THRILLING CHARIOT RACE PORTRAYED IN "BEN HUR"

Wonderful Spectacular Scenes in the Production of Lew Wallace's Drama--Nothing Like Them Ever Attempted Before.

surpasses old limits as a theatric spectacle. The wonderfully beautiful and impressive pictures it presents without a hitch or a flaw have never been attempted before. It may be years before an effort will be made to equal

Seventeen times the pictures changed. each revealing new wonders in lighting scene setting and effective ensemble. When seemingly the best had been accomplished still more remarkable pictures arose in their place. Inventive skill seemed able to make almost the unattainable its plaything.

The hundreds in the audience saw and enjoyed the scenes in their entirety. Few stopped to consider them in their component parts. Not one, perhaps, fully realized the complexity, almost infinite detail, work, patience, expense, time and inventive and artistic skill that was involved in giving the spectacle of "Ben Hur" its material form.

Yet to dissect this remarkable production is almost as interesting as to see it as a completed whole. Before the curtain was raised on the first performance, and when its success, was still a matter of speculation, the books of its producers showed an outlay of \$70,000, covering a period of seven months of preparation.

If the canvas used in its seventeen scenes were stretched out in Broadway it would carpet the payement from Earty-second to Fifty-ninth street. The paint used in its decorations would coat amost any one of New York's The panorama of the charlot race scene alone required 3,600 square feet of

The developen t of the chariot race into on returning new he considered the telumination of ange reducing this incident algit to all of I two th riots will to shown proceedly taking at break-new said ha an mais galloning with all the power. Four horses. "the two backs and the two whites." are driven by Messala, and the four Arabina buys by Ben Hur. Mensals leads: Hen Hursamashus the, wheel of Mesma's charlot; the Foman falls ! beneath the feet of his crazed horses and Ben-live wins the rale.

Solving the problems connected with the presentation of this care, and the construction of the apparatus which it is run, cost Klaw & Erlanger over \$15,000. The next step was to secure the horses that would fit the description written by the author. This required three months, Over 100 horses that physically filled the requirements were tried before eight satisfactory principals and four substitutes were secured. Their training began September 1st.

A month ago the race apparatus was built into the Broadway theater stage, requiring its entire reconstruction. This mechanism consists of two great cradles, twenty feet in length and fourand forth on railways supported by a bridge structure capable of upholding twenty tons. The tops of the cradles are two inches below the stage level. Each cradle bears the four horses and the chariot of each contestant. On each cradle there are four funaways inches whie, covered, with rubber) twelve feet long and two and one-half

feet witte. .On each of these treadmills a horse is secured by clavisible steel cable

Lee XIII May Be Treated with the

Lymph from Goats.

Word comes from Rome that the

counteracting the effects of the senility

from which he is now suffering. Dr.

B. F. Roberts, the Missouri physician,

means of utilizing the curative proper-

ties of the lymph by keeping the cells

in an active state, is now in Rome,

where he has been the guest of Dr.

Baldwin, a resident of the American

colony, who holds the important post

of adviser to the medical staff at the

Vatican, and also to the royal family

of Italy. Dr. Roberts wrote to his

friends in this city some days ago that

he had discussed the merits of the

lymph with Dr. Baldwin, that the lat-

ter had become interested in the mat-

ter, and had suggested that he be

supplied with samples of the fluid in

order to acquaint himself with its

properties and effects on the human

system with the purpose of recom-

mending its use to the Pope's physi-

sians in case he found it suitable to

who has won fame by discovering a

come Interested in the Lymph.

"Ben Hur," as presented at the the runways. As each horse gallops, Broadway theater, New York, easily the treadmill revolves under his feet. By this mechanical arrangement it is possible for the horses to actually gallop with all their speed within the space of their own length. The device which secures the horses to their places on the cradles is entirely independent of their harnesses, which attach them to the charlots just as they would be were the animals running in the open air. The wheels of the chariots are worked by rubber rollers, operated by electric motors. To give the chariots the bumping and jolting they would receive in an actual race,

The effect of the losing of the race by Messala, and winning it by Ben Hur, is produced by moving the cradles backward and forward on their rails, as the situation demands. To create the impression of the charioteers covering ground at high speed, a great panoramic background, thirty-five feet high, representing the walls of the arena, with thousands of people sitting in their seats, is revolved rapidly in an opposité direction to that in which

aftracted the greatest popular interest. It consumed only about five minutes of the entire spectacle.

ne inherited the actor's art of repose. He needed no training or attention, although a professional animal keeper was engaged to attend him.

