



RING OUT THE OLD RING IN THE NEW

Greetings to our Friends and Customers

In full appreciation of our pleasant business relations and in harmony with the spirit of the season, a cordial Greeting is extended to you with best wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year.

THE ROYAL STORES, Ltd.

The House For Value

Big Attraction at the Majestic

PONY CONTEST WILL CLOSE JAN. 6th.

George Melford's latest Paramount picture production, "Flaming Barriers," is a knockout on its initial presentation at the Majestic Theatre to-night. Jacqueline Logan, Antonio Moreno and Walter Hiers, the featured members of an unusually clever cast, achieved personal triumphs by reason of their artistry in what was declared to be one of the most dramatic pictures shown here thus far this season.

Sam Barton, a better golfer than an efficiency expert, takes charge of the affairs at the large automobile machine shop of Patrick Malone in Burbridge. He becomes deeply interested in old Malone's latest invention, a fast automobile fire truck, but more so in Malone's beautiful daughter, Jerry.

At a convention of fire chiefs Jerry exhibits the truck to such excellent advantage that they recommend its purchase to their respective cities. Jerry's chance to show off the apparatus coming when the dense forest where the convention is being held catches fire and endangers hundreds of lives. The girl goes to Burbridge after the truck in an aeroplane, and drives the engine to the scene of the conflagration at high speed. Intense realism characterises the ensuing scenes of this rapid-fire story, one of the best screened in a long time.

New Year's Day, a story which is sure to create unusual interest will be shown, namely, "The Light That Failed," from the famous novel of that name by Rudyard Kipling. Full particulars of this picture will appear in tomorrow's advertisement.

SPECIAL NOTICE:—All votes for the Pony Contest are requested to be at the Majestic Theatre not later than 9 o'clock on the night of Jan. 6th, as it is the intention of the Management to award the Pony on the big matinee day of Saturday, Jan. 6th.

Capri Sirens Save Couple From Death

Each Intended to Commit Suicide, But Marry Instead.

Island of Capri, Italy, Dec. 17.—Like Skylla and Charybdis of Greek mythology, this beautiful island, whose rugged cliffs rise sheerly out of the azure water of the Bay of Naples, has sirens. But its enchantresses, unlike those whom Homer described as tempting voyagers to their doom, recall men and women from shadows of despair.

At least, Karl Auberger and Anna Tschol, both Germans, aver that the sirens exist. Auberger and Fraulein Tschol came here separately each intending to commit suicide because of a series of misfortunes.

They met on the cliffs and there confided in each other. Soon, under the spell of Capri's beauty, they forgot their original intention and decided to face life again—together.

When they told their story to Italian officials, financial assistance to return to Germany was given them.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR DIS-TEMPER.

Christmas Festival

FOR METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

The Methodist Orphanage Christmas festival took place yesterday at the Gower Street school room, the children, more than 40 in number, being conveyed there in sleighs. The schoolroom, with its Christmas trees decked with gifts, the tables loaded with dainties, together with the happy band of children and the busy workers of the Orphanage Aid, under the presidency of Miss Elsie Herder, presented a very pleasing sight. Under the direction of Miss Dorothy Ayre and her Guides, the children had a most enjoyable time, marching, playing games, etc. Tea was served at 5 p.m. and after ample justice had been done to the good things provided, Santa Claus appeared on the scene and presented each child with a jersey, a pair of bedroom slippers, a pair of rubbers and a pair of gloves. In addition a book, a toy, a game or something such as children most love, was presented to each child. Four new coats were provided for the older girls and the eight oldest received as well either a fountain pen or a brooch.

After distributing the gifts Santa Claus spoke a few words of cheer and promised to come again next year. Later Miss Staples, the Matron and Superintendent, told just what the presents consisted of, and whence came the means which provided them.

The donations towards the Christmas tree approximated \$570 and the Society feel grateful to those who, by their contributions, made possible the happy day for the children.

"Listening In"

By DON TROTTER.

