

## THEATRE NEWS

Season Opens next Tuesday Evening with "St. Elmo." Few Dramatizations of Famous Old Novel. Unique and Original Version.

### The Talk of the Season.

"St. Elmo" which gave such universal satisfaction in this city last Christmas, will be presented to the people of New Ulm next Tuesday evening. This production although somewhat different from the former is equal to if not better than the one that was here last year.

The announcement that the excellent play "St. Elmo," will be given at the Turner Theatre next Tuesday evening, will be received with interest by an unusually large percentage of the population, for practically everyone has read this sterling work of fiction.

The book, from which the play has been carefully taken, was written by Augusta J. Evans more than forty years ago, but, notwithstanding the lapse of time, it is still a highly prized volume in every library and to-day at every book-store runs the "six best sellers" a close race for popularity. Three generations have praised "St. Elmo," and it is a curious fact that theatrical producers have not before appropriated it to their uses. It is less than a year ago that Grace Hayward, the popular actress-dramatist, and author of the play "Graustark" undertook a dramatization of the famous old novel.

The present play is the result of more than six months' labor and that the time was well spent is evidenced by the instantaneous success of Miss Hayward's version. The play is a genuine triumph both from an artistic and financial point of view. In fact, among theatrical folk, it is the talk of the year.

The management guarantees that this city will receive the original company in its entirety, a cast of absolute trustworthiness and a production in harmony with the general merits of the entertainment.

## High School Notes.

The Athena and Thalian Literary Societies were started last week. The following officers were elected for the Athena society: President, Amelia Bouchard; vice president, John Koop; secretary, Elsie Marti; program committee, Leola Strickler, Elsie Marti, Carl Hein. Officers for the Thalian society: President, Albert Fritsche; vice president, Edna Edwards; secretary, Elsa Hein; program committee, Joseph Wheeler, Elsa Hein, Lorena Buehrer.

The Senior Class organized last week. The following officers were elected: President, Joseph Wheeler; vice president, Edna Edwards; secretary, Andrew Amann; treasurer, Armand Groebner; sergeant at arms, Franklin Blume.

The Seniors last week issued a challenge to any misfit football team of the 3 lower classes of the high school. Both teams are practicing very diligently every day and although the Misfits are out weighed by 30lbs. A game will be played which will be worth while seeing. The game will be played at 4:30 p. m. Wednesday afternoon if weather conditions are favorable. It is hoped that the students all turn out under their rooter kings. The game takes place at McHale's Ball Park. The public is welcome.

Janet Massapust returned to High School Monday.

Report cards were given out last week to the Juniors and Seniors only, there being an insufficient supply on hand to go around. The extra books have now arrived and were given out yesterday to the two lower classes.

### Committee Organizes.

The candidates on the Democratic County ticket and the chairman of the last convention, together with members of the old county committee, met at this city Tuesday evening and organized by the election of Fred Pfander, chairman, and Wm. Mueller of Springfield, secretary. The other members of the county committee consist of John Steltjes of New Ulm, W. R. Hodges of Sleepy Eye and Nels Ouren of Hanska. Chris Filzen of New Ulm was made treasurer of the committee. Local committees in each city, village and township, were also appointed.

## STATE PENITENTIARY REPORT

### Interesting Report by Warden Wolfer.

There were 706 inmates of the state prison Aug. 1, 1910, according to the ninth annual report of Warden Henry Wolfer submitted to the state board of control.

This is 41 more than at the same time two years ago. Eleven of the 706 were women and 90 were serving life sentences.

There are 508 single prisoners, 71 married and having no children, 95 married and with children, and 22 widowers with children. Since the parole law went into effect in 1894, 1151 prisoners were paroled.

The financial report shows a net profit from the twine plant during the last two years of \$373,280.93, an increase of \$16,560.06 over the previous biennial earnings.

Per capita earnings of the prisoners were \$338.62 in 1910 and \$409.59 in 1909. Expense per capita was \$201.08 in 1910 and \$208.36 in 1909.

The prison Chautauqua Society is well attended and continues a healthful source for mental development. It is officered by the prisoners themselves and the widest range of liberty consistent with good discipline is allowed and encouraged.

