

PICKETT DENIES POSING AS HERO OR VISITING MEDFORD

Private Wm. J. Pickett of the United States marine corps, who posed in Medford recently as the hero of Chateau Thierry and was lavishly entertained by Mayor Gates, Postmaster Mims and other prominent citizens, and was exposed as a fakir after leaving town, now denies that he ever visited in Medford, ever worked for the Modoc orchard, was ever entertained here or knows anything about the place.

Pickett's latest venture in the seas of romance is the following fairytale in the Glendale News of Nov. 28, and after perusing it, you will think that perhaps the mayor and the others only imagined they heard the thrilling narrative of the hero of Chateau Thierry, or that the hero is suffering from the shell shock of imaginary guns.

"Private William J. Pickett, U. S. M. C., whom the Medford paper accuses of being a fakir, called at the News office last Friday and declares that the aforesaid paper has made a serious mistake in accusing him of having never been in France and of posing as a hero in Medford. He states emphatically that he never stopped in Medford except long enough to have his transportation transferred to Glendale, that he never was entertained nor did he deliver any address in Medford. He states positively that he never worked at the Modoc orchard and does not know where it is. In fact, as far as he is concerned, he brands the entire story as untrue, and says that he intends to take the matter up with the officials at Washington.

"Pickett has his voucher No. 1465 for disability, issued and signed by R. B. Price, paymaster U. S. M. C., for the month of October, 1918. One side of this voucher is filled out by typewriter and the other with pen and ink, but the paymaster's name is signed to the pen and ink side and in the same handwriting. One part of the voucher reads:

"De Bose, France, Oct. 11, 1918. "From De Bose, France to New Orleans, La., U. S. A.

"Returned; acknowledging receipt of the within mentioned check, which was delivered to William J. Pickett, U. S. M. C., who was accepted for enlistment at M. B. Mare Island, Vallejo, Cal., was sworn in Dec. 16, 1917, and was discharged Oct. 15, 1918, at M. B. N. O. with character good.

"Foreign sea travel. "Transportation and subsistence for sea travel from De Bose, France to New Orleans, La., on steamer Hancock, sailing Oct. 7, 1918, was furnished—tendered—waived.

"R. B. PRICE, paymaster, "Lieut. Col. M. C. commanding." "The above paymaster's signatures are either authentic or else they are bold forgery. In fact, Private William J. Pickett was either in France and is speaking the truth, and in that case has been greatly wronged by the Medford story and deserves an humble apology, or else he is one of the most consummate liars on the Pacific coast and deserves to be exposed and compelled to stop disgracing the uniform of the gallant marines.

"Private William J. Pickett's personal description tallies with the Medford description, Auburn hair, brown eyes and ruddy complexion, but he declares positively that it was not he whom the Medford people entertained, and even goes a step farther and says he was never in the 112th Co. and never served under Captain Jafferds. There is a mystery here that ought to be cleared up. It is puzzling to understand why Private Pickett, if his story of foreign service is untrue, would persist in his claims when his exposure might prove very disastrous to him and is only invited by his bold statements."

BRISBANE BUYS 3 MILWAUKEE PAPERS

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 30.—The Milwaukee Free Press, a morning newspaper, has been purchased by Arthur Brisbane, who recently acquired the Evening Wisconsin and Daily News, two afternoon papers. The Free Press will be discontinued at once and Mr. Brisbane's consolidated Milwaukee papers will hereafter be issued under one publication to be known as the Wisconsin-News.

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Theaters and Movies

STAR OF 'H ORIENT



LADY TSEN MEI The screen's only Chinese Star of 'H ORIENT' FOR THE FREEDOM OF THE EAST

The first Chinese screen actress to rise to stellar fame is Lady Tsen Mei, who seeks public acclaim thru "For the Freedom of the East," a cinema drama of compelling patriotic power, at the Rialto tonight and tomorrow.

