

**STAGE AND SCREEN**

Marie Prevost, Raymond Griffith, Clarence Badger and Alice Lake, all were comedians once. That was in the old days at the Sennett studio. They were reunited in the filming of one of the greatest mystery dramas of the year, "Red Lights," which is the Goldwyn screen version of the stage play, "The Rear Car," written by Clarence Badger, who directed "Red Lights," which is coming to the Rialto theatre tomorrow and Saturday, directed comedies on the Sennett lot at the time Marie Prevost and Alice Lake were members of the famous bathing brigade. Raymond Griffith was a Keystone cop, and later wrote comedies for the company. He was recently signed under a long term contract with the Goldwyn company.

In "The Enemies of Women," Cosmopolitan Productions' new super-feature, which comes to the Rialto Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the public will have the opportunity to see on the screen what are said to be the most striking scenes ever made of the world-famous resort, Monte Carlo. In the popular romance by Vicente Blasco Ibañez, Monte Carlo and its renowned Casino play a prominent part. For this reason Cosmopolitan Productions sent the entire company making the picture to the resort to get the last touch in atmosphere. It was not until Ibañez himself had arranged matters with the authorities at the Casino, however, that "shots" of it could be made. The resultant scenes of Monte Carlo with its Casino and beautiful terrace are said to be the most perfect in detail that has ever been photographed.

Monte Carlo, which is situated in Monaco, the smallest principality in the world, is believed by many to be the most picturesque spot along the beautiful Riviera. The scenery is incomparable for its beauty, including steep mountain heights, winding roads and a gorgeous view of the Mediterranean which Monte Carlo overlooks. Despite its natural beauty, however, Monte Carlo owes most of its fame to the fickle wheel of chance. The daily exchange of fortunes is the largest in any place in the world, and anyone who "try his luck" there except the natives of Monaco, who are forbidden to play. The town of Monte Carlo itself was founded in 1196 and the Casino has been utilized as a gaming resort since its foundation in 1861, at which time it was leased for 50 years to a Francois Blanc. Later its control passed to a joint stock company, which now operates it and which has obtained an extension of its concessions to 1947.

"There are more girls serving soup in Los Angeles restaurants, who came to the movie capital to act, than there are actresses in pictures," says Al Christie, prominent comedy producer. "Literally thousands of these girls come west expecting to make their fortunes in the pictures, and are now working behind counters, in restaurants, packing fruit in season and doing other tasks for which they are more fitted."

Christie has taken the movie-mad maid who imagines she will be a second Pickford as the subject for his latest comedy, "Hazel From Hollywood," which satirizes movies in general. This new Educational-Christie comedy will be shown at the Rialto theatre Wednesday and Thursday.

It is a recognized fact that the great majority of the really successful stage and screen stars have started their careers as children. This being the case, young Joey Depew, who has attracted so much attention by his work in "The Steadfast Heart," coming to the Rialto theatre Wednesday and Thursday, is on his way to the coveted position of star.

Joey, although only 11 years of age, is a screen veteran, having started work before the camera five years ago. His first work was at the World Studios in Fort Lee, the Hollywood of the east. There the youngster learned that the first requisite of a successful player is to act natural. At the present time his is young Depew's chief asset as he appears on the screen like the real boy he is.

**THE WEATHER**

Resumption of service by the Hood River-White Salmon ferry boats was welcome by the Hood-River-Cremery, which, while the Columbia river was frozen over, had been receiving cream from patrons in Kliektat and Skamania counties by way of Portland. Some of the dairymen, whose cream has to make the 150 mile journey, can look from the White Salmon country onto the local plain.

A horse, drawing a light wagon, was driven down the Third street hill by the Paris Fair one day last week when the frost and ice made the surface like glass. He proved a good skater. Setting his feet he slid gracefully to the bottom, without falling once. A crowd cheered at the accomplishment of the unique feat.

One morning last week the sky was unclouded except for a heavy cloud over the high point just northeast of White Salmon. The rising sun painted the clouds a magnificent pink. With a deep blue sky overhead, the purple of the wooded slope to the west and the sunlight streaming in the gorge of the Columbia to the east, a picture of rare splendor was presented.