Some individuals in prison as well as in the world at large are discouraged, if not killed, by that baneful influence that comes from following the dead line of monotony. Prison discipline and prison requirements at the best are gloomy. If the situation was rightly understood—the modern prison would provide more amusement and entertainment, more of the real currents of healthful life, than is now customary, or in many instances possible. Some of our best people think that modern prison methods have already gone too far in this direction. On the other hand, the sentimentalist is carried to the extreme in the other direction—some going so far as to express the belief that we should do away with locks and bars and prison walls—in fact, treat the convict with marked consideration—because he has broken the law. The practical, true angel of vision, is between these two extremes. On this middle ground we must think out and develop those reformatory principles which will aid the fallen man to regain his feet and stand alone. The New Prison will give us ample facilities to work out some of these prison problems.

### Same old Moral.

Here is what the New York Journal, a newspaper with so large a circulation that it is printed on nine presses, calls a good story:

A man lost a pocketbook containing \$4,000 in cash. He lost it among those supposed to be his friends. There were no outsiders there, no disreputable characters. What was he to do? Before you hear what HE did, answer this: What would YOU do in such a case? You could do many things. Advertise a reward, go to the police, hire private detectives, go to each of those that were in the room when the money was lost, and make a personal appeal, trusting that the man with the money would give it back; you could try any number of plans, use all your powers of appeal and imagination. What, do you think, would be the best way to get back the money? The man in the story did nothing at all. And he got his money. He said not a word to any one about his loss. He did not tell his partner, he did not even tell his wife. He let no word slip that would even cause a suspicion in any one's mind that the money was gone. He was, consequently, absolutely sure that only two human beings knew anything about the lost money—himself and the supposed friend by whom the lost pocketbook had been dishonestly kept. Patiently the man kept silent, and waited. He waited a week, then six months, and at last, after a year had gone by, one of those that had been with him when the money was lost, said to him casually: "By the way, did you ever find who got that pocketbook you lost?" "Yes," answered the loser, "I found out this minute. You got the money, and you're going to give it back to me." The other, taken by surprise, frightened by the certainty with which the man accused him, made some lame excuse about "meaning to give him a fright that would teach him to be careful," and returned the money.

Same old moral. Keep your mouth shut.

## AFTER VARSITY DEGREE

Fifteen Year-Old Graduate of Mechanic Arts too Small to Carry Gun in the Cadet Corps.

Harold Hauenstein, Well Known in New Ulm is Called "Baby" by Fellow Students.

St. Paul Pioneer Press under date of Sept. 29, says.

Fifteen years old, 4 feet 11 inches tall, and a wearer of knee trousers, Harold Hauenstein, 393 Fuller avenue, is a freshman at the University of Minnesota. This "baby"—referred to as such by students at the "U"—was graduated from Mechanic Arts high school last June. He also has a diploma from Cretin high school.

In the university postoffice a box in one of the lower tiers has been given the youthful collegian in order that he may get his mail without the use of a ladder, and in the military drill he will be placed in the bugle corps and be spared the duty of carrying a gun bigger than himself.

"I requested this," said Harold last night. "Not very tall as it is, to carry a weapon weighing fourteen pounds three hours a week would bend me over to the size of a kindergarten pupil."

The lad is a student in the college of science, literature and arts. Within the next two years the young freshman shall have decided what profession or business occupation he will follow through life.

The Hauenstein home resembled an institution of learning when a reporter called to visit with Harold. Two sisters of the lad were endeavoring to solve difficult problems in algebra; Harold was talking to a friend over the telephone about the cane rush to be held at the "U" in the near future.

"I'm small, but perhaps can be of some assistance," he had just finished saying when the reporter entered. The latter asked Mr. Hauenstein if Harold was at home—he was unable to believe that the child who sat beside the telephone was a college student.

"That is my son," said the proud father. Harold, in knee trousers and wearing a sweater which but added to his youthful appearance, hung up the receiver and advanced toward his visitor.

"You aren't the first one puzzled," he said.

After talking with the boy at some length, the reporter asked him if he had decided upon fitting himself for some profession.

"I would like him to be a physician," said Mrs. Hauenstein, "but am afraid it would cost too much."

"And I want him to be a business man—a business man in every sense of the word. There are few with good educations, and I know what I am talking about." This from the lad's father.

"And I haven't given the matter much thought," said Harold. "I am young yet, and have plenty of time to consider."

