

TONIGHT, APRIL 26

**TOM MIX in
"THE UNTAMED"**

Comedy—"THE LYIN' TAMER"

A Real Girl Show at Popular Prices

WEWNESDAY, APRIL 27

IMPERIAL THEATER
Special Feature---Mae Hawthorne
Prima Donna Soprano

—AND—

Her Western Beauties

Photoplay—Jack Pickford—"MAN WHO HAD EVERYTHING"

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

**Charles Ray in
"Peaceful Valley"**

ONE OF CHARLES' BEST
USUAL COMEDY

Admission 20 and 50c

**LLOYD THOMAS
WRITES OF LIFE
DOWN IN TEXAS**

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The city is surrounded in all directions by some of the most famous oil fields in the world and while here we are taking occasion to visit part of them. Wells with flush production running as high as 35,000 barrels have been drilled in some of these fields and leases sell frequently at a bonus of \$5,000 per acre in addition to the one-eighth royalty.

Because of the fact that the price of cotton dropped within the last year to only a fraction of its former price, conditions here are dull in the farming line. Southern farmers are facing the grimmest fight since the days of the reconstruction that followed the Civil war, for cotton is their staple crop, upon which they have always depended for their main income. They are practically ready now to abandon cotton as the backbone of their crops and swing over to commodities which will bring them more revenue. Conservative estimates place the number of cotton bales on the farms and in warehouses now at 10,000,000. We have seen many fields scattered through Oklahoma and Texas which are now white with last year's unpicked cotton while at almost every farmhouse can be seen from one to twelve bales of cotton, formerly worth from \$400 to \$600 per bale and now worth from \$60 to \$100. Cotton prices are lower now than before the war. The acreage through the southern states this year is expected to be cut from 30 to 50 per cent.

The cotton gin is now getting to be a familiar sight to us, although at first they seemed rather odd, for you find them thickly scattered in all localities where cotton is grown. They are located close to the cotton grower in order to avoid the necessity of hauling the cotton as picked too great a distance. The cotton is separated from the seed and dirt at the gin. In the cities are located monster compresses which take the 500-pound bale of cotton and compress it to about one-half its original size. A former northern lady, who now makes her home in the south, told us that it took her some time to get used to many of the southern expressions and terms. One day while visiting with a southern lady, the southern lady remarked, "My husband is working on the railroad now and isn't home nearly so much as he was when we had the gin." Inasmuch as this was only a few months after national prohibition went into effect the northern lady was somewhat shocked and imagined that the family supply of liquors had been exhausted, accounting for hubby's more frequent absences, until the southern lady continued, "You see, the bottom dropped out of cotton and we had to shut down the gin."

Two of the busiest cities found so far in our travels were Fort Worth and Dallas, Texas. Only a little more than thirty miles apart, in the heart of Texas, these towns might well be compared to Alliance and Scottsbluff, although in size they are of course many times larger. But there is a certain amount of jealousy between them and it keeps both cities on their toes all the time, with the result that they are both mighty good business towns.

Another town which was interesting to a Nebraskan was Bryan, Tex., a typical southern town, the home of the A. & M. university, occupying many large buildings and much ground. Our celebrated Lincoln citizen may have had something to do with naming this town—I don't know, I am sure.

Many tourists find that some of the busiest people in the south are the auto garages, which certainly cater to their wants—for a good consideration. Gasoline is about the cheapest commodity, selling at from 20 to 25 cents per gallon on the average. But if necessary to have repairs or mechanical work done the tourist finds that in a few (glad to say only a few) of the garages the mechanics work from 27 to 30 hours per day—from 9 to 10 hours on each car at a charge of only about \$1.50 per hour to each unfortunate auto owner. This of course makes repair work rather expensive and sometimes makes the tourist feel that he ought to be provided with a piece of chalk to mark the gatepost for warning to others who might follow, as the old-tramp is often said to have done.

The tourist who enjoys his trip the most and who gets along the best is undoubtedly the one who carries along his tent, bed and cooking utensils; who sleeps out where and when he wants to, and who does the ordinary repairs on his car. We see hundreds of them traveling this way.

We start back towards Alliance and home this week, going via western Texas, eastern New Mexico and Colorado, through Denver and on up to Alliance. If the recent heavy snow which covered Colorado and western Nebraska is gone next week we should have a quick trip—otherwise we may run into some bad roads when we get farther north. The only

evidence down here of the winter weather which struck home folks was the "norther" which lasted for a couple of days and which had a cold breath, driving the temperature down as low as forty degrees above zero one night here at Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd C. Thomas.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church of Hemingford will serve lunch at the George Wiltsey store, Saturday, April 30th, from 11 a. m. till late in the evening.

