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### MORE THAT THE "FORTUNE HUNTER" MIGHT DO

The play given two nights this week under the auspices of the Social Service Center of the Salem Commercial Club was a splendid success. Possibly it drew capacity houses because the object was one of charity, possibly because of the excellent entertainment the players gave; more likely it was a combination of both causes which caught the popular approval and was coined into real money through the box office receipts.

The "Fortune Hunter" is a clean comedy-drama and its popularity gives the lie to the superstition of theatrical managers that theatre-goers are ever seeking the morbid, sensational and unclean in their patronage of the stage. Clean wit and humor and a good moral tone never fails to fill a house with people whose approbation is worth while when the play is properly staged and intelligently acted. The Salem company which was greeted by a packed house Thursday night was forced to turn people away Friday night because even standing room was at a premium. Hundreds who wished to enjoy this entertainment were disappointed—and this fact leads to another thought.

Why not have the "Fortune Hunter" repeated next week for the benefit of worthy charitable movements?

There is the Jewish relief fund to which thousands are liberally subscribing all over the country, and in behalf of which the president of the United States has issued an official appeal in the form of a proclamation calling upon Americans to do their full duty to relieve distress and suffering in foreign lands. The Jewish people have been great sufferers in a war which they were in no way responsible for. Their property has been confiscated, their homes destroyed, their families scattered. Father has been compelled to fight against son in opposing armies; brother against brother; and Jewish blood has sordid the ashes of their razed homes in the path warlike hosts. In all the history of the world there is no more pathetic picture. And if America heeds the appeal—and heeded it will be—Salem must remember that it is an American city, the capital of a great state, and that it must bear its burden with the rest, willingly, and in the manner that sanctifies and makes holy the spirit of charity.

Then there is a local institution, and the most worthy one, the old people's home, and assistance there would not be amiss. Many things are needed there always that a little money would provide, to cheer the lives of those who are watching the lengthening shadows as the sun declines. Who wouldn't help swell such a fund and deem it not a burden but a privileged vouchsafed by circumstances of ease and comfort?

The proceeds of the next entertainment of the local players might well be divided between the Jewish relief fund and that for the benefit of the old people's home. The spirit of giving is upon us, while indications on every hand of a broader, more permanent national prosperity cheer us all. Let us give the impulse free reign, not in a narrow, grudging measure, but in the full sweep of that good will and fellowship that reaches out to succor the unfortunate and oppressed and makes life the "glad, sweet song" the Creator intended it should be. Hundreds of our people want to see the "Fortune Hunter" and the entertainment would be enhanced by the thought that others not so fortunate in life would share, through its proceeds, the enjoyment that it has brought to the city of Salem.

"In faith and hope the world may disagree  
But all mankind's concern is charity."

It is astonishing how vigilant officials become after it is too late to do any particular good. Canadian officials now suspect almost everybody of having a hand in the burning of the Ottawa parliament building.

After all this talk about the danger to the country from hyphenated Americanism, we would be very likely to find many of the class so designated on the firing line in event of trouble with a foreign nation.

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### CHANGES NOT IN THE WEATHER, BUT IN US

"Things are not like they used to be."

It is the universal plaint as we grow in years. It is applied to everything mundane, from apple pie to the weather. There are no longer any such apple pies as mother used to make, and winters were milder in the years past, or else, if we view it the other way, they were longer and colder and the snowfall was heavier.

Even love, the sweetest of the emotions, is not to the middle-aged man and woman what it was in their youth. Then, to them, it was divine fire; now as they see it work in the young folk, they think it danged foolishness.

Ah, yes, there are mighty changes unfolded to a man's and woman's views between the ages of 20 and 50.

But the changes, mind you, are mostly entirely within ourselves.

There was once a classical imbecile who thought he was measuring the rising of a flood by a chalk mark on his boat. We, little, if any, wiser, think we are noting changes in all things through the impressions upon our ever-changing selves.

The truth is that apple pies are just about as they used to be, though our stomachs are weaker; love is just what it was, though our hearts have cooled; and the weather—

Well, the weather is the main thing we are getting at. The official weather statistics in this country date back to 1872. Data prior to that has been secured from reliable private records and from observers co-operating with the Smithsonian Institution. Figures have been compiled showing the weather conditions for the last 25 years as compared with those for the 25 years preceding. These records, to cover a wide range, are taken from Cincinnati, St. Louis, Cleveland, New Orleans, Chicago, New Bedford, Mass., Washington, D. C., and Charleston, S. C.

These figures establish the fact that there was not the difference of a single degree between the temperature of the two periods of a quarter of a century each in any one of the widely separated sections.

What can be oldest inhabitant have to say now?

There is no magnificence like youth, and there is no minimizer like age.

The senate it seems has a rule which may be invoked in the fight against the confirmation of the appointment of Brandeis as associate justice of the supreme court. This rule is that any senator has the right to object to the appointment of anyone from his state who is personally objectionable to him. Senator Gallinger, it is said, will invoke this rule if Brandeis' appointment cannot be defeated otherwise. The fight promises to be a bitter one and the old rule may be smashed if the president insists on the appointment.

