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Westholme Theatre

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—7 AND 9 P. M.
SATURDAY MATINEE—2:30 P. M.

SYD CHAPLIN

— IN —

"The Fortune Hunter"

With Helene Costello

COMEDY—"HOLD THAT MONKEY."

"HODGE PODGE" TRAVELOGUE

Admission, 35c and 10c. Matinee, 25c and 5c.

SELECTION—"THE SONG OF THE FLAME"
WESTHOLME ORCHESTRA

Child buyer of the lucky ticket at the Saturday Matinee will receive a free pass, available for all shows for one month.

The Theatre Situation

The recent cut in prices at the Capitol Theatre illustrates the policy of the great theatre trust, operating under the name of the Famous Players Corporation. They control some one hundred and fifty theatres and the small man is rapidly being frozen out of the theatre business.

Modern business history shows some large organization goes into a town and with millions behind them, cuts prices, losing money themselves, but finally breaking their opposition. Then up go prices and they soon get even in a financial way, controlling the situation.

It occurs this is being done here, and, if the present cut does not put me out of business, another cut will probably be made.

I have offered to amalgamate the two theatres and to operate them jointly, which would permit a fair profit and give the best of service. BUT THE TRUST HAS REFUSED.

The Westholme Theatre offers good entertainment. The pictures and music are the very best. The staff are all local people. I am appealing to the public for more generous support, otherwise the Westholme Theatre must close.

S. P. McMORDIE.

Waterfront Whiffs

Considerable Activity in Overhauling Halibut Boats; Cedric Is Sold; Fox Farm on White Cliff Island

There is more than the usual pre-New Year activity in the matter of halibut boat overhauling at Prince Rupert and many boats are thus engaged just now. It has been usual in the past for the most of the boats to leave this work over until the latest date possible before the opening of the season, but such policy is not so much the case this year. This makes it better for those who follow the work of serving the fleet and it also assures that the boats, which are now taking occasion by the hand, will be already to go when the 1929 season opens on February 15. Work so far has been chiefly confined to engine overhaul.

Engine cylinders of the Edward Lipsett, Capt. Martin Johnson, are back from Vancouver, where they were reground, and the cylinders of the Cedric are being sent south for similar treatment.

New engine blocks and a dry exhaust are being installed by the Star Welding in the Cape Spear, which is owned by J. Spencer and whose skipper is Capt. William Parsons.

The crank shaft of the Ingrid H., Capt. Charlie Lundquist, has been built up. The engine of the Toodie, owned by Lawrence Newell and Pete Wold, is also being overhauled. Similar work on the Margalice, Capt. Jack Christiansen, and Southend, Capt. Anton Moen, has been completed.

Other boats to shortly receive engine overhaul at the Star Weld- Capt. Pete Bryne; Olso, Capt. Oling will include the Dolphin, sen; and R. W.; as well as the Pair of Jacks, Capt. Pete Leland.

The Prince Rupert dry dock has been awarded the contract for the installation of a new 36 h.p. Gardner Diesel engine in the local halibut boat Ternen, Capt. Nel Petersen. The motor will arrive from Vancouver about the middle of next week and installation work will then be immediately started.

Anent the terrific storms which swept the halibut fleet on its last trip to the banks, the Ketchikan Chronicle says, cut down the catch about 500,000 pounds under last year, broke booms, smoke stacks, railings and windows, and carried away more gear than ever before lost by the fleet on a single trip. As the last half dozen of the 80 odd halibut boats were due to arrive at Ketchikan from the banks, skippers who disposed of their catches told of the fury of the storm, which practically stopped all fishing on November 13, two days before the close of the season. Some boats lost as high as 20 skates of gear, it was reported. The McKinley lost two dories and nine skates of gear in the storm which broke her boom and railing. Every window in the pilot house of the Albatross was smashed by the heavy seas. Her smoke stack was destroyed and ventilators damaged. The railing of the Democrat was cut to pieces in the battle with the elements. Other boats suffered like damage. A total of about 1,500,000 pounds was brought in on the last trip this year, while last year the fleet's total for the last trip of the season was about 2,000,000 pounds.

Repairing Emblem

The Prince Rupert halibut boat Emblem, owned by Peter Brown and skippered by Capt. John Barseth, is on the McLean ways at Seal Cove just now undergoing extensive repairs made necessary through damage done when the vessel was struck by a giant roller on her final trip of the season. The hull and pilot house sustained considerable damage in the impact.

