

REMAKING OF A THEATER

RADICAL CHANGE BEEN MADE IN ENTRY-WAY.

SLANT-FLOOR REPLACES STEPS

The Old Danger of an Accident Because of the Stairway in the Entrance Has Been Removed and the Steps Thrown Into the Alley.

A great many radical changes have been made in the Norfolk Auditorium during the past few weeks, but none is more drastic than the alteration which has been effected in regard to the entrance, where an effort has been made to do away with all chance of an accident which might have resulted in a jam under the old conditions.

Behind the Curtain. There are a number of other radical changes in the building. As much work and expense has been devoted behind the curtain, on the stage and under the stage, as out in the public portion of the playhouse.

The Auditorium management takes exception to the word "crimson" as used in these columns with regard to the new color of the sidewalls. "Deep rich red" is the precise term applied by the house manager.

Three new furnaces are now in position to make heat for the theater and it is believed that there will be no longer the complaint of cold feet.

Doors have been installed at the entryways to the balcony, so that the stairways will no longer act as chimneys for drawing all of the heat.

Every effort is being made to fit the house for the opening night next Tuesday evening, January 29, when Alberta Gallatin, presenting "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," will be seen here for the first time.

The new drop curtain has been finished with an entirely new painting and advertising cards have been removed. A new finish has been placed around the proscenium which it is believed will add to the theater's attractiveness.

The boxes, which have always been unfinished and crude, have been touched up with an effort to make them more presentable.

Audiences hereafter, it is believed, will be able to hear what the actors say. Many defects were unearthed and remedied. Among the most prominent factors under the old arrangement in making it impossible to hear was the current of hot air from pit to stage.

The following advance notice, furnished by the company, has been received concerning Miss Gallatin and her play:

In the realm of romantic drama this season, there is no production more elaborate and picturesque than that of "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall," which Ernest Shipman has prepared for Miss Alberta Gallatin's starring tour.

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the few "dramatized novels" to preserve the atmosphere and plot of the original story, while fitted to the requirements of the stage in color, life and dramatic climaxes.

The Norfolk Democrat says: "The Auditorium is now in the hands of decorators and carpenters. The owner is sparing neither effort or money to make this one of the best opera houses in this part of the state.

LEGISLATORS ARE HERE

NEBRASKA LAWMAKERS LOOK OVER INSANE HOSPITAL.

NEED THREE NEW BUILDINGS

Hospital for Acute Female Cases, \$60,000; Cottage for Chronic Male Cases, \$20,000; Stable, \$7,500 Are All Needed Badly—Sleep in Attics.

Over a dozen state legislators of Nebraska visited the Norfolk insane hospital during the day for the purpose of recommending an appropriation with an understanding of the institution's needs.

Dr. Young states that a new hospital for the acute female cases is needed. This, it is estimated, would cost \$60,000. It would be unlike either the cottages or the new reconstructed wing, but would resemble the wing.

A new cottage for the male chronic cases is needed, which would cost \$20,000. A new stable capable of caring for thoroughbred stock, in order that a large quantity and good quality of milk may be had, is needed.

The institution is now so crowded that dormitories for the female patients are being fitted up in the attics of cottages and there in the garrets these unfortunates sleep, because the state has not provided more room.

There are at present forty patients from northern Nebraska in the Lincoln hospital, who ought to be in Norfolk because they came originally from this hospital and were transferred to Lincoln at the time of the fire.

Dr. Young and other insane hospital authorities are much in favor of a bill providing that each insane hospital in the state care for its own acute cases, which would change the Hastings asylum from one for the incurable to one like that at Lincoln or here.

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FEDERAL COURT TO STAY

SENATOR MILLARD WILL PROTECT NORFOLK.

REPLIES TO THE TELEGRAM

In Response to the Appeal From Norfolk Citizens, United States Senator Millard Gives Assurance That Court Sticks Here.

"No attempt will be made to eliminate Norfolk as a federal court town." This was the text of a telegram received from United States Senator Millard in response to the message sent to him last week by The News, carrying the petition of many Norfolk citizens that this city's interests be protected in that regard.

The petition was sent because of a report from Washington, printed in the Lincoln Journal, stating that an amendment would be introduced to the Norris bill designating Grand Island, Omaha and Alliance as federal court points in northern Nebraska, thus eliminating Norfolk.

MONDAY MENTION. Albert Elliott is visiting his mother. W. Spence of Madison was in the city on Saturday.

Mrs. C. E. Burnham and Miss Fate Burnham are spending a few days in Tilden.

J. H. Conley went to Fremont yesterday on business.

O. J. Johnson returned from Excelsior Springs yesterday.

H. F. Barnhart went to Creighton Sunday on legal business.

Martin Tuma has gone to Pilger to take charge of a contract.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dyson of Arlington were city visitors Saturday.