Mrs. Hauenstein said that neighbors have laughed at her decision to allow the boy a university education.

"But my husband and I know what we are doing," she said. "Of course, we are denying ourselves many pleasures in order to pay his fees, but some day Harold will repay us, won't you son?" The lad smiled and bowed his head in assent.

Harold entered grammar school when six years old. He attended until he had finished the sixth grade, when he was admitted to the Cretin high school. After receiving a diploma, he became a student at Mechanic Arts. Not content with the learning he received during the school year, Harold attends business college during summer.

"I have learned enough shorthand to be able to take notes and parts of lectures at the university," he said.

### New Ulm Horse a Winner.

Cap Neno has won fame and also an enviable reputation for New Ulm with his fast horse Axtella Wilkes. He would have received first prize in the whole circuit, had it not been for a few accidents that happened to the horse on the tracks. Cap Neno would have surely and easily carried off the honors at Rochester, had it not been for a collision with another horse, whereby it became necessary to withdraw it from the track. Axtella got first prizes at St. Peter, New Ulm, St. James and Kasson and second prize at Mankato.

## CAMPAIGN ORATORS BUSY

### James Gray and Fred W. Johnson Speak Before Rock County Audience.

Fred W. Johnson, Democratic candidate for secretary of state, left Friday afternoon for Worthington, where he joined James Gray, Democratic candidate for governor to go to Luverne where both spoke Saturday afternoon. From Luverne they went over to Pipestone to address an audience at that place. Mr. Johnson made a splendid impression upon the voters. His addresses were strictly political, discussing national and state issues.

Mr. Gray spoke for less than fifteen minutes, confining himself to the subject of insurgency. He made no mention whatever of county option.

### Sleepy Eye.

Herald-Dispatch

Sunday night during the rain, lightning struck near the John Girg place in Town Leavenworth and killed five cows, four yearling calves and two 2-year old heifers. The stock was insured in the Stark Farmers Insurance Co. and the loss was adjusted by Arnold Hillesheim on Monday and \$168 was paid Mr. Girg for his loss. Lightning also struck the farm house of Aug. Meyer of Stark and did quite a lot of damage to the house, happily no one was injured.

Married—Tuesday afternoon Sept. 27th, at St. John's German Lutheran Church, by Rev. Zich, Mr. Adolph Remele to Miss Alma Bellig. At the conclusion of the ceremony the young couple were given a reception at the home of the bride's parents.

There passed away at the home of his daughter at Lake Preston S. D. Tuesday, one of the pioneer preachers of Brown county, S. C. Madsen, for many years retired as a preacher of the gospel after a couple months illness passed to the great beyond. The body was brought to this city and Thursday the funeral was held at the Congregational church. Interment at Home cemetery. His wife preceded him in death some sixteen years ago. One daughter Mrs. Andrew Clausen, of Lake Preston S. D. and a son of North Dakota survive. Mr. Madsen was about 70 years of age and tuberculosis was cause of death.

### Cottonwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Dauer of Usulia, California are spending a month with friends and relatives around here.

A girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lann last Saturday.

Mr. Peter Reinarts is receiving medical treatment at the St. Mary's hospital at St. Paul. He is reported as being seriously ill.

Anton Sprenger purchased the Herman Bentzin farm at \$60 per acre. The latter will hold a public sale Oct. 15, 1910.

Jos. Helget will hold a public auction on the Martin Schnobrich farm Oct. 8, 1910.

Threshing is about done around here.

## FOUR CHILDREN AT PRAYER

Peculiar Petitions to the Throne of Grace Made Without Intentional Irreverence.

The late Bishop Foss at a dinner at his Arch street residence in Philadelphia, talked in an interesting way one evening of children's prayers.

"That a study of evil—in novels or plays—teaches us to avoid evil," he said, "is a very doubtful theory. A Bala mother told her little boy one day of the children of Israel and their worship of the golden calf, and the next day she found the urchin in the stable praying to his pony.

"A little girl was bidden to return thanks in her prayers for the healthy birth of a baby brother. She did so, concluding the prayer reproachfully with: 'But, Lord, we needed a motor car far more.'

"A boy of seven showed a spirit we might all emulate when, in the midst of a storm, he prayed: 'Please, God, don't hurt me! I'm only a very, very little boy.'