Three hundred and sixty-two people are required for each performance. There are twenty speaking characters, sky-scrapers from basement to roof-intrusted to skilled actors. The chorus contains eighty singers, and 180 extra people, or supers, fill out the scene. There ae forty stage carpenters, ten property men and ten stage "clears." Twenty-two negroes appear in the

The total number of costumes 100. They were all designed from models obtained after careful archaeological research. Six hundred pairs of shoes worn during he play cost the management an Item of \$2,100. The beards and wigs amounted to another matter of \$1,800.

The electrical and calcium paraphernalia is one of the most important elements in the production, and wonderful skill was involved in securing the delicate half-tone efforts which reappear frequently throughout the pro-

Albert and Ernest Gros painting the scenery was about six months. took nearly as long to design and make the costumes. The company was in actual rehearsal under Stage Manager Ben Teal's direction for six weeks.

and expenditure which have been described is revealed in homogeneous from in three hours, the time which elapses from the rise to the fall of the

It is probably that the spectacle will, his expenses are not small. remain in New York for more than a year. As long as the audiences remain (or treadmills of hickory slats, two at their present size it will be wit-

nessed by 13,000 people every week. And after all, the complicated stage pictures, with their leagues of landscapes in perspective, their deserts, lakes, temples, mountains and even traces, which had him in place and cities, are all confined to a stage which

pecially as regards the bodily functions, persons treated with the lymph are made younger. This would sound ridiculous were it not for the fact that physicians in varios parts of the country, men of high repute like Dr. Flanders of Boston, Professor Steger of New York, Dr. Holden of Brooklyn, and others equally well known, certify to it, and we have tangible evidence in the shape of patients right here in Chi-

lizing peoperties of goat lymph for tempting looking berries as well. years, but they did not know how to preserve the cells in an active state, and without this the lymph is inert and of no value. Professor Koch, Corvallis Gazette: Brown-Sequard, Pasteur, and Hammond worked on the problem, but failed. Now we understand how to are scheduled for the coming week. dition. In diseases due to cell degeneracy in a human being the injection of the lymph will secure a wonderful change. Sentity is of this class, and if the Pope is suffering from senllity, as reported, I am confident the treatment would virtually make a new man

"Goat's lymph is coming into general use in a wide range of ailments. We and February 1st and 2d, 1900. have had evidence of its efficiency in such afflictions as locomotor ataxia, paralysis, apolexy, epilepsy, atrophy, and even in some cases of incipient consumption. For rheumatism in the subacute or chronic stage it is now looked upon as a specific. But, as I said before, it is not a remedy to be carelessly or ignorantly administered. It must be handled by a skilled physician, who has the will and ability to make a study of the particular needs of each patient and prescribe for him accordingly."

"How has Dr. Robert's discovery

been received by the European scientists, whom he met during his travels?" "In the most friendly manner possible. He has met some of the most famous men in the world, including Professor Koch, and in every instance they have taken up the matter in a broad, right-minded way and afforded him every conceivable opportunity to demonstrate his discovery for the benefit of the medical fraternity. He has even been permitted to introduce the lymph treatment in public institutions such as asylums for the insane, and in hospitals and medical colleges, including these in Vienna, which are of worldwide fame. He found that the report of the cure of Mr. Bush of Joliet had preceded him, and that silentists in

A Thousand Tongues

mental diseases were specially inter-

ested in getting exhaustive notes on

the case, which they pronounced

most remarkable on record."

Could not express the rapture of Annie E. Springer, of 1125 Howard st., Philadelphia, Pa., when she found that Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption had completely cured her of a hacking cough that for many years had made life a burden. All other remedles and doctors could give her no help, but she says of this Royal 'Cure "it soon removed the pain in my chest and I can now sleep soundly, something I can scarcely remember doing before. I feel like sounding its praises throughout the Universe." So will every one who tries Dr. King's New discovery for any trouble of the Throat, Chest or Lungs. Price 50 cents Stone's drug store, every bottle guar-

A DOG SLAYER.

