

### Indefatigable Banker to Sink Remainder of Fortune

By SAM LOVE  
NEW YORK, July 12, (UP)—The world's champion "angel" and the world's champion unsuccessful play, which the angel has been backing for nearly two years, have resumed their journey toward the poorhouse.

Before the shocked gaze of Broadway, Edgar H. Davis, a cheerful oil pictocrat from Texas, announced he had sunk \$1,100,000 in "The Ladder" and was prepared to shoot the works with the rest of his fortune. He is supposed to have about \$7,000,000 left.

A little sadly today, Davis read the comments of the critics on the revised version of his reincarnation play, "The Ladder" was presented in its re-written form at its 662nd performance Wednesday night.

For the past eight months admission has been free, but Davis had faith in the new version and charged regular theater prices for seats.

The "opening" was freely advertised. Twenty-two paying customers showed up, paid \$65 into the Cort theater box office, applauded the play, and started curiously at the second-string critics present, trying to pick out Geo. Jean Nathan.

The critics panned the new "Ladder" gently or acridly, according to the condition of their respective livers.

Davis made no comment except to have a sign put up in the lobby announcing "seats selling 8 weeks in advance."

He also added a line to his newspaper advertising which included several worthy persons including Lee and J. J. Shubert.

Florenz Ziegfeld, and Miss Texas Quinn.

The line said: "Money refunded if not satisfied with play."

Broadway laughed at Davis at first but now its habitués are beginning to regard him with something like awe. Maybe it is awe. It is certainly an awful spectacle to see a retiring, well-fed cheerful gentleman begin shoveling a second million into the mid-town gutters.

He is not even in love with the soubrette.

What sticks in the Broadway gullet is that its very wisest ones are unable to figure out whether Davis really means it when he says he is confident of "The Ladder's" ultimate success. When "The Ladder" opened Oct. 21, 1926, and then continued to run although it was a failure from the start, doping "angel" Davis was a cluck for Broadway.

"Rucker," said Broadway.

It was then given out that Davis continued to pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into the production because the play taught the theory of reincarnation, in which he was a believer.

"Nuts," said Broadway.

But as version after version of "The Ladder" appeared, the reincarnation theme faded until now the play is an appeal for a belief in the goodness of God and for tolerance toward miserable sinners.

"Reformer," said Broadway.

Davis, however, is a gentleman and besides he is paying for his own reform scheme, ramming it down nobody's throat.

And so another explanation of the strange behavior of the banker or of the antithesis of "Abie's

### At the Liberty

Leo Maloney with Monte Cristo, the marvel horse, and the wonder dog, Bullet, will be seen in their latest feature, "The Blind Trail," at the Liberty Theatre today.

In this new opus of the open ranges Leo Maloney, who plays the part of the hero with the aid of his pals, Monte Cristo, the marvel horse, and Bullet, the wonder dog, helps bring the murderers of the money lender to justice.

It is a wonderful story throughout, depicting a certain type of man known to the west who is forever following blind trails for no other reason than to see what may lay beyond the next green hill.

Irish Rose" is going the rounds.

"Davis went down to his last nickel backing an oil well once after his friends had pulled out on him," goes this story. "Then—'whooley!' In she came, a gusher that almost drowned the state of Texas. He just thinks that if you back a loser long enough you'll win."

There are in fact only sixty people interested in theatrical New York who have not wasted good time trying to figure Davis out. They are the actors, actresses, and stagehands of "The Ladder," who have had regular jobs and a sure pay check every Saturday night for nearly two years now.

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### Smoking Embers Left From Fire

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The News plant is saved, you'll be lucky."

And this seemed the opinion of most of the onlookers.

The officials of the Ewauna Box company have repeatedly voiced their appreciation of the splendid work of the Klamath Falls fire department, their own employees and hundreds of volunteer fire fighters who threw their own affairs aside and leaped to the assistance of Ewauna.

One fire engine was still "standing by" at an early hour this morning, in case a spark from the smoldering ruins should be wafted into another portion of the yard and start another conflagration.

Chief Ambrose arrived at the fire on the first alarm, and left it 16 hours later.

Fireman Jack Corkery is confined to his home, his eyesight scorched by the heat of the roaring flames which for hours threatened to destroy the big three-rig sawmill. His condition is more painful than serious, it was said last night.

Flames once clutched and held, for a moment, the fuel house, located south of the mill. The fuel house was extinguished before the rapidly increasing blaze could clutch the sawmill itself.

A sheetrock toolhouse and machine shop, also located south of the mill, is said to have aided the gallant fire fighters in saving the sawmill.

The Ewauna officials have repeatedly expressed the wish that they might personally know, and thank, all of the hundreds of men, employees and otherwise, who rushed to their assistance.

There is, this morning, just a grey waste where two 200 520 there was the material for easily

### At the Pine Tree

The origin of state names is generally something of a mystery to most people. This is particularly true of California, which is known as the "Bear State."

The origin of this title dates back to 1847, just before the gold rush, when California was still a part of Mexico. The historical significance of the name is clearly pictured in the stirring romance, "Rose of the Golden West," now at the Pine Tree Theatre.

The state name comes from the activities of General Fremont, pictured in the film, in declaring the "Bear State Rebellion" against Mexico. The perpetrators of the rebellion, headed by General Fremont, wanted a catchy slogan, and "Bear State" was created.

General Fremont and a few hundred Americans seized California from the Spanish grantees and declared it a separate republic, later petitioning that it be taken into the Union as a state. This was done in 1850, the year after gold was discovered.

"Rose of the Golden West" pictures the romantic incidents surrounding the plotting and counter-plotting at the time. Mary Astor plays the principal feminine role, while Gilbert Roland is the dashing Spanish hero of this colorful tale.

4000 homes—and the harvested product of a huge tract of forest land.

There is also a feeling on the part of the owners that the community, officially and otherwise, stood by—and there are hundreds of blistered hands and faces throughout Klamath Falls to back this feeling.

H. R. Caham of Spokane is a business visitor in Klamath Falls. During his visit here he is registered at the hotel Bisbee.

### Elks' Convention Disbands Friday

MIAMI, Fla., July 12, (UP)—Installation of newly elected officers was the chief business taken up by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at their annual convention today, and the afternoon and evening was taken up with merrymaking.

Murray Halbert, New York attorney, was installed as grand exalted ruler, succeeding John F. Muller, Boston, and after him other officers assumed their duties for the year.

The convention will adjourn Friday.

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