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## TIL TAYLOR KILLED AS SIX BREAK JAIL

### Prisoners Take Advantage of Meal-Time Hour, Overcome Deputy, Take Munitions and Arms and Make Get-Away—Posses Are in Hot Pursuit.

T. D. Taylor, more familiarly known to Oregonians as Til Taylor, was shot and mortally wounded by Neil Hart when Hart and five other prisoners in the Umatilla county jail at Pendleton made a break for liberty Sunday afternoon. Sheriff Taylor was shot through the breast and lived only a few hours.

Posses were formed immediately and began scouring the country adjacent to Pendleton in an effort to run the fugitives to earth.

According to a report of the break, received from Pendleton, the prisoners first overpowered Jake Marin, deputy sheriff, who had entered the cell to carry in their dinner. The break was made at 1:55 p. m. Then, led by Hart, the Indian, the prisoners made their way to the sheriff's office and began a search for guns and ammunition. Hart evidently obtained a rifle which he loaded and, accompanied by two of the other prisoners, left Taylor's office.

Sheriff Taylor, accompanied by Guy Wyrick, a close friend, were just entering the office when they saw Owens and Patterson, rammers, the drawers and Patterson, rammers, Taylor throwing Owens and Wyrick overpowering Patterson.

### Hart Enters and Shoots.

It was then that Hart returned from the inner office with the loaded rifle and shot Taylor. He then commanded Wyrick to stand up and release Patterson or get a dose of lead, too. Wyrick obeyed. They then placed the wounded sheriff on a couch. Hart was about to shoot Taylor again because he would not tell where the ammunition was hidden. Wyrick begged Hart not to fire again and was finally allowed to get some water for Taylor. Hart then became more abusive than ever and threatened to shoot both Taylor and Wyrick. Then, Taylor, pointing to his desk and the drawer containing the ammunition, said, "All right, take the ammunition and get out."

Obtaining the ammunition at once, the prisoners immediately fled from the building and made their way to the O. W. R. & N. tracks where they boarded an east bound freight train. The fugitives rode for four miles on the freight train, getting off at Mission station. From there they fled into the timber.

### Posses Are Formed.

As soon as the news of the jail-break had been known, every able-bodied man in the city of Pendleton was pressed into service, posses were formed and a hunt started for the outlaws. The excitement ran so high, and the people were so shocked over the shooting of their sheriff and friend, that it was several hours before a systematic search was instituted for the fugitives.

### Taylor Mortally Wounded.

Taylor, although mortally wounded, talked freely to relatives and friends during the first hour after he was shot. He said, "Well, this is a corker. I could have shot the dot my cork (meaning Owens) but he got me all right." Morphine was given the sheriff, but he never rallied enough to have a chance. The bullet cut the jugular vein and arteries leading to his neck. His wife and only son were at his bedside when he died.

### Prisoner Tells of Break.

Jeffries, a young man from Jacksonville, Fla., who had been in jail for the last ten days for carrying a concealed weapon and who had not taken part in the jail break, told the following story of how the prisoners carried out their plans to make a dash for liberty:

Sheriff Marin came into the corridor to feed us. First he let the two trustees to build the food and go after the food. Then he locked us all in the cell where we eat and when the food basket arrived he unlocked the cell door to give us the food.

"Just then the trustees who had gone to light the fire, came up and started to talk to Marin. While he was thus engaged, with his back to the rest of us, the big Indian, Owens, who was arrested last week by Sheriff Taylor after a running fight in the hills southeast of Reith, jumped on to Marin's back and bore him to the floor. Hart, the other Indian and Owens' partner, closed in and hit Marin with the jail keying, knocking him out.

"They bound and gagged him and threw him into the cell where I was and locked it. One of the trustees locked myself in with us. I started

to help Marin, but a man covered me and shouted, 'Stay right where you are. Don't move.'

"Marin worked himself loose, however, and a fight started between the deputy and the trustee. In the meantime we heard two shots ring out and Marin groaned: 'My God! Somebody's killed.' The men had gone out into the sheriff's office and obtained Winchester and ammunition. After the shots, the last I heard of them was retreating footsteps. Owens had returned and let the trustee out of the cell where we were, saying to me, 'You keep your head out of this.' Then they ran out."