The Kansas City street car company has agreed to pay a young lady \$500 because one of its conductors kissed her. Salem's good-looking conductors would no doubt be let off a great deal cheaper in similar circumstances.

The fish and game commission of California is urging the people of that state to eat fish instead of meat. Good idea, no doubt; fish is cheaper—and it is said to feed the brain.

The diplomatic situation over the torpedoing of the Lusitania is very grave, but it has been that way so often before that it is not so alarming as it might be.

The absent-minded proclivities of some persons is inexplorable. For instance there are \$100,000 of forgotten deposits in the San Francisco banks.

American women, now going in for pantalettes and oil-slicked hair, used to make fun of Chinese women, remarks the Boise Statesman.



### THE STORM

I lie in bed and hear the storm cavorting on its path, and I secure and snug and warm, can laugh to scorn its wrath. The snow is drifting on the ground, the tall trees bend and shake, the wind is shrieking like a hound that has the stomach-ache. The pipes are freezing in the sink, and in the bathroom, too, and in the morn the plumbing gink will have to fix a few. 'Tis pleasant, sure, to lie in bed, and hear the tempest roar, to hear it wailing overhead, and pounding at the door; to know the cellar's full of coal, the larder stocked with bread; so let the black northwester roll—you do not care a red. You labored when the signs were right, with saw or ax or plow, you brought your wages home at night, and gave them to the frau; she put the money safe away, with mothballs 'twixt the bills, and now when storm fiends are at play, your breast with rapture thrills. Oh, happy is the man who saves his coin on sunny days; then when the weather misbehaves, a woop-la he can raise.

**COMING TO SALEM**  
S. Levy closed the People's meat market in this city Saturday. He, in expansion of their Salem business, company with his two boys, have the Midget shop at Salem, which is said to be doing an excellent business. They will now devote their entire time to the expansion of their Salem business. Mr. Levy will continue to buy stock in this locality.—Silverton Appeal.

## HIGHWAY ENGINEERS WILL NOT PREPARE SALEM BRIDGE PLANS

### Attorney General Says Duty Does Not Fall Within Powers of Engineer

The plans and specifications for the proposed bridge across the Willamette river at this place will not be prepared by the state highway engineering department according to the announcement of State Engineer John H. Lewis. The board of viewers advertised for competitive plans offering \$1,000 for the set selected and 13 available sets were taken under consideration by the viewers. The viewers, however, desired additional plans and asked the highway department to submit a set. Before the plans were prepared the supreme court decided the question of the head of the state engineering department and Mr. Lewis assumed full charge of the department formerly under E. I. Cantline. The question as to whether or not it was the duty of the state highway department to prepare plans and specifications for such bridge was submitted by Mr. Lewis to the Attorney General for decision before expending state funds on the work. Attorney General Brown today held that it was not the duty of the state engineer to prepare plans and specifications for an inter-county bridge upon request of viewers as in this case, having his decision largely upon the fact that Chapter 82, Laws of 1915, relating to viewers was enacted subsequent to the 1913 Highway law.

### CHIEF JUSTICE MOORE

(La Grande Daily Observer.)  
Announcing his candidacy for re-nomination, which is equivalent to reelection, Chief Justice Moore has caused a feeling of satisfaction not only among members of the bar but among the people as a whole. The Chief Justice is recognized as a full, rounded out, experienced and ripened western character, possessed of broadness and tenderness that makes for him a place in the hearts of Oregon people that only he can fill. To show what's in a man one must know some of the "little things" that pertain to his manner and make-up. Along this line we would call attention to one of Chief Justice Moore's greatest traits of character, if he will pardon us for so doing. (And we will ask him after this has been published.)

When the chief justice was carrying a heavy load of work years ago it became necessary for him to work a great deal in the evening after all eight hour-a-day men had sought their beds or the amusement halls. It so happened while working in the library at the Salem state house one evening he noticed a young boy from the farm delving into a bunch of law books. The boy was an inexperienced lad wearing a seven dollar suit of clothes; his hair was untrimmed and his appearance was anything but inviting.

Yet, Chief Justice Moore approached the lad asking him what he was doing. When told that he was trying to study law the experienced attorney and jurist remarked, "It is a long tedious road, by boy, but do not let that discourage you. Tell me when you can be here and I will come an hour earlier and help you to get started as best I can." The lad assumed Justice Moore that he would come every evening and the conversation closed.

For months Justice Moore came an hour earlier each night to his work and that hour was spent with the boy from the farm as earnestly as though a high salary was being paid him for instruction.

I might be added that the farm boy made good and is now one of the foremost lawyers in Oregon. Mention of Justice Moore not almost brings tears to the eyes of this prosperous attorney and were it possible for him to re-visit Justice Moore by walking in his barefeet from Portland to Marshfield, the walking would begin forthwith.

We mention this bit of personal, inside history to show our readers the human side of this able man who asks to be returned to his place on the bench and we wish to leave the decision with the big hearted, child-loving men and women of Oregon. In our opinion the demand for his return should be unanimous.

