in the lobby of the Palace hotel.

Kenneth Binns' health has been failng of late. He is getting so he can't eat more than five pies at one sitting without getting sick.

While in Portland recently, Ye Edior ran 61 points in a game of pocke: billiards. About a week later Bliss Hottman was in the metropolis and eports, which he says are true, have t that he ran 76 points. Last week "Pronounce not the name of 1, A. O. a party of Heppnerites, consisting of under the penalty of the peach." This Andy Rood Jr. Peck Thornton and has been supposed to be a death warn Edgar Ayres, visited the Rose

In a pocket billiard game one night, reveal mysteries in connection with the according to the combined statement religious rites of the priests. of the three of them, Andy ran 100 points. Peck never missed during the avening and Ayres was so disgusted Roman knight accused of treason drank with their rotten playing that they poison and immediately fell dead at couldn't get him in the game. Out- the feet of the senators, a significant side of this statement from them they circumstance, inasmuch as no other are as reticent as to what else transpired during this visit as a board of

The foolish virgins who spend ninetenths of their time in learning to decorate china, would do well to re- Portland will be in Heppner a. member that a young man in search gain Friday, Fed 23rd, at Palace of a good wife is more likely to tie to Hotel, In Ione Saturday, Feb. girl who knows how to decorate her china with a good square meal, well cooked and daintily served.

Smart Say

the illiter-Lord Palmerston's r "Are there ste member who asked two hens in 'Oniton?" is a specimen of his rather boisterous chaff. "No. Only That's why beggs are so scarce

Mr. Disraell's comment upon a por trait of himself, "Is it not hideousand so like?" exhibited a discernment not common with unflattered sitters,-"Twenty Years In Parliament."

Between Girls.

"She sits out on the front porch a good deal, but she always has her nose in a book."

"She knows her bit. In addition to getting a reputation for being literary. she shows off to better advantage that way. Her hair is her good feature, not her nose."-Louisville Courier-Journal

Jerusalem Artichokes,

Jerusalem artichokes have no connection either with Jerosalem or artichokes, but are a kind of sunflower. The name "Jerusalem" is a corruption of the Italian "girasole," derived from a fancy that the flowers keep turning to the sun .- London Chronicle.

What Did She Mean?

Saleswoman (to purchaser of widow's connet)-Would you like to try it on before the glass, madam? Customer-No, thank you, miss. It ain't for me. wish it was .- Stray Stories.

When the ship is sunk every one knows how she might have been

#### BOUNDARY LINES.

A Clearing 875 Miles Long Separates Alaska From Canada.

Boundaries between countries, states the country surrounding them are marked in various ways. Sometimes it is by a stone post or monument; often a county is separated from an adjoining county by a public road, which is surveyed purposely on the county

In some of the southern states counties which allow cattle to run at large are often separated from those which do not by a fence. The boundary between Alaska and Canada is marked by a clear strip in the woods \$75 miles

When a highway passes from one country into another the traveler is made aware of the fact by the customs The "You Never Can Tell" column officials. Sometimes also, as in France. a tax is collected on country produce entering the cities. But in thinly set tled sections of the United States the boundaries between countles and even between states are not always marked. he next day after publication he was are often not to be recognized by a

> One notable instance of a marked boundary is the great wall of China. which extends for a distance of more than 1.500 miles along what was once the frontier of that empire.-Christian

### FOUR POSTER BEDSTEADS.

A Legacy From the Days When People Slept In Boxes.

In medieval times, when life was very insecure, it was usual for people to sleep on a bed which was surrounded by sides of boards with strong posts at the four corners. These sides contained sliding doors, which could be fastened inside

When men retired to rest they took weapon with them. If attacked in the night they were aroused by the noise made by the crashing in of their wooden defense and were able to de

fend themselves. When the law became strong enough to protect human life the sides of the bedstead were gradually dispensed with, but the four posts remained. The boxlike bedstead still survives in the rural parts of Scotland and is almost necessary where the earthen floors and imperfect ceilings cause much damp Emlly Bronte in "Wuthering Heights" describes one of these bedsteads in the old mansions as forming a "little clos-Mr. Lockwood, who had to sleep n it, says, "I slid back the panel sides. got in with my light, pulled them to gether again and felt secure."-London Standard.

The Egyptians appear to have been acquainted with what is commonly called prussic acid, the most deadly of poisons. It is held that they distilled it from certain plants and trees, notably the peach. In the Louvre there is an ancient Egyptian papyrus from which the following has been deciphered ing to those who might be tempted t-

The Romans probably learned of prus sic acid from the Egyptians. History has it that in the reign of Tiberius : poison has the almost instantaneou effect of prussic acid.

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A Poor Press Agent.

Max O'Rell was exceedingly popular as a lecturer, and the way in which his mother viewed the suggestion that her son should take to the platform is worth repetition. She wrote to him from the nat've village which she had never left for more than a day to say that she did not think appearing before audiences to be reputable business, and when he replied that he had decided to had signed a contract to the effect the dear old lady wrote back that she was "still" his loving mother and that she would tell no one in the village about it.

One Beyond.

Willis-Do you think that moving olctures are the ultimate development of dramatic art? Gillis-No. There will be one more. On the lectitimate stage you can get along with brains and no beauty; in the movies you can get along with beauty and no brains and the next stage of development will se one where you can get by without either.-Life.

Perfectly Reasonable.

The picture show had started and seven-year-old Ruth sat watching in tently when she heard a man behind her exclaim pettishly:

"I can't see a thing, madam." "Mother," demanded Buth, "why does he come here if he can't see?" Photoplay Magazine.

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