Walter Compton returned to Pilger, after spending Sunday in Norfolk.

James Roseborough left at noon for Tilden to conduct a number of sales.

Mrs. Sieger of Meadow Grove is visiting relatives and friends in the city.

E. L. Loucks spent Sunday at home, returning to his work in Pilger Monday morning.

Sidney McNeely spent Sunday at home, returning to Bonesteel yesterday afternoon.

A. G. Grammeyer and E. M. Peterson were over from Wayne on business Saturday.

S. R. Carney, while walking down a flight of stairs, slipped yesterday and broke his wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Green of Inman stopped off in Norfolk Monday on their way to Bonesteel.

Miss Lola Lintecum returned to her home on the Rosebud yesterday, after a few days' visit in Norfolk.

Mrs. W. H. Dexter is expected this evening from Hastings to spend a few days with friends in the city.

Arthur Lintecum, who has been visiting in Norfolk for the past few days, returned to his claim near Burke yesterday.

Dr. C. A. McKim passed through Norfolk last night on his way west, on state work. He will return to Norfolk Wednesday.

Carl Austin came home yesterday from Bonesteel, where he has been employed by the Northwestern railroad company.

Miss Lottie Kuhl has gone to Iowa for a visit with friends and relatives. She will visit in LeMars, Maurice, Orange City, Sioux City and Hawarden before returning.

D. Eandy was over from Wayne yesterday.

A. D. Jones of Ewing spent Sunday in Norfolk.

E. D. Lundok of Wayne was in the city yesterday.

L. J. Davis was in Norfolk yesterday from Craig.

J. K. Harting of Verdigré spent Sunday in Norfolk.

J. R. Stueker of Stanton was a city visitor Saturday.

M. McDonnell of Bonesteel was in the city yesterday.

Miss Bertha Shaffer has accepted the position as cashier in Rome Miller's eating house.

G. W. Livingston, the blight machine in the shops, has been transferred to Missouri Valley.

Hans Christenson of Long Pine is here visiting his cousin, Jake Christenson, who is ill.

Miss Walling of Fremont is visiting with her brother, Nick Walling and family, for a few days.

Mrs. Roland Selger of Meadow Grove, formerly of Norfolk, is here visiting with friends.

Mrs. Mary Ellenwood of Sioux City is here visiting with her stepson, W. E. Ellenwood and family.

The O. R. C's. held a business meeting in the Railroad hall last night and initiated two new conductors.

Engineers J. W. McNamee and Andy Dryden reported for work this morning after a month's visit in Canada.

Jake Christenson, who has been quite sick for the past week, is slowly improving and is now able to sit up.

Miss Clara Anderson returned Saturday from Oakdale, where she was visiting Misses Emily and Beatie Hutcherson, formerly of here.

Frank Kroler and family of Superior, Wisconsin, moved here and are now staying with Mrs. Kroler's sister, Mrs. Wm. Hill. Mr. Kroler will work in the shops as night machinist.

A very fine male quartette was rendered by four members of the Second Congregational church last night, the same being Fred Merriam, Al Wilkinson, Hans Anderson and M. Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. John Koerber returned on the train Saturday evening from their honeymoon. They have spent the past three weeks in Chicago, Madison, Wisconsin, and Irvington, visiting relatives. A crowd of young folks met them at the depot with tin cans and rice, and after they had made some noise at his house he treated them all. Mr. and Mrs. Koerber will immediately start housekeeping in the house on Second street formerly occupied by Mr. Peters, where we wish them joy.

D. Mathewson has been ill for the past few days.

A number of snow plows have been taken from this division of the Northwestern into Iowa, where a very severe snow storm has occurred.

Charles A. Madsen, formerly of Norfolk, is ill in San Antonio, Texas, where he recently went for his health. He has been suffering from pleurisy and for five weeks was in a plaster of Paris cast. He will be there for some time to come.

A surprise party was held at the home of Miss Heida Wichman last evening for Miss Mary Rumbold, who leaves for her home in LeMars, Iowa, at noon. The event was attended by a jolly crowd of young people who thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

It is reported from the Rosebud that many of the employes on construction work in connection with the Northwestern railroad extension, have quit work and the camp is pretty nearly deserted. It is said that the temperature fell to twenty degrees below zero there and many froze their faces.

Dr. Somers of Omaha, who was called in consultation over W. M. Robertson, who has been ill for some days, confirmed the diagnosis that had been made by Dr. Salter and it is said that the condition of Mr. Robertson continues very serious. Mr. Robertson's daughter in Syracuse, N. Y., and other members of his family have been notified. Mr. Robertson's mother in Omaha is also very seriously ill.

