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Playing "Her Lord and Master," Which Looks Like it Was Written in an Afternoon, Miss Grantly Grates on the Nerves of the Audience.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Norfolk did its share in filling the Auditorium last night upon the appearance of Miss Helen Grantly in "Her Lord and Master," but Miss Grantly failed to make good. Those who had hoped for a stellar attraction were disappointed and those who remembered Miss Grantly from her former appearance here in "The Taming of the Shrew," found little improvement in the Nebraska actress. Although she rides in a handsome private car, Miss Grantly does not inspire great enthusiasm in her part of the play and it was a singular fact that, save for the round of applause with which she was cordially welcomed when she first came on, there was not an attempt at hand-clapping throughout the four acts of the evening's performance.

The Real Star.
The real star of the company in which Miss Grantly takes the stellar role, is Mr. S. L. Richardson in the part of "Jennings, the butler." Mr. Richardson is as quaint an old man as one could find in a week's journey, and his work is as clever as can be. Just a little stooped from age, having been in the family's employ for sixty years, his hair white as snow and his voice so extremely polite and submissive and kind, he makes a hit in the beginning and wins more and more the love of the audience as the play goes on.

And in the same class as Mr. Richardson, Virginia Bray makes a decidedly charming old English lady, whose prim ways are true to life and whose delicate mind is shrewd to a degree by the rasping ways of the irresponsible American girl. The part was picturesque and well done.

Thomas Chatterton as "Glen Masters," American young man, was pretty good, and grew better at the close of the piece than at the outset. Ernest Richard, as "Thurston, Viscount Channing," was natural at least, on the stage, and made his audience feel that he really meant what he was talking about. "Lord Nelson Stafford" was a pretty fair character by Robert Wessels, though a bit stiff at times, and "Grandma Chazy-Bunker," played by Frances Lincoln was a pretty brisk American grandmother who became too giddy toward the end to quite win a home with the hearers.

The Play.
Perhaps it was the fault of the play. It was rather a pointless study in psychology, built after the "Taming of the Shrew" idea. Lord Canning wins the young western girl in America and takes her back to England. She subsides in her western manner before the demure mother-in-law. Finally her mother and grandmother arrive for a visit, when the girl "breaks out" and does London with them as she would Chicago here, against her husband's command. He locks her out of the house for the night, she finally gets in and in rebellious tones tells him she is a brute. He declares he can't live with her, makes plans to leave and all that, when the girl repents, says she is sorry, falls in his arms and lives happily ever after. It was written by Martha Morton and a stranger's impression would be that it was written between lunch and dinner. It strikes you that Miss Morton was writing at space rates and was trying to force a story without a foundation. The stage settings are as pretty as a picture and deserve a better plot.

Miss Grantly.
Miss Grantly is not particularly fitted for the part. Although her pictures make her a very pretty girl, there is a drawn look about her face and a lack of perfection in her form which do not help in making her attractive. Added to this is a very much strained voice, pitched in a tearful tone, which rasps against an ordinary person's nerves; a very much affected manner in trying to be cunning and cute and petite. Her singing—well, it was done for the purpose of driving away the grandmother, and it was easy enough to see how it might succeed.

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SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

J. M. Freeman of Ewing was in Norfolk today.
W. E. Meagley of Stanton was in Meadow Grove.
Richard Thomas was over from side yesterday.
Nan Carberry is in the city today from Creighton.
Fr. Effie was in the city yesterday from Creighton.
J. Peschel was in the city from Osmond yesterday.

F. J. Bolding and J. R. Hicks were over from Stanton.
Mrs. Robert Utter and Mrs. C. E. Green have both been quite sick with the grip but are now better.
Miss Bertha Pilger is in the city from Anoka, for a visit with her mother.
The Misses O'Neill of Battle Creek, and Miss Richardson, were here last night.

W. G. Baker expects to leave on Monday for a month's visit at his old home at Greenville, Pa.

Mr. Simon Mayer of Lincoln is a guest of his brother, Sol G. Mayer. He is enroute home from a trip to New York city.

Hiss Sisson left this morning for Delaware, Ohio, where she will take up her work as the representative of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church in the states of Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, having resigned her position in the Norfolk high school to take the office. The teachers of the high school indicated their appreciation of her companionship since she has been teaching with them by presenting her with a beautifully bound edition of Shakespeare in eight volumes, and the Junior class attested their regard for their retiring instructor by presenting a handsome signet ring.

