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TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
Glen Hunter and May McAvary in
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Comedy
THURSDAY & FRIDAY
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morent in
"THE LIGHT THAT FAILED"
Comedy
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"Enemy Sex."
"East Side West Side."
"Manhandled."
"Boy Flanders."
"The Hunchback of Notre Dame."

**THE NORTHWESTERN
NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE**
New Schedule effective Aug. 3d.
East Bound— West Bound—
No. 6—1:50 a. m. No. 13—7:16 a. m.
No. 22—10:26 a. m. No. 11—4:30 p. m.
No. 2—2:00 p. m. No. 3—11:25 p. m.

NOTES FROM THE NORTHEAST.
Miss Mabel Bush, who has a rural
school near Ewing was at home with
her parents Thanksgiving, returning
to her school Sunday.

Ralph Phillips and Alex Wertz were
transacting business in O'Neill Wed-
nesday.

Charley Johnson an old settler near
Knoxville was a caller at the home of
your correspondent Tuesday. He in-
forms us they have 100 head of cattle
in their feed yards, on full feed.

John Riley, of near O'Neill, is husk-
ing corn on the Wertz farm. John is
a whirlwind and any one husking more
corn per hour or day is certainly going
some.

A recent November day when nature
was at its best, a cloudless sky,
bright sunshine thoroughly enjoyed by
your correspondent as we walked
along the banks of the beautiful
north branch of the Verdigris, we came
to an old crossing or ford of this
stream and near by a lone elm tree. It
came to my mind that I was near
where the log house of the Webster
ranch was built in 1878, and where I
first crossed the stream, June 19th,
1879, being in a reminiscence mood we
recalled the first election in Willow-
dale precinct November 8th, 1881, was
held in that log house. In September,
1881, the early settlers of Hainsville
had it in mind that a new precinct
could be organized from the territory
of Iowa and Steel Creek precincts.
Your correspondent was appointed a
committee of one to go into Iowa pre-
cinct and see some of the settlers
relative to the proposition. George
Jones, was an early settler of Iowa
precinct, later on a resident of O'Neill,
was one that I visited. The walking
was good, no sandburrs in evidence,
so we made the trip of twenty miles,
bare foot in fine shape. Helping con-
summate the organization of Willow-
dale precinct, October 3d, 1881, by the
three commissioners, James Sullivan,
Michael Flanigan and Walter C.
Townsend. The election board appoin-
ed, October 3d, 1881, by the county
board. Judges, Jay Briggs, H. B.
Jones and Andrus J. Watson. Clerks,
D. L. Ludwig and A. A. Harley.
Twenty-three votes were polled, seven-
teen republican and six democrat.
John Wertz, who named the first
precinct, assessor, Andrew J. Wat-
son and D. L. Ludwig were the first
justices. We have seen many changes
in Willowdale, 6x12 miles, range 9
and 10, township 30. In 1885 I was
appointed enumerator taking the state

census. The population in June 1885,
was 618. When assessed in 1921, only
four resided in the precinct that were
here in 1885, namely, Henry Doscher,
Jake Long and Mr. and Mrs. Clark
Young. Horace Oakes, an early set-
tler, as far as we know, was the first
person buried in the precinct. He died
in July 1880, and the grave is near
where he lived in his soddy on the
claim. A. C. Mohr, of Spencer, was
one of the first settlers that I met in
Holt county, that was June 19th, 1879,
and many times, in those pioneer days,
we enjoyed the hospitality of their
home.

THE GOODENBERGERS.
Kiulungkiang, August 27, 1924—
Although no mail has gone from
here for nearly three weeks and other
letters are waiting to be on their way
to you, I know you will want to know
the interesting cause for all of this.
Before beginning my story let me
state as an introduction that this im-
mediate section of the country has
witnessed the worst flood of more
than a generation.