A. B. Dillon of Oakdale, deputy grand master workman in the A. O. U. W. of Nebraska, who began last week a campaign in behalf of that order in Norfolk, has already secured a dozen new applications and the prospects are that nearly 100 new men will want the protection offered by this solid organization in Norfolk. The A. O. U. W. is the oldest fraternal insurance order in existence.

The weather bureau issued a special report Saturday announcing a drop of twenty degrees in the temperature within twenty-four hours. Saturday night was a cold one, with a high wind from the northwest driving the chill through humanity. The weather moderated during Monday.

The U. C. T. order held a very enjoyable social session on Saturday night in Odd Fellows hall. In spite of the inclement weather quite a number of the traveling men and their ladies ventured out. Whist, litch and music were features of the evening, after which a dainty three course luncheon was served. It proved a success as all the social sessions of the U. C. T.'s do.

The service at which a large flag was to be presented to the trustees of the M. E. church through the efforts of J. W. Bovee, who raised money for the purchasing of the flag, and which had to be postponed on account of the colored funeral held in the church several Sundays ago, will be held next Sunday at 3 o'clock in the M. E. church. Pastors of the other churches have been asked to take part in the services and will deliver addresses. W. R. Hoffman has been chosen by the trustees to respond to the presentation.

The committee in charge of the Elks annual ball, which will be held in the club rooms on the coming Friday night, met and completed all arrangements. The following committees were appointed: Reception—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Greene, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mapes and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Huse; refreshments—J. C. Sitt, C. S. Farber, C. P. Parish; decorations—C. B. Salter, N. A. Huse; floor committee—E. H. Trauer, J. C. Sitt, C. B. Salter, C. S. Parker, N. A. Huse.

ALL PRAISE FOR DR. YOUNG

SEVENTEEN LEGISLATORS DELIGHTED WITH HOSPITAL.

GREAT PROGRESS IS SHOWN

Legislators are Entertained by Local Business Men—Discuss Bills—One Bill Will Spread Tuberculosis, if it is Passed.

Words of highest praise for the efficiency of Dr. G. A. Young, superintendent of the state insane hospital here, were to be heard on the lips of every one of the seventeen Nebraska legislators who spent the day in Norfolk to look over the institution.

The legislative representatives were delighted with the conditions found and it seemed from their disposition afterward at the Elk club, where they were met by business men of the city, that the appropriation asked for to erect new buildings and run the hospital for the biennium, will receive highly favorable consideration at the lawmakers' hands.

"I was immensely surprised at conditions found there," said one of the senators. "Dr. Young is certainly the right man in the right place. He has the office down to a science. There is no mistaking his records, which are as clean and detailed as could be. The institution is in excellent condition."

The legislators seemed to appreciate the necessity for additional buildings. A hospital for acute female cases is badly needed, it was admitted, and will cost \$60,000; a cottage for chronic male cases, it was conceded, is badly needed. This will cost \$20,000. The stable to cost \$7,500, asked for by Dr. Young, was discussed and argued to considerable extent. It was said that some sort of a stable will be built. It was also said by one senator that a chicken house, that the institution may quit buying eggs, will be built.

Found Fine Stock. The legislature found a great deal of pure blooded stock in pork and cattle, and it was recognized by some of them that a scientific modern stable was a thing of necessity.

The legislators here were: A. L. Clarke, Hastings; C. A. Randall, Newman Grove; Dr. W. G. Fletcher, Orchard; A. P. Pilger, Stanton; Dr. W. H. Wilson, Table Rock; C. R. Besse, Richmond; S. W. Green, Ewing; A. L. Kenesaw, Kenesaw; H. M. Eaton, Lincoln; H. D. Bryan, Decatur; C. L. Saunders, Omaha; I. C. Eller, Blair; E. O. White, Cairo.

The visitors were entertained at the Elks, where a lunch was served. They took the early train for Lincoln.

Many business men took advantage of the opportunity to meet these lawmakers.

SPREADING TUBERCULOSIS.

Effort to Defeat Veterinary Measure Recently Introduced.

"I can't understand why a bill should be introduced into the legislature to allow any man who has practiced veterinary surgery for five years to become registered and be labelled a 'Dr.," said one of the senators. "It is all in the interest of quacks of that profession, and it is wrong. It will result in more tuberculosis in this state than any other one thing."

"As a nation we are spending millions to fight the great white plague. Yet we are encouraging it and actually spreading it by this act."

"Veterinarians more than anybody else can stop consumption among people, by curing consumption among animals. People get tuberculosis from animals."

None of it Where No Cows. "I once heard a professor in lecturing say that people do not have tuberculosis where there are no cattle."

"Tuberculosis is spreading among Nebraska cattle and swine. The result will be a spread among Nebraska people. You people in Norfolk will feel the effects of a spread of this disease which is now going on among cattle and swine in this very section. I know whereof I speak."