Dr. Henry J. Schenck has just completed his twelfth year as dog consta- Eugene Journal: ble of Boston, during which time he

The Excitement Not Over.

for a bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the some other kind of business. Throat and Lungs for the cure of Coughs, Colds, Asthma, Bronchitis and Consumption, Kemp's Balsam, the standard family remedy, is sold on a guarantee and never falls to give entire satisfaction. Price 25c and 50c.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN LET-

year than the American, but this is attributed to the almost general use of the telephone in this country doing away with the necessity for so much writing.-New York Times.

"The Loss of Gold Is Creat;

The loss of health is more." Health is lost by neglecting to keep the blood Mail: pure, but it is regained by purifying, enriching and vitalizing the blood with saparille. Thousands who thought

ONIONS AS PERFUMERY.

In Tartary, onions, leeks, and garlic are regarded as perfumes. A Tartar lady will make herself agreeable by rubbing a piece of freshly cut onlon on her hands and over her countenance.

Editor's Awful Plight.

F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca, (Ill.,) News, was afflicted for years with Piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve. writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest Pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by Dr. Stone, druggist.

A WELL-KNOWN MAN.

"You say that man who just went by is one of the best-known men in town?" "Yes; he couldn't borrow a dollar to save his life!"-Yonkers Statesman.

Last week shortly after receipts of turn back the years; that is impossible. If it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's sign- land China hogs are the best that can Bigusture ature is on each box. 25 cents.

STATE EXCHANGES

OREGON IS ALL RIGHT.

Corvallis Gazette: Raspberries of coming and bearing in December, here a that for climate? Last Monday we were shown a branch taken from a raspberry bush on Walter Kisor's place on Woods Creek, which not "Scientists have known of the revita- only had blossoms upon it, but some

KNOT TYINGS.

No less than five weddings in which Corvallis parties are directly interested

TO DISCUSS FRUIT.

Corvallis Gazette: In accordance with a resolution

adopted by the fruit growers' convention held at Corvallis last winter, the Oregon Agricultural College has issued a call for a fruit growers' convention to be held at that place, January 31st

Prof. Lake announces that it is proposed to conduct the coming convention upon much the same lines as the one held last winter. The program will be announced when completed. The members of the state board ofhorticulture will be present at the convention, and the state hroticultural society will hold its annual meeting in connection with the convention.

FORMERLY OF SALEM.

Corvalis Times:

Rev. S. A. Star of Sunnyside, Or. and J. Benson Starr and wife of Olympia, Wash., were in Monroe last week. The latter have sold out their stationery store in Olympia and are now on their road to Arizona, where a similar business will be opened. For health is given as cause for the change.

A DIFFERENCE.

Eugene Guard:

the

It makes a difference. General Lawton was shot and killed but of a yesterday, and already congress is passing a pension bill for his widow. In 1855-6 a few hundred devoted men furnished their arms and accoutrements and brought the bloody-thirsty Indians of Southern Oregon to a finish. Some lives were lost, others received wounds one of whom was buried in this county yesterday.

This grateful government that pensions the general's widow before the body has been consigned to its native earth has persistently neglected to do justice to the men who not only fought the Indians, but paid their own way while so doing. There is no dispute about the facts in the case. But the Indian war veterans are few; their yotes do not count for much, and they have little political influence. They are neglected. . . .

MAN FOUND.

Baker City Democrat:

Willie Skiff, a farmer, a leading citizen of Union county, a prominent Mason, and for a time clerk, who was and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Dr. thought to have been murdered about 15 years ago, has turned up in British Columbia as a bank cashier. . . .

CAN DO BETTER.

J. G. Hammond resigned his posi-He gets \$1 for each dog he kills, but this week and returned home to Eugene. He did not resign to avoid rebe retained definitely, but because he The rush at the drug store still con- was tired of taking care of crazy peotinues and daily scores of people call ple and believes he can do better in . . .

BRIGHT FOR SHEEP.

