

Daily News Letter

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Hollywood, Cal., 24.—The "Egyptian" and "Chinese" theatres in Hollywood, owned by Sid Graumann, famous motion picture showman, will form the first links in the \$20,000,000 chain of movie "pre-release" theatres to be constructed by Joseph M. Schenck, president of United Artists, and his associates, it was learned today.

The proposed theatre circuit will hook up all cities in the United States, with a population of more than 500,000. Such key cities as Seattle, Portland, Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Miami, have already been agreed upon.

President Schenck of United Artists, during his brief stay in Hollywood, arranged production schedules for Norma Talmadge, his wife; Constance Talmadge, Rudolph Valentino, Buster Keaton, John Barrymore and other stars.

Nearly every movie star has an objectionable angle, but Kenneth Thomson, who has just crashed into pictures from the legitimate, has a camera-proof face. An objectionable angle is the technical term for an unflattering profile, a bald spot, or some other blemish. Thomson, however, has been successfully photographed from all angles. As a result, Cecil B. DeMille, well-known director, gave him a long-term contract.

James Cruze, motion picture director, filmed the first scene taken in the new Famous Players-Lasky west coast studios at Burbank. The "shot" was a faithful reproduction of the Continental Congress in session in Philadelphia to take up the demand of the Barbary pirates for tribute. It is a part of the historical drama, "Old Ironsides."

Ronald Colman and Vilma Banky and their associates in the filming on location of Harold Bell Wright's "Winning of Barbara Worth," need not worry about their health. Samuel Goldwyn, producer, and Henry King, director, have arranged that two physicians and three nurses, ready for any emergency will be on hand during the eight or twelve weeks "shooting" in the Nevada desert.

The Life of Christ will be the theme of Cecil B. DeMille's next picture, "The King of Kings." "I approach with humility the greatness of this subject," the famous director said today. DeMille was recently balked in his plans to build a Biblical drama around the incident of "The Deluge," when he learned that another company planned to produce a picture somewhat similar.

John Barrymore, following his return from Hawaii, where he sailed in the Pacific Coast yachting classic, will begin "shooting" a picture woven about the character of Francois Villon, vagabond poet, famous in song and story. The ambition to play the part of Villon has been the stimulus to Barrymore that the role of Hamlet is to most actors.

WATTS CROSS ROADS. The much needed rain came at last. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bost, of Spencer, spent a few hours at Watts Cross Roads Sunday evening. Mrs. A. D. Wilson, who has been sick for a long time, is still improving.

Miss Laura Briggman, of Kannapolis, spent the week-end with home folks. Miss Gladys Watts spent a few days last week with her friend, Miss Brown, at Bethpage.

The Mission Band of Boger Reformed Church, at Watts Cross Roads will have an ice cream supper Saturday evening, beginning at 4 o'clock, June 26th. Everybody invited. OLD PAL.

Anaconda skins from Brazil, iguana skins and shark skins are being used in the manufacture of fancy shoes for

ECHOES FROM BUILDING AND LOAN CONVENTION

Visitors Marveled at Appearance of City, Were Delighted With Hotel and Entertainment. BY W. M. SHERRILL. Concord's first convention was such a success that some of our own people haven't gotten over the shock that such a thing was possible. The pessimists looked in vain for an opportunity to get in the familiar wail, "I Told You It Couldn't Be Done."

The success of the convention was due to the same thing that made possible the ideal setting—co-operation. Without this there could have been no Hotel Concord and without that there could have been no convention.

When the visitors saw the decorations they took a second look. That was something new to them, expressing a cordiality that was reflected in the gentleness of the manner in which they voiced their thanks and appreciation.

Naturally I wanted to know what the building and loan men thought of our hotel. To get their opinions I asked questions and the answers were unanimously favorable. Several with whom I talked doubted that such a hostelry could be erected and equipped for the sum spent.

Union street claimed its share of the praise handed out by the visitors. The over-lapping trees make a lasting impression from the hotel windows and many were heard to express delight with the view thus afforded them.

There was another feature of the convention that left the visitors somewhat breathless—lack of customary registration fee. The banquet was given by the three local associations, theatres and clubs gave free passes to all facilities, the dance was given by the Merchants and Manufacturers Club and the autos for the Kannapolis and Training School trips were provided by individuals.

The retiring President, J. F. Stevens, was born in Cabarrus county, being another prominent man who first saw the light in the Best Mill Community. He is a nephew of Mrs. J. W. Cannon and one of the best known building and loan men in the State.

No part of the entertainment program, judging by statements heard, made a more lasting impression on the delegates than the trip to the Jackson Training School. The manner of the school's operation, the many appearance of the youngsters there and the handsome buildings gave the men a new conception of the school and its value to the State.

Several days prior to the convention a man told me he liked to go to the league conventions because he never saw a man there under the influence of liquor. I saw one man here who had had a drink, but he must have stopped at the first one. There

was no sign of drunkenness or disorder that so often characterizes such gatherings.

I did not see a man in the assembly hall throw a lighted match, cigarette or cigar on the floor. On the opening day they were asked to be careful of this as the floor is used for dancing and they obeyed the request to a man.

Delegates, especially those who have been in the game a long time, often were heard to inquire as to the condition of J. M. Hendrix, who has been confined to his home for several weeks by illness. Mr. Hendrix has worked untiringly and unselfishly for his vocation and ranks high with his brethren.

High honor was paid to Gilbert H. Hendrix when he was made First Vice President. Mr. Hendrix has been for a number of years one of the most prominent of the "youngsters" in the league.