"Another boy, as he rose from his knees at his bedside, was reminded that he 'hadn't prayed for grandma's safety.'

"What, he cried. 'Has she got one too? And yet you say little boys can't manage them!'"—Los Angeles Times.

## A WARNING TO CHICKEN THIEVES IN NEW ULM AND VICINITY

Ten Years For Chicken Thief.

Robber, 28 Years Old, Sent to Penitentiary by Iowa Judge.

Mason City, Iowa, Sept. 26.—One of the most severe penalties for a minor crime ever meted out in Iowa was imposed on Leroy Billings, twenty-eight years old, when Judge Fellows sentenced him to ten years in the Iowa penitentiary at Anamosa upon his conviction on the charge of stealing chickens. James Warren and William Warthen, both of Allamakee county, who were arrested with him, were not convicted. The New Ulm experts might take a warning lesson from the above, because the citizens will favor a punishment for the first culprit that is caught along the lines of the decision of the Iowa judge.

## Federation of Women's Clubs.

The sixteenth annual convention of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs was held last week in St. Peter. In the opinion of the officers and delegates it was the most successful meeting in the history of the federation.

The progress of the Federation, the work in civic affairs and the aims of the organization were set forth in the report of Mrs. T. F. Kinney of Minneapolis. The Federation has a membership of 11,827, nine clubs having been added during the year, adding 800 members to the list.

New Ulm was represented by Mrs. H. D. Beussmann, Mrs. W. C. Miller, Mrs. John Buschers, Mrs. L. B. Krook, Mrs. H. L. Beecher, Mrs. F. H. Behnke and Mrs. Alex Russell of West Newton.

A paper by Mrs. H. L. Beecher, New Ulm, in charge of the handicraft committee, was read. The discussion was the more interesting because of the handicraft exhibit, the articles of which were displayed in the rest room. The exhibit was secured from the arts and crafts guild of Minneapolis. Requests have been received from both Iowa and Dakota for a loan of the exhibit. It consists of stencil art designs, metal, wood and leather work, weaving and needle work. Mrs. Beecher strongly urged that the towns and cities of the state secure the loan of the exhibit, which can be had by paying the cost of transportation. It would tend to have a refining influence on the community and encourage many of the arts.

### A Rising Profession.

"What's your friends business?" "Oh, he's a discoverer of new Rembrandts."—Fliegende Blaetter.

## ASSIST YOUR MAIL CARRIER

Is the Earnest Request of the Post-Office Department.

You Should Provide Facilities, for the Receipt of your Mail.

By direction of the Post Office Department, Postmaster Peterson invites the attention of patrons of the local office to the advantages of providing facilities for the receipt of their mail by erecting conveniently accessible boxes or cutting suitable slots in their doors. Such action would enable the postmaster to give a prompter and better delivery service with the means at his disposal, since the carriers can cover much more territory in less time if not compelled to wait for an answer to their ring. Private receptacles for mail are also a great convenience to the householder, obviating the necessity of responding to the carrier's call at inconvenient moments and permitting the safe delivery of mail in the absence of members of the household. They also prevent the occasional necessity of a carrier's proceeding on his route without delivering mail because of failure to answer his ring within a reasonable time, and enable him to make deliveries to patrons living on or near the end of the route at an earlier hour.

It has been shown by actual experience that the benefits derived by patrons of city delivery from the use of such receptacles far outweigh the small expense involved. As this office is interested in furnishing the best possible service at the least expense, your compliance with the foregoing suggestions will be much appreciated.

### Equitable Fraternal Union.

District Deputy I. Roberts of Mankato has been in the city for the past few weeks working in the interest of the Equitable Fraternal Union of Neenah, Wis. Mr. Roberts has met with unusual success having been able last Tuesday evening to initiate eighteen new members. This is quite an addition to the local organization which is one of the strongest in the city.

The Fraternal Union was organized in 1897 and has since that time paid death claims to the amount of \$848,681.82. It has accumulated a reserve fund of \$1,100,220.17 and is today one of the strongest insurance companies in the country. Mr. Roberts expects to enroll a number of new members this week.

### Not Much.

She—"Well, I hope you are going to write a letter to the man who insulted you." He (an actor)—"What, make him a present of my autograph? Not much."—Pele Mele.

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