

MUST BE NEW OPERA IDEA

THE LIGHT EXTRAVAGANZA HAS HAD ITS DAY.

SO SAYS A NORFOLK SINGER

Miss Cecilia Rohde, Leading Lady With "Miss Bob White." Who is Now at Home Visiting Her Parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rohde.

"Yes, the comic opera of the extravaganza type has had its day; it is a play of the past and it will give way to a style of comic opera through which a more legitimate story—a story with something more than a thread and a cue for a song, shall run. It will not be the old time comic opera—Fritzie Chef has proven in New York that that can not succeed. It must be something altogether different."

This is the theory of a Norfolk girl who has made a decided success in eight years upon the comic opera stage and who is just now visiting her parents in this city. Miss Cecilia Rohde, eight years ago a chorus girl in "Gay New York," when the popular piece first appeared, has by study and hard work steadily gained prestige in the operatic world until she is now recognized as a leading lady, as is demonstrated by the fact that she was selected for the leading role in "Miss Bob White," during its eastern run of the past winter. She is now at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rohde of this city, for a stay of ten days, after which she will go on to Cincinnati to take the leading part in a repertoire theater for a run of ten weeks.

"Do I like the stage?" repeated Miss Rohde this morning, when the query was put. "Do I like it? Indeed, I love it and wouldn't give it up for anything in the world. Singularly enough half of the people in the profession declare that they are dissatisfied with the business, but as a matter of fact they couldn't be torn from it. Of course it is the ambition of all of us to get into a New York run for an all winter engagement, and that is what I hope to do some time."

Miss Rohde travels under her own name always—and she has done considerable traveling. Two years after the "Belle of New York" had made such a hit in London, she went, with a company that included many well known people, over to London and later throughout Europe on a very disastrous trip, from a financial viewpoint. The trip had been poorly managed and the company had barely enough money to get back to London. As the company, however, had been compelled, by English law, to deposit a sum equal to two weeks' salary and return fares for the troupe before leaving London, they were assured before the start of at least getting back.

"It would be a great thing for the theatrical profession if the same law prevailed in America," said Miss Rohde. "The new law could provide that any company leaving New York must deposit funds for salaries and return fares."

"English theatergoers are much more loyal to their favorites than are Americans," said Miss Rohde, speaking of London impressions. "In London if they like you you can do no wrong. In America you are applauded one season and forgotten the next. Otis Skinner, for example, who made such an enthusiastic hit in New York last year has not been talked of this season because New York hasn't liked his play. They've said awful things about it."

Miss Rohde was leading lady a year ago with "Winsome Winnie." On her first trip, with "Gay New York," she played at Omaha, Sioux City and other western cities, later going to the coast and returning by way of New Orleans. Of late years she has not been west of Chicago. Last week she visited her brothers in Chicago, two young attorneys, Rohde & Rohde, who formerly lived at St. Louis Falls. Her brothers refused to be taken to the Troquois theater, where a number of her close friends were playing, because of their lingering prejudice against the building of panic fame.

CONGR'SS WAS GOOD TO OMAHA

Some Liberal Appropriations for the Advantage of the State.

Omaha has been counting the plums that have fallen in Nebraska's basket through the last session of congress and finds that a number of valuable favors and improvements have been secured, and while they largely come to Omaha, what is added to Omaha is added to Nebraska and every citizen of the state will be pleased to have congress advance the wealth and importance of the state's metropolis.

Senator Millard has had appropriated \$50,000 for the rebuilding of Fort Omaha, the money being now available. This makes a total of \$100,000 available for the work. The new army appropriation makes \$117,000 more available July 1. The work is being pushed under the direction of Major M. Grey Zaleski, constructing quartermaster. The old fort is to be used as an army signal service training school and station.

