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It is not often that three stars of such magnitude come together on their orbits as on this occasion in the play "Scandal Mongers" and tonight marks an occasion which ought to be taken advantage of. The play is founded upon a famous novel, which deals with things as they are, and is an object lesson regarding the necessity for the strict control of the "unruly member."

There is also a splendid L-KO comedy featuring Phil Dunham, which is well worth seeing.

"A DESERT WOOING" AT THE WESTHOLME

A young society bud, placed on the marriage market by her mother, the strong, virile western multimillionaire, and the rascally doctor, who turns out to be a snake in the grass, form the chief characters in the photoplay "A Desert Wooing" to be screened at the Westholme tonight. It is the old, old story of two men and one woman, but told in such a fresh way and with an undoubted charm. The play itself will please all who see it and there is as well a two-reel comedy of a most laughable kind, as well as a fine gazette.

TO ARREST DEBS

(Special by G. T. P. Telegraphs.) Washington, April 11 .- Formal papers for the arrest and imprisonment of Eugene Debs have Court

n Lecture to St. Andrew's Society On W. E. Gladstone He Strikes a Happy Note.

It was an optimistic note that was struck at the St. Andrew's Society last night when J. C. Brady gave a lecture on the life and times of W. E. Gladstone. His vivid picturization of the conditions of life in England when Gladstone was a young man set many of the audience thinking these conditions with of the great progress that had been made in so short a time and thus inspired them with hope for the future.

His Appeal.

Mr. Brady spoke of the interest that should be taken in Gladstone by a Canadian because he was the first statesman who seemed to grasp the importance of the colonial empire outside of purely material gain; to the Welshman he, appealed because he lived much of his life at Hawarden Castle in Flintshire; to the English because he brought that country to the highest stage of her parliamentary power; to the Irish because he brought home rule into the realm of practical politics, and to the Scotsman because he came of an old Scots family.

His Ideals.

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TORNADOES IN TEXAS

Dallas, April 11 .- The latest figures show that eighty-six persons lost their lives in tornadoes in northern Texas and part of Oklahoma. Over 200 were injured and the loss is placed at over a million doilars.

SYNOPSIS OF

LAND ACT AMENDMENT Pre-emption now confined to surveyed

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less than 3 years, and has made proportionate improvements, he may, because of ill-health or other cause, be granted intermediate certificate of improvement and transfer his claim. Records without permanent residence may be issued provided applicant makes improvements to extent of \$300 per annum and records same each year. Failure to make improvements or record same will operate as forfeiture. Title cannot be obtained on these claims in less than 5 years, with improvements of

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