

IN THE FRONT ROW

HEADLINERS TONIGHT.

- Hippodrome.....America Maids
- Photoplays.
- Nelson.....Desperation
- Grand.....The Ne'er Do Well
- Princess.....The Waiting Soul
- Dixie.....The Tell Tale Step
- Vaudeville and Minstrelsy.
- Third St. & Fairmont Avenue
- American Minstrels

MOTION pictures are now being shown which throw an interesting light on the activity of Japan in the present world conflict. A cameraman of the International Film Service recently visited Yokohama and secured many remarkable pictures of the rapidly expanding Asano shipyards. It is here that Japan builds her battleships.

In October, 1916, the site of the present shipyard was a waste swamp. Four months later, the construction of the yard had been completed and keels laid for three battleships. Now, several additional ships are in the course of construction.

This is but one of the many remarkably interesting pictures of Japan, China and Korea which are now being shown by the International Film Service, and released through Pathe. Together, they afford a splendid survey of the eastern countries.

Minstrel Show Is Good.

Fisher & Fleming's American Minstrels gave their initial performance of a three days' stand at Third street and Fairmont avenue last evening, and despite the threat of a storm at just about the time when people get ready for an evening's amusement a fair sized crowd was present. Under more favorable weather conditions the tent would likely have been comfortably packed. The seating arrangements are excellent and in every particular the appointments met with general approval.

The show is good. Besides the funny things the black face comedians say and do in the old time minstrel part of the program there is a full fledged vaudeville bill. Four acts introduced in the olio were loudly applauded and each of the performers exhibited high class ability. The Six Vances gave a classy exhibition of saxophone playing and the juggling act of the two Boyles is "big time" material. There is only one performance each evening beginning at 8 o'clock, with a special matinee tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. A free concert precedes the opening of the doors.

Change of Program at Hipp.

The America Maids will present a new bill at the Hippodrome tonight, making the fourth change of program of the engagement.

The Harmony Trio will introduce new songs and if they prove anything near the calibre of those already presented will insure a delightful entertainment in themselves.

"The Ne'er-Do-Well" at the Grand.

When the Selig Polyscope Company set out to film "The Ne'er-Do-Well," by Rex Beach, author of "The Spoilers," "Silver Horde," and other novels, W. N. Selig decided that in order to get the real atmosphere described in the book it would be necessary to send his company of players to Panama.

This was done, and after remaining there for some six months, the company brought back a ten-act picture which is considered by press and public to be one of the greatest film dramas ever produced. It is being shown at the Grand Theatre today and tomorrow. During the course of the production we see the digging of the great canal, the same railroad and the automobiles described by Rex Beach in the book; the Chiriqui Prison which was built by the Spaniards in 1671; the famous Lotera Panama; the Island of Tobago; and the wonderful ruins of the original capital of the lands on the Spanish main which the British buccaneer, "Morgan," destroyed in 1670.

The production is full of action throughout, and although it takes two and one-half hours to run, one incident follows another, and the interest is unusual and sustained throughout.

Mme. Petrova at Princess.

The question of whether an unborn child—"A Waiting Soul"—may be affected by the mother's attitude toward life, seems to be the motif of the picture at the Princess today and tomorrow. A conflict between love of husband and duty to the unborn babe arises as a consequence and the suspense created is well maintained. Mme. Petrova is at home in the role of Grace Vaughan, who has sinned and afterward has married happily. Advised to confess to her husband lest her child be born with an evil disposition as a result of her duplicity she finds he knew the truth before he married her.

Melion Hamilton is excellent as the husband and the others in the cast are adequate.

The picture suffers from padding to some extent; some judicious cutting, eliminating unnecessary footage showing characters putting on or taking off coats and hats; entering and leaving rooms, etc., would be helpful.

Police and Underground Characters.

A well-constructed story with a police angle, introducing third-degree methods, and giving a glimpse of "Blackland" machinations is "The Tell Tale Step," which derives its title from the ability of a blind girl to detect her father's slayer by the sound of his footsteps. It is showing at the Dixie today. Shirley Mason gives a pleasing and careful performance of Lueta, the blind daughter of the murdered alien. After the slayer and his gang are rounded up, she is united to the slayer's protector, not as well as he could in her helplessness. She brings her sight and a pastoral scene brings the picture to a pleasant ending. Charles Patton is an excellent heavy.

FOUR SMALL CHILDREN KILL THEIR FATHER!



The Wilkerson children. Left to right, standing: Jack, 12; Bessie, 13; seated, Otto, 8; Ruby, 10.

DURANT, Okla., June 14.—Scientists are puzzling over the case of the four Wilkerson children, who murdered their father, after conspiring to kill him in the cold-blooded fashion of professional criminals.

Not in decades has such an astounding murder been brought before criminologists, a murder which every one of the four children was admitted in court, and which none seems to rue.

