

LINDSEY'S MOVIE SAME OLD STORY IN NEW SETTING

(By Mary Greiner)
Well, what of it? Why all the hoop-la, when the couple were married according to conventional standards, and enjoyed the usual fade-out in the garden under the apple blossoms?
Needless to say, "Companionate Marriage," the Ben Lindsey special opening at the Rialto last night, was a disappointment to the audience which more than packed the theatre. Not that there weren't some dramatic incidents thrown in—and a few good closeups of colored necking technique. But what did that have to do with "Companionate Marriage" as a solution of the modern divorce evil?

There have been dozens of pictures with "marry in haste and repent at leisure" as the theme. That was one element developed in this production. There have been plenty more woven around the idea of loveless marriages, and the subsequent clandestine affections on the side. That was another element. And then the generation-or-so-old "birth control propaganda" theme of the struggles of a beautiful eldest daughter of a large family made bitter by the sordidness and squalor of her home life, is another.

After considerable adolescent disillusionment on the part of both the beautiful daughter of the poor parents, enacted by Betty Bronson and the handsome son of the wealthy ones, who finally found his father out, the two, through the advice of the kindly, white-haired judge, decide to get married.

The audience was naturally led to believe that "Companionate Marriage" in its perfect working order will be explained. But this is where their disillusionment comes in. Through a long, forced explanation, they are told that the marriage has been performed by a minister in the usual way, and that the couple are very much in love. The poor, unfortunate parents on both sides have rubbed into them but take their "bawling out" good naturedly enough.

Then there is the fade-out in the garden, with the golden-haired youngster sitting on the bench between the happy and devoted mother and father. So what of it?

Elevated Trains Crash
CHICAGO, March 12.—(AP) Injures suffered yesterday in the collision of a Humboldt park and Logan Square elevated trains. Fourteen others who were injured are expected to recover.

WINTER'S ACHEs YIELD TO SPRING WORKOUTS



The winter training camps are in full swing. Above: The Washington Senators taking out the kinks with a medicine ball at Tampa, Fla. Lower left: Bert Niehoff (left), John McGraw and Ray Schalk at the New York Giants training camp at San Antonio, Texas. Lower right: Tony Lazzeri of the New York Yankees smacking one while Matthews does the receiving.

JACKSONVILLE GRANGE PLANNING BOX SOCIAL FOR MEETING MAR. 22

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Mar. 12.—(Special.) One of the most interesting and enthusiastic meetings of the year was held by the Jacksonville Grange last Friday evening. There was a large attendance and everyone entered heartily into the spirit of the meeting. The members are beginning to more fully realize what the Grange means to the individual and community—the value of good fellowship and co-operation.

One of the principal subjects of discussion was the new farmers marketing exchange system. C. C. Hoover, chairman of the Jacksonville marketing committee read the list of products now available

under the new system. H. E. Conger, chairman of the legislative committee gave a brief report on several legislative bills and the new cabinet form of state government.

A box social will be given at the next social evening, March 22nd. A fine program will be offered and a rousing good time held. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

The following members were obligated into the Grange: Robert Forbes and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin.

REALTORS REPORT BIG TRANSACTIONS

Real estate deals of interest are related in the Central Point American as follows:
"Gainer & Shely, Central Point's five realtors, have just consum-

mated several large real estate transactions, being the largest dealt put over in several months, \$40,000 being involved.

"The firm sold the Joseph Seyferth ranch of 80 acres, fully equipped, on the Applegate, to Ben Stevens at a consideration of \$11,000. Possession was given last Saturday. Through Gainer & Shely, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Holmes of this city have bought the Louis Zattlin ranch of 34 acres a mile west of this city, at a price of \$11,000. Possession was given this week.

"The firm sold the Ben Stevens ranch of 28 acres, which is partially stocked and fully equipped, 22 miles from here, to Joe Seyferth at a consideration of approximately \$8,000. Possession was given last week.