A few days ago, after having read all the Radio ads, which purported to be absolutely the best on the market, I finally decided to buy myself a set for Xmas. For months I had been hearing chums of mine talking of "how they got" Cuba and Jamaica last night—"well after getting all my paraphernalia ready, and having invited a lot of my friends in; we sat around the infernal machine to hear the programs from far off climes. Having adjusted our headphones and manipulating numerous wheels so that we got a faint sound of Music (?) we waited for it to come in right. Well it never did come in, instead we heard noises as if Yessus was in eruption or else an ore boat was being loaded at Wabana. Harold, who was on my left looked like a fellow whose last hour had come slipped out of his harness and also slipped from the room and has not been heard of since. The rest of us stayed on for awhile thinking that the cats, whose night out it must have been would soon retire. However, to cut a long story short they didn't. We stayed on a little while longer and then gave it up. The party which was to be one of my grand reunions then dispersed, and I am afraid that my radio concert, which was to be a chance to renew some of my old acquaintances failed miserably, and if I mention radio to any of them again I will be run out of town.

Catalina Notes

On Tuesday night, Dec. 22nd, the school children of St. Peter's C. of E. School gave a very nice performance to the public of Catalina. The programme was as follows:—

Opening Chorus—Old Zip Coon.
Play—Santa Claus and the Magic Carpet.
Intermission—Candy for sale.
Dialogue—Innocents Abroad.
Recitation—The Baby's Name.
"Guess who," song and drill.
Recitation—How do you spell cat?
Sketch—The Old Woman in Her Shoe.

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The chief interest of the programme was of course the play. The different children took their parts to perfection and reflected great credit on themselves and their school. It would be invidious to name any particular performers, but Queenie and Snowball, portrayed by Masters Hilary Upward and Albert Guy, with their talking dolls brought forth rounds of applause. The actions of the children, their well executed drills, etc., evinced most careful training. Unfortunately the attendance was not up to expectations, and while it was fairly good many were absent who should have been present. As pointed out by the Principal in his report all parents should patronize the efforts of their children, and the latest effort of St. Peter's School children was so good that many have been the regrets since they failed to attend.

The Principal's report showed that the work of the school during 1924-25 was very creditable, and that appearances show hopes for continued success in 1925-26. Both the Principal and Rev. Mr. Upward, the Chairman, stressed the importance of more attention to regularity of attendance, as irregular attendance is the greatest drawback to efficiency, the attendance at St. Peter's School being far from satisfactory.

May we hope for better average results during the next six months of the year, and may we place on record our appreciation of the efforts of Miss Haynes, the Primary Teacher, who played such a large part in making the concert such an unqualified success.—COR.

New Jersey Places Ban on Powder Puff

UNION CITY, N.J., Dec. 21.—Health officials to-day began preparations for enforcing a drastic ordinance passed by the Board of Health, which prohibits the use of powder puffs, neck dusters and sponges in barber shops and beauty parlors.

The ordinance is regarded as a result of the invasion of women into barber shops, which recently have equipped themselves with powder puffs, neck dusters and sponges. The Board of Health, in adopting the ordinance approved the towel as more sanitary than the powder puff.

KEEP MINARD'S LINIMENT IN THE HOUSE.

Christmas Tree at the Church of England Orphanage

The Annual Christmas Tree for the children of the Church of England Orphanage, held yesterday at the Shannon Munn Memorial, was a source of great pleasure not only to the little ones themselves, but to the many visitors present who shared in their delight.

The children first sang the "Ode to Newfoundland". His Lordship the Bishop voiced the regret of all, that owing to the period of Court mourning, Lady Allard, who takes such an unfeigned interest in the Orphanage, was unable to attend. The distribution of school prizes followed, each winner being warmly applauded.

Then came the event of the day—the eagerly awaited moment when the great Christmas Tree, beautifully decorated, and laden with gifts which overtopped its branches and were piled about its base, yielded up its treasures. Little eyes sparkled, faces were wreathed in smiles, and little hands were outstretched to receive present after present from the willing helpers. When all had been dispensed, the children, passed in to the festive meal awaiting them in the dining-room, and tea was served to the visitors by the lady managers.

The neat healthy appearance of the children and their pleasing manners bore testimony to their home-like surroundings, and to the excellent care given them by the respective Superintendents, Mrs. White at the T. R. Job Memorial, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Andrews at the Shannon Munn Memorial.

The warmest thanks of all concerned with the maintenance of the Orphanage are extended to the many kind friends whose generosity made possible the beautiful and happy Christmaside the children have enjoyed.