Upon the completion of plans with reference to old Fort Omaha, the chief signal officer will establish there one of the most interesting features of the service. The practice drills will be unique. Probably the most interesting exhibitions to be seen pertain

to the war balloons, with which experiments are continually being made. To avoid delays and to obviate an ever-present handicap, a permanent plant for the making and compressing of hydrogen gas with which to inflate the balloons, will be one of the features of the signal station.

An auxiliary of the war balloon is the wireless telegraph, calling for constant scientific experiments.

Among the other important results was that relating to the restoration of the division headquarters of the rural free delivery service at Omaha. The headquarters of the western division of the rural free delivery mail service will be reopened in the Omaha federal building not later than May 1. The jurisdiction will extend over territory east and west of Omaha, taking in South Dakota and Wyoming or the northern part of the latter state. These headquarters were originally established at Omaha as a result of the labors of Senator Millard.

The appropriation for maintaining the Indian supply warehouse at Omaha was an additional achievement. A concession has now been secured at the hands of the Indian office permitting the purchase of government supplies for Indians in the open market at Omaha. Chicago merchants have been against Omaha in the matter of this warehouse but the Nebraska city has secured the required appropriation and it is a matter of interest to the jobbers and merchants of the state.

A post exchange building and improved chapel for Fort Crook and two other minor items came the way of Omaha and Nebraska.

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A RAILROAD PIPE DREAM

STORY FROM FREMONT REGARDING NORTHWESTERN PLAN.

A LINCOLN-SIOUX CITY LINE

Fake Report Emanating From Fremont, and Published in a Morning Paper, Has no Foundation, According to Superintendent Reynolds.

Fremont, Neb. April 27.—It is reported here that the Northwestern railroad regards the Great Northern's cut-off as an invasion of its territory and that there is talk of the construction of a line from Hooper to Oakland to connect with the Omaha road, thus making a shortline from Lincoln to Sioux City.

Superintendent Reynolds, of the Nebraska & Wyoming division of the Northwestern when asked in regard to the above report today, stated that there is nothing whatever in such a story and that it is merely "newspaper talk." There have been no suggestions in the headquarters of the Northwestern regarding such a plan, and there are none contemplated, so far as the officials of the road know. The peculiar feature of the story is that it should emanate from Fremont, while Norfolk headquarters, including the general superintendent and division superintendent, should know nothing of it whatever.

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NEW ANTI-CIGARETTE LAW.

Text of Measure That is Effective July 1.

The new anti-cigarette law introduced by Representative Casebeer of Gage county will become effective July 1. The title for an act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes and what is known as cigarette paper and to provide a penalty for its violation and to repeal sections 2363, 2364, 2365 and 2366 of Cobby's annotated statutes of Nebraska.

The bill in full reads as follows: Section 1. That it shall be unlawful on and after the date this act shall go into effect to manufacture, sell, give away or willingly allow to be taken any cigarettes or the material for their composition known as cigarette paper within the state of Nebraska.

Section 2. That any person, firm, association or corporation in this state violating the provisions of this act he or they, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction thereof be fined for each and every such offense, a sum not less than \$50 nor more than \$100 at the discretion of the court together with costs of prosecution.

Section 3. Any officer, director or manager having in charge or control separately or jointly with others the business of any corporation which corporation violates the provisions of this act if he have knowledge of the same, shall be guilty and subject to the penalty herein provided.

Section 4. The repeal of sections 2363, 2364, 2365 and 2366 shall not affect any prosecutions already commenced thereunder or any offenses already committed in violation of said law.

Section 5. That sections 2363, 2364, 2365 and 2366 of Cobby's annotated statutes of Nebraska are and the same are hereby repealed.

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SAW KOCH TAKE HAMMER

WOMAN TESTIFIES SHE SAW KOCH GET WEAPON.

WITH WHICH MURDER WAS DONE

The Courtroom at Mankato, Minn., in Which Dr. Koch is On Trial is Crowded With Women—Mostly Young Women, at That.

