

**COMMERCIAL**  
 Union City, Tenn.  
 Second office at Union City, Tenn.  
 FEBRUARY 4, 1921.

**Screen Stage.**  
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But as we have stated, the screen stage has a place in the world and a very large one. It is educational, more so in its way than the illustrated book or paper. It is far more universal and its patrons are more numerous. The idea more vital than any other is to create a popular sentiment for good pictures. That is the way to handle the movies.

The romances, the heroics, the landscape work, the illustrated news service, and many other features are invaluable to the public in the world of progress. And it may be of interest to many of us that some of the leading photo-play houses in the larger cities are discriminating in the picture service. Among these is the Capitol, the largest theatre in the world, located in New York City. There are others there and elsewhere which are making a start for better and cleaner pictures, and the public is indorsing this in a practical way. Really we cannot do without the educational features of the picture service, but we can and in time will do without the salacious features. It will not be in Blue Laws but in public sentiment. Blue Laws never evangelized the world. They are more or less the hypocrite's castle.

Those who are familiar with the spoken drama remember that it was in the days of belles lettres that the drama had no foothold, not even the respect of the English speaking race. There was no stage but the green carpet and the barn loft. The strolling actor, like Robert Macaire and Jacques Strop, was generally a nomad, shiftless character. The religious Pharisee shunned him as something vile.

As time passed Samuel Johnson and Colley Cibber took notice of the pure that was in the dress—the art of the stagecraft. This was the impetus of an evolution which brought some of the genius of the world in such names as David Garrick, Edmund Keane, Junius Brutus Booth, and our own Edwin Forrest and Edwin Booth. Many a time the beloved actor, Joseph Jefferson, appeared in a barn in some of his wonderful comedies. The day came when the elder Joseph Holland was to be buried and the minister of a rich Fifth Avenue church refused to serve at the funeral. Jefferson, in charge of his friend's remains, was told to go to the "Little Church Around the Corner," the Church of the Transfiguration, and that church to-day is one of the most popular in New York City. From that day the spoken drama has had its friends as well as its fine characters in such people as Julia Marlowe, Annie Russell, Maude Adams, Mrs. Fiske, Sol Smith Russell, Sir Johnson, Forbes Robertson and others—a long list of them.

So we are not to undertake the impossible task of destroying the screen play, but to make it serve a useful purpose, because it is one of the great mediums of developing civilization.

Mr. J. W. Weed, traveling out of Kansas City, Mo., was a visitor in our office this week. Mr. Weed came in to chat about the Fordney tariff, or rather the "jitney tariff." He has been making some figures to show that we cannot raise the price of wheat with a protective tariff. Mr. Weed is a Democrat and says he likes Kansas City because it is settled up by Tennesseans and Kentuckians. He says that Kansas is a wheat country and that the farmers there look at the Fordney tariff as a political move offering sop to the farmer. The United States and Canada do not import wheat and hence they cannot profit with an import duty as protection to the home market. Most everyone was surprised when Senator Penrose offered to support the bill, but he seems to be perfectly easy over its march to defeat.

There is some hope for the person who can laugh when he has a toothache. But the man who can laugh at you when you have a toothache is beneath words.—Tho de Lis.

**Good Pictures.**  
 After a little itinerary with a view more than anything else of relaxation, an opportunity was afforded in some of the leading cities to see what sort of amusement attractions were current, and naturally in looking on the home producers were brought to mind. The comparison is in nowise unfavorable as it might have been supposed. The screen stage at home in Union City is much the same as it is in the Capitol, the Rivoli, the Strand, the Rialto in New York. Manager Cox is giving us the same pictures—with the familiar personalities of Mary Pickford, Mary Miles Minter, Constance Talmadge, Vivian Martin, Douglas Fairbanks, and others—and the difference in service is not noticeable except in the expensive theatres, the quality and variety of the music, etc. In fact it is good to notice that Manager Cox has been giving us pictures for an admission of ten and twenty cents exactly the same new films for which the great show houses are collecting in single admissions of from forty cents to one dollar. The Reynolds Theatre in Union City has been serving its patrons with motion pictures the best offered anywhere in the United States. This must be said to the credit of the management of Mr. Cox and Mr. Reynolds, who on all occasions and at all times have been generous and accommodating to their patrons in Union City.