For four days they went over the plans of the killing. Three times the two younger children, who actually committed the deed, ran away from their victim frightened. But, urged ahead by the older conspirators, the younger children returned the fourth time and completed the crime.

The oldest child is 13-year-old Bessie. Next comes Jack, 12, then Ruby, 10, and the youngest, Otto, 8.

R. L. Wilkerson, the father, a far-

mer, had often cursed them, the children told County Judge Paulin. Their mother had died last January. When Wilkerson whipped Bessie, the children planned the murder.

With the utmost unconcern, the children showed the court how they committed the awful deed. While their father slept, the children stole up to him for the fourth time. Little Otto, the youngest, had his finger at the trigger of a shotgun, Ruby pointed the gun to the man's head, and the other two urged them on. Otto pulled the trigger.

Judge Pauline and others interested in child welfare were astounded by the calmness of the young murderers. He cannot explain it even now.

The boys are now in the training schools of the state reformatory at Pauls Valley, and the girls were sent to the state school for girls at Oklahoma City.

as Luigi and his brutality is most convincing. Bob Higgins did good work as Pietro. Sally Crute as the jealous fiancée of Graham, the district attorney, who befriends Lucia, is satisfactory.

The settings are for the most part confined to ragpickers' dens and police headquarters, save for a few charming home views and the farm scenes at the end.

Elizabeth Risdon at the Nelson.

In "Desperation" which is the big feature at the Nelson today Elizabeth Risdon finds ample opportunity for displaying her splendid histrionic talents. The picture is a three-reel Gold Seal drama abounding in many startling climaxes and intense moments.

"Pancho's Rancho" is a funny, included in today's program as is also the Mutual Weekly. This latter feature is growing in interest as our part in the present world war increases. The pictures are all right down to date and show many interesting features of the war preparation program. Other news features include current happenings throughout the country.

"CLOSE-UPS"

"The Eternal City" was well patronized at the Nelson yesterday and the magnificence of the picture and story made a splendid impression on the audience, many of whom probably visited the Nelson for the first time. The clean fresh air created by noiseless fans which has a perfect circulation due to a recently installed system of ventilation makes the Nelson a comfortable resort in the hottest weather.

The American Minstrels made quite a showing in their street parade. The "zippy" music and the quick step marching of the band is a pretty good tonic for spring fever.

Manager Nelson, of the Nelson Theatre, is negotiating for another banner attraction for next week. He is trying to land it for his next Thursday's program.

The Camping Girls' Musical Comedy Company is the promised attraction at the Hippodrome next week. On Monday they are scheduled to present a merry musical farce "Fun in a Camp."

OLD STAGER.

MANNINGTON

Chambers to Chicago. B. F. Chambers, of this place, will leave Saturday for Wheeling where he will visit his brother, C. W. Chambers over night, then he will proceed to Chicago, where he goes as a delegate to represent the First Congressional district of West Virginia, at the national head camp of the Modern Woodmen of America, which meets for a five days' session.

Anyone wishing to communicate with him can do by addressing him at the Hotel Sherman, in care of James McNamara.

Children's Day Exercise.

At the Curtis M. E. church on Sunday, June 24, at 10:30 a. m., an interesting talk will be given by our pastor, Rev. F. M. Malcolm and Mrs. Orville Murray, of this city.

The Children's day exercise will begin promptly at 2:00 p. m. The following program will be rendered: Congregational song.

Prayer. Responsive Scripture Reading. Song—Praise Ye the Lord. Recitation—Countless Voices. Primary exercise—Obey. Recitation—Such a Sunny Day. Song—Father In Heaven. Class Exercise—Our King. Recitation—Where Are You Going? Class Exercise—A Little Bird. Recitation and Drill—Upon a Sunny Day. Recitation—Two Ways of Giving. Song—March to the Call of Duty. A Pantomime—Nearer My God to Thee.

Scripture Lesson Reading. Recitation—What I Would Do. Primary Exercise—Four Hearts Song—With a Smile. Recitation—Tiny Things. Pantomime—Abide With Me. Exercise—Weeds and Blossoms. Song—Sowing and Reaping. A Sermon March and Drill—Tramp, Tramp, Tramp. Recitation—Good Morning. Closing Moments. Song—After Good Night Good Morning.

Everybody is invited to attend both morning and afternoon exercises.

New Data for the Playground Opening

The Fairmont Playground association has planned to open the Miller school and the Tenth street playgrounds on Monday and if nothing interferes the plans will be carried out. No plans have been made for opening the East park play grounds at this time. Superintendent H. E. Moore is busy this week in moving equipment from Loop park to the Tenth street ground. He will be assisted in the work this year by Miss Caroline Barnes at the Miller school ground and by Miss Laura Mae Dunnington at the tenth street ground.