Dr. C. F. W. Marquardt will leave tomorrow for Chicago, where he will take a post graduate course in the McCormick Neurological college. The course to be taken treats of the effect of eye strain on the nervous system and will be a valuable adjunct to the doctor's knowledge of ophthalmology. He expects to be absent two or three months and will leave in charge of his business here Julius Toman, a competent workman, who has been with him the past three weeks.

The Women's club will meet in the parlors of the Congregational church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.
It was the members of the Modern Brotherhood of America and not the Modern Woodmen who gave the recent surprise party to Mrs. Farley on South First street.

H. C. Zirfas has rented the Rees building and is getting it ready for occupancy by his restaurant. Mr. Zirfas was burned out in the fire of several weeks ago that destroyed the two Krug buildings.

Omaha Bee: Articles of incorporation have been filed by H. E. Owen and A. A. Lovelace, who will operate as the Owen & Lovelace Contracting company, in doing general railroad, canal and diking work. The capital stock is \$20,000.

John W. Davis is circulating a subscription paper with the object of raising enough money to build stables at the race track north of town. If successful the track will be put in condition and things arranged satisfactorily to the horsemen who may wish to train their fast steppers at Norfolk for the coming racing season.

H. E. Owen has bought the D. M. Owen grading outfit, consisting of fifty teams and a full plant of machinery. This, with Mr. Owen's outfit makes his one of the largest and best in the west. He has just closed up a contract on the new electric line from Omaha to Lincoln, of about a half million yards of earth, and expects to work 250 teams and 300 men during the summer, completing the contract by September of this year.

Chief Kern of the fire department announces today that there will be no change in the fire districts of the city on account of the change that has just been effected in the wards of the city. The fire districts will remain numbered as formerly. The reason for not changing the fire wards is the fact that the new city wards are too indefinite for fire purposes. For instance, First ward under the new arrangement extends for a mile and a half east and west and a fire which was reported for that district might be at the extreme western end of the city limits or it might be at the extreme eastern end. As it stands today it is a well known fact that the First ward means the business district, always, and other wards are also compactly arranged in the old way.

The spring weather that had prevailed for several days, has been brought to a sudden end today by a cloudy sky, a dampness in the air and threatening rain. While the thermometer had stood up at the seventy-five point, it today dropped somewhat and the morning was raw and chilly. A range of more than 100 degrees in three weeks is a record that might startle the oldest inhabitant. Less than three weeks ago the mercury stood at thirty degrees below zero. Yesterday it was more than seventy-five. This, perhaps, is the cause for a large quantity of spring fever and ailing among mankind. With flesh and blood that had been warmed by nature to a point which would give protection during such severely frigid weather, the human being has now been suddenly subjected to an atmosphere that resembles a bake oven and the contrast is not intensely pleasant.

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SAYS CODY WAS MORAL

MAJOR J. H. McLAUGHLIN GIVES SCOUT'S HISTORY.

CODY SERVED UNDER THE MAJOR

AND WAS A MODEL YOUNG MAN IN EARLY FRONTIER DAYS.

NEVER DRANK NOR CAROUSED

According to Major McLaughlin, Who Was With Buffalo Bill Every Day, Cody Was Prudent and Respected. A Man Amongst Men and Faithful.

The following letter to The News from Major John H. McLaughlin, Fort Randall, S. D., which gives new facts in connection with the life of W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) during his scouting days, will prove of great interest. Major McLaughlin is now in his eightieth year and writes a hand that would do honor to many a chap at college today. Major McLaughlin says that he is pleased to be able to hold his pen.

Fort Randall, S. D., March 3.—Editor Norfolk News: Sir—It affords me pleasure to speak a good word for, in my mind, the much abused Bill Cody, alias Buffalo Bill. Your paper of February 4, by statement of one Mr. Blake, pretends to have a knowledge of the early life of Mr. Cody. Who is this man Blake? I remember a man of that name who served in Troop B, Seventh cavalry, the lamented Custer's regiment. The troop Blake served in was commanded by one Captain Thompson, now retired.

Cody Becomes a Scout.
For Cody's early life and training as a scout I will say while he was employed as such and under my daily observation, he was considered a model young man. But as Mr. Cody is ranked amongst the doughtiest, Mr. Blake must have his hand in the pie.

Major Henry Inman was chief quartermaster of the department of the Missouri under General Hancock, department commander from the year 1867 to 1869. The uprising of the Arapahoes, Cheyenne and Kiawa Indians in Kansas gave authority to Major Inman to employ scouts in advance to the Cars & Penrose expedition, whereupon Major Inman commissioned Second Lieutenant L. W. Cook, Third United States Infantry, assistant quartermaster, empowering him to hire or enlist company scouts afterwards consolidated as field scouts. Mr. Cody was assigned to the garrison of which I was quartermaster sergeant, and ordered to report to me for service, which he had done. Having nothing to do at this time for scouts and couriers, Lieutenant Cook with the writer and William Cody did every day ride around the country along the Arkansas river in order to locate hay fields, as at that time the troops on the frontier had to perform such work, putting wood and hay up. As no contracts were let, the soldier should do the labour.