**Ford Back at Work.**  
 Reopening of the most important plant of the Ford Motor Company on a limited schedule is another straw indicating the direction of the industrial wind. In common with innumerable other renewals of suspended operations, it shows that the industries of the country are rapidly recovering from the scare which developed over the process of readjustment to a peace basis. There is every possibility that this resumption of activity will soon become general all over the country.

The buyers' strike, we believe, is passing. The determination to carry on is reasserting itself. Gradually the fact that there is nothing wrong with the country is taking possession of popular psychology. Merchants are in market for their spring stocks and the factories are falling in line to supply the orders of the wholesalers. People are now purchasing what they need and will continue to do so. The obvious course for business is straight ahead.

Industries which have been awaiting developments, we believe, ought to resume operations without more ado. The progress of events is unmistakably in that direction. It seems worth while to get an early start. Revised prices in iron and steel ought to be of great assistance because of their effect on the materials market. Those who longer remain idle awaiting the return of prosperity are, in our opinion, merely killing time.—Chattanooga News.

**Death of Mrs. Mary Jackson.**  
 Mrs. Mary Jane Jackson died at the home of her son in Union City Wednesday, January 26, at 10:30 p.m., after an illness dating about twelve months.

Mrs. Jackson came to Union City from the vicinity of Mason Hall. She is survived by two sons in Union City, E. A. and Neal Jackson, one son at Mason Hall, one son at Kenton and one son at Trimbles. She was 59 years, 10 months and nine days old. Her husband died several years ago. Mrs. Jackson was a member of the Methodist Church and funeral services were conducted by Revs. Sellers and Hilliard and the remains were shipped to Kenton and removed to Union Grove for burial.

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**Real Estate Transfers.**  
 Tom Lynch et al. to Annis Cruse, 18 acres in No. 1, \$1200.  
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**Winter Brings Many Ills to Pale, Overworked People**  
**TAKE PEPTO-MANGAN**  
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If you feel the least bit run down, not necessarily sick, but tired and blue and sort of down and out, it shows plainly that your power of resistance is low.

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Make no mistake about it, when you feel yourself slipping into lazy habits, getting indifferent to the things you naturally like—no energy, no vigor, always tired—it is time to look out. It may not mean that you are sick or that you will be. But there are diseases that would have an easy time of it with your system when your blood has no fighting qualities.

You want to be well and keep well and feel strong. If you build up the quality of your blood by taking Pepto-Mangan you will be in trim to fight off winter ills. It has just the right ingredients to build up your blood with rich, red corpuscles.

Pepto-Mangan gives your blood the qualities it needs to pick-up and start you off on a healthy basis. You will notice the difference soon after you start taking it. You will have better color, better feeling, and more energy.

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**Advertisements.**

**To Annul Oil and Gas Lease.**  
 (Continued from First Page.)  
 referred under a general act to grant lands under the State's navigable waters. It is not competent for the Legislature to authorize the granting of lands under the State's navigable waters to a private person or corporation (State of Illinois vs. Illinois Central Railroad Co., 146 U. S. 391-476 and cases cited).

Irrespective of the dedication (chapter 534 acts 1909) the State holds title to the lands under its navigable waters upon a public trust, and no alienation or disposition of such property is permissible which does not recognize and is not in execution of this trust.

Many cases can be cited where it has been decided that the bed or soil of navigable waters is held by the people of the State in their character as sovereign in trust for public uses only.

This letter is not intended as a brief but merely an outline of the situation which is submitted might be seriously complicated by the passage of the resolution in its present form.

