

STAGE AND SCREEN

The greatest character of them all After his brilliant success in "The Covered Wagon," Ernest Torrence more than deserves this distinction. On viewing this great epic of American frontier life critics were unanimous in declaring that never before had an actor given so superb a characterization as Jackson to the screen. Nor was it likely that his equal would be seen for some time to come. But here they were mistaken, for Mr. Torrence is with us again, this time in the Paramount production of the Harry Leon Wilson novel, "Ruggles of Red Gap," which will be the feature at the Rialto theatre tomorrow and Saturday. His is the role of Cousin Egbert, the socially incompetent husband of Mrs. Elbe, self-appointed leader of the North End set of Red Gap, under whose watchful eye Egbert finally blossoms out beautifully. She procures for him the services of the valet of an English nobleman, and his transformation starts, and so does the comedy. Better go see it.

There is a wealth of human appeal in the feature comedy which will be at the Rialto theatre Sunday. It is called "Modern Matrimony" and deals with the woes of a young married couple, excellently portrayed by Owen Moore and Alice Lake, who venture on the uncharted seas of matrimony with only the slenderest of bank accounts. They decide to finance their home on that grand old American plan, something down and something gone in a while.

Chester and Patricia Waddington have the unbounded enthusiasm and optimism of youth and their transcendent love for each other, and they believe that success is only a short jump ahead. To be sure, Chester is only a struggling real estate salesman with a grouchy, irritable boss, but both he and Patricia are certain that he possesses those qualities which make for leadership.

They arrange for both their home and their furniture on the installment plan and are even able to defer their first payment on each until the fifteenth of the next month. Chester is to receive a check as commissions earned in excess of his non-toe-heavy salary. And then he plunges the whole check on a real estate option only to bring his installment creditors about his ears. The resulting complications offer a fertile field for comedy, not unmixt with pathos, and the director, Victor Heeman, who also wrote the original story, has taken full advantage of every opportunity.

An excellent supporting cast includes Mayme Kelso, Kate Lester, Frank Campen, Victor Hotel, Sam Edwards and Douglas Carter, the funny colored comedian.

Thomas Meighan's new Paramount starring vehicle, "Homeward Bound," will prove a highly entertaining production at the Rialto theatre Monday and Tuesday. The star appears in the role of a sea captain, Jim Bedford, who, for reasons best known to himself, threatens a certain Captain Stevenson with exposure (takes command of a beautifully appointed yacht, the property of Bedford's employer, Rufus Brent, and a gift of the latter to his daughter, Mary, a part admirably portrayed by Lila Lee.

Later, accompanied by Brent to sail the schooner, Nancy B., to Costa Rica where she is to be put up for sale, Bedford comes upon Mary, a stowaway. The vessel encounters a storm and the girl is seriously hurt by a falling mast and is, with some difficulty, transferred to the yacht in which Brent has given chase, after learning of his daughter's absence. There is considerable explaining to be done, but Brent refuses to give his daughter to a sea captain. Jim evens up matters by collecting salvage for saving Brent's yacht during the storm at sea—thus forcing the old man to give his parental blessing.

Included in the cast are Charles Abbe, Hugh Cameron, Cyril Ring and many other prominent stage and screen artists. Ralph Ince directed the production which was written by Peter B. Kyne and adapted by Jack Cunningham and Paul Sloane.

There is a new vamp in motion pictures. A year ago she was a public charge in Denver, Colo. Today she has a record of having "vamped" one of the greatest stars on the screen and created a role that is right up to date; for she is a flapper-vamp.

Her name is Lady Silver and until Laurence Trimble, of the Trimble-Murfin productions, acquired her for a role in "Brawn of the North," the production just completed starring Strongheart, which will be shown at the Rialto theatre next Wednesday and Thursday. She was one of the exhibition of Siberian walrus at Denver zoo.

She is a wolf and a fair-haired wolf at that, and one of the most beautiful animals that ever appeared before a camera. Her entrance into pictures was more or less accidental for Mr. Trimble had wanted another inmate of the Denver zoo known as Lady Bob and made arrangements to purchase her.

