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SMUT

(From the Pacific Woodman.)

Despite the protests from time to time made against the recital of "smutty stories" in lodge meetings and other gatherings where there are persons to whom such so-called "entertainment" is distasteful, and sometimes even offensive, we occasionally find the practice still indulged in. Efforts to curb it are not always successful. Ignoring for the moment many of the excellent reasons which may be urged against this practice it ought to suffice here to direct attention particularly to the injurious effect resulting upon the attendance—and consequently upon the prosperity—of any organization of men—or women—at whose meetings the frequent telling of unfit stories is indulged in. There seems to be no sufficient restraining influence upon those addicted to the habit of reciting this "stuff" to prevent its indulgence. The habit seems to be as irresistible as the drug habit. It appears not to be remembered that true wit is neither dirty nor vulgar. Persons of refined or delicate tastes may not be regarded by others as congenial or companionable; but since we invite them to join our organizations—and we need them to help strengthen and build up—they should not be driven off—or out—by our own offensive or thoughtless conduct or conversation. Eventually, and that very soon, too, the effect of an indulgence of the habit in question is to reduce the attendance at the meetings, and consequently to detract from the interest taken in the organization. We need all of the assistance—all of the cooperation—of all of our members, all of the time. It should be an invariable rule to make and keep our meeting pleasant and agreeable FOR ALL—offensive or distasteful to none. Remember: In union there is strength.

At the Theaters

THE STAR

The things that a woman will do for the man she loves have often puzzled scientists who believed that they had reached perfection in the study of human nature. There seems to be no accounting for it save in the words of the poet that "love is of man's life a thing apart, but it is woman's whole existence." As Panthea-Romoff, Norma Talmadge, in "Panthea," the big Selznick picture which will be shown at the Star theatre Tuesday only makes one of the most unusual sacrifices imaginable to bring wealth and fame to her husband and make it possible for him to regain his health.

"Panthea" is without question one of the biggest pictures Norma Talmadge ever made.

Two sensational prison deliveries and a shipwreck and plenty of spice to the plot development.

Supporting Miss Talmadge are Roger Lytton, George Fawcett, Earle Fox, E. Von Stroheim, Herbert Barry, Jack Meredith, Henry Thorpe and others.

THE LIBERTY

Tom Mix in the saddle, at the wheel of a racing car, doing stunts with the aid of his horse, Tony, and leaping a river in his car—in addition to winning the hand of a pretty girl—will be the attraction at the Liberty Theatre tonight, in "The Road Demon."

This thrilling, speedy comedy of western life is declared to be the best Mix has made. He begins by swapping his horse (not Tony, of course) for a broken down auto on the desert, and, finding the steering gear broken, he uses his lariat to guide the pesky thing. He finally gets it going. He rides back to the ranch. He can't stop the car. He rides through a fence and then a barn, and at length he yells to his cowboy friends to shoot a hole in the gas tank to make it halt.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON—Tonight and Tuesday, fair in west; colder in east portion.

About This Time o' Year



\$300,000 FOR FOREST FIRE FIGHTING FUND

Herald Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, April 11.—Due to the efforts of United States Senator Charles L. McNary, the annual federal appropriation for the prevention of forest fires has been increased in the sum of \$300,000.

Last year the amount was \$100,000, and in making the appropriation for this year the house increased it \$25,000.

When the appropriation reached the senate, Senator McNary offered an amendment increasing it to \$250,000, but although it was adopted by that body, the senate and house conferees reduced it to \$400,000.

The appropriation will be used in co-operation with the states in preventing and combatting forest fires, the states matching the government allotment on a 50-50 basis.

Twenty-nine states have signified their intention of co-operating, Oregon being among them.

"This appropriation does not mean that the federal government relieves the owner of valuable timber from protecting his property," said Senator McNary today in discussing it.

"In the allotments to the states the chief emphasis is placed upon using the federal funds so as to extend the protection organization of the state to culled, logged off and other denuded areas which contain little or no timber of present commercial value, and whose owners have the least incentive to incur the cost of protection is of the utmost importance in the general public interest, because upon them must we depend for our supply of timber after the present virgin forests are exhausted.

"We have used up three-fourths of our original forests, and the supply of timber remaining is becoming less and less adequate for the requirements of the country, both in quantity and in location. Sixty-one per cent of what is left lies west of the Great Plains, whereas the bulk of the lumber and paper consumption is east of the Great Plains. More than 50 per cent of the standing timber today is found in the three Pacific Coast states, and 61 per cent is found in that great Western coun-

try lying west of the Mississippi river.

"Our Eastern forest states one after another have been cut out and ceased to be important producers of timber because their virgin forests have been but partially and inadequately replaced by second growth after logging. With the exhaustion of these old resources of lumber, paper and other forest products, and with the increasing distance which lumber must be hauled from the sawmill to the consumer, much of it now across the width of the continent, there is a growing scarcity of forest products, which in no great length of time will become critical. Markets may fluctuate one way or another, owing to financial and other temporary conditions, but behind it lies a steady decrease in the supply of timber, which has a very vital bearing upon our national housing, our national paper situation and many industries which use lumber in manufacture.

"I might add that statistics show that one in every twenty-five persons in this country finds his livelihood in occupations directly connected with lumbering or in industries that are associated therewith.

"The great cause of this situation is forest fires. We have enough land unfit for agriculture to grow all the timber which this country requires, but a large part of it has been made idle through destructive methods of logging, and particularly through repeated forest fires. There are 81,000,000 acres of such land today that

are unproductive as far as timber crops of economic value are concerned; and forest fires are largely responsible for their condition. We still have upwards of 200,000,000 acres of forest land which has been cut over, but contains culls or second growth timber or is partially stocked with young trees. The small timber and young growth on this enormous area is a forest asset of the utmost value. A considerable part of this area lies in thickly populated states within a stone's throw of large centers of timber consumption. Yet are enormous acreage of such young forests being destroyed by fire every year. The protection of this acreage represents the greatest single forestry problem in the country, and of itself will go a long way toward assuring a future supply of timber."

**FUNERAL OF DORRIS
RESIDENT HELD FRIDAY**

DORRIS, Cal., April 11.—Funeral services for the late Robert B. Gass, who died at his home here Friday after extended illness, were held yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, members of the local Christian Science Church conducting the ceremony. Interment was made at the Picard Cemetery.

Robert B. Gass was one of the pioneer residents of this community and was well known and highly esteemed by his many friends. He had been confined to his bed for the past year.

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WILL MAKE MONTH'S SURVEY OF BEETLE DAMAGE

A. J. Jaenicke, forest examiner of the local forest service offices, will leave next week on a month's field survey of the timber areas in Southern Oregon which are infected by Western bark beetles, says the Portland Telegram. The primary purpose of the trip is to obtain an estimate on the cost of control work which will be started on an extensive scale in the spring of 1922. Several million feet of timber in Southern Oregon and Northern California are destroyed each year by this insect, according to Jaenicke.

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