

SCOTTISH CATTLE KING IS LOOKING OVER THE VALLEY

F. A. Webster of Arbut, Scotland, accompanied by his son, W. J. Webster, is visiting Medford during a leisurely jaunt through the coast country en route toward Los Angeles. Mr. Webster, who is a wealthy linen manufacturer of Scotland, is also interested in a number of localities in the western regions of the United States. He is one of the owners of the largest individual herd of cattle in this country, the herd numbering 70,000, and having a range in Texas of many thousands of acres. He also is interested in extensive areas of range in Montana.

Mr. Webster and son are much interested in southern Oregon and particularly that portion of it embraced within the bounds of Rogue River valley. During a visit here of several days they have collected much data concerning our horticultural and pastoral interests, our fruit resources and development and our livestock interests.

Our mineral resources are attracting careful inquiry from these visitors and they are gathering data concerning the most attractive mineral belts and the transportation facilities existing and in prospect.

The senior Mr. Webster's inquiry concerning extensive areas of valley land adjacent to good foothill and mountain range for stock has developed the fact that such tracts have in recent years been subdivided until they are not today what might be termed large areas of grazing land; but the purchase of two or three such tracts lying in a body might be made to answer the purpose of those who desire to engage in the livestock industry on a larger scale than heretofore undertaken in southern Oregon. Mr. Webster and son may remain several days yet.

NO HARD CIDER ALLOWED WHEN OREGON GOES "DRY"

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 17.—Twenty district attorneys from various Oregon counties met here today in conference with Attorney General George W. Brown to discuss ways and means for enforcing the Oregon prohibition law after January 1.

One of the questions decided was that farmers will not be permitted to sell hard cider. The farmer, it was held, may allow his cider to turn to vinegar and sell the vinegar, but it will be held unlawful throughout Oregon for cider to be sold while it is between the sweet cider stage and the vinegar stage.

It was the declared consensus of opinion that prosecutions under the prohibition law shall be brought only in cases where there is good prospect of conviction, the idea being that numerous acquittals would tend to weaken the law's effect.

It was decided that each pharmacist employed in a drugstore which handles liquor shall be required to furnish a bond as well as the proprietor, and that each shall keep a separate record of sales.

DEFENSES AT SALONIKI MAY BRING OFFENSIVE

SCALEM, Ore., Dec. 18.—Twenty threatened to expell the entente allies from Saloniki, according to the Times Athens correspondent.

"Replying to Greek diplomatic representations which had as their aim preventing the entrance of the Austro-German troops into Greece," says the correspondent, "the German minister declared that the fortifications which the entente allies are constructing at Saloniki, would compel Germany to take action to drive out the allied forces."

Premier Skouloudis rejoined that in no case would Greece allow Bulgarian troops to set foot on Greek soil."

PARIS, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Athens dated Thursday says:

"The ministers of the quadruple entente called again on the premier yesterday regarding the facilities demanded for the entente allied troops in Macedonia. The German minister called on M. Skouloudis at noon today."

O. N. G. Appointments

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 18.—Governor Withycombe today approved the appointment of Captain Eugene Mowbringer of Woodburn, Ore., as major in the third infantry, Oregon National Guard. He was appointed by Colonel C. McLaughlin and the advancement also has the approval of Adjutant General George A. White. Mowbringer is a veteran of the Spanish-American war.

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A PLAY THAT HAS MOVED THE WORLD



SIR JOHNSTON FORBES-ROBERTSON MISS LAURA COWIE

"Passing of the Third Floor Back," Which Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson Will Present During His Farewell Visit Here, Holds a Unique Record.

"Passing of the Third Floor Back" has now been played by Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, who is making his farewell tour of the English-speaking world, for eight years. Its success is perhaps unrivaled on the modern stage. It has been praised by the clergy and ministers of all denominations and creeds, and the press and public in general have warmly welcomed it as one of the most remarkable plays of this generation.

Jerome K. Jerome is the author of "Passing of the Third Floor Back." Previous to this play Jerome was known only for his lighter work, but in his drama he shows a keen perception of human character and feels hardly to be looked for in a light dramatist. The following are some of the lines in the play which have most often been quoted:

"Women are so willful, and you kind women are the worst of all."
"You are young enough not to have forgotten the thoughts of youth; did you not to have learnt pity?"
"Nothing, it seems to me, is more beautiful than the love that has weathered the storms of life."
"The love of the young for the young—it is the beginning of life. But the love of the old for the old—that is the beginning of things longer."