**Judge Tash Officiates
at a Colored Wedding
Early Sunday Evening**

County Judge Tash was awakened from his beauty sleep late Sunday afternoon or early Sunday evening, whichever you prefer to call it, to listen to a soft voice over the telephone pleading with him to come down to his office instanter and issue a wedding license. The man on the wire was very careful to conceal his identity, although the judge promptly guessed, despite an attempt at an Irish brogue, that the petitioner was of Ethiopian descent. He told the groom that he would be just as delighted to tie a chocolate brown knot as any other color, and that he could be secured at almost any reasonable hour.

Arriving at the court house, the judge found Edward W. Morris of Mesquite, Okl., and Mrs. Gertrude Bland, who gave her residence as Waco, Tex. The groom shyly confessed that it was his second matrimonial venture, while the dusky bride whispered that she was now making her third trip to the blissful seas of matrimony. The knot was tied in record time and the happy couple took the next train for Okmulgee, Okl., where they expect to make their home.

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**Fire Damages Plant
of the 164 Cleaners
Early Monday Morning**

The plant of the 164 Cleaners, on Box Butte avenue, was put out of commission temporarily by a fire that was discovered about 3 o'clock Monday morning. It is not known where the blaze originated, but it had gained considerable headway by the time the firemen arrived on the scene. It is possible that defective wiring may have been responsible, as the only other possible cause, an oil stove, was discovered undamaged after the fire was extinguished. The chief item of loss was a large number of suits of clothing and dresses. The loss is partly covered by insurance. According to the proprietor, Mrs. Nettie Campbell, the plant will not be operated until the necessary repairs are made.

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**Chamber of Commerce
Plans an Intensive
Membership Campaign**

At the Monday luncheon of the chamber of commerce, plans for an intensive membership campaign were discussed, several members taking part. It was decided to cover the city thoroughly by canvassing committees, and complete arrangements will be made later. It is planned to have the membership drive take place within the next week or ten days.

Secretary Hoisington, in charge of boys' work for the Y. M. C. A. in Colorado, who was visiting in the city, gave a short talk on what the community owes to boys, and made a fine impression on his hearers.

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**Chamber of Commerce
Secures a Reduction
on Hay Freight Rate**

Secretary George M. Carey of the chamber of commerce has received word from F. Montgomery, general freight agent of the Burlington at Omaha, that a new freight rate on hay, Alliance to Casper, Wyo., of 30 cents per hundred pounds, will become effective May 20. The old rate was 50 cents per hundred pounds, and the reduction was made upon a showing presented by the secretary of the Alliance organization.

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**St. Agnes Academy
Pupils Present a
Home Talent Play**

The pupils of St. Agnes academy presented a home talent play, "Duncheon or Throne," together with a number of drills and exercises, at the Imperial theater Monday evening. There was not a single portion of the program that did not show the result of careful training. The first part of the program consisted of exercises of one sort and another, of which the feature was the Merry-Making Minstrels, by the boys of the grammar department. The "two end men" gave an especially noteworthy performance. The sixth grade girls did splendid work in a concert reading, "The Flag of My Nation," and two little tots, Orise Longtin and Rollin Weyrens, in a little sketch, "The Quarrel," won merited applause. The second part of the program was a short playlet, "Duncheon or Throne," the setting and costumes being of the time of the Emperor Diocletian. Every performer was letter perfect in his or her part and the production, which was quite difficult, was put on in a praiseworthy manner.

Following is the program for the evening:

Chorus—"America Triumphant," Grammar grades. Accompanist, Miss Margaret Vinton.

Butterfly dance, Minims. Accompanist, Miss Helen McDermott.

Parasol drill, Second and Third grades. Accompanist, Miss Vivian DuRay.

Chorus—"Hail to the Flag," Intermediate grades. Accompanist, Miss Carla Werner.

Duet—"The Quarrel," Orise Longtin, Rollin Weyrens. Accompanist, Miss Wilma Finnegan.

Pantomime—"Old Folks at Home," Seventh and Eighth grade girls. Accompanist, Miss Wilma Finnegan.

Reading—"The Flag of My Nation," Sixth grade girls.

Merry-making Minstrels—Boys of grammar department. Piano, Miss Ruth Huff. Violin, Miss Zelma McKimney.

Grandma's minuet—Reading, Kathleen Black; dance, Fifth grade girls; accompanist, Miss Wilma Finnegan.

"Duncheon Or Throne"

Drama in five acts. Dramatis personae:

Prince Lucius of Greece, Frances Katen.

Aelias, his wife, Alice Hamilton.

Philomena, their daughter, Lillian Berzina.

Hortensia, Philomena's Grecian friend, Carla Werner.

Kathra and Sella, Philomena's servants, Zelma McKimney and Cecelia Lauby.

Diocletian, emperor of Rome, Margaret Vinton.

Martius, a relative of Philomena, Helen McDermott.

Marcella, Philomena's Roman friend, Margaret Brennan.