Mankato, Minn., April 26.—Miss Lena Wiedemann, who is the housekeeper for Ferd Crane, of the firm of Crane Bros., New Ulm, came to Mankato this morning to testify that she saw Dr. Koch turn on the lights in his office on the night of the murder and put on a slouch hat, and saw him put the hammer in one of the pockets of his cravatette coat. She can look right into the office of Dr. Koch from her apartments on the second floor over Crane Bros' clothing store.

Clerk Thorne brought all of the exhibits into court. They filled a big telescope valise. Among them were the fatal hammer and several others; the handkerchief with the initials "G. R. K."; the poison bottle and box; the lead pencil; the pepper-and-salt suit of clothes, and many maps, plans and diagrams. The gruesome objects cover the table of counsel for the state.

Dr. Koch was accompanied to the court by his brother, William Koch, his sister, Meta—Mrs. Henry Somsen, and his brother-in-law, Rev. Robert Heidman of Arlington. They sat directly behind Dr. Koch's counsel. On the other side of the center gate, just inside the railing, sat Henry and Emma Gebhardt, brother and sister of the murdered dentist. Every seat in the courtroom was occupied, and nearly half of the spectators were women—most of them young women.

Fiendishness of the Murderer.

In describing the wounds to the jury, Dr. Welsch used Albert Pfander, of counsel for the state, as a dummy, and with a pencil pointed out on him the exact location of the several wounds he found on Dr. Gebhardt's body. The witness said that the thrust which resulted in the severing of the jugular vein was of such a nature as to indicate that after the knife had been inserted it was twisted round and round, as though the murderer had deliberately felt about to find and cut a big vein.

The testimony of Dr. L. A. Fritschie, former coroner of Brown county, was in a way a repetition of his evidence at the first trial, but it was strengthened for the defense by the doctor's statement, when describing the position of the pencil, that "it looked as though it had fallen out of the vest of the murdered man."

THURSDAY TIDINGS.

A. E. Grygg was here yesterday from Wausau.

H. J. Barkes was up from Humphrey yesterday.

Sheriff J. J. Clements was in the city yesterday from Madison.

John McCafferty and M. M. Sullivan, two prominent O'Neill citizens, were in Norfolk yesterday.

John R. Hays returned last night from Center, Knox county, where he had been on business in court.

John L. Rynearson, secretary of the Madison county fair association, was in Norfolk yesterday on business.

Gay McDougal of Neligh was in the city today from Plainview where he attended the Hauser-Parker wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Overacker have left for their new home at Fairmont, Neb., where he has gone into the jewelry business.

J. S. McClary returned last evening from a trip of two weeks, during which time he visited relatives in Chicago, Rockford and Belvidere, Ill.

W. M. Robertson has returned from a trip to Center, where court is in session. He was in St. Paul, Minn., last week, taking depositions in a case.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boas are this week engaged in moving from their former home, South Tenth street, to their very handsome new home on Madison avenue, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, just finished.

Dr. D. Q. Nicholson and family have arrived in the city from St. Paul, Neb., and will make their home at the new Nebraska state hospital for the insane, where Dr. Nicholson has been appointed physician by the governor. Dr. Nicholson and family are this week guests at the G. B. Salter home on North Tenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol G. Mayer are this week engaged in moving from their former home, corner Tenth street and Madison avenue, to their very beautiful new home, just finished, at the corner of Twelfth street and Norfolk avenue.

Mrs. L. L. Rembe and son Harry and little daughter left this morning to join Mr. Rembe at Minneapolis where they expect to make their future home. Mr. Rembe has been in the plumbing business in Norfolk for a number of years, but has recently disposed of his interests in that line and left for the town in Minnesota.

The Trinity Social guild will give its annual Easter dancing party at Marquardt hall tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Doleson will occupy the home being vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Boas on South Tenth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wallerstadt will occupy the home that is to be vacated by Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Doleson on North Twelfth street.