The prisoners who escaped were: Neil Hart, Indian, aged 22, held in jail after a duel with Taylor and Deputy Sheriff Marin in the hills near Reith last week, and who faced charges of grand larceny and attempt to kill; Jim Owens, Indian, aged 29, caught with Hart; Jack Rathle, 22 years old, held on robbery charge; Albert Lindgren, alleged check raiser; Richard Patterson and Lewis Anderson, held on bad-check charge. All of them were awaiting grand jury action.

### Hart and Owens Have Crime Record

Hart and Owens, the two Indians, are said to have a crime record in Montana. Owens was shot in the thumb by Sheriff Taylor last week in a running fight near Reith, where the sheriff finally effected their capture. They were arrested for robbing Eugene Lyman at the Cayuse Indian celebration. During the break a series of daring robberies in the Pendleton district.

Thilman D. Taylor, aged 54, was born September 19, 1866, at Howell Prairie, nine miles from Salem. Two years later he came with his parents Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor, to Umatilla county, the family settling at Centerville, which is now Athena.

He attended the Athena school and later went to school in Walla Walla. In the fall and winter of 1888 and 1889 he attended Armstrong Business college in Portland. After his return from Portland in 1889 he married Miss Sadie Smith, of Athena. Mr. Taylor was at that time employed by C. A. Barrett as bookkeeper in the hardware store.

Mr. Taylor became deputy sheriff in June, 1898, when William Blakey was elected sheriff. He served as deputy for two years and was elected sheriff at the end of Mr. Blakey's term in 1902. Since 1902 he has served continuously as sheriff of Umatilla county.

Mr. Taylor had been president of the Round-Up association since its organization.

### Good Forty-Fold Seed in Sight.

After a very extended trip over Morrow county covering probably 150 miles on the road through the district where forty-fold is grown, the County Agent in company with Professor Hyslop of Corvallis visited many fields of forty-fold which will approach 20 bushels per acre this year. It is very probable that the best fields of forty-fold will be in the south part of the county this season.

At least some of the very best will undoubtedly be in the Gooseberry section. The fields were all remarkably similar in the fact that as is generally understood there was a tremendous lot of moisture. Nearly all of the forty fold in the county will be graded down because of the mixed grain it contains. An effort will be made to assemble enough orders for a car load of pure seed wheat of forty fold variety this season. The Professor visited and made calculations on some of the fields which were seeded from seed shipped in from Union county last year and found these to be remarkably free from mixture near Condon. Arrangements have been made to buy this delivered at the cars for five cents above the market price for ordinary forty-fold. The supply of this wheat will be decidedly limited and the demand should immediately make their wants known and take the matter up with the County Agent at once. A sample of this wheat grown in the field is to be seen at the office and anyone interested may find the same on application.

L. A. HUNT, County Agent.

### Notice to the People of Morrow County

Owing to the fact that we are now out of quarantine and have taken all the steps of safe guarding the public from the spread of this disease by fumigating all clothes and all things in my shop and home, I hereby invite you all to again visit my store.

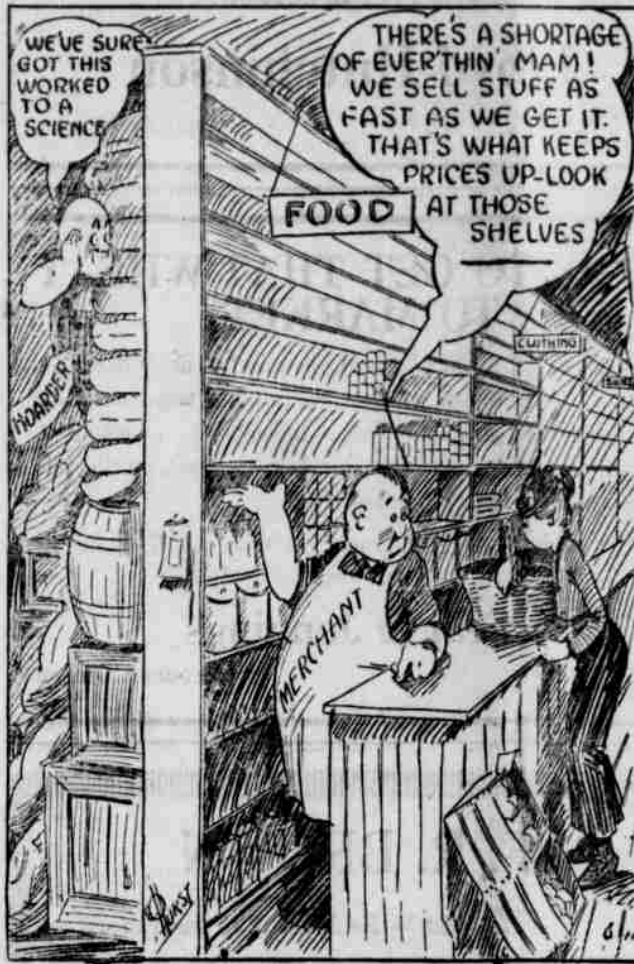
I wish to thank you for your patronage in the eight months past, and assure you of my intention of taking care of my customers, even better in the future, if possible, than heretofore.