When the time for delivery of her came, however, it was discovered that she had been a gift to the zoo and could not be sold. Accordingly, the zoo officials shipped one as nearly like Lady Bob as possible and Lady Silver made her debut.

In "Brawn of the North" she is the motive that impels Brawn, the part played by Strongheart, to desert; his human mistress—a desertion which later causes a baby to be carried away on a runaway sledge pursued by wolves. Lady Silver's fate, in the picture, is that of all vamps, for she is deserted and lonely when Brawn renounces whole-hearted devotion to his mistress and her baby.

In real life, however, she is a favorite of Tremble-Murfin collection of animals.

Moroni Olsen scored here for the fourth time Wednesday of last week, when he took the part of Henry Clegg in St. John G. Irvine's intriguing play, "Jane Clegg." His supporting company again endeavored themselves to the hearts of theatregoers of Hood River.

The Moroni Olsen players adopted a series of five vehicles that carry pages from real life. In each of the four plays they have presented here they scored strongly. They have not received the support they should have had from Hood River people. In their final play, "Beyond the Horizon," by Eugene O'Neill, which will be here soon, they should be given a farewell greeting by a full house.

The characters in "Jane Clegg" were as follows:

Henry Clegg, Moroni Olsen; Jane Clegg, Janet Young; Mrs. Clegg, Leora Thatcher; Jenny Clegg, Helen Betty; Mrs. Clegg, Johnnie Clegg; Master Clegg, Mrs. Clegg; Mr. Clegg, Franklyn Rasmussen; Mr. Morrison, Sumner Chase Cobb.

SCHOOL NEWS

(Werdna Isbell)

Perhaps the best basketball game of the year was the double header in the high school gym last Friday night when the Mosier girls were defeated by the Hood River girls by a score of 30-14. Miss Helen Carson refereed. The second game was between The Dalles and Hood River. A large delegation from The Dalles and Mosier helped to make the biggest attendance in recent years. The Hood River team made the first score and kept the lead through three quarters and up to the last few minutes of play, when The Dalles forged ahead shooting one basket and scoring on two fouls. The final score was 14-12 in their favor. After the game refreshments were served to the four teams by a group of senior girls. These courtesies were greatly appreciated.

The next basketball game will be held in the high school gym tonight, February 21, when Dufur high school boys' team will be visitors here. The same evening the Hood River girls' team will go to Mosier to play a return game and the boys' second team will go to Odell.

Thursday, today, occurs a triangular debate with Bend and Moro, to decide the winners of the North Central Oregon district. The Hood River negative team, composed of Wendell Keck and Harriet Fuller, accompanied by their coach, Miss Esther Hettlinger, will go to Bend and meet their affirmative team at night. The Moro negative team will come to Hood River and debate our affirmative team, composed of Roscoe Anderson and Kathleen Carlson, at 2:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The educational conference at Corvallis this week end will be attended by Miss Iva Howey, representing the high school faculty, and Hazel Kirk and Lynn Douglas, for the student body.

At the assembly last week Supt. Cannon announced the national essay and oratorical contest on the constitution which is being promoted by The Portland Telegram in Oregon. Mr. Cannon urged pupils in all classes to participate, both for the benefit derived from studying the constitution and for the prizes that are likely to be theirs. Miss Alice Morrison, of the high school faculty, has been appointed by Prin. Tingstad to supervise this contest, and already several contestants are at work gathering material. Miss Morrison is particularly well qualified to lead the students in this work as she holds a master's degree from the U. of W. in the field of history.

Also at this assembly last week Curtis Gould, of the mathematics department, gave a well prepared talk on the study habits of pupils.

Next week end, Miss Iva Howey, dean of girls, assisted by the lady teachers in the high school, will hold a three-day conference on girls' professional ideals to which she has invited prominent speakers from O. A. C. and U. of O. These conferences will be held chiefly from 3 to 4 o'clock Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, with perhaps a special evening session, open to the public Wednesday night.

During these afternoon hours Prin. Tingstad and the men of the high school faculty are arranging a series of talks to the boys along professional, business and industrial lines, to which local speakers will contribute.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock patriotic programs will be held in the high school, junior high, Park Street and Cox schools. Attorney Hazlett will be the chief speaker at the high school. The public is invited to attend these programs which will be completed by 10:30 o'clock, after which schools will be dismissed for the rest of the day.

