

On The STAGE

"Mary Jane's Pa."

The theatrical season of 1911-12 opened at the Norfolk Auditorium Friday night with an excellent attraction and a small audience.

The play itself is a delightful one. It is cleverly conceived and put together. It is refreshing because of crisp, new ideas.

The company carries a great lot of special scenery that adds realism to the production. Two genuine printing presses, one of them in actual operation just as might be seen in many a village shop, appeal to the audience.

Mr. Trousdale was delightful all through his work. He has a smooth, easy way with him that's fetching. He's good looking and natural and has a voice that helps. He was splendid in "The Man on the Box," and even better in this new show.

Miss Jean Ward in the leading feminine role. Miss Ward starred last season in "Rosaland of the Red Gate," and delighted Norfolk people. Yet she came in this play unheralded.

The management might very reasonably chronicle her coming in advance, as an aid to arousing interest. Bobby Murray was clever as "Mary Jane" and A. A. Butterfield was a typical country printer.

Vogel's orchestra was a pleasant feature of the evening.

AUTO TIPS OVER.

William Runge, Bound for Reunion, Breaks Arm.

Dakota City, Neb., Sept. 2.—Two accidents marred the thirtieth annual reunion and picnic of the Pioneer Old Settlers' association of Dakota county, at Dakota City.

Lloyd Moore, an 18-year-old boy, while riding a bicycle in front of his home here, was struck by an automobile driven by S. O. Belvidere, of Omaha.

Gets a 281-Pounder.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 2.—B. H. Roberts of Philadelphia has broken the season's record for swordfish by capturing a 281-pound specimen.

Coming Events.

Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Cole have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter Rosella to Harold Sherman Gow.

NEWPORT CUTS UP.

Night of Revelry Enjoyed by the Blue-Boards.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 2.—Many residents of this city are waxing more and more indignant as they hear of the actions of more than a hundred of the 300 guests at the fancy dress ball given by Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Thomas Saturday night.

Temperature Reaches 101.

Friday was one of the hottest days of the summer in Norfolk. The mercury got up to 101, which is going some for the first day of the year when fashion doesn't permit a straw hat to be worn.

Stanton Target Results.

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Miss Constance Warren heard a chauffeur ask another for a cigaret and she presented her handsome cigaret case and emptied its contents on the palm of the admiring chauffeur.

This is regarded as another of Miss Warren's original stunts. Residents of Newport have been disposed to allow the society folk to do as they pleased, but there is a faction that believes such actions have a tendency to desecrate the Sabbath.

Ebie-Sunderland.

At the Headquarters ranch, Neb., Tuesday morning, August 29, Rev. Mr. Albin of Bartlett, Neb., united in wedding Miss Ollie Ebie of Norfolk and W. H. Sunderland, foreman of the Headquarters ranch.

The wedding is the termination of a pretty western romance in which a Norfolk school teacher, instructing the work of a ranch school, and the boss of a Nebraska ranch ended in marriage.

Miss Ebie is well and favorably known in Norfolk. She has many friends and relatives here.

SAY NORFOLK IS "EASY."

Grafters Arriving From East Because This is a "Soft" Place.

Norfolk is being picked out as an "easy and soft" place for grafters, who are beginning to show their teeth.

From a reliable source it is learned that a number of grafters arrived in the city from the east only a few days ago. From this source of information it is also learned that this party of grafters have written friends in the east to "come to Norfolk. It is a soft and easy place."

Teachers Take Steamboat Ride.

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CONGRESSMAN WHIPS CLERKS.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Representative Carter of Oklahoma created excitement in the heart of the shopping district by assaulting four clerks, one of whom he alleged insulted his 16-year-old daughter Miss Italy Carter, who was with her father on a shopping expedition.

Mule Thief Breaks Jail.

Pierce, Neb., Sept. 2.—Special to The News: John Williams, held here on a charge of stealing a team of mules from a farmer near Osmond several weeks ago, made his escape from the Pierce county jail yesterday afternoon and has not been recaptured.

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While Mrs. George Goff, the sheriff's wife, was hanging clothes on a line in the jail yard, and with nobody else around, Williams slipped away, unseen, and made good his escape. He went down the railroad track and was last seen crossing a bridge at the edge of town.

Williams was arrested some weeks ago near Meadow Grove, after a lively chase. He has no means of travel, unless he steals a horse. He is 5 feet 9 inches high, weighs 155, has dark hair and a light mustache, wears plain overalls and a tan shirt, has blue eyes and a scar on his face.

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he left Norfolk Mr. Crook was notified of the case and a settlement was made for \$40. Mr. Crook took the case as a huge joke.

Sheriff C. S. Smith of Madison with three assistants was busy Friday afternoon scouring the country southwest of Battle Creek in an effort to find the assassin of John Miller the Battle Creek saloon keeper who was badly slashed with a knife last Wednesday evening.

The sheriff visited the home of the brother-in-law of the escaped assassin and other places where he would likely be hiding. No trace of him, however, was found.

One woman and four children had a narrow escape from probably fatal injuries Friday afternoon, when the fire wagon coming out of the fire station passed within an inch of the vehicle in which the woman and children were riding.