I have just purchased a new steam pressing machine which greatly enhances the efficiency of my shop, enabling me to bring out my work better than ever, as it will leave no gloss on the clothes. With this new machine and the added speed with which the work can be turned out, I am now able to clean and press a suit for \$2.00.

Also I have bought a number of new suits and you will see that my prices are popular and my work the very best.

G. FRANZEN,  
Proprietor of Heppner Tailoring and Pressing Shop.

## BEHIND THE WALL



## ANNUAL GATHERING OF FORMER HEPPNERITES

Former residents here now making Home in Portland Observed Annual Get-Together Picnic on July 10—Maris Is Poet.

The annual picnic and get-together party of former Heppner and Morrow county citizens now living in Portland, was held this year on July 10 and fully measured up to all past gatherings, according to reports received by the Gazette-Times from N. C. Maris, formerly of Heppner and now deputy state dairy and food commissioner.

While the attendance was not quite as large as usual, it was quite representative and a good social time was enjoyed. The feed was up to standard and the reputation of Morrow county women was well sustained in this regard.

Speeches by Henry Blackman, Mr. Mallory, Paul V. Maris and R. F. Hynd were features of the day. A poem entitled "Remembering Heppner" from a bunchgrass poet was recited by N. C. Maris.

### REMEMBERING HEPPNER

I want to go back to Heppner, Where the sagebrush scents the air, Where the savage clouds a burning, Make you think of your evening prayer.

I want to go back to Heppner, Where the hand-clasp's free and true, Where the friends you meet are smiling, And they say "hallo" to you.

I want to go back to Heppner, Where the hills are pink with bloom, And their towering forms all greet you, And drive away the gloom.

I want to go back to Heppner, Just to meet the friends of old—The friends who are worth retaining—The friends who are good as gold.

Then I think, why go back to Heppner, To see those friends so dear? For they've come to the city of Portland, And are scattered far and near.

So we're meeting today in Portland, Good friends from the bunchgrass town, To renew our pleasant acquaintance, With never a tear nor a frown.

We remember, when in Heppner, Some struggles and hardships too, But these struggles strengthened our friendship—'twixt me and you.

So our memory goes back to Heppner, Where the hills are high and bold, And like sentinels mute they remind us Of friendships that never grow cold.

Dallas, Ore.—The big sawmill of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, destroyed by fire a short time ago, will be rebuilt immediately. Work of clearing away the wreckage is now under way, and the owners expect to have the mill running to capacity again in three months.

Portland, Ore.—The Portland Trust company is offering stock in a new motion picture concern to operate in this city.

## WHEAT VARIETY MAKES CHANGE IN FARMING

Prof. Hyslop of the O. A. C. Makes Field Inspection of Turkey Red, Which is Said to be Best Wheat for Morrow.

Morrow county is undergoing a pronounced change in its wheat production. Two things are responsible for this. Early plowing for summer fallow followed by clean culture free from weeds has done much to improve yield and quality.

The other thing is a change in variety. Several thousand acres of Bluestem will give way to the premium of all dry land winter wheats, Turkey Red. While Bluestem is a good wheated the many farmers who have resented it year after year only to harvest a medium yield of pinched wheat are rather envious of the better yields and heavier wheat from the Turkey Red fields that lived thru the winter and produced a crop without seeding.

Turkey Red is the wheat that was imported into Kansas from southern Russia. It is no Bolshevik. It gets right to work and produces wheat, Kharkov is a strain of Turkey wheat and it as well as some other wheats have done well.

