

MANIAC IN ILLINOIS IS THING OF PAST, SAYS STATE OFFICIAL

(By Associated Press)
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 20.—There are no more "maniacs" in Illinois while the violent insane wards of the state have almost disappeared, according to A. L. Bowen, state superintendent of charities. He announces that in one state hospital of 3,300 patients, the "maniac" class has been reduced from 500 to one and that even that one is no maniac.

"Where are the maniacs?" quired Mr. Bowen. "That is the question asked today in every state hospital for nervous and mental diseases in Illinois. Among the twenty thousand patients in the state's ten institutions, the old type known as the maniac, is seldom found today.

"We have men and women who are disturbed and agitated. Some do impulsive things that have serious consequences. They require special attention and care, but this care is that of trained nurse or attendant and not the repression and restraint of cells, straps, strong suits and leather collars.

"These were the patients who gave to all the mentally sick the dreaded name of maniac. Every patient was regarded as dangerous and violent. Hundreds of visitors came to see this class and it alone.

Remove All Restraint.

"Today in one hospital of 3,300 we have just one who may be feared, where not long ago there were five hundred that type. I can go over this institution in my mind's eye and pick out scores of men and women who for years lived in the most abject state of restraint. We had nearly 700 screen rooms here ten years ago in which patients were securely locked 24 hours a day and 365 days in the year.

"These were emptied long ago, the doors removed, their walls plastered, beds placed in them and their patients transferred to dormitories where they have since lived in comparative peace and comfort. Most of them are not recognizable, so great has been the change in their personal appearance. One of our most trusted men who has every liberty within the grounds was once our maddest, foulest, and most feared patient."

Bars are Removed.

The Illinois State Hospitals today have no screen doors or padded cells, nor has anything been devised that answers the same purpose in another form. No patient is restrained by mechanical means. No patient is ever locked in a room or apartment. In the last eight years no new building has been erected with screens or bars upon its doors and windows and hundreds of old windows have been relieved of their bars.

The Theatres

MURRAY
For all who love Western stories—and who do not?—The Murray theater offers Buck Jones, the daring Fox star, in a picture called "Sunset Sprague" beginning Monday.

Jones' pictures are always impressive and unusual. There is no finer rider on the screen, or off, and he makes one feel that the real joy of living is not to be found in the big cities, but on horseback in the not densely populated West.

"Sunset Sprague" is a lively story of a cowboy who unexpectedly encounters the biggest job of his life. Sunset (Buck Jones) does this job in fine style, and after he scatters a band of range-crooks he returns a valuable mine to a plucky girl from whom it had been stolen.

MURRETTE

Among the actor daredevils constantly associated with Tom Mix, the Fox star, both in and out of pictures is Sid Jordan, an honest-to-goodness cowboy, whose face nature kindly designed so that he could be an ideal motion picture villain of the western type.

Jordan is cast as Jack Purdy, the bad man in "The Texan," the latest Mix starring photoplay, which is now showing at the Murrette theatre. He says he has no quarrel with his face, but is perfectly content to proceed along the even tenor of screen villainy. He shoots Mix up a plenty in some pictures. Then he calmly steals his smiting pistol into his holster, while the camera is turned off. Mix recovers from the wound, and the two hunt up the rest of the gang and are off for some "eats" or for a ride around the neighborhood.

Jordan was born in Muskogee, Okla., and educated at the Cherokee Indian school at Vian, Okla. Then he joined the "101 Ranch," that famous old outfit which proved to be an employment bureau for cowboy actors. Jordan has had neither an extended screen career and has appeared in several recent Mix pictures.

WASHINGTON

George Melford, the veteran producer, has scored another ten-strike in his production of "Behold My Wife," from Sir Gilbert Parker's famous novel. The picture, which was shown at the Washington theatre yesterday, is the story of the transformation of an Indian maiden of the Canadian Northwest, married in a fit of drunken rage by an aristocratic young Englishman to spite his family, into a beautiful and cultured young woman. Milton Sills, Elliott Dexter, and Ann Forrest are also in the cast.

Mr. Melford is responsible for some of the most notable photoplays of recent years. Conspicuous among them are "Told in the Hills" with Robert Warwick; the famous morality play "Everywoman"; Jack London's "The Sea Wolf"; and "The Round Up," starring Roscoe Arbuckle.

RICHMOND

The Benjamin B. Hampton super-production, "The U. P. Trail," a Hodkinson release, opened at the Richmond Theatre Sunday for a three day engagement. Adapted from the well-known book of the same name by Zane Grey, this splendid, virile story of pioneer days of adventure along the Union Pacific railroad, where men from all over the world came to try their luck at gold-getting and gold-making, has left itself remarkably well to the screen.

In a great dance run by "Beauty Stanton" is found the very epitome of life in the West as it was lived in those days. Rough boots treadling measures on a board door beside shiny satin slippers, perfumes mingled with the pungent odors of burnt gunpowder, gowns of Parisian design

RETURNS FROM 13 YEARS IN CONVENT OF ASSUMPTION



Dorothy Morris.

Dorothy Morris of Youngstown, O., recently returned to the U. S. from Europe after spending thirteen years in the convent of the Assumption. She was photographed on her arrival in New York.