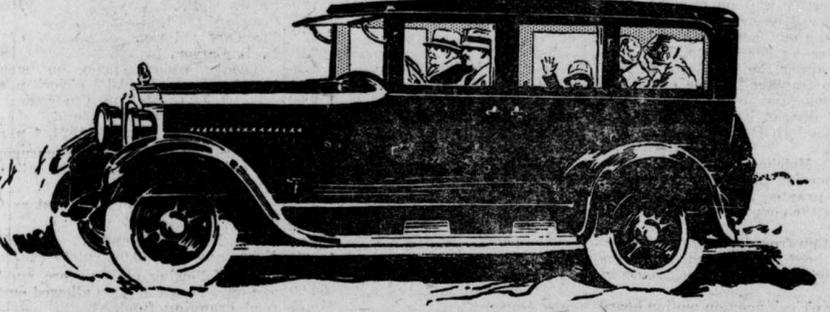
A little over two weeks ago very
heavy, continual rains set in and last-
ed for nearly a week, and mind you
previous to this there was no dearth
of rain as you noted in other of our
letters. As this river, the Mekawng,
is hundreds of miles long undoubtedly
heavy rainfall has been general. A
week ago yesterday the water was
bank full just east of our compound,
which means a rise of forty feet since
last June. Well the natives told us
that this would be a fine time to get
some barking deer, wild chickens,
leopards and tigers that would be
stranded on the islands to the south of
us, for that country is quite a bit lower
and high water floods a great deal of
the jungle, usually leaving the high-
est points here and there dry and of
course there you would find game. So
Curtis and I, with our cook and
another native to manage a small
native boat, off we went in high hopes
for some big game. I took my shot
gun with plenty of shells loaded with
buck-shot, Curtis his 22, and also we
had Dr. Mason's large English Army
rifle. You see we were loaded. Now
right here let me state that our trip
from a hunting standpoint, was a
failure, for there was much more
water than any of us supposed, there
were no islands, they were all covered,
it seemed like one great lake spotted
in places with tree tops. But our
trip was full of interest and excite-
ment from the very beginning. To
you who have never been in a narrow
low shallow native boat, you have a
real thrill ahead if such is ever your
privilege. When our boat was level
the top cleared the water by three to
four inches.

For the first fifteen minutes we
went down the river with the current,
made good time too. Then we cut off
through some woods and came to a
good sized village. At that time the wa-
ter was from two to three feet deep in
the streets and alleys; we rowed right
through. You see the most of the
native bamboo houses are built up on
posts, four to six feet off the ground,
so the people were still keeping high
and dry.

It was some sight, everyone who
could find or borrow a boat was busy
getting ready to move in case they
had to. Some had made rafts of
boards and bamboos. It was a strange
thing to make your way through the
jungle in a boat, birds were every-
where. The ants were awful pests.
There were billions of insects in a
tropical climate such as this anyway,
believe me every twig sticking out of
the water, every stick of debris that
was floating was literally black with
ants. We could not keep them out of
the boat and of course they were all
over us. For miles the water stretch-
ed out over the valley, as I said pre-
viously there were no islands, we had
a hard time finding a place where we
could land to eat our lunch. After
spending three or four hours scout-
ing around, and after getting thorough-
ly soaked we started for home. We
bagged a few birds, (water variety),
also one large pelican, he was so big
he made a good target in the air. The
boys cooked him, but I can't say that
I recommend the bird for food. After
a long hard pull we made it back
home, to find that the water was still
rising quite rapidly. The forty logs
that we had supposed would be safe
had to be tied together and secured in
case the rise continued. It proved to
be a wise precaution for in less than
thirty hours the ground where the
logs were was twelve feet under wa-
ter. Now picture the territory and
the villages such as I spoke of with a
twelve foot raise after the time we
were there. That meant that most of
the houses were completely covered
and probably wrecked. The houses
just below us, built on the same level
where the logs were stored, were
damaged badly. I doubt if there was
any loss of life for the people had
time to get away, though we have
heard no reports of any kind. The wa-
ter must have had a high percent of
sediment, for now that the water has
gone down we find that it raised or
brought in soil sixteen inches to four
feet deep. We are wondering if this
is to be the last for this season. Sep-
tember is usually the month of floods,
but we are hoping such is not the case
this year. We are in no danger for
the compound is about the highest
ground in this section of the valley I
should judge. We were thirty feet
above the water this time, and I said
at the beginning, we witnessed the
highest water in a life time, so the
people tell us.

Now I trust this detail has not wear-
ied you. An interesting and pathet-
ic fact in connection with these
people and their attitude towards wa-
ter in this: They make no attempt to
save anyone from drowning. If you
happen to fall off the ferry boat or if
the horses or cattle that are your com-
panions coming across accidentally push
you in you are a goner unless you are
a very good swimmer. A few Sun-
days ago two people met just this
ending at the ferry near here. There
are two good reasons for such an at-
titude on the part of these people,
that is, good from their view point.

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you, probably your whole village.
These people live in constant reckon-
ing with the innumerable evil spirits.
A second reason, which I believe is
just as strong, the Oriental for the
most part is fatalistic in his outlook
on life, and therefore whatever hap-
pens was designed so by the gods.
Buddhism makes for individuality,
selfishness, "every man for himself
and the devil take the hindmost" fits
such a philosophy quite well. Of
course our part in proclaiming and
teaching the Good News of Christ's
Kingdom is to replace this with
brotherhood of man. The Fatherhood
of God in place of innumerable evil
spirits, education in place of illiter-
acy, light instead of darkness, truth
and the saving knowledge of our Sav-
ior instead of the blind precepts of
the Buddha which lead to annihila-
tion. This is an enormous responsi-
bility and we are so weak and few in
comparison to it. But He who called
us has promised strength and leader-
ship, and of course in His name we
are here.
This leaves us all well. Our young
son is growing and developing all the
time. He notices lots of things now,
and tries hard to talk to you. He is
surely a wonderful blessing to our
home.
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