Heppner Gazette:

wool men. Buyers are already infesting the field endeavoring to contract lish article, the woman who takes pride the 1900 clip at prices very tempting to in her position, is absolutely mistress the sheepmen. In Washington, Idaho in her own sphere, and has her own A comparison of the postal statistics and Montana a great deal of wool has suite of apartments and is a strongof the world shows that the English already been contracted at a very high | hold in which entire confidence can be people write a third more letters in a figure, 20 cents being reached in some placed. There are some other visiting instances. At The Dailes 15 cents is housekeepers who have more families the average. It is prophesied by the on their hands, these being smaller knowing ones that the entire 1900 clip households, and for this work they rewill be sold before shearing time.

SMALLPOX NEAR STAYTON.

A case of smallpox so-called, of the upper country type, has made its apthe great health restorer, Hood's Sar- pearance in the home of Wm. Maag. living north of Stayton near the Subhealth had been permanently lost have limity road, where a 3-year-old child is been made perfectly well by taking this afflicted. The family recently moved great medicine. Your experience may to that vicinity from Mill City, and it is supposed the infection is of the same disputed type of smallpox preva-HOOD'S PILLS are gentle, yet always lent there. The child was brought to this city by its mother Sunday last and taken to Dr. J. M. Kitchen for examination. The doctor ordered its return home and the retention of the members of the family at their own home.

A POLK COUNTY FARM.

Dallas Itemizer:

T. W. Brunk's home near Eola is pleasantly situated at the cross roads between Independence and the Oak Grove country and Salem and Dallas. It was the old home of his pioneer parents, he having bought the interests of his brothers and sisters. It consists of over 500 acres and he is one of the progressive farmers. He takes great pride in his stock. His Cotswold sheep are the finest in Oregon, being from registered stock with written pedigree for the last 300 years. His entire flock averaged 15% pounds of wool to the head, one ewe shearing 25 pounds. He has just received a fine lamb that took six state fair premiums, being exhibited in seven different states this fall. He has been very lucky about anything both-TO CURE LAGRIPPE IN TWO DAYS ering his sheep, a Winchester rifle and Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tab- his fine hounds protecting the flock, lets. All druggists refund the money which he visits every day, His Pobe produced. They are the black ones.

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with white points and are registered. He is constantly introducing new blood. having imported a pair this fall. His The word "Sabbath" is a Hebrew

IS HAPPY.

Dallas Itemizer: weeks.

THE ROAD QUESTION.

Dallas Itemizer:

Now that the roads are bad is the best time for supervisors to see where they are most in need of repairs and how it may be done to best advantage. Lack of proper drainage is the most common cause of bad roads, and many an ugly piece of road could easily be made better by ditching.

GOOD INCOME SECURED BY NEW YORK HOUSEKEEPER.

The story of the visiting housekeeper gets into the papers once in a while, but no one ready knows whether there isn't a good deal of romance about it. But there really are such people, and they do a very good work, and work that is appreciated. One woman has two families for which she keeps house. There are among the wealthiest in New York, and she gives them her entire attention and has not time for anything else. She receives \$150 a month from each family, so that she makes a good income. She is not paid for nothing, howev-

er. People seldom are. Her business necessitates the exact knowledge of how a large establishment should be conducted, and she is very thorough and up to date. The problem of a housekeeper in families of wealth has been as great as that of the general domestic in families of small means. has killed over 10,000 unlicensed dogs. Ition at the asylum for insane at Salem | There are not many really good housekeepers, and the "reduced gentlewoman," if she knows the business, is not moval, as he had reason to expect to always willing to take the housekeeper's position. The reduced gentle woman has not yet learned to take herself common sensibly. But with the visiting housekeeper there is no trouble on either side, the mistress of the house and the housekeeper are equally independent, and the arrange-

ment seems to be ideal. There are three other wealthy fami-Exchanges throughout the Northwest lies in New York-three sisters-who are predicting a bright future for the have solved the problem of the housekeeper by importing the genuine Engceive good, but not so large, salaries.

ORIGIN OF THE CURFEW.

Its Use Gradually Abandoned Because of Modern Improvements.

Curfew is a corruption of "couvre feu," which means "cover the fire." The curfew was rung to protect life and property in a time when houses wer mostly built of wood, and there were no engines, as now, to extinguish a conflagration, and no water was to be immediately obtained. It was a useful and necesary regulation in its day, when barbarity characterized the times, and it was doubtless very rigorously enforced.

