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**BEGIN TO TAKE** 

Drama as Educational Force- more? "The Third Degree" Greatly Enjoyed by Local People.

As a writer of problem plays. now in the height of fashion. People are beginning to take the

drama more seriously than in former times.

be said that fiction and the drama mold the thought and purpose of the nation.

Olive Schriner, the author of "Au a man dreams and I will tell you what ideals mold and shape our characters.

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT BUNDAY, BY THE MEDFORD PRINTING CO. BEFORE Governor West's departure for the east he announced that there would be no more hangings in announced that there would be no more hangings in The Democratic Times, The Medford Oregon during his term as chief executive. He stated that he would exercise the powers conferred upon him by the Office Mail Tribune Building, 28-27-29 constitution and commute those sentenced to execution North Fir street; phone, Main 3021, to life imprisonment. He recommends that capital punish-GEORGE PUTNAM, Editor and Manager ment be abolished, as in his first legislative message, and that murderers be punished by life imprisonment that will

WEST'S NEW REFORM.

be literally life imprisonment, the pardoning power being taken away from governor and prison board.

Of course Governor West will be malignantly assailed, is in fact being so assailed, for his action. He will be mis-what Governor West does, partisan newspapers like the Oregonian will attack him and belittle him, and deny him Weekly, per year ..... 1.40 a square deal. They are survivals of a time, now happily passing away, when it was held that abuse weakened a man politically, and that people believed the stuff dished out in partisan papers.

Governor West has the courage of his convictions. If he believes a thing is right, he does it regardless of critieism or policy. He has a big heart and is full of sympathy for the under dog in life's struggle. If he can lend a helping hand, he is going to do it. He is trying to do right, as Ed Andrews Points Out Value of the it has been given him to see the right-and who can do

Only a century or two ago all crimes, from trifling theft up, were punished by excention. But this didn't stop crime. Fear of punishment never did stop a crime committed, as most homicides are committed, in hot blood. Hanging has not lessened murder-on the contrary, homi-Charles Klein stands first among the cide is on the increase. As humanity progressed, the scafanthors of his time, and, by the way. fold has been discarded for all but the capital crime. Has it seems that the problem play is just it not progressed far enough to diseard the barbaric punishment altogether?

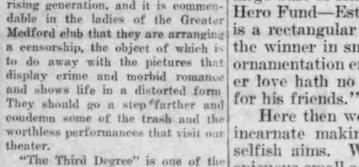
The red tape and maze of technicalities of the law, which make it exceedingly hard to punish any kind of a We are glad to say that the narrow erime, if the accused has money enough to fight, have prejudice of the church is a thing of brought the law into contempt and done far more to enwhere are beginning to realize that courage erime of all kinds than modification in the punishthe drama is one of the greatest of all ment. This laxity of law enforcement, this over-riding arts, and its strong appeal to the of justice by hair-splitting jurists, is doing far more to emotions as well as to the sense of increase murder than abolishment of execution can do. sight makes it a medium through Speedy trials, certain punishment, will do far more to which stringent and most lasting im-pressions are made. In fact, it may lessen crime than the hangman's noose.

## THOSE HERO MEDALS.

Onve Schriner, the author of "An African Farm," says: "Tell me what a man dreams and I will tell you what A MONG the means adopted by Andrew Carnegie of cleverly distributing his tainted money to advertise he is." Indeed, this is true; our day his name and perpetuate his fame is that of presenting dreams become our ideals and our medals to those accredited with acts of heroism.

The Carnegie hero fund, an organization founded by Every performance that visits our the former iron-monger, gives medals yearly to those who town, every reel of films unwound at have most earned the gratitude of humanity by acts of our picture shows is doing its part in valor or fortitude. The medal, on one side, contains a the molding of the characters of the large bust of Andrew Carnegie with the words "Carnegie Hero Fund-Established April 15, 1904." On the reverse Medford elub that they are arranging is a rectangular space in which is engraved the name of a censorship, the object of which is the winner in small letters. This is surrounded by scroll to do away with the pictures that ornamentation encircled by the following legend: "Greatdisplay erime and morbid romance er love hath no man than this that he lay down his life Here then we have a beautiful instance of selfishness worthless performances that visit our incarnate making use of noble unselfishness for most selfish aims. While the hero's name appears in inconspicuous small script, the philanthropic donor's name and picture takes half the medal. Whose fame is perpetuated. whose heroism rewarded?





rare performances that it has been Medford's good huck to see, As to the cast, it was in most re-

spects a very good one. Miss Franklyn Gale, who played the part of "Mrs. Howard Jeffries, Jr.," is good actress, but she failed to loo the part of the girl that the anthhad in mind. Miss Gale represented a good, honest girl, but failed, either from improper makeup or lack of conception, to look the winsome factory gir lthat won the heart of young Jeffries,

Mr. Stewart was not quite our idea as the son of a wealthy man who held first place among New York's aristocracy. Young Jeffries' environment was supposed to have been an education that would have given him a style and polish even though his dissolute life may have led him wide from the path of propriety

Charles Klein is a writer who carves his characters with the hand of a sculptor, and acting that would gain some knowledge of the wherebe acceptable in the ordinary play abouts of T. C. Jackson, who mystewill not do in the exacting work laid riously disappeared at his home at

acted her part well nigh to perfec- the discovery of the cause of his distion; she seemed to be the very per- appearance. son from whom we would expect a queer contradiction of good and bad the love of wealth, position and luxtion welling up through the baser ele- brother, R. T. Jackson, of Shelbyments of her nature.

The part of "Richard Brewster," Whiitaker. Mr. Whiitaker is a good he has not been heard from. actor and played his part at all times with intelligence and dignity.

the elder Jeffries, while Mr. Neil Bar- tion of the matter. On this trip ac rett, as chief of police, would be ac- mnearthed some clews which he beceptable in any east. ED ANDRTWS.

## JUD PERNOLL BUYS

Jud Pernoll, the southern Oregon voluntarily confessed that his father uors, in quantities less than a galchased an interest in the Owl bil- played a prominent part in his disliard and pool hall of Grants Pass. appearance. Jud will go east in the spring to join Haskins for Health. Hugh Jennings' fast aggregation.

And such is the charity and philanthropy of Andrew Carnegie!



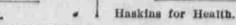
ALBANY, Ore., Nov. 27 .-- After searching for almost eight years 'o out by this most exacting playwright Grants Pass, relatives have un-The senior Mrs. Jeffries looked and earthed some clews which may lead to Jackson had been engaged in min-

ing near Grants Pass for four or five from 3 0to 35 cents. years prior to his disappearance in ury bein gthe dominant motive of her 1903. The last his relatives heard in price this season, bringing at relife, with now and then a good emo- from him was when he wrote to his tail from 15 to 20 cents per pound, ville, Mo., saying that he intended to from 2 0to 25 cents. The demand go back to the St. Louis fair and this season is not nearly so keen as attorney, was well acted by Raymond would make them a visit. Since then last, and the supply is rather greater

coast recently on a visit and stopped ure. Harry Foreman did very well as at Grants Pass for a final investigalieves will assist materially in solv-

ing the mystery. He found that his brother had loaned money to different people in cember 5th, 1911, for a license to

hasehall king, who will play with the owed Jackson \$50. He became con- lon, at lot 2, North Fir sreet, for Detroit Tigers next season, has pur- vinced that 'T. C. Jackson's money a period of six months.







Notice is hereby given that E. G. Brown will make application to the city council of the city of Medford, Oregon, at its regular meeing on De-INTEREST IN POOL HALL Grants Pass and he met one man who

> E. G. BROWN. Dated Nov. 25, 1911.