During the latter part of 1869 and up to 1871 Mr. Cody was with me. I had a good opportunity to be a judge of human nature. I never found a fault with Bill Cody. He boarded with me in my company and as soon as I was promoted first sergeant I had Cody at all times under my observation.

Cody Was Brave.
Some time in September, 1869, General Custer with his regiment, the lamented Seventh cavalry, reached Fort Larned from Fort Riley where that regiment was organized, bringing with his (Custer's) command William Hitchcock, alias Wild Bill, who was killed by Jack McCall in Deadwood; California Joe, Ben Clark, Jim Keegan and Amos Chapman, both of whose feet were shot off by a band of Cheyennes at Bull Creek between Fort Dodge and the then Camp Supply, I. T., now Fort Supply. Of all the named scouts Cody was the only one who tendered his service without being ordered to go to the rescue of Chapman.

I asked for volunteers on this occasion as I did not desire to make little with the men whom I had to serve with, by making a selection. Thirty-seven men stepped to the front. I took two men from the right, Marshall O'Brien and Thomas O'Neill. William Cody then remarked:

"Major, you have the good will of your company, sure!"

Mr. Cody, during my knowledge of him, had no reproaches to follow him. He was a young man respected by all. He, like many frontiersmen of that day, had all the chances possible to take to himself an Indian wife. It was not without reluctance that he ever approached their camps and he never went except as duty called him. On one occasion Col. Wincoop, Indian agent for the Arapahoe, took Mr. Cody to a place of meeting to distribute the rations and clothing for the Indians. This place was named Big Coon Creek, ten miles from Fort Larned on the Arkansas.

No Visits to Ponca.
To my knowledge during the time that Cody was with us he was a most

prudent young man. Now Mr. Blake must apparently be on the track of Cody as he has such a good history. Where must Blake be all this time? By inquiry I can not learn from any of the old residents of Fort Randall where William Cody, Buffalo Bill, was ever here. Also I fail to see how he could make his frequent trips to the Ponca reservation. It is not possible he could as that reservation was forty-seven miles from Fort Randall. This would show that the government had Cody employed for no other purpose than to make love to Indian women.

Again Blake says when he first knew Mrs. Cody she was at Fort McPherson, Neb. How came this man Blake to have such a knowledge of all these stations and especially Mrs. Cody's alleged history for this occasion. William Cody was a moral young man and when I had a knowledge of him from 1869 to 1871 he never was known to drink or carouse but at all times was faithful to his trust as a scout and I am of the opinion that Mr. Blake has but very little or no knowledge of Mr. Cody. I must say with honor to Cody, he was a man amongst men.

Yours very respectfully,
John H. McLaughlin,
Fort Randall, S. D.

Prince Max in Rome.
Rome, March 6.—Prince Max, brother of the king of Saxony, and who is a priest, has arrived here to present his homage to the pope. The prince desires that his presence in Rome is in any way connected with the troubles between his royal brother and the latter's former wife, the Countess Montignoso.

Whitcomb Escapes From Sheriff.
Council Bluffs, March 6.—When Sheriff Canning left Council Bluffs Friday to take J. H. Whitcomb, Frank Vaughn and the negro, William Smith, to the penitentiary at Fort Madison, he supposed he had taken all necessary precautions to insure the safe delivery of his three prisoners. The unforeseen, however, happened, and when Sheriff Canning reached Fort Madison he had with him only Vaughn and Smith. Between Burlington and Fort Madison Whitcomb succeeded in making his escape by jumping through the car window.

Alleged Train Robber Arrested.
St. Louis, March 6.—Leonard Johnson, alias Dutton, was placed under arrest and taken to St. Charles on the allegation that he was a member of the Morris-Vaughan-Rosenauer gang of train robbers and assisted in holding up and robbing the Wabash station agent, Thomas Galvin, at St. Charles, Aug. 15, 1904. Galvin identified Johnson as the man who held two revolvers pointed through the depot window at him.

Freight Train Badly Wrecked.
Toledo, March 6.—As a result of a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Baltimore and Ohio, four miles east of Defiance, Fireman Samuel Beadle of Garrett, Ind., was instantly killed and Fireman J. E. Cogley and brakeman Thomas Carr both of Garrett were seriously injured. There were thirty-eight cars in one train and forty in another and the impact was so terrific that there was hardly a solid car left in either train. Confusion of train orders is said to be responsible for the collision.