Miss Helen Freese was called away last Saturday because of the death of her grandmother, Mrs. Ryan, in Roseburg. Mrs. J. H. Killbuck was substitute in her absence the first of the week.

Miss Helen Carson has been appointed a member of the state committee for the Greater Oregon Endowment Fund and will attend a meeting of this committee in Portland today.

One of the best evenings of fun ever staged by the pupils in the high school was pulled off last Saturday night by the junior class under the direction of Mrs. Pearl Hollingworth and Miss Margaret Harding for the purpose of raising money to finance the senior-junior banquet in May. Several features were a vaudeville and movie; a boxing match, promoted by Arlen McCarty; a Japanese tea room, directed by Harriet Fuller and a number of other girls; two candy booths; a squawker booth; a fish pond, and a hot dog stand under the direction of Clifton Emmel and Bernice Jackson. Order was maintained by Sheriff Slocom and Speed Cop Clarke.

Tickets were placed on sale this week for the operetta and musical evening under the direction of Mrs. C. H. Henney, to be given in the high school auditorium Friday evening, February 29, at 8 o'clock. The name of the operetta, put on by Freshman Girls' Glee Club, is "What's the Matter With Sally?" The other glee clubs, the high school orchestra, also the Valley Male Quartet will assist in the program.

News of the Golfers

Spring-like weather is resulting in overflow crowds at the Oak Grove links of the Hood River Country Club. "We had 50 players out Sunday," said groundskeeper Howard Monday, "and many business folk motored out this afternoon as soon as office work was ended. The fairways and greens have come through the winter in beautiful shape, and now the 36 acres of grounds form one of the most alluring pictures of the valley."

Miss Loft's Engagement Announced

At a prettily appointed 7 o'clock dinner Monday night Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Loft announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Lillian, and Theodore E. George, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. George, of La Grande. Sixteen girls were guests at the announcement party.

The wedding will be an event of the coming spring. Both Mr. George and his prospective bride are graduates of the Oregon Agricultural College. Miss Loft is a member of Chi Omega and Mr. George is a member of Kappa Psi.

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MR. REIMER WILL BE HERE NEXT WEEK

(By Leroy Childs)

F. C. Reimer, superintendent of the southern Oregon experiment station, located at Talent, will be in Hood River, February 29 to meet growers and discuss their problems of pear culture. Mr. Reimer is one of the leading authorities on pear stocks and during the past 10 years has accumulated the most complete assortment of pear varieties that now exist in any part of the world. His investigations will cover the subjects of disease, resistant stocks and stocks most adaptable to Oregon pear culture. Many growers are now interested in planting pears in this community. In order to get the most out of Mr. Reimer's visit, it is planned to hold an orchard excursion during the day of February 29, at which time all sections of the valley will be visited and an examination will be made of young and old plantings of different varieties and stocks. In the evening of the 29th, Mr. Reimer will deliver a talk on the subject of pears and will be in a position following the orchard excursion, to discuss local problems and give such information as he has observed during the time of the excursion. All growers of the valley are invited to join this excursion as undoubtedly many points of interest with reference to pear growing can be discussed first hand in the field.

The morning will be spent in visiting Lower Valley sections and the starting point will be the experiment station office at 9:30 a. m. The Upper Valley excursion will include the Parkdale and Dee districts, meeting at the McCarty store at Parkdale at 1:30 p. m. The growers in Dee Flat can join the party at the west corner at 3:30 p. m. The meeting will be held in the evening at Library hall at 8 p. m.

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HUCKABAY TO OPEN STATION SATURDAY

W. L. Huckabay next Saturday will open a new service station at the corner of State and Front streets, an intersection passed by every motorist that crosses the city over the Columbia River highway. The building is finished with a granite-like stucco that is pleasing to the eye. It is declared the most substantial and appealing service station in the mid-Columbia. Mr. Huckabay, who has christened his place, "Huck's Service Station," will carry a full line of tires and automobile accessories. He has equipped his place with a Bowser visible sump pump, the third placed in the Northwest. A double entrance is provided for machines, or they may pass to the rear of the building. Mr. Huckabay will lay out the oak canopied grounds in flower beds and lawns. He declares that he will endeavor to maintain a place that everyone in Hood River county will be proud of.