BIG SPECIAL BILL AT LIBERTY THEATER

How it is done in some picture studios, is shown in "We Can't Have Everything," at the Liberty theatre tonight. This is a special Cecil B. De Mille production for Artercraft and is based upon Rupert Hughes' novel of the same name. The scenario is by his brother, Wm. C. De Mille. The incidents which show the inner workings of a film studio occur



CECIL B. De MILLE'S "We Can't Have Everything" An ALLIANCE Drama

when a photoplay within a photoplay is enacted. The part of Kedeze, a film star, is interpreted by Wanda Hawley and the scenes of the "movie" in the making are located in a "harem" with the accompaniment of beautiful girls, gorgeous costumes, etc.

REGRET DEPARTURE OF CITY LIBRARIAN

At the regular meeting of the library board of the City of Medford on Nov. 4, 1918, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the library board of the City of Medford hereby express their deep regret at Miss Robinson's departure from our midst and extend to her their best wishes for success in her new field. Be it further resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the meeting and a copy of these resolutions be sent to Miss Robinson and that copies of the same be given to the newspapers of Medford. SARA B. MEARS, BELLE E. WARNER, FRANKIE B. HOLLIS, Committee on behalf of Library Board of Medford.

GREAT MAGICIAN AT PAGE MONDAY

Cartier, the magician, and his company of 25 people with 15 tons of marvelous illusions, will be at the Page theatre Monday night. Cartier has astounded the world with his incomparable mysteries and uncanny, laughable entertainment in conjuring. He has visited every country in the world, creating a furore everywhere. Cartier traveled over 5000 miles into the interior of India and spent five months in Barares, on the banks of the sacred river Ganges, studying the occult, with the native fakirs and mahatmas, and as a result brings back with him now a series of the most perplexing, confounding, and utterly surprising marvels, hitherto undreamed of in magic circles. Cartier saw the faithful exponents of Hindu magic, suspend animation, sit in air, project their astral selves, grow trees, divine thought, and in diverse ways manifest their seeming supernatural or preternatural powers. In India, the thought for Levitation, Cartier's masterpiece, germinated, and he will now present to America's millions, this last word in illusion building, which has been the dream of magicians and hitherto inexplicable.

concerned with the rapid life of the metropolis today and the part of a society woman of blue-blood is interpreted by stately Kathlyn Williams. Included in the cast are Sylvia Breamer, Elliott Dexter, Thurston Hall, Theodore Roberts, Tully Marshall and other notable players.

GOMPERS SENT TO PARIS MEETING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Delegates of the American Federation of Labor to the International Labor conference to be held at Paris while the great peace conference is sitting were announced today by the executive council. They are: Samuel Gompers, president of the federation.

William Green, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers. John R. Alpine, president of the Plumbers. James Duncan, president of the International Association of Granite Cutters. Frank Duncan, secretary of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, said the purpose of the international conference is "to consider and help in peace discussion and to establish a new international trade union federation." The executive council of the federation, he said, would issue invitations to the trade organizations of all nations to participate and he added that representatives from all the principal nations were expected to attend.

COUNTY SCHOOLS MADE PROGRESS IN SPITE OF WAR

There are seven standard high schools in the county, namely, district No. 4, Phoenix; No. 5, Ashland; No. 6, Central Point; No. 35, Rogue River; No. 49, Medford; No. 57, Gold Hill, and No. 91, Butte Falls. Five maintain accredited high schools doing one, two or three years of high school work. They are: District No. 1, Jacksonville; No. 9, Eagle Point; No. 16, Azate; No. 22, Talent, and No. 40, Applegate. Although there seems to be a tendency to discontinue the small high schools, these twelve are maintaining an excellent standard of efficiency both as to equipment and instruction, and students completing the work in them compare favorably, according to educational standards, with those from other states. County School Superintendent G. W. Azer in his biennial report for November, just issued.