Mrs. Isaac Powers will give a "tia

shower" for Miss Lisle Wilkinson on Saturday evening. Miss Wilkinson is to be married in June.

The Easter dancing party given last night at Marquardt hall was largely attended and was much enjoyed by those present until early today.

W. R. Hoffman, who suffered a fractured rib a few days ago by falling against a sharp piece of furniture, is recovering gradually from his injury.

A conference of Lutheran ministers of Northeastern Nebraska district, Missouri synod, is in progress in Fremont and will continue until tonight. About twenty-five ministers from this section are in attendance.

Many traveling men are moving into Norfolk this spring, and are taking up new homes as fast as they can be secured. W. A. Shelfe has arrived in the city from Ponca, Neb., and will make this his home.

The Odd Fellows will meet tonight in a social session at their hall for an observance of the anniversary of the founding of the order. Members of the lodge and their ladies will spend the evening in an informally social manner.

Friends in Norfolk receive word from Rev. S. F. Sharpless that his new home in Duluth, Minn., is a very delightful place and that the family enjoy it immensely. They live near the shore of Lake Superior and the weather has been fine.

Manager George F. Bidwell, Superintendent C. H. Reynolds and Trainmaster Frank Roach yesterday took an observation trip over the South Platte territory on the Nebraska & Wyoming division of the Northwestern, headquarters of which division are in Norfolk.

Although left in bad shape by the recent heavy rains, the roads are drying rapidly beneath the warming sun. Dandelions also were effected by the sunshine yesterday, springing into existence during the afternoon. Lawns in Norfolk already need mowing and the leeman will soon be about.

W. W. Roberts, who has recently sold his insurance business, has not yet decided what he will do but he expects to leave Norfolk. Mrs. Roberts will return to Illinois with her sister for a visit in Illinois and by the time she returns, Mr. Roberts expects to be located at some other point.

A letter received by Norfolk friends from Miss Etta Hodgetts, formerly of this city, states that she is now teaching in the primary department of the New York city schools. Her sister, Miss Sadie Hodgetts, who was unwell when here, is now in a hospital in New York city. Dr. Hodgetts was formerly presiding elder of the Norfolk district, Methodist Episcopal church.

The early morning Bonesteel passenger train was delayed forty minutes today by reason of trouble in the cut just above Niohara, where the rains have caused the bluff to slide down on the track. The rails were blocked by a mound of earth and not until the trainmen could cut their way through with axes was the train enabled to proceed. The train always runs slowly around this spot so that accidents are practically impossible.

President Roberson of the commercial club has called a meeting of the board of directors for Friday evening, at 8 o'clock to be held at the office of Mapes & Hazen for the election of officers of the club and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed necessary. Chief interest in the meeting centers in the election of secretary and the board has been canvassing the situation thoroughly in an endeavor to choose someone particularly adapted to the work that will be incumbent upon him.

The new cottages at the Nebraska hospital for the insane here are not yet in use and it will be next fall, perhaps, before they are rendered available for use and before the patients who are waiting at Lincoln to be brought here, can be transferred. The contracts for tunneling beneath the buildings and connecting the cottages with the main kitchens, has not yet been let and until that is done the buildings are useless. It is predicted that the tunneling will require three months after the contracts are let.

Members of the class in the Norfolk high school, who are to graduate this year, are beginning to make preparations for their commencement exercises. There are ten members of the class and an unusually fine program, including the first play yet presented at this sort of an event in Norfolk, is being prepared. The alumni association members are beginning, too to talk of the prospective banquet and reception which will be tendered to the incoming class this year. President R. C. Powers of the alumni association is arranging to make this one of the best banquets yet known in the history of the association and those who know the executive officer feel confident that he will succeed. Much interest is being awakened in the alumni association.

Last Meeting This Season. The household economic department of the Woman's club held its last meeting for the year yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dave Baum. A delightful supper was served at the close of the afternoon, the waiters—all members of the club—being costumed as "ladies of color."