Fellows Quits His Federal Job.
Denver, March 6.—A. Lincoln Fellows, district engineer of the United States reclamation service, in charge of the great irrigation projects in seven western states, resigned and accepted the appointment of state engineer of North Dakota. The resignation is the outcome of differences among the members of the board of consulting engineers.

To Take Strikers' Places.
New York, March 6.—A force of private detectives prevented any communication with 1,000 men quartered on a steambot tied up at one of the piers at Communipaw. It was rumored that 700 more men were expected and that on their arrival the boat would transport them to the yards of the New Haven and Hartford at Mott-haven. It was rumored that they came from Chicago and other points west and that they were strike breakers.

Developments in Turf War.
Chicago, March 6.—New developments in the turf situation are expected to result from the meeting of the stewards of the Western Jockey club here today. While none of the members of the board would give any indication of the action which will be taken, yet reports of an authentic nature point to a possible revision of the schedule, revocation of numerous licenses and perhaps a reorganization of the club itself.

New Zion in Mexico.
Chicago, March 6.—The mission of A. Gladstone Dowie, who visited Zion City as the ambassador of his father, Dr. John Alexander Dowie, has been disclosed at a secret meeting of elders and members in high standing of the Christian Catholic church. The part made public was the definite announcement that a new Zion is soon to be established near the City of Mexico, where Dr. Dowie now is.

Promise Big Legal Battle.
Ottawa, Ont., March 6.—Honore Gervais, a member of parliament, has been engaged to assist Mr. Taschereau of Quebec in the defense of Gaynor and Greene, and a big legal battle is promised before it is definitely known whether they will be forced to return to the United States.

THREE OVERCOME BY GAS

PIERCE MEN AFFECTED IN ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

THERE WERE NO FATAL RESULTS

Mr Tompkins of Kansas City, Mr. Henzier and Mr Craven Were All Affected by Gas From an Engine in the New Establishment.

Pierce, Neb., March 6.—Special to The News: Three men in the new electric lighting station were overcome by gas Saturday evening from the gas engines. Mr. Tompkins of Kansas City was under the influence for considerable time and the proprietors, Henzier & Craven, were both affected. Dr. Alden was summoned and brought them out.

Atkinson Items.
Atkinson, Neb., March 6.—Special to The News: Dr. Thomas, state veterinarian, is here on state work which will be reported later.

Jed Landon, taken ill at Ewing with appendicitis and operated on at Sioux City, successfully withstood the surgery and is gaining.

The wolf hunt was a success. Many participated. Among those from here were Dr. Shipperd, I. E. Beck, B. B. Adams, William Dickerson and Ed Purdy.

PLANS TO BREAK DEADLOCK

Democrats May Turn From Cockerell and Vote for Kerens.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 6.—Interest in the senatorial deadlock situation is rapidly reaching an acute stage. Everybody seems to be of the opinion that the crisis and turning point will be reached during the coming week and the assertion is even made that Kerens will be elected tomorrow. The Niedringhaus forces will caucus again tonight in an endeavor to select another candidate to break the deadlock, but the prediction is made that nothing will be accomplished. Rumors are more current that the Democratic legislators may turn from Cockerell and vote for Kerens to break the deadlock. It is said the Democrats may caucus tonight on the matter, although some leaders are counseling against caucus action at this time.

Important features are expected to develop today which may indicate what the senatorial result will be.

Found Dying by Tracks.
Marshalltown, Ia., March 6.—A man who has not yet been identified was found lying beside the Iowa Central track, four miles south of this city. He was alive, but unconscious and was taken to St. Thomas hospital. A note book contained only the name H. S. Collins, Eldora, Ia.

Tidings From Antarctic Expedition.
Paris, March 6.—Dr. Charcot, the chief of the Antarctic expedition on board the steamer Francais, has cabled to this city announcing the arrival of the expedition at Puerto Madrin. Dr. Charcot reports the members of the expedition in good condition.

THE MOTHERS' CONGRESS

NATIONAL MEETING BEGINS ON FRIDAY.

PRESIDENT THE CHIEF SPEAKER

Advance Guard of Delegates and Visitors Arriving in Washington to Attend the Meetings—Important Program Has Been Prepared.

Washington, D. C., March 8.—Headquarters were opened today for the triennial meeting of the National Congress of Mothers, which begins its session here today after tomorrow, to continue for one week. The advance guard of delegates and visitors is already beginning to arrive and judging from all indications the attendance will eclipse that at any of the previous meetings of the congress.