Standard Rural Schools Every school officer in the county has been provided with a copy of the standard school placard and teachers have posted one in each school building. The requirements stated upon them furnish something definite and authentic upon which to base estimates of what a school should be, and, since every factor concerned in the upbuilding of a school is being interested, a great deal in the way of educational advancement has been the result especially within recent years. Antelope, Derby, Fools Creek, Pilot Rock, Galls Creek and Alderbrook made special efforts during the past year and met every requirement asked of them.

Parent-Teacher Circles During the past year upwards of 25 parent-teacher circles have assisted our schools along various lines of activity. They have been especially helpful to the Junior Red Cross. Their work has been of inestimable value and it is hoped that the day will hasten when every school district will have such an organization.

Rural School Supervisor R. E. Morris being asked to give an idea of the conditions in the strictly rural schools says, "The outlying schools in Jackson county are just about holding their own, taking what we would commonly term a strictly educational view, but even the added burdens of war they have not fallen behind. In war work even the most remote schools have done well. They have not lacked in patriotism nor in active constructive work along war lines.

Needed Improvements "The most needed improvements in these strictly rural schools are those improvements which would require the expenditure of money, and in regard to such progress the war has interfered with the interests of the schools. Under normal conditions, quite possibly one good school building would have been erected; a consolidation plan might have carried and plans laid for building; at least one school board would have installed a heating plant; and possibly two others would have drilled wells; while at present the old and unsatisfactory conditions prevail. But, the idea of taking steps in advance when conditions are right has not gone to rest. Even during the past year five one-room schools have appropriated a total of about \$125 for library books. A few other similar items of progress could be mentioned. An endeavor has

THE MEN IN CLASS A1

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been made to keep the teaching efficiency high, and to prepare the schools for the changed conditions following the war."

School War Activities War activities have been given considerable prominence during the past year throughout all the schools, for two ideas have been foremost in the minds of our teachers, namely (1) to do all possible to help win the war and (2) to fit the younger generation for the new era which will follow. "The schools of Jackson county have reason to be proud of the re-

ords which they have made in many of the drives and campaigns. Ninety-eight and five-tenths per cent of all the families in the county signed 2000 administration pledge cards for teachers and school children.

"In the ninety-three organized school districts of the county, there are 88 Junior Red Cross organizations. Thrift has been emphasized and practiced to the extent that most of our students have at least learned some of the great underlying principles of thrift and most of the students in the county have kept records

of the way their time and money has gone. The school boys and girls pledged themselves to "earn and give," nearly a 200 per cent quota in the United War Work campaign. Other war activities have received careful attention in addition to those already mentioned.

"In the meantime schools have been keeping pace with the so-called regular school work. In many cases one is justified in saying that those schools have done best which have eagerly participated in the war work asked of them."

EXTRAORDINARY OPENING BILL



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LAST TIME TONIGHT

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"We Can't Have Everything"

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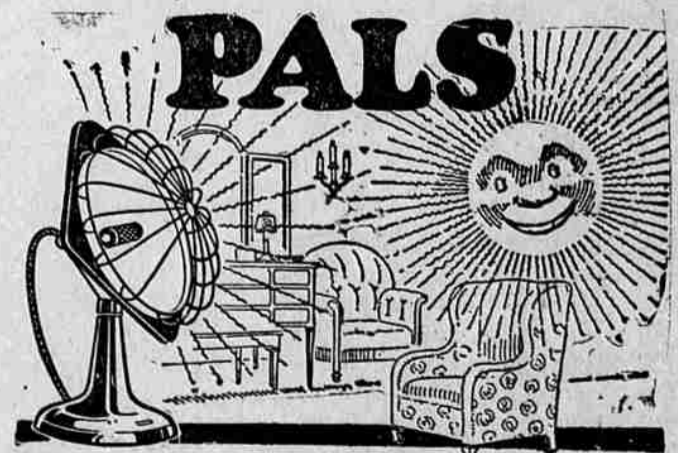
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