Nikrotis, fortune teller, Madge Dunn.

Marian, a poor woman, Bonnie Royal.

Poor children, Gladys DuRay and Lillian Krejci.

Vestal virgins: Ciella Hughes, Rita Rourke, Teresa Piper, Helen Newberry, Anna McEvoy, Kathryn Kenny, Kathryn Dwyer, Helen Dentler.

Friests: Helen McCoy, Madeline Brennan, Mae Frederick, Margaret Chaulk.

Senators: Laura Kane, Rose Freimuth, Elizabeth McCoy, Elizabeth Hume.

Angels: Irene Nolan, Dorothy Hand, Margaret Phelan.

Slaves, Mary King, Anna Burke.

Guards, Mary Doran, and Leona Schlautman.

You must see the women's Suits for \$58.50, to appreciate them. Highland-Holloway Co. 43

**George L. Griggs Is
New President of the
Alliance Rotary Club**

The board of directors of the Alliance Rotary club, at a meeting held the last of the week, chose the following officers for the club: President, George L. Griggs; vice president, Dr. C. E. Slagle; secretary, A. V. Gavin; treasurer, F. W. Harris. The latter two were re-elected. The new officers will take charge beginning with the next Wednesday meeting of the club.

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Love in a cottage was expensive compared with the apartmentette article.

The cheaper things become the less money one has with which to buy them.

**War Time Naturalization
Restrictions Against the
Germans Are Repealed**

Word has been received at the county clerk's office from the United States department of labor, naturalization service, that the war time naturalization restriction of Germans and Austria-Hungarian alien enemies has been repealed by congress, which places those classes of people on the same footing with the people of any foreign nation in becoming naturalized citizens of the United States.

The war time restriction prohibited natives of Germany and Austria-Hungary from becoming naturalized citizens of the United States, and placed them in the alien enemy class. When the war ceased these two classes of foreign birth were permitted by special order to file petitions for citizenship and appeal to the resident for exemption from the classification of alien enemy.

When the petitions were signed by the president the petitioner came into court and became naturalized the same as a foreigner from any other country.

Of the 149,652 foreign born inhabitants in Nebraska, 40,862 are from Germany, according to figures announced by the census department.

The Swedish-born come second, and Bohemia, now Czech-Slovakia, is third with 15,817. Fourth place goes to Russia with 15,712, and fifth to Denmark with 12,338.

Ninety-eight Nebraskans were born at sea.

Following shows the nativity of the foreign-born Nebraskans:

England, 6,000; Scotland, 1,605; Wales, 547; Ireland, 5,422; Norway, 2,165; Belgium, 561; France (including Alsace-Lorraine), 858; Luxembourg, 301; Netherlands, 846; Switzerland, 1,808; Poland, 4,515; Austria, 4,551; Hungary, 810; Jugo-Slavia, 738; Ruthenia, Finland, 73; Denmark, Lithuania, 139; Portugal, 6; Spain, 28; Italy, 3,547; Greece, 1,503; Bulgaria, 51; Roumania, 371; Turkey, in Europe 4; other Europe, 62; Asia, 645; Africa, 28; Australia, 187; Newfoundland, 20; French Canada, 351; other Canada, 5,407; Cuba and other West Indies, 5; Porto Rico, 38; Mexico, 2,452; Central America, 7; South America, 64; Atlantic islands, 4; Pacific islands, 11; county not specified, 71.

The scarcity of homes makes matrimony even more risky than ever.

Color-blindness will be more easily diagnosed with blue-law enforcement.

**Children's Code
Expenditures Are
Being Investigated**

After allowing several weeks to go by without making any move, the special committee appointed by the house to investigate expenditures of the children's code commission and ascertain whether it had expended state funds for propaganda and lobbying in behalf of its legislative program, finally got into action Wednesday and Thursday, says the Lincoln Star.

Members of the committee went to the auditor's office and examined the vouchers there showing how the commission's \$7,500 appropriation had been used. They were in conference with Secretary Prevey of the commission, at his office, Thursday morning. Chairman Frank Anderson and two other members of the special committee supported the "child welfare" bills prepared by the children's code commission. Two members, Messrs. Snow and Rodman, opposed movie censorship and other bills creating new jobs.

Some things were found which may call for further investigation, according to the statement of one member.

The committee is not yet ready to make a report.

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**Four School Districts
Hold a Consolidated
Field Meet and Picnic**

Four Box Butte county school districts held a consolidated field meet and picnic at the Fairview church on Friday, April 22. Ninety-seven attended the dinner, and the attendance was increased to 120 for the field meet in which pupils of the schools participated. The arrangements were in charge of the four teachers, Misses Jessie Hacker, Anna Friemuth, Maud Nason and Asenath Schill. The occasion was the last day of school for all but Miss Nason's school, which closes Friday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson of Dunlap were among the outside visitors.

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