Turkey Red wheat changed Kansas from a state of uncertainty in the wheat game to a certainty that leads them all in production.

Sherman county, Oregon, produced Forty fold, but a whole family of Club wheats, and when the farmers there began standardizing on Turkey Red they began to prosper. It has made Sherman county.

Morrow county in those sections where the rainfall is light will get best results with Turkey Red. County Agent Hunt arranged for a shipment of Turkey Red into the county last year and at present there is an abundance of good turkey wheat seed.

Prof. G. R. Hyslop of the Oregon Agricultural College has inspected a lot of fields and up to Saturday afternoon 3115 acres of Turkey Red has passed the field inspection.

Most of this wheat was fine dark hard winter wheat and very little of it was pinched. This was a marked contrast to the forty fold and bluestem fields.

"Turkey Red is the best wheat for the dry hot early ripening sections but to be successful with it fallow must be plowed deep, early and must be kept clean," says Prof. Hyslop.

### 400 Tons of Headings Destroyed by Fire

Approximately 400 tons of headings belonging to James Gentry of this city, were destroyed by fire on Wednesday afternoon. The headings had just been put in the stack by Mr. Gentry. The field joins the local dumping grounds, where much trash is hauled out from town. It is believed that the fire in the field, which resulted in the loss of the headings, started from the dumping grounds as a fire had been burning there earlier in the day. The local fire department was called out but arrived on the scene too late to be of material assistance.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

BORN—In this city on Sunday, July 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kirk, a daughter.

FOR SALE—Ford car, good condition, easy terms. Inquire Calmas Blacksmith Shop. 1p.

Jos. J. Nys, local attorney, is spending a few days in Portland this week on business.

Mrs. S. E. Van Vactor returned Wednesday from Portland after spending a week in the metropolis.

Mrs. B. G. Sigsbee and daughter Miss Bernice returned to Heppner Wednesday, after spending several days in Portland.

Mrs. R. M. Hart and children Lucille and Robert Jr., arrived Wednesday from Portland, where they spent two weeks visiting with relatives.

Heading and threshing started the first of the week on the J. O. Turner ranch near Swagart Buttes and Mr. Turner reports that his Turkey Red wheat is making an average yield of 28 bushels.

The S. E. Van Vactors are now domiciled in their summer cottage on upper Willow creek. The cottage is high on the mountain side and the location is at once refreshing as well as picturesque.

Martin Behm, north lone farmer, is in the city today on business. Mr. Behm has finished heading a good wheat crop. He says A. E. Johnson, a neighbor of his, has a wheat crop that will average 25 bushels per acre.

Wheat is rolling down hill now. Lexington at a fairly lively rate these days and will increase in volume as the harvest season progresses, according to W. G. Scott, banker and warehouseman who spent a few hours in Heppner, today.

Roy Heller, who helps run trains for the O. W. R. & N. Co., down in and near Portland, arrived the last of the week and is visiting his relatives near Heppner. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Heller and a brother of Mrs. Geo. Evans and Mrs. Wm. Letraice.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Matteson and daughter May motored over from their home in Seattle, arriving here on Wednesday evening. They are guests for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Milholland. Mrs. Matteson and Mrs. Milholland are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Swindig and children motored down from their home at Dayton, Wash., and are visiting until Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Starkey. Mr. Swindig says an immense crop of grain will be harvested in eastern Washington this year.

H. A. Duncan, who for many years has been a popular salesman in the men's furnishings department at Thomson Brothers' store in this city, is leaving soon to become permanent located in California. Mr. Duncan will probably travel out of San Francisco and has the entire state of California for his territory. His many friends here will wish him the best of luck and the greatest success possible in his new field and home.

"There are fields of wheat out west and south of this year that would not look at all out of place in the Walla Walla country," said C. B. Sperry, lone grain buyer and warehouseman, who is in the city today. It's one of the best seasons that section has had for some time, according to Mr. Sperry. The Heppner-Willow creek road is in bad shape between Lone and Lexington due to the grading now being done on the highway. Mr. Sperry suggests a detour either by way of Gooseberry or north Lexington, as the hill roads are good.