**TAKES OVER THORNE MILL**  
Schubert & Co. closed a deal Monday for the purchase of the C. F. Thorne flour and feed chopping mill near the depot, which occupies the W. E. Loughmiller building. The new company will continue the business along about the same lines as did Mr. Thorne. Ray Lang has been retained as general manager of the mill. Mr. Thorne has not decided on his future movements, but will remain in this city for the present.—Silverton Appeal.



**C. H. PRATT**  
Announces his candidacy for the Office of Constable for the Salem District in the Republican Primary. (Paid Ad.)

### WILLAMETTE NOTES

Miss Daff, one of the secretaries of the National Y. W. C. A., addressed the college Y. W. Thursday afternoon in the Y. W. rest room. She told them many incidents in relation to the history of the Y. W. C. A. This week is the fiftieth anniversary of its establishment in Boston, Mass., and is being celebrated throughout the United States.

Dr. Chas. A. Bowen, of the University church of Seattle, Wash., will be at Willamette next week to conduct evangelistic services. He is a man of pleasing personality and wins students to him by his sincerity and his eloquent thoughtful addresses, which have much of interest in them for the student. He will remain in Salem for a week and during that time will have charge of the chapel exercises.

Frank Jaspur, a senior in the college of liberal arts, won the \$15 in gold offered as first prize in the Walter E. Keyes' oratorical contest held at the chapel in Waller hall last night with his oration "The Invisible Devastation of Strife."

Harold Duxee won the second prize, \$10 in gold, with his oration, "After Prison, What?"

A fair sized audience heard the contest, although there were not as many students present as such a contest should draw forth.

Miss Leila McCandless sang "The Hills O'Skye" and was loudly applauded.

Miss Louise Benson sang two selections, "At a Time" and "Nothing But Love," both of which were much appreciated by the audience. Owing to the sickness of several of the members of the club, the ladies' glee club did not appear as scheduled.

The oration delivered by Mr. Jaspur showed great thought and much hard work in preparing it. It dealt with an abstract subject matter, and yet the presentation of it was so clear and so forceful that he had the entire interest of his audience from the beginning to the end. The idea developed in the oration was that physical accomplishments are not the greatest, but spiritual. In the present war the physical devastation is visible, but the destruction of high ideals, grand emotions, high principles, kind hearts and sympathetic natures is invisible, yet it is working its effect. Mr. Jaspur will represent Willamette in the state oratorical contest to be held at Monmouth on March 10 and with the oration which he has he should rank high. Mr. Duxee's oration "After Prison, What?" was a plea for a second chance for the ex-convict, who, when released from prison is automatically put into a class by himself by the ostracism of society. He advocated government help for the bettering of conditions for the ex-convict.

Mr. Hatchford's oration on "Prohibition and a National Efficiency," dealt with the pointing out of how beligerent nations have accomplished in war time what America has failed to do in a time of peace, namely the prohibition of the drink evil. "A nation's chief work is to promote the welfare of its inhabitants," said he. "Employers of labor in economic industries are demanding abstinence of their employees to increase efficiency." Following the contest, Attorney Walter E. Keyes, who is the originator of the contest, spoke a few words. He stated that he was deeply

## Let George Do It

But will he—sell you a piano as cheap as I can—will he give you the value? He might sell you a piano that is a cheap one. At any rate I am like the Scotchman. I have no doubt about his giving you the real value that is offered in high grade pianos in this forced sale. Seeing is believing—a visit to the store is convincing. See ad on Page 5.

### J. C. Gallagher

disappointed that none of the law students appeared as contestants, as it was his wish that caused him to institute the contest. The judges for the contest were: Delivery, Judge Benson, I. H. Van Winkle, E. F. Carlton; composition, Prof. J. T. Matthews, Prof. R. Stauffer, Prof. W. MacMurray.

### BORN AT SILVERTON

THOMAS — To Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thomas, of Scotts Mills, Friday, January 21, a boy.  
Mrs. Thomas is at the Silverton hospital.

WICKS — To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wicks, Tuesday, January 18, a girl.

MULKEY — To Mr. and Mrs. James Mulkey, Saturday, January 22, a girl.

McGEE — To Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McGee, of Scotts Mills, Thursday, January 20, a boy.

MORLEY — To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morley, Saturday, January 29, 1916, a son.—Appeal.

### LOSE ELEVEN HORSES

C. C. and A. A. Geer, of the Waldo Hills, have lost 11 head of horses during the past few weeks, seven of which died during the past week. The disease which is doing the damage is pronounced by the veterinary as blind staggers. The animals were running on the range and the deep snow of the past month buried the pasture and made it impossible for the stock to get food other than the run to a straw-stalk. Not figuring on such a stretch of stormy weather, the owners had depended upon the range and were strictly up against it for feed when the snow did come. The weakened condition of the animals made them easy prey for disease. Seven of their horses were brought to this city Wednesday to be cared for and each a further spread of the disease. The boys had a good bunch of horses and the loss is a severe one.—Silverton Appeal.

**PECULIAR FACTS ABOUT WELL KNOWN PEOPLE**  
Washington, Feb. 5.—A gorgeous purple electric rumbler upholstered with vivid lavender plush, has been acquired by Representative Percy Quinn, of Mississippi, whose other fad is a corn cob pipe.

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