In the whirl with rough homespun and corduroy—these are a few of the contrasts shown in this drama of thrills and love and pathos.

And in this atmosphere of contrasts "Beauty Stanton" herself presents the greatest contrast of all. A woman of evident refinement and good ancestry, she came to the town of Benton, "a roaring hell of lust and greed and gold and death," on the U. P. Railroad, and established herself as owner and proprietress of the greatest dance hall and gambling saloon in the country. Here, too, is seen the end, as well as the beginning of "Beauty Stanton's" colorful adventure, when she gives her heart and soul and then her life, for the love of a man who loves another girl.

WINCHESTER, Ind.—Miss Irene Spence, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Spence, is dead at her home seven miles northwest of Farmland, of lockjaw. She is survived by her parents and one sister—Vance Ratcliff, 21, and Miss Reba Kelley, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kelley, of Farmland, were married at the home of the Rev. William Pierce, in that city, Wednesday....Suit for partition has been filed in circuit court by Mary Ann Bright vs Catherine Engle, Elsie Hoover Ganger, Ethelene Chamness Fry, Lemuel Chamness, India Engle Shockney, Alice Engle Potts, James E. Engle, Wesley Engle, Chester Cherton, and The Farmers and Merchants Bank....Amos Riley, charged with wife desertion, and Chauncey Hall, charged with criminal assault, were released from the county jail, Wednesday, on bond.

Real Estate Transfers.

Zora G. Cox to Anna J. Durham, tract W. D. \$500.

Guy Lindley to W. H. Stocksbury, 40 acres, Jackson township, W. D. \$4,000.

Joseph W. Warren to Willis B. Pruitt, 11 acres Green township, W. D. \$2,200.

T. A. Coleman, of Purdue University was in the city, Wednesday on business....Mr. and Mrs. Fred Davis started on a motor trip to Tampa, Monday, where they will spend the winter....George Parry left Monday for Clearwater, Florida, where he will spend the winter....Miss Doris Davis entertained at a bridge party Thursday.

Suburban

HOLLANSBURG, O.—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Albright and daughter Ara, and Mrs. Dale Williams and son Dan, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Addington and Mr. Louis Addington were shoppers in Richmond Saturday evening....Miller spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moore....William Harrison of Union City, spent Wednesday with W. A. Chenoweth....Will Ross and family moved into their new home on South Main street Tuesday....Miss Myrtle Drill was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Garrison and family Sunday....V. E. Chenoweth made a business trip to Richmond Monday....Miss Ruth Parker spent Wednesday night with Miss Opal Wolf....Mr. and Mrs. Dan Albright and daughter Ara were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Williams and son Dan Sunday....Mrs. Phoebe Platt called on Mrs. Susan Green Monday....Mr. Pond of Richmond was a visitor here Tuesday....Perry Slick and family spent Thursday afternoon with Ira Hollingsworth....Mr. and Mrs. Oris Chenoweth spent Friday evening at Richmond....Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Moore entertained Mr. and Mrs. Riley Milesell and Mr. and Mrs. Dorson Roberts Sunday....Mr. Elmon Polley and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Emma Downing and family of Union City....Miss Nola

MURRAY

Tillson called on Mrs. Della Chenoweth on Friday morning....Mrs. Mina Garrison spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Will Moore and mother, Mrs. Mary Stowers....Mrs. Lu Emma Chenoweth is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chenoweth of Richmond....Mrs. A. W. Meek and Mrs. Phoebe Platt called on Mrs. Anna Whitteman Monday afternoon....Several from this place attended revival services at Beech Grove Sunday evening....Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Spencer spent Friday with Guy Spencer....Mr. and Mrs. Forest Stevens of Spartansburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chenoweth Sunday....Mr. and Mrs. Frank Blose and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles White, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar White, all of Whitewater, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Banks Sunday....Dean of Richards of Michigan, is visiting his mother, Mrs. Jessie Richards, this week....Hezzie Rife of near Palestine, Harvey Petry and Mr. Liven Hollinger were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Rife Sunday....A series of revival meetings started at the Christian church Monday evening. Rev. Lusk of Greenville, is helping Rev. Arick in these series of meetings....Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hill called on Mrs. Sade Armacost Tuesday afternoon....Mrs. Jessie Simpson called on Mrs. Etta Bicknell and daughter Ollie recently....Mr. Nora Payne and family spent Saturday evening with Mrs. Emma Williams....V. E. Chenoweth and Robert Miller spent Wednesday at New Madison....Miss Gladys Jacob spent Thursday night with Miss Norma Chenoweth....Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Addington called on Louis Addington Friday evening....Herbert Rinehart was a visitor here Friday evening....William Parker spent Friday night and Saturday with friends at Richmond....Mrs. Grace Gist, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stapleton of this place, and Mr. Skinner of Connerville, were united in marriage at Greenville Saturday afternoon. They are now making their home at Connerville, where the groom has employment....M. L. Horn called on Mr. and Mrs. Dan Cotter Tuesday morning....Miss Rose Tillson of Richmond, is spending several days here....Mrs. Lilly called on Mrs. Clarence Colvin Monday evening....Mrs. Orville Timmons and daughter, Dorothy, called on Mrs. Lilly Saturday afternoon....Mr. Oliver Murray of New Madison was a business visitor here Wednesday.

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