

IN THE FRONT ROW

HEADLINERS TONIGHT.

Musical Comedy. Hippodrome.....The Fortune Hunters Photoplays. Nelson.....The Gift of Magi Grand.....Fighting in France Princess.....Lady Barnacle D.....Money Mill

At the age of seventy-three years and a great-grandmother, the actress is making her first appearance before the motion picture camera and she declares it is the most fascinating work she has ever done. Until some ten years ago Ruby La Fayette played everything from ingenue to characters, and then retired to a Texas home, where she was discovered by the Bluebird management and literally dragged into an engagement over her protest that she had retired.

It was only by calling her attention to the fact that in this way she could perpetuate her art that the aged actress waived all personal consideration and did what she considered to be her duty to the theatre-going public. Now she is delighted with her choice and she will be seen first in a production with the particularly appropriate title "Mother of Mine," produced by Rube

"Lady Barnacle" appearing as the Princess today. Viola Dana as "Lakshmi" is the outstanding feature of the attraction, although the oriental atmosphere which pervades the production is appealing to those who like plays of this character. There is a richness to a number of settings that will impress those who have cultivated a sense for the esthetic; in fact the whole structure seems built upon the idea that all the world loves fine things.

Features in Gracey's Show.

"Cupid's Mixup" has been selected as the opening attraction to be offered by Gracey's Colonial Maids at the Hippodrome starting with the Monday matinee. It is heralded as a "classy little musical comedy playlet" and is said to be chock full of bright numbers and comedy. During the week's stay there will be several changes of program which call for the introduction of Gracey and his Musical Novelties, Christie, singer and dancer and comedian; Wentworth and Young, a dainty little sister team; Lep Meyer, black face comedian; Alice Hammond, fancy dancer; Lew Peter, tenor; the Colonial Trio, and other features, all backed up by a snappy and bright chorus of singing and dancing girls, that look bewitching and pretty.

"The Money Mill" at the Dixie.

Dorothy Kelly is starred at the Dixie today in a Vitagraph production of "The Money Mill." There are a number of striking situations and some big scenery that will impress the average movie patron. The direction is good and the acting of the principals entirely satisfactory.

French war pictures at Grand.

"The Fighting in France" pictures which were shown at the Grand yesterday and are repeating today, are of compelling interest. In striking contrast with some of the many "war pictures" now going the rounds there is a complete absence of the spectacular. There is nothing in them that has been specially staged for the cameraman, but they tell the unvarnished truth about conditions existing at the front where our own boys are preparing to give an account of themselves in behalf of world democracy. There are views of the trenches, death dealing machines of almost unthinkable ponderousness, and the grim consequences of their action. It is a gripping series of pictures that possess quite some educational value and due to the fact that they were originally secured for the archives of the French government they are authentically historical.

Exit "The Fortune Hunters."

Tonight the last two performances of "The Fortune Hunters" will be given at the Hippodrome by Fox Reilly's Globe Trotters. There isn't much to be said about the offering as a skit because there isn't much to it. Ernest Linwood is by all odds the big feature of the bill. His rollicking humor is infectious and once he gets going the audience becomes properly enthused and cheerfully overlooks quite a bit of "old stuff" that is put across by the other principals of the company. The chorus work is better than in the mid-week program. The opening number "Bell Hops" is delightfully tuneful and starts a melody buzzing in one's ears that is apt to break out in a hum at any time. "Bouncing at the Rubber Ball" by Fox Reilly and chorus is another good number fairly well rendered. All in all the performance offers a satisfactory entertainment, Linwood, himself, being worth all it costs to see the whole show.

Well-Balanced Nelson Bill.

