

THE GREAT AMERICAN PLAY AT LAST
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TACOMA
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Starting **SUNDAY** **Aug. 20**
ELLIOTT & SHERMAN PRESENT
D. W. GRIFFITH'S
EIGHTH WONDER
OF THE WORLD

5,000 SCENES COST \$500,000
THE BIRTH OF A NATION
3,000 HORSES
WITH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA -30-

ENDORSED BY PRESS, PUBLIC & PULPIT
Some of the well-known people in various walks of life who have expressed unqualified appreciation of "The Birth of a Nation."
Rev. Thomas R. Gregory, Richard Harding Davis, Alan Dale, George Jean Nathan, Andrew Freedman, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Gertrude Atherton, Shelley Hamilton, Mrs. Charles H. Park, Ada Patterson, Rev. Dr. John Tulbot, Paul West, Rupert Hughes, Smith, James McCallie, Mrs. Simon Baruch, Cora Moore, Booth Tarkington, Zoe Beckley, Dorothy Dix, Mrs. Carter Harrison, Dudley Field Malone, Geo. M. Cohn, Delancey Nicolli.

United States Senators
W. L. Jones, of Washington, John F. Shafter, of Colorado, F. J. Walsh, of Montana, J. N. McPherson, of Mississippi, U. S. Fletcher, of Florida, Lee S. Overman, North Carolina.

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And Other Great Men and Papers
"Griffith's presentation is an achievement in motion photography upon a tremendous scale, surprisingly effective in artistic realization."—New York Evening Post.
"Griffith's production is a big step forward for motion pictures. It more than made good its promises."—New York Herald.

"An impressive illustration of the scope of the motion picture camera."—New York Times.

"The Birth of a Nation" is the biggest attraction of the season."—James McCallie in Life.

"The Birth of a Nation" is history vitalized and made living. Go and see it, because it will make a better American of you."—Dorothy Dix in the Evening Journal.

"By all odds the greatest thing that ever came to New York. Its chief value lies in its truthfulness to history. That the story told by the picture is true, I am ready to swear on the Bible."—Rev. Thomas Gregory in the New York American.

"Brilliant, sensational spectacle and dramatic incidents of strength and beauty, is 'The Birth of a Nation.'"—Portland Oregonian.

"It is what they said it was. 'The Birth of a Nation' is certainly the world's masterpiece. The orchestra is nothing less than symphony concert itself."—Salt Lake Telegram.

"If Thomas Carlyle's 'French Revolution' is a historical poem, so is Griffith's 'Birth of a Nation.'"—Charles Eugene Banks, Post-Intelligencer.

PRICES

EVENINGS, 8:15 sharp	DAILY MATINEES, 2:15 sharp
Lower floor, first 10 rows \$1.00	Lower floor, first 10 rows, 75c
Loges and lower floor, last 3 rows \$1.50	Loges and lower floor, last 3 rows \$1.00
Balcony, first 6 rows 75c	Sanitary balcony 50c
Balcony, last 6 rows 50c	Gallery (unreserved) 25c
Box seats \$2.00	Box seats \$1.50

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Leave Tacoma (11th and A Sts.) 6:30 and 10:30 a. m., 1 and 5 p. m.

Leave Northeast Tacoma and 11 a. m., 1:30 and 5:30

One City Manager Cuts City Interest Rate Square In Two

The oldest city in the United States, St. Augustine, Fla., is now operated under one of the most modern of charters, one, by the way, that is particularly severe on politicians.

For instance, it expressly forbids any candidate for commissioner to make any personal solicitation for votes; it forbids any commissioner to dictate any appointment by the city manager.

St. Augustine apparently had had a "dose" of politicians in days gone by.

They had left their mark upon the city, principally by reason of the lack of continuity of administrative practice.

The absence of records or maps of any of St. Augustine, Fla. the underground engineering work; a large accumulation of unpaid assessments; a ten-inch water distributing system coated with three inches of rust. These are a few samples.

