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BIG CROWD AT THEATER

Best Scenery of Season at
Grew's Weekly Show
Last Night.

THE WILLIAM GREW CO.
MAKES HIT WITH CARMEN

Beautifully Put on By the Excellent Cast of Fifteen Characters

(From Saturday's Daily)

The Grew company attempted a difficult production last night in presenting to the lovers of good shows Olga Nethersole's version of "Carmen." It is a play that is seldom put on by a company of this sort but in the few short hours of last evening the company brought out a depth and quality of acting that raises them far above that class of actors generally thought of in the term stock company.

During the second and third act an interested drama lover might well have thought he were seeing the production of a New York theater, so capably was every part carried and so well was every detail worked out.

The leading part of "Carmen" was taken by Miss Pettes who by her clever acting kept the audience in quickly alternating states of admiration and hate towards her.

Mr. Bennet, the leading man of the play, in the role of "Don Jose" played in a manner that would have done justice to the ideal representation of the part. The character Toforeadore Lucas presented by Mr. Meharry was strongly brought out and in the third act the encounter between the two lovers was as realistic as could be imagined.

The scenery throughout the entire play was nearly perfect and the third act, showing the smugglers camp in a small valley among the mountains with its blazing camp fire and piles of stores, guarded by a silent sentry and with its sleeping band of smugglers, was superb.

The plot is laid in the mountainous district of Spain and the play opens with a public square scene at Seville. The town is filled with the King's dragoons, a hilarious crowd of young fellows who delight in taunting the handsome corporal Don Jose, a resident of Bask that has just received his stripes because he never joined them in their frivolities with the cigarette factory girls in the city. He has left in his home country, his sweet heart and mother both of whom he is deeply in love with. But when he first sees the wicked "Carmen," one of the factory girls his heart is immediately affected and after a hard struggle he is turned by her tricky deeds from his promising military life into the band of smugglers of which he later becomes leader.

On the day of their first meeting he is ordered to arrest her for attacking a woman in the factory. While left under his guard he allows her to escape but the trick is exposed and he is imprisoned, lowered in rank and later put on sentry duty at the city wall. While on duty, he again meets the quick tongued Carmen who influences him to let her friends smuggle goods through the break in the city

wall where he stands guard.

Then following a quick change of scenery is shown a wine room where the dragoons, factory girls and smugglers all congregate and drink to each others health. Here a quarrel starts over Carmen between Don Jose and the Lieutenant and in the duel that follows the superior officer is killed. Under the pressing circumstances Don Jose is finally persuaded by the woman to flee from the city and join the smugglers in the highlands.

On account of Don Jose's strong character he is later made leader of the gang and while away from camp for a few days, the fickle Carmen is visited by her former lover Lucas who has now become a famous bull-fighter. The hero, unexpectedly returning to the mountain quarters, finds Lucas and in a jealous rage would have killed him had he not at that moment received word of his mother's death.

He hurriedly leaves for her death bed and coming back a short time later is informed that Carmen, who he claimed as his wife, had gone to the city with the bull fighter to enjoy the festivities of the fight. He follows her into the town and meeting just outside of the bull ring is spurned by the woman he loves and rather than to see her go back to his former rival he stabs her before the crowd of merry makers. In her last breath she calls for her slayer and in his arms with the words on her lips "I love you" she dies.

On account of there being no part being fitted for William Grew he did not appear in the play but in next week's presentation of "The Wizard" he carries one of the leading parts. "The Wizard" is a military melodrama of life in Spain and Algeria which promises to be an interesting one.

Will Debate Here.

Arrangements have been nearly completed for the inter-schoolastic debate which will be held here on Friday, April 15. The contesting teams are representatives from the Plattsmouth and Blair High Schools and an interesting argument by the young orators is being looked forward to. The Plattsmouth team has been very successful so far in its debates, having decisively crushed the Fremont High School which had gained a victory the week before at Ashland. The question under discussion is the one decided on last spring by the state league in their annual meeting at Lincoln, "Resolved, that labor unions on the whole are beneficial."