## Local Officers Aiding In Search for Taylor's Slayers

Sheriff Walter McDuffee of Morrow county, George Cason, city marshal and E. M. Shutt, former sheriff of this county, have gone to Pendleton to assist in the capture of the Umatilla murderers and jail breakers. The men went over Tuesday morning to attend the funeral of the late Sheriff Taylor and immediately after the services, volunteered for the man hunt and were at once pressed into service. All three were warm personal friends of Mr. Taylor and were connected in an official way for many years. Sheriff Taylor was the man who captured the train robbers after Mr. McDuffee, who was then deputy sheriff of Morrow county, entrusted their plans and killed their leader, Manning, near Meacham. McDuffee was severely wounded at the time and his life hung in the balance for several days.

## Additional Improvements at the Electric Service Station

More improvements were added at the Wattery Electric Service Station this week when an attractive new Willard sign was erected over the front entrance to the building. The front of the building was also treated to a coat of bright orange paint, orange being the official color chosen by Mr. Fritsch. All service batteries from his station are painted in the same color. The station now presents an attractive appearance.

## Herder Kills Large Cougar.

Oscar Davis, who is herding the Bruce Kelley sheep on Kelley prairie, recently killed a cougar near the camp which measured over seven feet from tip to tip. The animal was treed by Mr. Davis' dogs. Another cougar of nearly equal size was seen last Sunday morning by Mr. Kelley.

## Returns from Trip to Holland.

T. G. Denisse, local contractor, returned to Heppner Tuesday evening after spending the last nine months visiting at his old home in the Netherlands. Mr. Denisse reports that he had a most enjoyable trip and that conditions in Holland at the present time are very flourishing. All lines of industry are thriving and a healthy condition apparently prevails. Mr. Denisse spent several weeks in the east, south and middle west while on his return home. To say that he is glad to be back in Heppner once more, would be putting it mildly.

## A Big Program at the Star Sunday.

A big program is on the boards for the Star theater next Sunday, when in addition to the regular run of pictures, will appear Kuliola, who presents his Lucky Paka, daintiest singer of all Hawaiia and her famous Hawaiiania, "The Princess of the Paradise." The admission charge will be 30 and 55 cents.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew will be present in one of their laughing comedies, "Harold, Last of the Saxons" and Bryant Washburn will be there in "Something to Do."

## Birthday Dinner at Frye Home.

The F. N. Frye home was the scene of a double birthday party last Sunday when Mrs. Emille Kelley last the honor guest. The occasion was both Mrs. Kelley's and Mrs. Frye's birthdays. A few close friends were present to partake of the birthday dinner prepared by Mrs. Frye.

## W. E. Straight Recovers.

W. E. Straight, Little Butter creek farmer, who was brought to Heppner last Thursday evening by John Bronson and Phil Higgins for medical treatment, has entirely recovered. Mr. Straight was thrown from his horse recently and suffered a mental lapse as a result. He was able to be on the street the first of the week.

## Dancing Party at Mahoney Home.

The W. P. Mahoney home was the scene of a highly enjoyable party last Saturday evening, when Miss Vera Mahoney entertained for her friend Miss Fay Kent, of Bonners Ferry, Idaho. About thirty-five guests were present.

## C. A. Walton, Long Creek merchant, is in the city today on business.

Mrs. J. W. Beymer expects to spend the month of August with friends at Newport on the Oregon beach.

## How the Eight Managed

(From Scio (Ore.) Tribune)  
Eight of Scio's girls made up their minds to go to Newport for a good time. Those comprising the party were Christine Shindler, Josie, Rose and Emma Kotan, Lulu, Oda and Arthur Clark and Mary Duran.

Following is a sketch of the story, as told by one of the nymphs:  
"It was planned to rent a cottage and each girl take a turn at cooking. We filled a trunk with bedding and checked it through. July 6 we were in Albany, where the first shakedown fell on us, when a mean man remarked, 'I'll bet there goes a bunch of schoolmarm!' Lulu was the only one in that class and the only one to suffer. We reached Yaquina at 4:25 and welcomed the sea breeze.

"When we passed Nashville, Josie showed much interest, as the thinking what might happen. Asked as to her intense interest she replied, with eyes sparkling, 'Why don't you know that Printer Brant has a ranch near here?'"

Dismay struck us when told our trunk did not arrive. By the way, it did not arrive until the morning we started for home. In the meantime eight of us had two blankets and a comforter to sleep under. To help out, we put hot irons at our feet.