For city manager the commission appointed W. L. Miller, a former assistant of Waite, the city manager of Dayton.

The benefits of the new system revealed themselves very shortly. Take, for instance, this episode:

The new government inherited a floating debt of approximately forty thousand dollars. In order to prevent an excessive tax rate for the year 1916 it was deemed advisable to extend part of the floating indebtedness for another twelve months. The new budget provided for paying off \$18,000 of this debt and extending the remaining \$22,000 for a year.

As soon as this policy was decided upon by the city commission, the manager went into the market to borrow money at the best possible rate.

Cities in Florida had unquestionably been paying the legal rate of 8 per cent for current loans, and local banks must have thrived.

The manager was first successful in getting a rate of 7 per cent from a local bank, then an offer of 6 per cent from another state bank, after which he secured an offer of 5 1/2 per cent from one of the southeastern banking institutions, and, finally, at four per cent, thus cutting the interest rate in half.

With the selection of a new fire chief, St. Augustine's commission-manager government inaugurated an inspection for a fire prevention program, for the first time in the history of the city.

This work was carried along at the same time that the city was working on the betterment of the water supply, pumping equipment and distribution system for the water works.

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Scotch Musical Family Are Headliners at Hippodrome

Three big acts of vaudeville and two feature pictures will make up an excellent bill opening at the Hippodrome theater Sunday.

Headlining in Hippodrome vaudeville will be the noted Douglas Family, an organization of six talented singers, dancers and fun-

freshers in a delightful offering of breezy wit and music.

Fresh from a triumph in opera, Miss Elsie Broche comes into vaudeville as a singing comedienne and her act that will be a part of the new Hippodrome bill is said to be a winner in every respect.

Davis and Williams, a man and a maid, will present a comedy patterlogue with a repertoire of popular song successes, eccentric dancing and witty dialogue.

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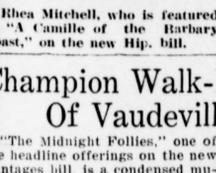
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W. L. MILLER, City Manager.



Rheza Mitchell, who is featured in "A Camille of the Barbary Coast" on the new Hip. bill.

Champion Walk-Racer Is Feature Of Vaudeville Bill at Pantages

"The Midnight Follies," one of the headline offerings on the new Pantages bill, is a condensed musical comedy presented by a cast of 10 singers, dancers and comedians. There are four principals and a chorus of six attractive girls.

The tuneful music, handsome staging and elaborate costuming are said to play an important part in the success of the offering.

The novelty headline feature of the bill will be George N. Brown and company. Brown is known as the world's champion heel and toe walker and his one-mile walking race with Billy Weston is filled with fun and excitement. The contest is walked on a pair of treadmills which register on huge dials the stage of the event in tenths of a mile.

The third headline position is held by Silber and North, who have an original little comedy patterlogue full of wit and clean fun. Instrumental music, singing and comedy are featured by the Four Haley Sisters, a quartet of pretty girls. "The Admiral's Reception" is the title of a novel offering presented by William de Hollis and company.

Alexandria is a master xylophonist whose unusual interpretation of classics and popular numbers makes him a popular favorite. The 17th episode of "The Iron Claw" is said to be full of new mystery and thrills.

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MANITOU PARK.		Lot.	Bk.	Prin.	Inter.	Adv.	Penalty.	Total
To Whom Assessed:								
Joseph Geisler	4	7	5.43	.43	.69	.43		7.05
H. Rob. Paul	12	12	5.43	.43	.69	.43		7.05
G. M. Catton	16	6.31	.52	.80	.73		7.83	
Jas. Moulton	2	17	6.31	.52	.80	.73	7.83	
H. Rob. Paul	18	6.31	.52	.80	.73		7.83	
G. M. Catton	2	17	6.31	.52	.80	.73	7.83	
James Clark	8	18	6.31	.52	.80	.73	7.83	
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H. R. Paul	10	18	6.31	.52	.80	.73	7.83	
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James Clark	3	19	6.31	.52	.80	.73		