**Blue Diamonds Will Play**

Manager Cecil Lafferty announces that the Blue Diamonds, a basketball team formed by young men of the city, many of them formerly collegiate and high school stars, will meet The Coyotes, a team of Goldendale, at the high school auditorium next Saturday night. The local team defeated the Mosier town team 40-6. Other games scheduled by the organization are as follows: The winners of a series of games among the Portland basketball association, February 16; White Salmon, February 8; Stevenson, February 1, and Columbia University, of Portland, February 19.

**Ferry Service Resumed**

Ferry service between here and White Salmon was resumed Tuesday, shore ice having been broken and the river having shown a rise of about a foot. During the cold weather the Columbia dropped below zero, and power ferry boats were unable to make the Hood River landing at the low stage. The break up of ice on the upper river filled the current here with many small floes.

**1924 CITY TAX BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the City Tax Budget Committee of the City of Hood River, on November 17, 1923, there was proposed and adopted an estimate of the money to be expended by the City during the year 1924, which estimate, together with the report of the present condition of department funds, is as follows:

**ROAD FUND**

	Expense, 1920.	Expense, 1921.	Expense, 1922.	Expense to July 1, 1923.	Expense Allowed 1923.	Balance July 1, 1923.	Estimated Expenses July 1-Dec. 31, 1923.	Estimated Expenses, 1924.
Street Commissioner	\$ 1500.00	\$ 1500.00	\$ 1500.00	\$412.50	\$ 600.00	\$ 187.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Street Foreman	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	OD750.00	750.00	1500.00
General Street Work	2618.74	2457.69	2672.19	1490.09	2100.00	609.91	1800.00	2500.00
Street Cleaning	800.00	840.00	870.00	420.68	850.00	429.32	650.00	850.00
Equipment and Tools	898.58	902.00	872.49	623.33	600.00	OD123.33	75.00	500.00
Road Trucks	599.34	1248.46	599.34	599.34	450.00	OD 59.34	429.22	500.00
Material	864.47	210.90	506.70	70.18	500.00	429.22	429.22	500.00
Road Oil	196.97	217.51	149.60	62.18	500.00	447.82	127.82	500.00
Emergency	1348.38	450.82	450.82	1991.42	500.00	OD 3630.37	500.00	500.00
Over Draft	384.80	2402.96	5621.79	1991.42	500.00	OD 3630.37	4000.00	4000.00
Total	\$ 8401.94	\$ 8981.88	\$13240.23	\$ 6319.72	\$ 5500.00	OD42459.77	\$ 8907.04	\$11900.00
Estimated Receipts								5600.00
To be raised by Tax								\$ 6400.00

**STATEMENT GENERAL FUND JULY 1, 1923**

	Expense, 1920.	Expense, 1921.	Expense, 1922.	Expense, 1923. To July 1st.	Expense Allowed 1923.	Balance July 1, 1923.	Estimated Expenses July 1 to Dec. 31, 1923.	1924 Tax to be Raised.
<b>Receipts—</b>								
Taxes Received	\$15874.69							
Licenses	519.00							
Fines	336.00							
Rents, etc.	507.21							
Transfers	194.25							
Auto Park Collections	489.50							
Library	475.09							
Total Collections	\$18395.84							
<b>Disbursements—</b>								
O. D. Jan. 1, 1923	\$ 2934.03							
Police Dept.	2470.12							
Fire Dept.	2739.12							
Salaries	1890.35							
Miscellaneous	5255.95							
Lights	1834.54							
Library	1100.00							
Transfer to Road Fund	4000.00							
O. D. July 1, 1923	\$ 3629.30							
Total	\$22025.14	\$22025.14						