"I am told by a veterinarian who has visited this section that he discovered recently a tubercular cow on a farm near Norfolk. The farmer, not knowing of the disease, wanted medicine for the cow. It was refused, because the cow should have been killed. After spreading the disease among the herd, the cow was finally killed. An enormous abscess was unearthed in her lungs. That herd was infected."

That Milk Being Used. "Yet milk from that herd was then and is still being sent to Omaha, where it is either used for milk or in butter. It is spreading tuberculosis."

"To make a law which will allow any man, no matter how qualified, to become a registered veterinarian, will drive out scientific men—the better men of the profession—and the diseases will reign unchecked."

"Instead of this law, Nebraska ought to impose heavy taxes upon these men and protect human life by keeping down animal disease."

"In California a local veterinarian in every town is compelled by law to inspect all meat butchered at local shops, but in Nebraska any old diseased meat can be butchered."

PROGRESSIVE LIFE.

New Game in Ottinson at Masonic Entertainment.

Ottinson, Neb., Jan. 21.—Special to The News: The members of the Masonic order and ladies, as well as all

members of the Eastern Star lodge, were well entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Allen. "Progressive Life," an original game of the house, was the order of the evening, and in place of the goat they employed the donkey. Very sumptuous was the supper, followed by ice cream and cake.

Miss Zink, the county superintendent, was up from O'Neill attending the reception of the Eastern Star ladies at the home of Mrs. Allen.

Mr. Coryell of Norfolk had a prospective buyer for Holt county land in Atkinson and vicinity for a short time Saturday.

The three-year-old child of John Jarvis, living about one mile from town, died after a very short illness and was buried from the M. E. church, Rev. Mr. Bowen of the Presbyterian church officiating, owing to the illness of the Methodist pastor.

A terrific wind prevailed for some twenty-four hours and caused a great fall in the temperature in a few hours and might well be called a cold wave, which the weather man predicted.

ECONOMY THE WATCHWORD

SEVERAL SALARIED JOBS ARE TO BE CHOPPED DOWN.

RANDALL HAS TWO MEASURES

Senator From This District Has Convincing Argument for Protection of Public Against Unworthy Lessees and for Forcible Entry and Detention

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 21.—Special to The News: Economy seems to be the general sentiment of the legislature, and it seems probable that the number of salaried positions will be materially reduced. Several clerkships and deputyships are likely to be abolished, and few new officers and boards created.

Senator Randall of Madison has in convincing language explained to the judiciary committee that his legislative mission is to introduce and secure the passage of two bills. One is a bill protecting the public against unworthy lessees and the other a forcible entry and detention measure. His first bill contained several technical defects and he was advised by the committee to draw up a new bill and reintroduce it.

"I consider the bill an economy in all respects and that three members are fully able to handle the affairs of the fire and police department," declared Senator L. C. Gibson of South Omaha in defense of his bill amending the act creating the board of fire and police commissioners. His amendments provide for the appointment by the governor of three members of the board from among the electors of the city; and that these three with the mayor as an ex-officio member having advisory power but no vote, shall perform the work now done by five members.

"I had no idea of thus creating an office which I might fill," Senator Gibson went on to insist, "and in fact I would not be eligible to the office at all by the express provisions of the constitution. I had no idea of any person whom I would recommend for membership on the board. I am of the opinion there was nothing in the bill which the best element in the city should not support."

Another bill in which Senator Gibson is interested will, if passed, reduce the number of saloons in South Omaha from sixty-eight to fifty. It aims to prevent the brewing companies from monopolizing the retail liquor trade by erecting the buildings, advancing license fees and hiring bartenders to conduct their business on a small percent of the profits. In cities above 25,000 the number of licenses granted should not be greater than one to each 1,000 of the population.

The railroad men of the state are behind the employers' liability act which Adam McMillen has introduced in the house. It provides for a grading scaling of damages to be obtained from corporations according to the degree of contributory negligence on the part of the injured employee.

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE FOR NELIGH

Meeting to Consider Voting Bonds for Fine New Building.

Neligh, Neb., Jan. 21.—Special to The News: A call has been issued to the voters of school district No. 9 of the city of Neligh to meet this evening at the court house at 8:00 o'clock sharp to consider the question of voting bonds in the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of building a new school house, and upon a new site in the city of Neligh and disposing of the school house the district now owns. It is the intention to have the new building more centrally located, thus doing away with an extra school house in the west part of town. All indications at this time show that the sentiment of the people are heartily in favor of the present proposition, and no doubt the bonds will be voted.

UPHOLD MUELLER'S INNOCENCE

Stanton People Do Not Believe He Liberated Gebhardt.

Stanton people, according to the Picket, do not believe the story from Madison that August Mueller broke open the jail and liberated George Gebhardt, the forger. The Stanton paper suggests that Mueller would naturally try to lay the blame on Mueller instead of his friends, if he belongs to a gang.