The chief speaker at the coming session will be President Roosevelt, and his address before the congress will be, it is said, the first appearance of a president of the United States as speaker at a woman's convention.

For the past three years Mrs. Frederic Schaff of Philadelphia has served as president of the National Congress of mothers. During the coming convention the triennial election will be held. The congress will hear reports from twenty states and increased efforts will be made against polygamous doctrines and practices.

The general sessions will be held mornings and evenings in the Metropolitan Methodist church. The afternoons will be devoted to social functions and sightseeing. Hon. H. B. McFarland, commissioner of the District of Columbia, will deliver the address of welcome at the opening session Friday evening. The reports of standing committees will be heard Saturday morning. The reports will be presented by Mrs. Florence Kelly, of New York, on child labor; Dr. Cornelia DeBey, of Chicago, on legislation; Mrs. W. S. Heffernan, of Chicago, on education; Mrs. E. R. Weeks, of Kansas City, on literature; Mrs. D. W. Stand-

rood, of Boise City, Idaho, on domestic science, and Hastings Hart, on dependent, defective and delinquent children.

President Stanley Hall of Clark university will deliver an address on child study Saturday evening. The religious education of the child in the home will be the subject of the Sunday services. Delegates from the twenty states represented in the congress will give their reports on Monday morning. President Roosevelt's address is scheduled for that evening, as is also the triennial address of the congress president, Mrs. Schaff. Miss Marie Shedkoek of London, on "The Art of Story-Telling." Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis and Senator DuBois of Idaho on "Mormonism," are the chief speakers scheduled for the following day.

A novel feature will be the "International Day," next Wednesday, which will be introduced for the first time. Childhood conditions in other lands will be the subject treated by foreign representatives, among whom are Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador, and Mr. Hiki of the Japanese legation.

BIG OATMEAL MILL BURNS

PLANT OF AMERICAN CEREAL CO. AT CEDAR RAPIDS IN RUINS.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$1,500,000

Two Men Are Known to Have Lost Their Lives and a Number of Others Are Missing—Fire in Madison Square Garden.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., March 8.—The plant of the American Cereal company, the largest of its kind in the world, comprising two entire blocks of brick and iron structures, was destroyed by fire last night with the exception of a small group of cooper shops, storage and packing rooms. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000, with insurance of nearly \$1,000,000. Two persons are known to have lost their lives in the fire.

The dead: Joe Hollingsworth, Park, Ia.; an unknown man. Hollingsworth was blown out of the building into the street by an explosion.

It is feared that several others lost their lives, but this is not definitely known. A man who was seen at a window, fell back into the flames.

The fire started in the hull grinding room of one of the elevators and a sheet of flame enveloped that structure. In ten minutes more the flames had crossed the avenue to the mill group of buildings and the firemen were powerless to prevent the spread of the flames in either direction. The fire burned northward against the wind slowly in the mill group and southward with the wind in the elevator group with fearful rapidity. Five-story brick walls crumbled and fell with a roar heard for many blocks. Clouds of embers were driven by a strong wind over an area six blocks square and a large number of men with small hose and buckets drenched the roofs of these buildings, while in the vicinity of the fire there was an exodus of families from dozens of houses. The cereal mills employed in the neighborhood of 800 men.

Fire in Madison Square Garden.
New York, March 8.—Fire was discovered in Madison Square Garden a short time after the thousands who had been attending the sportsmen's show and the audience in the garden theater had left the building. The fire worked its way up from the store room, where it started, to the second balcony, on which were the exhibits of birds and wild animals. The bears, wild cats and wolves were aroused by the smoke and fought madly to escape. One of the bears and a wild cat perished. The fire practically destroyed all of the exhibits on the second balcony, besides damaging others by smoke and water.

ANOTHER CUT IN GRAIN RATES

Illinois Central Makes Reduction on Shipments to Atlantic.

Chicago, March 8.—Rates on export corn shipments from points in Illinois have been reduced nearly 2 cents per 100 pounds by the Illinois Central on all grain bound for Atlantic ports from this state via Chicago. The new rates went into effect today. At a meeting of traffic officials of western roads held here the question of adjusting the grain rates from Iowa points was discussed. Definite action will be announced as soon as an agreement is reached.

Quadruple Murderer Confesses.

Danville, Ark., March 8.—James Ince, confessing that he is a quadruple murderer, was brought back to jail here after a visit to the scene of the crime, near Whiteley, fifteen miles southwest of here. Confronted with the dead bodies of his wife and three children, the latter ranging in age from four months to four years, he broke down and confessed his guilt, saying that it seemed impossible to make a living for his family, hence his action.

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