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J. J. HILL HOLDS THE KEY

REASON WHY THERE WILL BE NO RAILROAD FIGHT.

PEACE IN THE NORTHWEST

An Associate of Hill Boasts That the Great Northern Financial Operations Enable it to Break the Other Roads' Attempts.

New York, April 27.—As J. J. Hill swung down Liberty street the other day on his way from the ferry to his office, he was greeted by the cries of the newshoys calling extras of the evening papers containing fearful and wonderful accounts of the alleged "great fight" which was crumbling the prices of Northern Securities, Union Pacific and allied stocks.

"What do you think of it, Mr. Hill?" he was asked.

"If you want to believe that kind of rot," said Mr. Hill, "no one is going to stop you. It is not even respectable fiction."

Later in the day, when definite details of the "fight" were shown him, covering the alleged plans of E. H. Harriman to build a through line to the coast between the Great Northern and Northern Pacific, Mr. Hill smiled grimly:

"It looks interesting, but it would be too expensive" was all that he would say.

The exact way in which it would be too expensive is the subject matter of the following remarks, from one of the closest associates of J. J. Hill and one of the men whose names appear in the list of large holders of Northern Securities stock, recently published:

"If war of that kind broke out, the Milwaukee and the Northwestern would be up against it in three years and the Union Pacific would be itself on the verge, carrying two, or perhaps three, bankrupt railroads on its books as assets. Therefore war is not going to break out. The reason is that old man Hill has got the railroads of the great northwest by the tail, and they know it."

"The Great Northern was built across the continent on the lowest possible cost. It was built on the stock, not on bonds. The others were built on bonds and the stocks were the rakeoff. That is the reason that the Great Northern could cut its annual net earnings to \$5,000,000 and still be solvent. If you cut down the freight earnings of the Union Pacific 40 per cent—that is enough to meet the cut possible on the Great Northern without causing Hill to default—Union Pacific would not earn its charges by over \$3,000,000 a year. With a similar reduction, the Milwaukee and the Northwestern would run \$5,000,000 behind fixed charges every year."

Hill Holds the Key. "Figure as you please on the boundless credit and power of the Union Pacific, in the end it comes to this, that J. J. Hill has in his hands the key to the northwestern railroad situation. Mr. Harriman may rave in his disappointment over his defeat in the invasion of Hill territory. I do not believe that either Mr. Harriman or the bankers who have stood behind him, and to whom he owes so much of his power, will dare to lift a hand to precipitate again the state of affairs that landed the Union Pacific in receivership of 1893."

"There is not going to be war in the northwest. There is going to be peace—and the kind of peace that J. J. Hill and J. P. Morgan say that there will be. A month from now it will be known across this continent that there is peace. These alleged fights arise out of market conditions. After it is all over there will probably be a rearrangement of the situation up north, but it will take a form not looked for anywhere. It will be a split in one party—not a split between two parties. Also—it won't hurt Hill. When it is all over you will note that old man Hill is still the biggest railroad man west of the Mississippi river if not west of the Atlantic."

OLD SETTLER PASSES AWAY

Jacob Sheets, of Meadow Grove, Was Buried Yesterday.

Battle Creek, Neb. April 27.—Special to The News: Jacob Shees of Meadow Grove, who was stricken with paralysis on Friday the 14th succumbed Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock. He was an old settler, having located on a homestead thirty-eight years ago between here and Meadow Grove. He was about sixty-five years of age, an old settler and a member of John Vance post G. A. R. at Battle Creek. He was also an active member of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Meadow Grove. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery west of Meadow Grove. A delegation of the members of the G. A. R. post at this place went up to assist in the funeral ceremonies.

Battle Creek. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Risk were visitors at the county capital Sunday.

Thos. Wade made a business trip to Boyd county the first of the week.