The local team consisting of John Falter, Marie Douglass and Lucile Gass is slightly at a disadvantage in having to uphold the affirmative side of the question in the coming debate, but they're going after the work in a manner that looks like it will mean success.

The state league is divided into sections and after the winners of each section are singled out during the school year, they meet in Lincoln the last of May and the state championship is decided at a big debate wherein every section is represented. Plattsmouth still has a chance to send a representative to Lincoln and here's hoping they'll make good in the Blair debate which will mean a big stepping stone toward the Capital city meet this spring.

The last hearing on claims in the John Rhordanz estate near Union was held this morning in the county court room under Judge Beeson, being attended by a large number of Union people.

TWENTY AUTOMOBILES DESTROYED IN OMAHA

Fredrickson Garage Scene of Conflagration Which Does
Great Damage

FIREMEN DO EFFECTIVE WORK
AND FACE BARRELS OF GASOLINE

Loss Estimated at About \$75,000
Which Is Fully Covered by Insurance

Fire which for a time threatened half of "Automobile Row" caused \$75,000 damage at the H. E. Fredrickson company garage, 2044 Farnam street, early this morning, destroying twenty motor cars and severely damaging the building. Insurance covers the loss.

It was a battle with the flames in the face of a blast furnace, with dangerous gasoline tanks ranged about like mines of destruction. Firemen struggled against the flames for nearly an hour before an appreciable effect could be made.

The cause of the fire is uncertain and could not be determined this morning.

While the fight with the fire was in progress an equally venturesome struggle for the rescue of the valuable motor cars which packed the building was in progress. Chauffeurs and volunteers about the scene worked their way into the heart of the garage against the fumes and heat and in the face of probable explosions to take the automobiles out to safety on the streets.

The garages of the Sweet-Edwards company and C. J. Louk were emptied and their gasoline supply tanks safeguarded against communication with the flames. The situation was pregnant with possibilities for a much more disastrous fire. The Plaza flats adjoining the burning building were also emptied, but firemen on the roof prevented spreading of the flames in that direction.

Mr. Fredrickson was unable to venture more than a guess at the cause of the fire. "There were men, he said, working here last night until 9 o'clock. It could not be the gasoline tanks, as they are buried be-

neath the floor of the building.

"I would say that the damage would be beyond \$50,000 to machines alone. About twenty or thirty-five cars were in the garage and twenty of these have been destroyed.

"We were able to save ten. There were three carloads of cars in the building that had never been benched." "All the cars," he added, "were individually insured aside from the building. My greatest loss will be that of business. The fire has occurred at the busiest time of the year and I will lose the advantage of the best part of the season."

The fire was discovered by W. P. Bolter, driver for the Guy L. Smith company, on duty at the garage at 2205 Farnam street. He saw the flames just as they were breaking through the roof of the garage, apparently well back in the building toward the repair shop. His alarm was turned in at 1:30 o'clock and at that time the interior of the building was aglow.

Six fire companies answered the alarm and numerous streams were brought to play on the center of the conflagration. The fire had to burn itself out after confinement in the rear of the building by the flood of water that pushed it back against the concrete walls.

The members of the company sustaining loss are H. E. Fredrickson, W. H. Wigman and E. L. Edholm. The handsome new display rooms of the company at the plant attacked by fire this morning were opened last October. A considerable expense was involved in art interiors and fittings for the building. It was one of the most pretentious sales establishments in the west.—Bee.

Repairing Rip-Rapping.

Work was started this morning by Foreman Savogren and a large force of men from the Burlington to stop the ravages of the Big Muddy on the point of land across on the Iowa side of the river. The troublesome place in the bank is visible from this side of the river and is a little north of the city. During the high water of the past month the swift current has eaten into the bank and has undermined and destroyed a large amount of the riprapping recently placed there by the railroad. Two years ago this spring there were 1500 cars of material used in strengthening the point of land to prevent the river from taking it away and thereby changing its course. Today the men were set to work preparing new mat work of willows to lower into the stream at that point to replace the part that recently washed away. The matting is weighted with rock and clay and interwoven with willows

until it would seem impossible to have it destroyed by the action of the muddy current. Six cars of sappings and brush were sent over to the Iowa side this morning and many more will follow now until the banks are in good condition again.