**GENERAL FUND**

	Expense, 1920.	Expense, 1921.	Expense, 1922.	Expense, 1923. To July 1st.	Expense Allowed 1923.	Balance July 1, 1923.	Estimated Expenses July 1 to Dec. 31, 1923.	1924 Tax to be Raised.
<b>Police Department</b>								
City Marshal	\$ 1500.00	\$ 1500.00	\$ 1500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1500.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1500.00
Night Marshal	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	600.00	1200.00	600.00	600.00	1200.00
Traffic Officers	235.00	960.00	1200.00	879.00	1440.00	561.00	1050.00	2000.00
Extra Police	497.60	501.40	600.00	195.75	600.00	404.25	650.00	1900.00
Incidentals			123.87	45.37	100.00	54.63	54.63	100.00
<b>Fire Department—</b>								
Fire Engineer	1750.00	1920.00	930.00	1860.00	1500.00	930.00	930.00	1920.00
Assistant Fire Engineer	658.00	1143.00	750.00	1500.00	750.00	750.00	750.00	1500.00
Fire Fighting Service	665.75	656.19	534.98	415.46	700.00	285.00	375.00	700.00
Equipment	29.96	396.51	717.98	289.66	700.00	410.44	410.44	700.00
Fire Hose								
Fire Chief	300.00	300.00	300.00	150.00	300.00	150.00	150.00	300.00
Fire Marshal				150.00	300.00	150.00	150.00	300.00
Auxiliary Fire Fund—								
Incidentals			64.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	1200.00	2500.00
<b>Office Expense—</b>								
Recorder's Salary	900.00	900.00	900.00	450.00	900.00	450.00	450.00	900.00
Treasurer's Salary	360.00	360.00	360.00	180.00	360.00	180.00	180.00	360.00
City Attorney's Salary	600.00	600.00	600.00	300.00	600.00	300.00	300.00	600.00
City Attorney, Special Serv.	300.00			150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	300.00
Supplies and Audit	302.35	588.35	450.00	73.40	450.00	375.57	420.00	450.00
Engineering, Inspection	1318.50	2080.52	1436.00	330.50	650.00	219.50	219.50	300.00
Health Officer	443.00	431.00	438.00	189.85	450.00	260.05	260.05	450.00
Building Supplies, Betterment	1715.71	1799.65	300.00	63.57	200.00	146.13	150.00	200.00
Fuel	543.00	496.62	400.00	528.55	550.00	21.45	250.00	550.00
Streets & Bridges (Lights)	1660.73	1926.91	2710.86	1755.89	3200.00	1445.00	1841.92	3800.00
Traffic Lights, Signals		47.80	109.00	78.65	120.00	41.35	120.00	120.00
Parks	250.00	275.00	600.00	155.11	600.00	344.89	485.00	3500.00
Park Caretaker	200.00	180.00	600.00	283.00	600.00	217.00	400.00	800.00
Taxes	144.80	201.53	242.00	116.04	250.00	133.96	133.96	200.00
Insurance	109.10	700.00	250.00	101.57	250.00	116.04	116.04	200.00
Improvements, Bonds, Interest	236.57	451.78	207.28	251.62	310.00	68.38	58.38	310.00
Street Assessments			750.00	745.31				
Library	2200.00	2700.00	3226.60	1100.00	2800.00	1700.00	1700.00	2500.00
Interest on Warrants	331.32	834.74	1450.00	100.20	600.00	399.80	450.00	600.00
Care of Garbage	120.00	241.00	395.00	240.00	480.00	240.00	240.00	480.00
Emergency Fund	2573.34	9092.73	4251.90	2848.61	4000.00	1151.39	1500.00	4000.00
Transfer to Road Fund			4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00	4000.00
Paving								3000.00
Deficit, Jan. 1st	7481.73	\$ 2616.79	\$ 2934.03		4213.38			
Total	\$27814.86	\$35072.90	\$32419.61	\$19091.11	\$36733.36	\$14196.83	\$20086.22	\$39950.00
Estimated Receipts								\$ 6000.00
To be Raised by Tax								\$34950.00

**O.W. TELEPHONE CO. SHOWS PROGRESS**

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Oregon-Washington Telephone Company held January 14, the following directors were elected: C. Dethman, C. E. Coppel, E. O. Blanchard, W. L. Marshall and J. E. Smithson. The following is taken from President Smithson's annual report: During the past year the following additions and replacements have been made: A new switchboard was installed at the White Salmon office, the old board being retired as worthless, having been in operation 18 years. The new board is the latest type magneto board and is equipped with two operators' positions and has a capacity of 200 lines. It cost \$1,300 installed. Approximately 400 feet of 50-pair cable was put up at White Salmon to take the place of 25-pair cable and 400 more feet of new 25-pair cable were added. The existing pole line between White Salmon and the rail-

road line at Bingen was completely rebuilt.

At Goldendale, Wash., very little work was done but we have on hand a carload of poles and \$1,000 worth of cable, which will be installed early the coming spring.