Installation of Officers

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, A.F. & A.M.

Installation of the Worshipful Master elect, and the investment of the other officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 579, E.C. A.F. & A.M. took place last night in the Masonic Temple, in the presence of a large gathering of the Craft. The ceremony was performed by the District Grand Master, R.W. Bro. J. R. Bennett, assisted by the Deputy D.G.M., the R.W. Bro. W. Ellis, the D.G. Secretary, R.W. Bro. W. J. Edgar, and the D.G.M. Deputy of the Scottish Constitution, R.W. Bro. H. E. Cowan. The officers installed and invested were:—

W.M.—Bro. F. R. Clarke.
I.P.M.—Bro. P. B. Rendell.
S.W.—Bro. Harvey Dawe.
J.W.—Bro. J. A. W. W. McNelly.
Chaplain—Bro. Rev. A. T. Talk.
Treasurer—Bro. W. N. Gray, P.M.
Secretary—Bro. W. Ronald Martin.
D. of C.—Bro. Eric Gerrard.
S.D.—Bro. F. J. Wornell.
J.D.—Bro. J. C. Joel.
Organist—Bro. S. R. Steele.
I.G.—Bro. H. F. Rendell.
Stewards—Bro. S. G. Soper and Guy Taylor.

Following the ceremony, congratulations were tendered to the Worshipful Master by the District Grand Masters on behalf of both jurisdictions; and a Pastmaster's Jewel was presented to R.W. Bro. P. B. Rendell, as an appreciation of his excellent work during the past year. The brethren then repaired to the banquet hall, and a pleasant hour or two was spent around the festive board. The customary toasts were honored, while songs and choruses helped to fill up an enjoyable programme.

Big Holiday Attraction at Nickel To-Morrow

"THE BRIDGE OF SIGNS" A POWERFUL SCREEN STORY.

By this time the popular Warner Bros. producers have quite a neat reputation for choosing the right types, and the new picture from their studio, "The Bridge of Signs," coming to-morrow to the Nickel Theatre, is no exception. There is Dorothy Mackall in the featured role, Creighton Hale, Alec B. Francis, Richard Tucker, Ralph Lewis, and others.

Could a picture fail with such splendid performers? No. But in addition to a fine combination of players, the producers offer a story of strong drama, from the pen of Charles K. Harris. Mr. Harris ranks among the foremost of musical composers, some of his songs being known in every household on two continents. He can tug at the human heart with his unerring knowledge of love and its motives.

Phil Rosen, the able director who created admiration and a following by his work in "The Life of Abraham Lincoln," directed this "Classic of the Screen."

"The Bridge of Signs" is the story of a reckless, indolent spendthrift son of a millionaire, of a reckless lad who little thought that his "fun" would mean imprisonment and injustice to others. Through the love for the girl of the man whom he sent to jail, he saves her from the same fate.

Year End Bargains

For the last three shopping days of the old year, we offer exceptional bargains in Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats. Don't fail to take advantage of this very special offer, bringing to you as it does, the biggest values of the entire year in Men's and Boys' Clothing.

1 Men's Overcoats Greatly Reduced



The man of good taste—the man of fashion discernment and value judgment finds his choosing of overcoats greatly simplified by the fact that only goods acceptable to his standards are displayed in this store. It will strike you most forcibly in the three feature value groups of overcoats we offer for the last two days of the year.

Overcoats.

Double breasted style, half lined, patch pockets, 3 piece full belt, expertly tailored from good looking and serviceable coating; colors of Grey and Brown; sizes 3 to 7. Reg. \$21.25 each. Sale Price **\$17.00**

Men's Overcoats.

Pretty dark Grey and Brown mixtures, double breasted, 3 piece full belt, patch pockets, half lined. A good looking coat that will wear well; sizes 3 to 7. Reg. \$24.50 each. Sale Price **\$19.60**

Men's Overcoats.

Made from All Wool Tweed Coating, in Grey and Brown stripe effects; half lined, patch pockets, belted with 3 piece full belt, storm collar, sizes 3 to 7. The ideal coat for winter wear. Reg. \$32.50 each. Sale Price **\$26.00**

2 Men's Suits



Consider these suits from every possible angle—style, materials and workmanship—and you'll appreciate the wonderful values we offer in our special end of the year sale.