Fred Miller, jr., and family visited Sunday with relatives at Meadow Grove.

Chas. Fenske has bought the Paul Nenow 160-acre farm four miles east for \$4,000.

C. F. Moutross has sold his residence in East Battle Creek to John Jost for \$725.

Brick sidewalks are being laid throughout the business part of town on Main street.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bierman was christened in the Lutheran church Easter Sunday.

In nine out of ten cellars in Battle Creek there is from two to four feet of water at the present time.

Miss Minnie Heuermann, matron at the Lutheran hospital at St. Louis, is here on a visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. Heuermann.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Wienck, who came here twenty years ago, disposed of their property and departed Wednesday for Cleveland, Ohio, their former home, to reside.

Ludwig Kerbel has arrived here with his family from Plattsmouth and is going into the saloon business with his sister, Mrs. Annie Severa.

The village trustees met Friday and unanimously granted saloon licenses to E. F. Hans, Lambert Kerbel and P. H. Ingoldsby; and druggists liquor permits to the Morris Drug company and Chas. Haman.

PLAN BIG RACE MEETING

TWO DAYS OF FAST EVENTS SUGGESTED FOR NORFOLK.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

It is Now Contemplated by the Horsemen to Hold a Big Race Meeting, With a Huge Celebration in Connection, This Summer.

With stalls for the accommodation of thirteen race horses, eight of them filled today and others in prospect together with a speedy half-mile track, already ditched and in fair shape, the horsemen of Norfolk are now established in a permanent way and the prospects for a two-days' racing meet here this summer are better than they have been in many years. It is contemplated by the horsemen to hold a two days' race meeting about July 4, when it is suggested by them that the city hold a Fourth of July celebration and make it altogether the biggest series of days Norfolk has seen.

"There is no reason in the world why a fine, spirited race meeting can not be held in Norfolk this summer for two days," said one of the enthusiasts this morning, "and it would be as easy as can be imagined."

By taking early dates it is believed that many horses which are being worked out over the country could be secured for entrance in the events, and that a big field could be had at an early meeting. Randolph and Wayne have dates following Sioux City in the western circuit and it has been suggested that Norfolk could sandwich dates between this circuit and the Battle Creek and Neligh races, which are included in the Nebraska circuit.

A couple of matinee events will be held here just as soon as the horses get in shape to work out. Among the horses at the race track now are Billy Onward, Minnie Wilkes, owned by Will Woods, a pacing colt owned by Pete Barnes, a bay filly owned by Jo Phillips, and Ruben W. with a mark of 2:18. Minnie Wilkes has a mark of 2:25 1/4.

More than half of the subscription funds have been paid in this far and the race track managers feel that with a little assistance from those who have already subscribed, the finances will be completely cleared. All work and labor on the stalls has been paid for and a portion of the lumber bill has been paid.

Frohloff-Tiegs. In the presence of a large number of relatives, friends and neighbors, Mr. Herman F. Frohloff and Miss Elsie Tiegs were united in marriage this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, four miles east of the city by Rev. J. P. Mueller, pastor of Christ Lutheran church. Following the ceremony the event was happily celebrated by the bridal party and the guests of the occasion. The groom is employed in the hardware store of A. Degner and they expect to make their home in one of the Nenow houses on South Sixth street.

Death Near Hadar. The 19-year-old son of Fred Mittelstadt is dead at the home of his father near Hadar, his death being the result of a serious attack of appendicitis. The funeral of the young man will be held tomorrow, a brief ceremony taking place at the house at 1 o'clock. At 2:30 a burial service will take place at the new German Lutheran cemetery on North Eleventh street. The young man's father was a member of the Sons of Herman lodge and John Schindler of Stanton is to have charge of the commitment service at the grave.

If anybody has any harness repairing to do, let him bring it in before the spring season begins. Paul Nordwig.

Want ads telephoned to The News up until 2 o'clock will get in that day's paper.

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