"Duty so soon tires; love goes all the way."
"The business of art is to reveal the beauty underlying all things."
"It is a great privilege to be deemed worthy to suffer."
"It is the thoughts of youth that shall one day make the world young."
"This is what we will tell to the young men—that the fear that keeps men little is the fear of being great."
"Ah, you have learnt it—that all the best fun in life is giving!"
"Love! She is a woman. And all men may she love, save one. With all men may she dwell, save one; with all men may she dwell, save one. It is not poverty; it is the fear of poverty that drives out love."
"Leave takings are but wasted sadness. Goodbye! I also am a servant. I have my work."

TWO FINE PLAYS COME TOGETHER

It is perhaps a bit unfortunate that two such unusual attractions as Margaret Illington and Forbes-Robertson should appear so close together, the 21st and 22d of this month, and yet it is our season of entertainment in merry-making, and the coming of these great artists will certainly be a special season and leave behind the pleasant memories that will linger with us long after we have bade our friends a happy new year. Far too late to come in mental contact with two such unusual personalities is to be lifted above the handmaiden things of our daily life and elevate them into the realm of inspiration. For there is a storehouse where most of the worth-while things in life are kept, and genius holds the key; but now and then the door is unlocked and the world is given a song, a book, a great painting, a drama, that enriches our lives and gives color to the otherwise dull gray of our existence.

The plays we are to see at the Page will be both bright landmarks in our dramatic experience, and while they are highly entertaining, it is not alone to be amused that we urge the people to attend, but rather for the permanent value and the pleasant reminiscence of two such great artists, who have reached the pinnacle of dramatic art.

Orders for seats are coming in from all over the valley—Grants Pass, Eagle Point, Ashland, Central Point—in fact all parts of the community, and it is only fair and right that we encourage the local management to the continuance of their present policy of passing on the cheap shows and giving us none but the very best.

The play in which Miss Illington will be seen, "The Lie," is built upon the effects of a falsehood being subtly sifting its truth at its important epoch in the life of the character. In these complicated times, and of course the truth prevails in the end. Many of the incidents are amusing and very entertaining, and the lesson to be drawn from it, is that the play is an excellent one.

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"Of course, you drive a car!"
How often one hears this accomplishment taken for granted!

And it is indeed the exception when the reply is in the negative.

Even people who do not own their own cars and are merely looking forward to the time when they can become motorists in their own right, drive and drive well. Nor is this general driving ability one of solely masculine achievement; proportionately, the number of women drivers is increasing faster than men.

There was a time in motoring history when the ability to drive was esteemed an intricate thing—an accomplishment attainable only after long practice and requiring almost the mechanical knowledge of an engineer. In these days the chauffeur-driven car was the standard and owners who did their own piloting were admired as marvels of daring. This era has long since passed. It passed with the advent of the light car, popularly priced and adapted to the income of any family of average means.

Buyers of this type could not afford a chauffeur. They started to do their own driving. They found the task a simple one.

We have sold scores of Maxwell cars during the past two seasons, to experienced motorists, but a bigger proportion went to people who had never sat at the wheel of a motor car.

Of course, we always see to it that a buyer is given a course of driving lessons ample to equip him to go anywhere in his car. The first lesson is usually approached by the buyer with a good deal of trepidation. He gains confidence in the first fifteen minutes, and before the first lesson is over he usually develops into a speed bug who raves at traffic delays and needs to be restrained rather than encouraged.

The second lesson—if one is necessary—usually curbs the desire to the wild flight, and the result is a finished driver who resents further presence of the teacher. Occasionally we find a cautious driver who needs more than two lessons; we always give them as many as they want.

Once squared away, expert driving is only a matter of practice. The novice of one season is always the expert of the next—the proud possessor of ability to take not only his own, but any other car anywhere that its ability entitles it to go.

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LEACH CROSS FORCES AD WOLGAST TO QUIT

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Benny Leonard of New York knocked out Joe Mandot of New Orleans in the seventh round of a ten round match here last night. Leonard weighed 124 1/2 lbs.

unable to toe the mark in the seventh round of a ten round match with Leach Cross of this city. Wolgast entered the ring with a patch over one eye, the result of a cut received in a recent fight. Cross took the first two rounds and the former champion the fourth and fifth. Wolgast received a severe beating in the last round and was unable to continue.



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