Men's Tweed Suits.

Cut on the newest lines and splendidly tailored, from high grade tweeds, in pretty mixtures of Brown, Grey, Blue and assorted Heathers, 3 button coat, cuff bottom pants. Reg. \$24.25 suit. Sale Price **\$19.40**

Men's Tweed Suits.

A splendid business suit for winter, of a splendid quality Ban-nockburn Tweed, in handsome Grey and Brown mixtures; 3 button coat, cuff bottom pants; sizes 3 to 7. Reg. \$31.00 suit. Sale Price **\$24.80**

Men's Serge Suits.

Made from specially selected British Navy Serge, 3 button coat, cuff bottom pants; sizes 3 to 7. Men! your opportunity to secure a good looking Navy Serge Suit at a splendid saving. Reg. \$36.75 suit. Sale Price **\$29.40**

3 Boys' Suits



Every mother and father with an eye to economy will appreciate the extra special value we offer in this year end sale. A selling that involves some of our finest suits—at a price that means quality at the lowest prices quoted in months.

Boys' Tweed Suits.

If you want clothes for the boy, that feature style, workmanship, service and value, you cannot do better than see these. Made from Dark Grey and Brown striped and Brown Mottled Tweed; 3 piece style, plain back, short open pants; sizes 5 to 8; to fit ages 10 to 13 years. Reg. \$10.75 suit. Sale Price **\$8.60**

To fit ages 14 to 17 years. Reg. \$12.20 suit. Sale Price **\$9.80**

Tweed Suits.

Sizes 5 to 8, to fit boys of 10 to 13 years, made from good quality tweed, in Grey and Brown stripes. A tweed that looks well and wears well; plain back, open pants, lined throughout. Reg. \$9.75 suit. Sale Price **\$7.80**

4 Boys' Overcoats

A lively house-cleaning squall has struck our stock of Boys' Overcoats, and there are, in consequence some sudden cap-sizing in prices. Handsome Overcoats that will bring comfort on the cold days to come—for they are bound to come—a rare caught in this shipwreck of values.

Boys' Tweed Overcoats.

Heavy Winter Overcoats for boys, in neat and serviceable Grey and Brown mixtures, 3 piece full belt, storm collar, lined throughout, to fit ages 5 to 9 years. Reg. \$10.50 ea. S. Price \$40 \$12.20 ea. S. Price \$2.75

Boys' Overcoats.

Overcoats for boys that they would be sure to choose for themselves. Made from heavy tweeds in Brown and Grey mixtures, 3 piece full belt, storm collar, lined throughout; to fit ages 10 to 13 years.

Reg. \$12.30 each. Sale Price **\$9.85**
Reg. \$14.30 each. Sale Price **\$11.45**
To fit ages 14 to 17 years.
Reg. \$16.30 each. Sale Price **\$13.05**
Reg. \$20.50 each. Sale Price **\$16.40**

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to be a very beautiful one, imbued with sentiment and love appeal.

"The Freshman" has arrived and Harold Lloyd is right there with his usual supply of original comedy. Lloyd, "the Prime Minister of Mirth" has never had a better role than in his latest achievement, "The Freshman." It's a college story.

Intellectual Poverty

St. Robert Stout, the Chief Justice, in a speech on retiring from office

said he had commenced working at the age of twelve and had been seventy years at work.

One of the greatest problems confronting the world to-day, in his opinion, was the number of people who were poor intellectually. Nearly one-third of the prisoners in New Zealand were mentally defective. He did not pretend to know the remedy, but he believed that the great hope of the world lay in justice. The world could not be saved by the sword.

Modern Laws for Turkish Workmen

GENEVA, Dec. 15.—Turkish workmen must have each day a period of rest and a period of prayer under new and modern legislation adopted by the Angora Government according to word the International Labor Bureau here.

This period shall not be less than an hour, and the minimum working day shall be 10 hours with the rest

and prayer time taken out.

Child labor under the age of 12 is forbidden, and no minor under 17 may be employed in the mines.

Travel time to reach the place of employment is included in the 10 hours daily per shift. Overtime may exceed 180 hours a year; and it must be paid for at the rate of time and a half.

The two-piece jumper dress is becoming or not, according to the length of the jumper.