When O. Henry penned "A Gift of the Magi" he made a huge joke of the blundering impracticability of a young married couple in the Christmas season—and at the same time sanctified it. The conflicting moods in which O. Henry wrote this tale are splendidly handled in the screen showing which holds a favored place on the bill at the Nelson Theatre today. The reference to the Magi is from

locally made—the three Wise Men who brought gifts to the manager for the little child being vaunted for their knowledge and judgment. But while ridiculing the naivete of the young married pair the great American author glorifies their love to an extent that their gifts are in a way shown as wise as those of the Magi. In addition to this O. Henry feature there is a good Ham and Bud comedy and a Black Cat picture that touches the heartstrings tenderly but vibrantly. It is called "Seventy and Seven" and is a delightful story of the friendship of an old army veteran and a little boy, who stick together and manage to defeat the efforts of a schemer to impoverish the old man. Ellis Paul, Julien Barton, Patrick Calhoun, Helen Ferguson and Mark Ellison are the featured players.

"CLOSE-UPS"

—Ellis Paul is the new child lead in Black Cat stories. In "Seventy and Seven" he divides honors with the player taking an old man role, and does it without the forced juvenile effort that detracts from effectiveness.

—The Needhams—two brothers from Duluth, Minn., are piloting the "Fighting in France" pictures over the two Virginias, for which territory they have the state rights. Both are experienced moving picture men.

—Says the Kansas City Star: About the most refreshing departure from screen piffle is the series of 2-reel O. Henry stories. They don't show life as it isn't and never was and never will be. They aren't great spectacles; they don't exploit great stars. They're simply corking good stories—of which there doesn't seem to be any more than the law allows.

—A better selection could not have been wished for than the intensely absorbing drama "Sleeping Fires" in which Pauline Frederick is starred and which has been secured for showing at the Grand next Thursday under the auspices of the Pythian Sisters.

OLD STAGER.

PERSONALS

Miss Virginia Staud is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Staud, of Pennsylvania avenue.

Mrs. Clyde Travis has been called to Terra Alta by the serious illness of her brother, George Kinnell.

Mrs. C. W. Paxson has gone to Philadelphia to join her husband who recently accepted a position there.

Announcement has been received here of the birth of a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Herron at their home in Akron, O. She has been named Helen Lear. Mrs. Herron was formerly Miss Mabel Nuzum, of the East side.

Miss Mary Louise Nichols has returned from Charleston where she has been the guest of Mrs. Arthur B. Kooztz for a week.

Mrs. Morgan Chambers and little daughter, Mary Wills Chambers, are spending several weeks at Deer Park, Md.

Jas. C. Welton will go to Aurora today where his wife and little daughter are spending several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac McCauslin and daughter, Miss Louise, of Tulsa, Okla., who had been visiting relatives in West Virginia were the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Neill in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Neill's daughter, Mrs. Everett Hill, of Morgantown was also here for several days this week.

Mrs. C. E. Hutchinson returned yesterday from Loch Lynn Heights, Md., where she had spent the last several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson, of Pittsburgh, are the guests of the latter's aunt, Mrs. C. A. Pilson, on Belmont avenue.

Mrs. James Wade, of Wilmington, N. C., is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Dickerson. Mr. Wade will join her within a week and they will go to Chicago and other mid western points.

Miss Minnie Belle Poling left today for Philadelphia where she will be the guest of relatives for several weeks.

Mrs. Floyd Hotezal, of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Frederick Blome, of Baltimore, arrived here last night to see their father, J. T. Miller, who has been seriously ill for several weeks.

J. B. Pocock, who had been visiting his son, Dr. Herman Pocock in Cleveland, returned a few days ago. Mrs. Pocock, who was also visiting their son, will remain for some time yet. Dr. Pocock was taken dangerously ill last Wednesday but was much better when heard from yesterday.—Morgantown Post Chronicle.

Mrs. Clarence Fisher and daughter, Miss Thelma, and son, Lawrence, are the guests of relatives in Martin's Ferry, Ohio.

Miss Kathaleen Gaskins has gone to Brownsville, Pa., where she is the guest of her brother, Howard Gaskins and family.

Miss Olive Davis returned last night from Summersville, W. Va., where she had been the guest of relatives for two weeks.

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. Crane will spend

DID BIANCA DE SALUUES' BULLETS ROB THIS ACTRESS BEAUTY O FA WEALTHY HUSBAND?