Alfred Anderson, Peter Anderson (owner of the Helen I.) and John Moen have purchased the American registered halibut boat Cedric, and, it is understood, are contemplating changing the vessel, which was brought recently from Alaska, to Canadian registry. Meantime, some considerable engine repairs, etc., are being made on the vessel.

The Cedric is a well known boat in Prince Rupert harbor. She is 56 feet long and is equipped with a 50 h.p. Atlas-Imperial engine. The hulk is about ten years old and the engine two and a half years old.

Axel Olsen, owner of the Prince Rupert halibut boats Rose Spit and Oslo, has left for a trip to his native home in Norway and does not expect to return here until late next spring. Alex Duthie is slated to take command of the Oslo in place of Capt. Olsen during the early part of the next fishing season. The Rose Spit is undergoing an extensive program of repairs and alterations at the floats of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co., the work including the putting in of a new stern.

Capt. Bill Parsons of the local halibut boat Cape Spear is leaving for Porcher Island for a period of hibernation. Judging from the quantity of supplies which Bill was packing with considerable assiduity this week, his stay is apparently going to be of some extent. He may be counted upon, however, to be back in plenty of time for the opening gun of the new halibut season.

Capt. Chris Olsen has been busy this week with his halibut boat elma bringing in the effects of A. O. Morse, well known local troller, who recently moved to town from Porcher Island. A cow and other livestock has been included in the freighting job. After several years' residence on Porcher, "A. O." and family cannot keep away longer from the bright lights, enlightenment and fine weather of the city.

Capt. Pete Meuse, with a party, including Reg Webber of the F. E. Hunt Ltd. staff, left on Wednesday for a hunting trip to Porcher Island. The expedition is expected back by the end of this week and the geese will then hang high—if there are any—until Christmas dinner.

P. W. Anderson and Sid are busy making improvements to their pleasure cruiser Zenobia. Sid is exercising his talents on the engine, while Dad is carrying out various items of carpenter work to much advantage.

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John Bulger
The Jewellers

Skipper Henry Darby has completed repairs to the harbor boat "23" which was considerably damaged by fire early in the summer. The vessel, which is tied up at the dry dock, is now shipshape again.

P. M. L. 4, provincial police power cruiser from the Rivers Inlet district, is tied up at the floats of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co., while Corporal Stone, officer in charge of the vessel, is on a trip to Vancouver. The P. M. L. 4 is similar to some extent to the local P. M. L. 2, though a little shorter and stockier,

Taplow II in Port

The Warke Canal fish packer Taplow II. is tied up at the floats of the Prince Rupert Salvage & Towing Co., while the owners, C. B. Flewin and G. E. Brown, are on a trip south. The Taplow II. was built at the McLean yard here last winter and is said to have measured up well to her owners' requirements during the past season.

It was erroneously stated in these columns recently that the season for hunting geese and duck would close on December 31. It should have read January 31—not that it makes much difference anyway to the hunters, very few of whom venture forth after the New Year.

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Topics—Fable—Comedy

First Show, 7 P.M. 35C AND 5C Loges 50c
Saturday Matinee, 2.30 P.M. 25C AND 5C Loges 35c

Dr. W. T. Kergin, J. H. Pillsbury, James Batt and Billy the Jap are identified with a new fox farm venture on White Cliff Island, just south of the mouth of the Skeena River. The farm is to be initially stocked with one pair from each of the principals, and Billy the Jap will be in charge.

The local halibut boat Signal, Capt. Paddy Ivarson, has been engaged during the week in taking supplies out to the Zayas Island sheep ranch. On one trip it was so rough that the Signal lost a dory.

C.P.R. steamer Princess Mary, Capt. Thomas Cliff, arrived in port at 12:30 noon today from Vancouver and sailed at 2 p.m. for Alasaka points whence she is due to return here southbound next Wednesday afternoon.

BILLMOR MILL WILL NOT OPEN FOR WHILE

Machinery Now Being Installed In New Lumber Plant and Bricks Arrived Yesterday

It will be a few weeks yet at least before the new sawmill of the Billmor Spruce Mills Ltd., located along the railway track about six miles from the city, is ready for operation, stated John R. Morgan, who was in town last night. Machinery is now being installed and the steamers Princess Royal yesterday afternoon and the Princess Mary today brought quantities of fire bricks which will be used in connection with the installation of furnace and boilers.

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and $4.95
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and $1.50
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