"Another important deal, consummated by Gainer & Shely 10:30. They sold the Mrs. Bertha Holmes large apartment house in Medford to Louis Zattlin. The house is located on North Central avenue, that city, and is furnished. The price paid was \$11,000. Mr. Zattlin has moved his family into the house.

E. W. J. HEARTY, INC. IN GIANT MERGER WITH FRUIT FIRMS

A merger of E. W. J. Hearty, Inc., of this city and the Mid-Columbia Cold Storage Corporation of Hood River and Winthrop Fruit company of Yakima, Wash., has been effected according to an announcement made by H. W. Hainlin, manager of E. W. J. Hearty, Inc., of this city. This combination will greatly facilitate the packing and marketing of fresh fruits and vegetables and, through increased operating efficiency, will enable the companies participating in the merger to offer growers and shippers greatly improved service.

The Big 7 Fruit Warehouse, Inc. and the Big 7 Fruit Distributors, Inc. will be the new names which will designate the organizations handling the packing, pre-cooling, storage and shipping of fruits. The former will operate the Winthrop Fruit company, the Mid-Columbia Cold Storage Corporation and E. W. J. Hearty, Inc., of Medford, while the Big 7 Fruit Distributors will confine its operations to the distribution of fruits and vegetables grown in the northwest. This organization will handle the shipping for the Mutual Fruit Distributors of Wenatchee, Washington as well as the output of the Winthrop Fruit company and E. W. J. Hearty's Medford and Hood River plants.

The Federated Fruit & Vegetable Growers, Inc., great organization, with hundreds of offices in this country, will handle the domestic distribution while the export shipping will be under the direction of the Boston and New York offices of E. W. J. Hearty, Inc. It is interesting to know that the Federated organization have on their staff, W. M. Jardine, secretary of agriculture during the Coolidge administration, as consulting horticulturist.

The names of men who stand exceptionally high in the world of fruit packing and marketing appear as officers of the two new organizations. Edgar W. J. Hearty is president of both the Big 7 Fruit Warehouses, Inc., and the Big 7 Fruit Distributors, Inc. In the former company, A. R. Rule, president of the Federated Fruit & Vegetable Growers, Inc., is vice-president. A. E. Wernmouth is treasurer and G. Winthrop Coffin is secretary. G. Winthrop Coffin is also vice-president of the Big 7 Fruit Distributors, Inc., while A. E. Wernmouth and A. R. Rule are treasurer and secretary of that concern.

CRESCENT CITY SEES PROMISING FUTURE

C. B. Fitzgerald, publicity manager for the Crescent City Investment company, who returned yesterday from the seacoast town to his headquarters here, reports a highly optimistic spirit in Crescent City owing to the recent allotment by the government of \$25,000,000 for the extension and development of the harbor, the largest sum given the Pacific coast for harbor work for the fiscal year.

The appropriation, together with announcement of recommendation by the interstate commerce commission, is looked upon by Crescent City citizens as a sure indication of great development to come in and about the port, according to Mr. Fitzgerald.

News of the SCREEN

"In Old Arizona," the widely heralded picture which comes to Hunt's Craterian theatre for a four days' showing, has been acclaimed in New York and elsewhere as the "Covered Wagon of Talking Pictures," and it is that and more. It is the first feature-length all-sound film drama to be made out of doors.

The entire cast, numbering more than a score of the leading players in filmland, and headed by Edmund Lowe, Dorothy Burgess and Warner Baxter, is seen and heard in the picture, a romantic and thrilling story of the old southwest in the days before standardization had erased much of its glamor and color.

"In Old Arizona" marks a new milestone in motion picture progress. It is a marvel.

Canned Foods Week at Safeway Stores

The two Medford Safeway stores are now observing their annual canned foods sale and the stores are full of newest packed, nationally advertised merchandise attractively arranged in huge quantities. This sale is taking place in all stores in Medford district, including Grants Pass, Heston, Marshfield, Myrtle Point and Coquille.

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