George R. Wooten was successful in getting the 1927 convention for Hickory but he came in for several "cracks" just the same. Before vot-

ing one man asked Mr. Wooten if he were sure the Hickory hotel would be completed by next summer. Another man referred to Mr. Wooten as the league's perennial flower, annually on hand with an invitation.

C. Ross Wrenck, manager of the Hotel Concord, was all over the place during the convention. He offered every courtesy that would aid me in the work of covering the convention, and he was always present to see that the visitors got what they wanted. He has set a high standard but somehow he gets the impression that he will maintain it.

President Stevens and Secretary Todd were ever thoughtful of the newspaper man. They aided me in securing addresses, gave me information before it was such and otherwise made my work much easier.

Hickory has been a long time getting the convention. When it opens there next summer the citizens will have something to "shoot at" if they would keep pace with the program adopted and carried out here.

USE TRIBUNE PENNY ADS.

A TRAGIC SCENE

Moored Two Miles and Two Cows For Second Hand Automobile.

A very unpleasant duty of an Ir-dell county deputy sheriff was performed last Friday, when James F. Aldmon received seizure papers from Cabarrus county in which a former citizen of Cabarrus had mortgaged two mules and two cows in security for a second hand automobile to a Concord dealer. The tenant was coming in from the field with his mules at the noon hour and when they were divested of their gears, the officer laid claim. One of the mortgaged cows had died since the papers were given in exchange for the machine. The tenant was left stranded as to mules for the working of his crops and the cow which furnished milk and butter for the family was taken. The scene was almost tragic, and the heart of the officer melted away when the woman of the household prayed for the deliverance of the ones holding the mortgage from a life of torment in the next world. The live stock was taken to a neighbor house to be held for a few days, giving the tenant time in which he

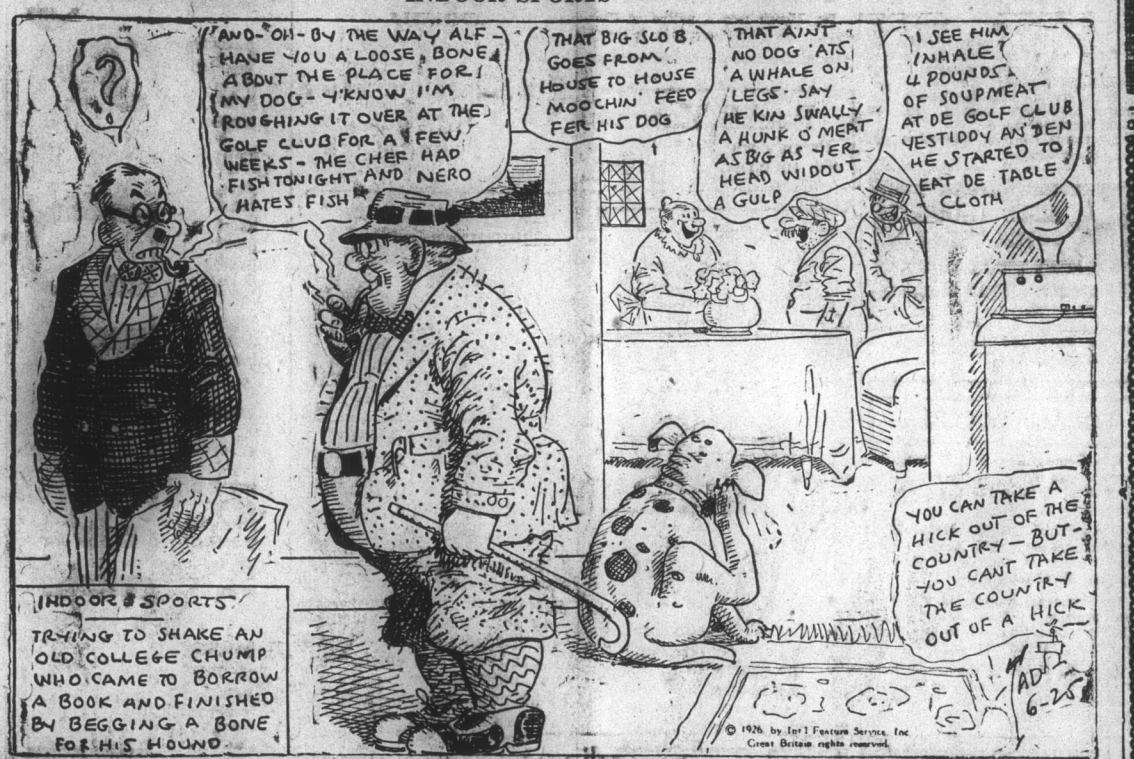
would be permitted to raise the amount due on the mortgage.

By Bear in a Dream. Asheville, June 24.—Tortmented in a dream in which he believed he was being pursued by a big black bear in a mountain cave, Harry L. Smith, 21, painter, jumped out of bed at 4 o'clock this morning and leaped from a three story window at his home here, falling 50 feet and crashing against an automobile that was parked in an alley beneath the window.

The young man was in bed today nursing a swollen ankle and bruised feet, but his injuries are not regarded as serious. Only the fact that his fall was partly broken when he caught at the overhanging limbs of a tree and that his feet struck first on the fender of the automobile saved him from death or serious injury. Passersby at first thought there had been an automobile accident and summoned the police.

A Chicago boy, haled into court on a disorderly conduct charge, was sentenced by the judge to read good books. The sentence was carried out under supervision of a court official.

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