The wagon had just left the stable and was passing the John Rice livery stable and the woman and her children were directly in front of the rapidly approaching fire wagon.

The tongue of the heavy wagon would have struck the woman had the wagon not been swerved out of the way by the driver in the nick of time.

The Conard fire proved to be out before the firemen arrived. The gasoline stove had been started and the match was thrown into a waste barrel where it started a blaze. Chief Green and other firemen put out the blaze.

SNYDER EASY FOR NORFOLK.

Norfolk 10, Snyder 4. The driving park fans who expected to see a spectacular and exciting game Friday afternoon were slightly disappointed over Snyder's paid team, which was easily defeated by the local amateurs by a score of 10 to 4.

The game was called in the last of the seventh inning to allow Snyder to catch a train. Bovee pitched a splendid game and nearly all Norfolk's players featured. The Norfolk batters made good use of their sticks and started the game with Wagner's home run.

Wagner followed later with another of the same kind with three runners on bases, scoring all. Gustin, Snyder's pitcher, was easily hit but he remained in the box for the entire game.

Krahn featured by stealing home in the seventh inning. Creighton comes to Norfolk Sunday afternoon for a game which will be one of the season's fastest. Creighton has been playing great baseball.

Score: Norfolk—AB. R. H. P. O. A. E. Wagner, 1b..... 4 2 2 1 0 0 0 Glissman, 1b..... 3 1 1 8 1 1 Krahn, ss..... 4 2 1 0 2 3 Koplane, 3b..... 3 1 2 1 3 0 Miller, 2b..... 4 0 0 5 3 1 Hoffman, c..... 1 1 0 5 2 0 Bovee, p..... 3 1 1 0 7 0 Fox, cf..... 2 1 1 1 0 0 Dudgeon, rf..... 3 1 1 0 0 1

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Commissioners Inspect Roads. County Commissioners Burr Taft, Henry Sunderman and J. W. Fitch, accompanied by Chairman C. P. Parish of the Commercial club's good roads committee, made an inspection trip of the road between Norfolk, Battle Creek and the county poor farm, incidentally examining the condition of the poor farm, which they found in splendid shape.

The roads were found in better condition than they ever have been, and with the exception of one place between Norfolk and Battle Creek it was found that the farmers are co-operating with the commissioners and giving them great aid in the laying of the road over sandy places.

The exception is a strip of sandy road some miles west of Norfolk where the sand in the road is deep but the place is so short that a few teams could put it in splendid condition in a few days. Concrete culverts are replacing the old board culverts and the new concrete work has been put in to last a lifetime.

A system of economy on the part of the commissioners was noticed in the building of these culverts. In many places where there were two or three culverts, the creeks were turned to a permanent culvert and the two unnecessary culverts were taken out. The concrete culverts are made better than either steel or wood.

"We are now using less lumber than at any time previous," say the commissioners. Farmers Help Road Move. Farmers have taken a helping hand in the good roads work and are busy mowing down the weeds along their property abutting the public road.

It is reported that the commissioners will now these weeds themselves unless the farmers take a hand in the work. The two steel bridges between Norfolk and the county poor farm were inspected and it is believed these bridges will last many years.

The bridge across Battle creek is a beautiful structure. The side walls are built of reinforced concrete where before common planks were used. These planks had to be replaced yearly.

For seven miles west of Norfolk on the Battle Creek road all board culverts will be replaced by concrete before winter. The county poor farm under the foremanship of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and under the direction of the county commissioners is more than paying for itself.

Have Made New Land. The farm is of 160 acres and when purchased most of it was almost a swamp. The cost was about \$10 per acre and today it is worth more than \$100 per acre.

This is the result of the present county board's work in tearing up the old tiling system in the 22,000 feet of swampy land and relaying the tiling under an engineer's survey and plan. The ground which some time ago was so boggy and swampy that a person could not safely walk over it, is now dry and is being plowed by fall there will be about ten acres of land ready for working.

There is some belief that there is oil in some parts of this farm. Sheriff C. S. Smith, who met the inspecting party at the opening of the tiling, pointed out the fact to Mr. Parish that he believed he could trace large quantities of oil floating on top of the clear cool water which is drained from underneath the farm's ground into the outlet in the public road.

Mr. Parish believed the oil good and the commissioners declare they have not yet discovered how much oil there really is, but they concede there must be oil somewhere in the vicinity. The ground on the tiled section, which covers about seventy-five acres, is a rich, black loam and is very deep. Some parts are rich enough for celery growing. Commissioner Sunderman estimates 100 bushels to the acre for corn on this land.

Raise Cattle There. The farm is making a great headway under the commissioners' direction and in a few days a carload of fat cattle raised on this farm will be shipped to the South Omaha market for sale. Fat hogs ready for market were inspected and the barns were found in splendid condition. Four colts raised on this farm as the result of the sale of a worn out team and the purchase of two mares show they are ready for county work.

One of the features of the farm is the great apple orchard where hundreds of bushels of apples are being grown in the highest of the trees. Never before in the history of the farm has the apple crop been so great. A cider mill has been installed in the orchard and the cider flows from the mill into the barrels which will mean money to the county.

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