Mr. Huckabay, who will always have an ignition expert on hand at his service station, has extended an invitation to the general public to call and inspect his new plant.

The Dalles Hit Wins

The Dalles high school basketball team last Friday night defeated the Hood River high school team by a score of 14 to 12 in one of the most interesting games of the season. The score stood 12 to 12 until the last minute of play when The Dalles shot a basket from near the middle of the floor.

HAZLETT IS OUT FOR LEGISLATURE

(By Gordon G. Brown)

J. H. Hazlett has filed as candidate for Democratic nominee for the lower house of the legislature at the May primaries. He is the first Hood River candidate to file. Mr. Hazlett announced that his platform would center around measures for reduction of taxes.

Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson, of The Dalles, whose judicial district includes this county and Wasco, will seek re-election. It is not anticipated that he will have any opposition. Judge Wilson, who was formerly district attorney of the judicial district that included Hood River, Wasco and Crook counties, is now president of the Oregon State Bar Association. His election, it is considered, will be more for formality.

Other offices that must be filled at the elections of this year are: District attorney, one county commissioner, sheriff, county clerk, treasurer, school superintendent, surveyor, coroner, constable and precinct committeemen. Allison Fletcher is the commissioner whose term expires.

Fertilizing Small Fruits

(By Gordon G. Brown)

The subject of the proper fertilization of small fruits is an exceedingly important one. Success or failure in the growing of such crops is dependent on the manner in which this subject is treated. It is almost axiomatic to suggest that soils on which small fruits are growing, should be relatively high in natural fertility. This calls for a soil which has a great deal of humus and organic matter, from which sources come nitrogen and the means by which soils unlock insoluble mineral fertilizers. As a means of conserving moisture and facilitating cultivation the practical value of humus is indispensable.

It is readily recognized that the growing of such crops, alfalfa and vetches are the most practical means by which our soils can be most quickly built up. It is strongly urged that no one plant either raspberries or strawberries unless soils have been thus previously handled. It is only under such conditions that maximum yields can be expected and the most economical use of supplementary fertilizers made.

The point in which we are directly interested is of what character of fertilizers we can use to the best advantage. The analysis of Hood River soils indicate quite clearly the deficiency of nitrogen. This is born out by practical tests, in that we have had best results where comparatively heavy applications of nitrogen in the form of nitrate of soda, sulphate of ammonia, etc. were made. Were we to consider the question of yield only and ignore the question of firmness and shipping quality, we would recommend the exclusive use of nitrogenous fertilizers. By so doing, we would probably secure maximum yields as has often been done in experimental work. Were we able to anticipate the character of the ripening season, such fertilizers could be recommended with considerable safety. During long, cool ripening seasons the heavy use of nitrate of soda, for example, has not been accompanied by the harvesting of soft berries. On the other hand, its excessive use during short, hot ripening seasons such as 1922, has resulted in soft berries which did not ship to the best advantage. Where a "mixed" fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash, has been used, results have as a general rule been more uniformly satisfactory. The use of

potash and phosphoric acid has not caused greater yields; in fact has often caused slightly decreased yields. Their merit lies in the fact that berries are firmer in texture, a point of prime importance.

These considerations have caused the writer to recommend a "mixed" fertilizer. For a number of years strawberry growers have been using a 6-8-4 fertilizer for that purpose.

As will be noted, this is one which is relatively high in nitrogen, carrying over a straight nitrogen fertilizer, but six per cent of this element. It is relatively low in potash, purposely so, because we have found that excessive use of this fertilizer decreases yields during hot, ripening seasons and results in "seedy" berries. The writer recommends the use of at least 500 pounds per acre of a 6-8-4 fertilizer on strawberries. This may be applied twice, one-half around the first of March and the balance after the toping season in mid-summer. In the case of raspberries this total amount may be applied in early spring. This far the experiment station has not gathered a great deal of data with fertilizing raspberries. However, we have had marked increases from applications of this kind.



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