RUTH SHEPLEY

Ruth Shepley, actress now making in San Francisco, was to wed Jack De Saulles within a few months, according to her friends. De Saulles and Miss Shepley had much in common—a knack for the outdoors, a love for horses and dogs, and a daring as automobile drivers. Her entry makes the case four-sided—Blanca, Joan Sawyer, Ruth Shepley and De Saulles. Miss Shepley protests De Saulles was "the most popular man on Broadway" only in the sense of his high character. She says he never danced, and hated cabarets.

LOCAL SOCIAL EVENTS

To Deer Park.

Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips and daughter, Miss Ruth, and the latter's guest, Miss Billy Flanagan, of Christiansburg, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Ashcraft, motored to Deer Park, Md., this morning to spend the week end.

Guests at Y. W. C. A. Camp.

The Misses Caroline Barnes, Iva Husted and Jessie Smiler are guests for the week end at the Clarksburg Y. W. C. A. camp near that city. Miss Snyder will go from Clarksburg to Parkersburg where she will be the guest of Mrs. Ames Wood, formerly Miss Lily Redic, of this city.

Returned to Cincinnati.

Lee Hutchinson and Preston Wright, of Cincinnati, who motored here several days ago from Cincinnati and had been guests at Somercroft, the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hutchinson, returned home yesterday. Mrs. Lee Hutchinson and children have been at Somercroft for several weeks and will remain during the heated season.

Brooks-Anthony Wedding Tonight.

The marriage of Miss Helen Clark Anthony, of Shenandoah, Pa., to Samuel Birdsell Brooks, of this city, will be solemnized this evening at half after six o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Anthony, in Shenandoah. Rev. Samuel G. Palmer, of the First Presbyterian church will officiate at the marriage which will be witnessed by relatives and intimate friends. Among guests there for the wedding are Mrs.

the next two weeks with relatives in Terra Alta.

Mrs. G. M. Allender and Mrs. A. I. Knox have returned from Cambridge, O., where the former superintended the erection of a monument to the memory of her deceased husband.

Mrs. Clarence Statler, of Gratton, formerly Miss Grace Flanagan, whose marriage in Columbus, O., was a recent event, has returned here and has resumed her position at Hartley's. Mr. Statler is at the mobilization camp in Cleveland, O.

Mrs. George Price has gone to Clarksburg to visit friends. She will also visit in Salem and West Union before returning home.

J. H. Rownd, of the J. M. Hartley and Son Co., leaves tonight for New York on business for the firm. George Price and son, Meade, are in Huntington on a business visit.

S. L. Brooks, of Belington, mother of Mr. Brooks, and Dr. Fred Hess, of this city. Mr. Brooks and his bride will leave for a wedding journey to Boston, New York and Atlantic City and on their return will take up their residence here. Miss Anthony had resided in this city for several years and Mr. Brooks is a prominent young business man of the city. Their marriage is one of interest to a host of friends here. On Monday Miss Anthony was the guest of honor at a luncheon of which the Shenandoah Herald gives the following account:

"Mrs. Joseph W. Anthony gave a luncheon at her home on South White street in honor of her daughter, Miss Helen Anthony, who is to be married August 11 to Samuel Birdsell Brooks, of Fairmont, West Virginia."

PARKER'S RUN

Mrs. Pickney Wilson has been spending the past few days with relatives of this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. James Douch and son Albert and Mrs. Lovie Fisher, also Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson and sons, James and Fred, Jr., the latter of Morgan Mines motored on Tuesday to Penshor to attend the fair.

Hood Straight and son, Carl were calling on the former's mother Mrs. Harriet Straight.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nay and children and Mrs. Will Fleming attended the surprise birthday party on Sunday of

At THE NELSON Today

THE GIFT OF MAGI.

A comedy drama of the O. Henry series, featuring Wm. Duncan and Patsy DeForest. It is a story of the rival sacrifices of a struggling couple forcibly expressed—a Christmas romance with an inevitable undercurrent of pathos that give way laughter.