The custom was prevalent in many European countries, and old authors indicate that curfew was known in England before the Norman invasion (1066), and it was continued for 600 years after the Conqueror died. The practice of ringing the bell at 9 o'clock at night was observed for many years in New England villages, as elsewhere, but as town clocks and other timekeepers became generally used, and as there no longer existed the necessity for enforcing the custom, it has ceased. -Woman's Home Companion.

My son has been troubled for years with chronic diarrhoea. Sometime ago persuaded him to take some of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using two bottles of the 25-cent size he was cured. I give this testimonial, hoping some similarly afflicted may read it and be benefited.-Thomas C. Bower, Glencoe, O. For sale by J. H. Lunn, druggist.

"SABBATH" AND "SUNDAY."

cattle and horses are good graded stock, term for a period as well as quality of they not being raised for sale. His time, and means "rest." In the Bible wife is a great lover and cultivator of it is used only with this meaning. Peflowers. They have an interesting riods of one year or of seven years family of three little boys. He 'em- were thus' characterized. Every sevploys several men the year around and enth day was observed by the Hebrews raises lots of grain, as a week "Sabbath." In addition to this day others were appointed in which the obligation to cease from labor was as binding as the observance of the weekly "Sabbath." "Sunday" The two guards who are constantly is so named from the day which was with Magers, the condemnet man in dedicated to the worship of the sun. our jall, say that he is quite joylal, Christian nations observe it as their which would hardly be expected of "Sabbath," but "Sabbath" is not "Sunone sentenced to be hung in a few day."-Mary E. M. Richardson in December Woman's Home Companion.

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lem, Oregon.





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the pontiff's malady. In sending this information, Dr. Roberts said:

lowed."

word from Dr. Roberts, a gentleman But in every material respect, and es-

prevent him from moging forward off measures only seventy by forty feet. interested in the matter left Chicago for Rome to consult with the former. and Dr. Baldwin, taking with him a consignment of the lymph for the latter's use. This was specially prepared for the purpose at the lymph laboratory in this city. When questioned

about the matter, Dr. Joseph R. Hawley, who conducts the laboratory investigations for the lymph institute at No. 3907 Prairie avenue, replied as follows: Chicago Laboratory Sends Some of the "I am surprised that the story is in Fluid to Rome-Dr. Baldwin, Consultcirculation. It is a subject I do not care to discuss at present. It is true ing Physician at the Vatican, Has Bewe have heard from Dr. Roberts, who is now in Rome; it is further true that

he wrote of Dr. Baldwin's interest in the lymph, and advised me to correspond with him about it, and it also is medical attendants of Pope Leo XIII. true that a representative has sailed are seriously considering the advisa- for Rome, but beyond this I don't wish bility of inoculating the holy father to talk about that particular phase of with goat's lymph in the hope of the matter just now."

"Would goat's lymph have a beneficial effect on the Pope?" was the next question put to Dr. Hawley.

"In the absence of definite information as to the exact nature of the pontiff's malady I am unable to answer your inquiry positively one way or the other. I understand the Pope is suffering from senility. If this is true then goat's lymph would undoubtedly exert a wonderfully beneficial effect. You must know however, that the lymph is not a nostrum or a patented preparation. No reputable physician is going to prescribe it for a patient he has never seen, any more than he would any other medicine. A close study of the history of each individual case is necessary to intelligent treatment, and this is what every reputable doctor seeks to give. We know just what the lymph will do in certain diseases and conditions of the system. In senility, for instance, in old age either actual or premature, its effects are little short of miraculous. Injected "Dr. Baldwin is enthusiastic over the in doses of from four to fourteen drops reports of what the lymph has ac once or twice a day for a period of complished in America and is anxious from sixty to ninety days, it in a to kave it introduced at once in medi- measure banishes old age and its comctal practice in Rome. He stands close plications. It makes the patient look to the Pope'sphysicians and has great younger, feel younger, and act young-Unfluence with them in determining er, and brings back all the desires and the course of treatment to be fol- ambitions of youth. To this extent it;

conquers age; it does not, of course,

they are equipped with uneven wheels.

the racing charlots are headed. The chariot race scene probably has

There is one camel in the play, but

The expenses of preliminary electri-

cal experiments were \$3,000, including the invention of new apparatus. In the miracle scene the shaft or white light typifying the Mess is of 15,000 The time spent by Messrs. Ernest

The result of all the work and worry