**Woman Seeks Office.**  
 Miss Hunter Browder, a popular young woman of this city, has just made her formal announcement for the office of County Court Clerk of Fulton County. Miss Browder, for the past seven years, has been connected with the Daily Leader of this city, and has a host of friends over the county who will work for her interests.

She is the first woman to announce for office during this primary, but it is said that others may get into the running later.—Fulton Leader.

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**TO J. E. SAMS.**  
 R. M. Whipple vs. J. E. Sams et al.—Chancery Court, Obion County, Tennessee.

In the above styled cause it appearing to the Clerk and Master from the bill of complaint, which is sworn to, that the defendant, J. E. Sams, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee and a resident of the State of Kentucky, so that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him. It is therefore hereby ordered that the said above named defendants appear before the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Obion County, Tennessee, on or before the First Monday of March, 1921, that being a rule day of said Chancery Court, and make defense to the said bill, or the same will be taken as confessed by him, and the said cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. It is further ordered that publication of this notice be made for four consecutive weeks in The Commercial, a weekly newspaper published in Obion County, Tenn. 43-37  
 This 10th Jan., 1921.  
 GEO. A. GIBBS,  
 Clerk and Master.  
 By Nelle F. Marshall, D. C. & M.  
 C. N. Lannon, Sol. for Compt.

**NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.**  
 David Wright vs. Mary G. Wright.—Petition for Divorce.—In Circuit Court of Obion County, Tenn. To Mary G. Wright.

A bill for divorce has been sworn to and filed in this court, which bill avers that you are a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, and a resident of the State of Missouri, so that the ordinary process of law can not be served upon you. This is, therefore, to notify you the said Mary G. Wright, defendant in above styled cause, to appear before the Circuit Court of Obion County, Tenn., on or before the first Monday in May, 1921, and make defense to said bill filed against you or the same will be taken for confessed and proceeded with ex parte as to you. 46-41  
 This January 31, 1921.  
 J. N. RUDDLE, Clerk.  
 Pierce & Fry, Attorneys for Compt.

**TO J. C. POLK.**  
 Forcum-James Coopersage & Lumber Co. vs. H. F. Anderson et al.—Chancery Court, Obion County, Tennessee.

In the above styled cause it appearing to the Clerk and Master from the bill of complaint, which is sworn to, that the defendant, J. C. Polk, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, so that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him. It is therefore hereby ordered that the said above named defendant appear before the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Obion County, Tennessee, on or before the First Monday of March, 1921, that being a rule day of said Chancery Court, and make defense to the said bill, or the same will be taken as confessed by him, and the said cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. It is further ordered that publication of this notice be made for four consecutive weeks in The Commercial, a weekly newspaper published in Obion County, Tenn. 44-41  
 By Nelle F. Marshall, D. C. & M.  
 This January 18, 1921.  
 GEO. A. GIBBS,  
 Clerk and Master.  
 Morris & Morris, Sols. for Compt.  
 Lannon & Lannon.

**TO GEORGE REED.**  
 Fannie Reed vs. George Reed.—Chancery Court, Obion County, Tennessee.

In the above styled cause it appearing to the Clerk and Master from the bill of complaint, which is sworn to, that the defendant, George Reed, is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, so that ordinary process of law cannot be served upon him. It is therefore hereby ordered that the said above named defendant appear before the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Obion County, Tennessee, on or before the First Monday of March, 1921, that being a rule day of said Chancery Court, and make defense to the said bill, or the same will be taken as confessed by him, and the said cause set for hearing ex parte as to him. It is further ordered that publication of this notice be made for four consecutive weeks in The Commercial, a weekly newspaper published in Obion County, Tenn. 46-41  
 This Jan. 27th, 1921.  
 GEO. A. GIBBS,  
 Clerk and Master.  
 By Nelle F. Marshall, D. C. & M.  
 Geo. R. Kenney, Sol. for Compt.