At Odell and Parkdale additions have been made to the switch boards and many existing lines have been rebuilt with new poles. At Hood River new 100-pair cable was run between the office and Cascade avenue, and new 25-pair cable from the office south to Pine street and west to Twelfth. This increased our facilities so that our patrons may be served to better advantage. In these neighborhoods New 25-pair cable was run from the bridge south at the east end of town with a long span of 740 feet across Hood river and connecting with the East Side road. This did away with the old line along the Mt. Hood R. R. track, which has been a big source of annoyance while the Loop road was being constructed and due to repeated washouts. The new board of directors did not elect officers or take up any new business, preferring to wait until the an-

nual statement is prepared so that its policy for the ensuing year may be decided upon.

Eyes scientifically examined by H. L. Hlabronck, Optometrist Heilbronner Bldg. 184

**The Laurnell Market**  
 "Nothing but the Best"  
**SPECIAL THIS WEEK ONLY**  
 Strictly Fresh Hood River Ranch Eggs, per doz. 35c  
 Fancy Standard Bacon, 25c per lb.  
 Pure White Kettle Rendered Lard, 17 1/2c per lb.  
 Our Watchword:  
 "Quality and Service with a Smile"

**\$90,000.00 WATER BOND SINKING FUND**

Receipts	
Cash on hand and invested	
Jan. 1, 1923	\$90,000.00
July 1, 1923	2187.00
Earnings on investment	784.60
Taxes collected	214.36
Total, July 1, 1923	\$93,866.96
Amount to be set aside for Bond Retirement	\$ 1200.00

**CITY HALL BOND SINKING**

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1923	\$ 4871.41
Taxes collected to July 1, 1923	2187.00
Cash on hand and invested, July 1, 1923	\$7068.41
Amount to be set aside each year	\$ 1850.00
Amount of interest on City Hall Bonds to be raised by taxes	\$ 2700.00

**RECAPITULATION**

Estimated amounts to be raised by City Tax for 1924	
General Fund	\$34950.00
Road Fund	6400.00
Water Bond Sinking Fund	1200.00
City Hall Bond Sinking Fund	1850.00
City Hall Bond Interest	2700.00
Total to be raised by Tax	\$47100.00

Said budget of estimates will come up for final discussion and adoption at the regular meeting of the Common Council on February 4th, 1924, at which time any taxpayer or person interested may appear and present his objection to such proposed expenditures.

H. L. HOWE,  
City Recorder.

**DR. THRANE URGES GREATER OPTIMISM**

To offset the feeling of pessimism that seems to crop out on occasions, Dr. Thrane, chairman at the meeting of the Tuesday Lunch club Tuesday, recounted the development of the Hood River valley in the past 10 years. He declared that the record showed that the fruit district was in better condition than other sections. He showed how the savings deposits of the two banks had increased from \$85,000 10 years ago to \$720,000 at the close of 1923. The commercial deposits showed an increase of \$600,000 to an approximate \$2,000,000. While the checking accounts have shown a slight fluctuation from time to time, Dr. Thrane said, the savings deposits have made a consistent and steady increase.

Dr. Thrane advised a greater diversification of fruits and that orchardists have more dairy herds and flocks of chickens. He declared that an advisory committee of experts along various lines should be appointed for the county to aid ranchers in their work.

Dr. Thrane also cited as signs of prosperity here the number of automobiles, one to every four of population in Hood River valley. He also stated that the records showed that the valley had between 400 and 500 radio sets.

Van W. Gladden was elected secretary of the club, succeeding R. E. Scott, who resigned.

Mrs. L. H. Alexander, who was accompanied on the piano by Miss Opal Walker, was honored when she rendered a group of vocal solos.

**Park Grange Vesper Services**

Rev. W. H. Boddy, of the Riverside Community church of Hood River, will hold the fifth of a series of monthly vesper services at the Park grange hall Sunday, January 27, at 8 o'clock. Note the date, for all those who have attended these meetings will assure you that they are well worth while.

**RIALTO**

Friday-Saturday, Jan. 18 and 19  
**"RED LIGHTS"**  
 ALSO  
**News, Topics, Fables**  
 Prices, 30c and 50c  
 Friday Matinee, 10c and 35c