Sarah Peterson vs John Bauer.

A partition case was filed in District Court today of Sarah M. Peterson plaintiff, vs. John Bauer. The case will be remembered by many of the people in the town. Sarah Peterson was adopted some years ago by John Bauer, Sr., with an understanding that she should get half of the estate on the death of the owner. After his death it was found that the will did not give her the portion of the estate as was agreed upon and she at once started suit to obtain land. Being taken from the district court to the supreme court a decision was rendered in her favor April 19, 1909. The district court gave her the decree for the portion of the estate on July 9 1909 but the land has never been actually secured by the plaintiff, therefore the action is now being taken in the district court.

The estate consists of 320 acres or more of good farm land situated near Wabash.

An administrator's sale was conducted on the steps of the court house this morning by D. O. Dwyer, the attorney of the Miles R. Smith estate. The estate consisted of a farm near Union and an old violin. The music for the occasion was furnished on the ancient instrument by Frank Schlater who managed to render such beautiful strains from the old box that it's value advanced at the rate of five cents a selection until it was sold for \$5.05 to Charles Graves of Union. The land was purchased by Eli M. Smith of Union for \$4,500.

SCHOOLMASTERS' CLUB HAVE A CINCH

Can Make or Break any Teacher
Who Does Not See
Their Way.

LINCOLN, April 2.—(Special) — The fact that it was published that a prominent educator of the state had been "blackballed" by the Nebraska Schoolmaster's club has led to some discussion of this club and its ways. In addition to the teacher, whose name was given to the public, it is now said that one and possibly two very prominent educators, teachers in the state university, were also "blackballed."

The rules of the club, however, indicate that very little discredit attaches to a person who is blackballed by the club, for under these rules one member may secure the rejection of a person who has not even thought of becoming a member.

The rules as printed provide that the membership is limited to 100 and that no person may make application for membership. So when anyone is elected to the club he must be proposed by one member and endorsed by two others. If six black balls are voted against him his election is "postponed."

Should one member desire to discredit a teacher, he could propose his name for membership, then secure six persons to vote against him, give the matter publicity and the trick is done.

A number of persons who do not teach school, but who sell books and publications to teachers, are members of the club and are in sufficient number to use it as a club against teachers who refuse to do their bidding.—Omaha Bee.

J. A. Dyer, representing the Metropolitan Insurance Company, the company that carried the insurance of Doty, the deserter, was in town today looking up the details of the affair which was described in a recent number of the News.

Henry August Newmann, a loyal subject of William the Second of Germany, declared his intentions of becoming a citizen of the United States and took out his first naturalization papers at the court house this afternoon.

BACK FROM CALIFORNIA

C. L. Creamer Returns After
Protracted Absence From
Plattsmouth.

WITNESSED THE BIG
EARTHQUAKE OF APRIL 1906

Perilous Return Trip on Account
of Floods and Wrecks in
the West.

(From Saturday's Daily)

C. L. Creamer, an old resident of Cass County, returned to Plattsmouth this morning after a long absence of over seven years from the good city and county and although he liked the beautiful climate of California, he is indeed glad to get back to old Nebraska and his many friends of this vicinity.

Mr. Creamer and family moved out to the sunny fruit land in California and bought a fine fruit farm near San Jose about seven years ago and in those years they have had some experiences that would look well in a book of adventures. In an interesting conversation with a representative of the News, Mr. Creamer related some of the exciting times he has experienced while away.

When first going to the coast he located on a fruit farm, consisting of a large number of apricot, peach and prune trees where he remained for about three years. The climate, for people who like warm weather, is ideal. The mornings are very warm but about two in the afternoon a refreshing breeze always comes in, which makes the late afternoon and evening delightful. They say there are never prostrations from the heat, but the residents there never stay in the sun long enough to see what the result would be.

The land in this locality is nearly all irrigated, but this spring they have had bountiful rains and the fruit

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Stetson Hats
Falter & Thierolf
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