"We had three pretty afternoons it was foggy and cloudy at Newport. Only Christine, Rose and Josie were brave enough to plunge in the surf. We found only a few agates and one star fish. We all went fishing but had to buy fish for dinner. We hiked five miles to the light house, which is 85 feet high and the light can be seen 25 miles.

"We went out after oysters at 3 o'clock one morning and got enough for two meals. Our happy group was disturbed when the Kotans had to leave after three days, but three more of us were glad to follow four days later and get back where the sun shines. Only Mary and Oda were brave enough to wait for the sun to shine at Newport. We had very pleasant weather the rest of the week and enjoyed a number of hikes along the beach. As the two girls were left alone without blankets or comforter, they gave up the cottage and spent the remainder of the vacation at The Abbey. Mary and Oda returned to Scio on the 18th of July.

Mrs. Duran is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Duran of Lexington.

## COOLIDGE URGES QUICK RETURN OF PEACE

Republican Vice-Presidential Nominée, at Notification Ceremonies, Says There Must Be a Return From "Voluntary Autocracy."

Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts, in an address accepting the republican nomination for vice-presidency on Tuesday, urged the country to summon its forces to solve the problems of reconstruction. He devoted much of his address to a discussion of domestic issues, but called first for a "return to a thorough peace basis because that is the fundamental American basis." Before domestic problems can be solved, he added, there must be a return from "the voluntary autocracy" to a government as exercised under the doctrine of the separation of powers.

The governor commended the republican senators for their opposition to the league of nations covenant without reservations as submitted by the president, terming the "league in that form subservive of the traditions and independence of America." "But the republican principle," he added, "approves the principles of agreement among nations to preserve peace, and pledges itself to the making of such an agreement preserving American independence and dignity as well as will meet every duty America owes humanity."

## Many Clues but No Criminals Found By Posses on Man Hunt

Many clues have been run to earth by the posses now scouring every nook and cranny in the hills and mountains back of Pendleton, but according to recent telephone communication with the East Oregonian, they have come to naught. Five of the six criminals from the Umatilla county jail, and one of them the murderer of T. D. Taylor, are still at large. A rumor reached Heppner on Wednesday evening that a member of one of the posses had been shot by one of his own party through mistake. There was nothing to this rumor. The posses are now well organized and the public may rest assured that favorable reports will come in from some section before many more hours pass by.

## John Vaughn and Merle Kirk Buy 1000 Acre Wheat Farm

John Vaughn and Merle Kirk of this city have purchased the John Blake wheat ranch of 1000 acres situated six miles from Ione. The price paid was \$34 per acre. Messrs. Vaughn and Kirk expect to farm the place. The deal was handled by W. S. Smith of Ione.

## Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Anderson Return from Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Anderson returned to Heppner on Wednesday in their Studebaker Six after making a journey of 5900 miles. They were gone from Heppner about 45 days and motored east by the way of California and visited at Mr. Anderson's old home in Aberdeen, S. D. Mr. Anderson says that the roads for the most part are not as good as one would expect to find. They made the return trip over the Yellowstone Trail.

## "Tillie's Punctured Romance" at Star Theater on August 5th

Mack Sennett's master production, "Tillie's Punctured Romance," which will be shown at the Star theater on Thursday, August 5, featuring Charles Chaplin, Marie Dressler, Mabel Normand, Mack Swain and Chester Conklin, contains a combination of screen comedians that add even greater hilarity to the side-splitting story of Tillie and Charlie.

This feature comedy is produced on a large and elaborate scale. The scene shifts from the humblest country farmhouse to the gorgeous millionaire's mansion. The ball room scene here is carried out on a particularly grand scale, worthy of the best society drama. Against a background of elaborate decorations, "soup and fish" clothes, butlers, flunks, and elegant manners, the ludicrous behavior of Tillie, the newly-rich country maiden, and Charlie, the fortune hunting wise city guy, stands out in bold and hilariously comic relief.

Charlie Chaplin is at his best in this great comedy. He is a fortune hunter whose martyrdom proves hard, for he discovers too late that the gold "glitters" only through his better half's fingers.

A great comedy masterpiece, with a combination of great stars, directed by the greatest comedy director in the world—"Tillie's Punctured Romance" has an appeal and a bushel of laughs in store for everyone.