PERSONALS

Mrs. G. M. Alexander and son, Edward, and daughter, Miss Virginia, have arrived here from Philadelphia where the latter attended Miss Sayward's school at Overbrook. Mrs. Alexander and son spent a week there following the closing of school.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peddicord and family have moved from Monongah to the Gilmore property on Benoni avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Coffey who have resided in Akron, O., for several months, have returned here and have taken up their residence at the home of the latter's grandfather, Jacob Hayden.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Neill returned yesterday from Pittsburgh where they had spent the last several days.

Mrs. George Robinson, of Chicago, is the guest of her brother, Joseph Grimsley, and Mrs. Grimsley, at their home on Pierpont avenue.

Aloysius Coll, West Virginia staff correspondent of the Pittsburgh Dispatch of Clarksburg, was a business visitor in the city today.

C. L. Musgrave attended the funeral of Dr. C. W. Kunst which took place yesterday at Grafton. Dr. Kunst is the father of Dr. W. H. Kunst, of this city.

RUTH LAW

World's Greatest Aviatrix and Queen of the Air will positively appear at

Norwood Park, Clarksburg
Sunday, June 17, 1917

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OUT-OF-STAGELAND TO HONEYMOON TOUR



Lovey-Dovey? Surest thing. Alice Dovey and John E. Hazzard, co-author of "Turn to the Right," went to the Little Church Around the Corner and were married. They're honeymooning now. Romance began before last when both played in "Very Good Eddie."

PROPER WAY TO FEED MILK

When Given to Ducks in Pans It Causes Sore Eyes—Best to Give It to Them in Mash.

Feeding milk to ducks in pans causes sore eyes. Use same in mash and feed only what will be readily cleaned up. This sore condition of the eyes is also noticed in flocks of chicks receiving sour milk as a drink and is often mistaken for a cold or roup.

A 10 per cent solution of boric acid applied to the eyelids will remove the crusts formed and relieve the irritation.

DECORATION DAY ON PRICKET CREEK

Interesting Program Has Been Prepared for Next Sunday.

Annual decoration day services will be held at the Pricket cemetery on Pricket's creek next Sunday and an interesting and patriotic program has been prepared. A number of speakers from this city and Morgantown will be present to deliver addresses and take part in the exercises.

In the afternoon a short service will be held at the Viola school house, beginning at 2:30 o'clock, and at the conclusion of this program those present will adjourn to the cemetery to decorate the graves and to listen to other speeches.

The Pricket cemetery is an historic spot situated near the site of the old Pricket fort or block house, which featured in the early history of this section, and it is the last resting place of Charity Pricket who has the distinction of being the first white woman to cross the mountains into this region. In addition to this there are a number of both Confederate and Union soldiers buried there and it is expected that a large crowd will turn out Sunday to do them homage.

Will Entertain Friends

Miss Dollie Kearns and Miss May Kelley will entertain a number of local and out of town friends at the latter's home on 317 East Park avenue this evening.

At Home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Friedman, of 311 Maple avenue, will be at home to their neighbors and friends Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Steinhauer. No cards.

Big G Effective in treating natural discharges; relieves sore, poisonous and will not stricture. Relieves in 1 to 5 days. Parcel Post if desired—Price \$1.00, or 5 bottles \$2.75. Prepared by THE EVA'S CHEMICAL CO., CINCINNATI, O.

At THE NELSON Today

DESPERATION

Gold Seal features never disappoint and this three reeler is 'up to standard. A strong plot that is well connected leads from one tense scene to another in a perfectly natural manner, and the end of the story is so satisfactory that it leaves nothing to be desired to make the play complete. Elizabeth Risdon is the star in a strong cast.

WEEKLY NEWS FEATURE

A reel they all want to see is the news reel, which is no type-instead the stories are performed over right before one as they were enacted in real life, taken from every corner of the globe.

ROSIE'S RANCHO

A comedy bristling with fun. You'll laugh at Miss Dale and Mr. Franey, the leading characters.

TOMORROW: A strong bill with such actor favorites as Marguerite Clayton, Walter Campbell, Mildred Manning, Walter McGray and those comic comedians Ham, Bud and Ethel Tearo and Henry Murdoch. The titles, "The Clock Struck One," "The Green Door," "The Blundering Blacksmiths."

GRAND THEATRE TODAY AND TOMORROW

THE SELIG COMPANY PRESENTS A PICTORIZATION OF

Rex Beach's

FAMOUS STORY IN 10 REELS



A MARVELOUS STORY OF LOVE, ROMANCE AND ADVENTURE OF PANAMA.

The Ne'er-Do-Well

A STORY OF A WOMAN'S SOUL

"THE NE'ER-DO-WELL" with all its depth of love, and soft, sweet tropical beauty, and fiendish jealousy, and black intrigue—with the naked passions of men and women bared before you as only Rex Beach can bare them—with its hero football player from New York ensnared alike by the dazzling southern beauty, "Chiquita," and the seductive Edith Cortlandt, wife of the other man.

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SQUIRREL FOOD—BY AHERN.

