

# Masculine Stars Center of Theater Attraction Today

## Feminine Charms Are Temporarily Forced Into Background While Wallie Reid, Rudolph, Conrad Nagel, Earl Williams and Lon Chaney Cut Capers.

It seems to be Gentlemen's week on Omaha screens for the next seven days. With the exception of Gloria Swanson at the Rialto, every theater is headlining a masculine star, and even Gloria has to share honors with Conrad Nagle. To review their charms in order that feminine fans may gloat over the array, Nagle is of the cold blond type, verging on indifference. A few doors down the street his exact opposite may be viewed, the dark-eyed and impassioned Valentino, who is at the Moon in "Stolen Moments."

Wallie Reid, he of the regular profile and the strong arms, is at the Strand, and even if, as Clarence, his hair is ruffled and his savor fails to desert him, he is said to do some of the best acting and to get away from his customary role.

No one can accuse Lon Chaney of being handsome, whatever else they may say about his face. Few actors make as good a facial expression and makeup as the star of "Flesh and Blood" at the Sun. He played the part of Faig, the old Jew, in "Oliver Twist," which has just finished a week's run here.

Then there is Earl Williams at the World. Too bad Earl couldn't keep them! And there is that brassy and two-faced hero, Hobart Bosworth, coming to the Moon later in the week, and Johnnie Walker, popular juvenile, at the Muse.

Step up, ladies. "You pay your money and take your choice."

### Comedy at the Strand.

Those who cry at Wallie Reid for being goodlooking will have no complaints to make concerning his latest role in "Clarence," current at the Strand. Advance pictures show him to be badly mussed up most of the time, and he hides his regular features behind shell rimmed spectacles, and toots upon a saxophone, without losing his charm however. The picture follows closely along the lines of the comedy-drama which made such a success in New York on the legitimate stage. Agnes Ayres and May McAvoy are in the supporting cast. Reid is seen as Clarence Smith, a colorist, and also he is the only man in the world who ever drove army mules without sweating at them. He comes unaccountably into the Wheeler household where lurking and biting and licking is of daily if not hourly occurrence and the family is on the point of breaking up, when he begins his work as a fixer. His quiet trustful nature manifests itself, and before long he becomes the confident of every one in the house. It is then that with tact and patience he sets out to build up permanently the crumbling house of cards, and in the end he succeeds most happily.

### Viola Dana at Empress.

Viola Dana has the role of an irrepressible 14-year-old in the feature at the Empress, "The Five Dollar Baby."

The story is that of a baby who is abandoned and picked up by a hobo, who pawns her for five dollars. The pawnbroker, who boasts that he "kicks money on anything," decides to rear the child himself. When, 18 years later, he is asked to surrender her to the man who pawned her, he contrives a means of averting the performance of his obligation.

On Thursday begins a three-day run of "Lights of the Desert," starring Shirley Mason.

It relates the adventures of a girl who is stranded with a show in a desert town in the west. She is abandoned by the women gossips of the town, and makes good in the face of untoward circumstances. Miss Mason's pliant beauty and exceptional talent in both light comedy and emotional work are said to have excellent material for their display in this picture.

### Rialto Presents "Mrs. Bellevue"

Beautiful views of Europe's most fashionable water resort, an absorbing murder trial, colorful action at a fine country estate, and Gloria Swanson in an interesting array of brand new Paris gowns, are announced as high lights of "The Impossible Mrs. Bellevue," which comes to the Rialto today.

"The Impossible Mrs. Bellevue" tells of what happens when an innocent wife's reputation is purposely blackened by an unscrupulous lawyer in order to save her worthless husband from conviction of a charge of murder. Becoming a social pariah, as "The Impossible Mrs. Bellevue," Miss Swanson flees from America to Europe, where the story runs through a gamut of interesting sequences to a romance that promises happiness.

Robert Cain is the husband who causes all the trouble, while Conrad Nagel plays opposite the star in the role of a novelist. Mickey and Pat Moore are seen in sympathetic kiddie roles.

### World Shows Melodrama.

Earl Williams is the star in "You Never Know," which began a week's run at the World yesterday. He utilizes all the tricks in the bag and produces a strenuous result.

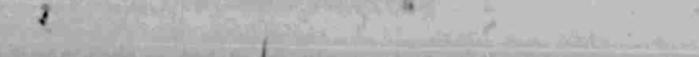
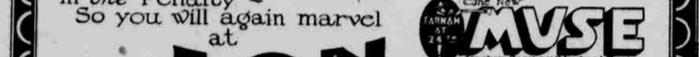
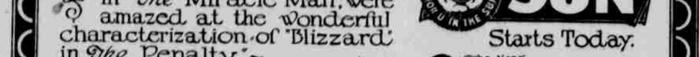
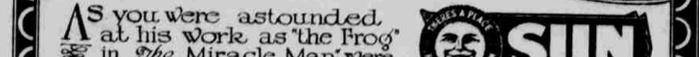
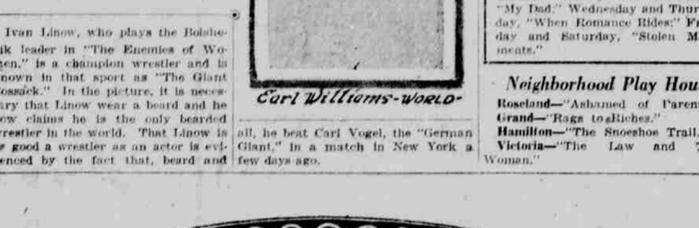
He rescues a child from the wheels of an automobile, climbs the side of a building, drives a fast motor car, makes a sensational escape from an underground cafe, and chases the villain's yacht in a high speed motorboat.

The story is mainly one of contrasts laid together with a thread of mystery as to the identity of the hero. The suspense is held in the final flash. The question is always asked as to whether he is friend or foe, whether he is working with the revolutionists of a South American republic or against them, whether he is rich or poor and whether he loves the banker's daughter of the Spanish dance. The spectator is never sure.

### "Flesh and Blood" at Sun.

A vivid portrayal of a criminal's search for freedom, his fight for happiness and his ultimate redemption after he had served a long term in prison is the story of "Flesh and Blood," Lon Chaney's newest picture, at the Sun this week. It is said to give Chaney an excellent chance to demonstrate his sense of characterization.

In the role of a convict, he escapes from prison and finds refuge in China town. He has been confined for 15 years. His cup is overflowing with bitterness. He has one motive—to look upon the faces of his dear wife and daughter, the latter grown into womanhood since he entered the big, gray prison. It is a picture which absorbs the attention of the spectator.



# Movies

## Confucius Inventor of Shadow Pictures

The public in general has been led to believe that motion pictures, our greatest "infant industry," are more or less a recent invention and that the new popular amusement came into being only a few years ago. It is true that the development of the motion picture is a matter of recent years, but the interesting information has just come to light via London that Confucius, the Chinese sage, was familiar with the general principle of motion pictures as far back as 500 B. C. In ancient China he experimented with what were then known as "Shadow Shows."

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Conrad Nagel and Robert Cain in cast

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