SEVENTY AND SEVEN

A poor civil war veteran, Buddie the grandson a little hero, an unprincipled avaricious land owner with a mortgage, and some mining stock which was really better than advertised are moved around in a little game that makes a very good drama. It is a Black Cat feature.

SEASIDE ROMANCE

Ham and Bud—that's all.

MONDAY "Knights of the Square Table," "Farmer Alfalfa and His Wayward Pup," "Your Flag and My Flag," "What Form Means to an Athlete," and "The Story of the Willow Plate", being No. 2 of the Conquest Program.



August Furniture Sale

The Entire Stock of Hartley "Lifetime" Furniture is Now Reduced in Price

Every piece of it has a reduction of at least ten per cent under prices that prevailed in July—and every piece of it is worth its full original price.

Much of it is reduced 25 per cent and some of it 50 per cent—not simply paper figures, but actual money reductions from the actual standard prices of the finest furniture made. It is a sale worth coming a good distance to attend for there is no telling how high this same good furniture will be six months from now.

(Fourth and Fifth Floors)

Notice—The August furniture sale has a splendid line of Typewriter Desk, Flat-Top Desks and Double Desks at good reductions. (Fifth Floor.)



New Autumn Millinery Nods a Greeting

And how fresh and smart these new hats look, now that most summer hats are beginning to show the signs of sun and water. There are small, close-fitting turbans, the picturesque tan crowns and the wide brim hats of velvet, satin and felt, in white, black, black-and-white, and in all colors. Prices \$2.50 to \$8.50. (Second Floor.)

Cool Tub Skirts Are to Be Had for Little

Plenty of tub skirts, pretty and cool, are to be had for small sums considering their former prices. They're all-purpose skirts, too, striped for sports wear, plain white to wear with sheer summer blouses and khaki for roughing it. Excellent skirts at

95c, \$1.45, \$2.00, \$2.95, \$3.95

Women's Cool, Pretty Tub Dresses Are Down \$3.50 to \$13.50

Lots of women who thought that they could get through the summer with two or three thin dresses find they can't. Old So! says otherwise. So they come here and hunt through the racks and find a number of good things for very little. Of course, we cannot promise full sizes, nor perfect freshness—but the prices are only \$3.50 to \$13.50, which are much less than regular.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Small and children went to Jeannette, Pa., today to visit relatives. HAVE YOUR PALM BEACH SUITS laundered by the American Laundry. Satisfaction guaranteed.—Adv.

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ALL NEXT WEEK GRACEY'S COLONIAL MAIDS

Return of These Fairmont Favorites:

Gracey, with musical novelties, Christie, the eccentric comedian, singer and dancer. Wentworth and Young, singers and dancers. Alice Hammond, fancy dancer. Lep Meyer, black face singing and dancing comedian. Meyer and Lanier, sketch artists. The Colonial Trio, Singing and dancing chorus hard to equal.

Monday and Tuesday—Matinee and Night.

"CUPID'S MIX-UP"

TONIGHT—LAST TIMES

FOR REILLY'S GLOBE TROTTERS IN

THE FORTUNE HUNTERS

Admission—Matinees, 15c; Night 15c and 25c.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS—(THAT'S SOME COME DON FOR FRECKLES)—BLOSSER.



KURIOSITY CLUB HURRY UP, AND JOIN! ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S REBUS ROAMER (BONE) (ER) BY FRED S. STATE CAPITOL REBUS—OLYMPIA (WASH) ADV.—BEGINNING TO-DAY, WE ARE GIVING TO EACH BOY OR GIRL SENDING IN A REBUS, AN ORIGINAL DRAWING OF FRECKLES. TODAY'S AUTO REBUS—GOT A Y JACK? NO, I'M BROKE! WHAT STATE CAPITOL IS THIS? SEE PAPER TO-MORROW FOR ANSWERS. NEW K.K. MEMBERS CLARA I ZITLON HENARD BODINE GLADYS C. ROBERTS EVEL STEWART ALLAN DRUGAN