

BROADWAY SLAPS BACK AT RURAL CRITICS IN PLAY

George M. Cohan Presents 'Home Towners' for a Long Run.

By The NEA Play Jury
NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—George M. Cohan, in his newest play, gives his regards to Main Street.

And since Mons. Cohan is highly urban and to the Broadway manner born, these regards are none too warm.

The play is "The Home Towners," and represents Cohan at his most Cohan-esque.

Its basis is the common suspicion and animosity of metropolis and average town. The small town frowns upon the city slicker and the metropolis becomes superior to the yokel. The small town views the metropolitan population as so many potential crooks and the metropolis looks upon the Main Streeters as victims of smugness and hypocrisy. There is, doubtless, something to be said for both sides.

A son of South Bend, which becomes symbol for the "provinces," has made a fortune in New York. He is about to marry and invites his closest friends from the old home town to attend. One Bancroft, after a few drinks, becomes suspicious that the bride and her family are typical "city slickers" trying to get his friend's cash. This precipitates a crisis. The bride's family starts in pursuit of the accused and the wind-up is a very Cohan-esque assault on the "small town mind," quite as certain to get the crowd as did the grand old flag-stuff of the earlier Cohan pieces.

Earl Carroll's Revue of 1925 does little to improve the standard of major league revues. The "big" producer can learn wit, taste and originality by visiting the smaller efforts as "Americanus" and the Gerrick Gatties. The best of them was "The Merry Wold," with its collection of adroit and skillful Britishers. It perished while many bawdy things survived, and the Shuberts will send it on the road under the title of "The Passing Show." Which is Broadway's loss and the road's gain.

The Carroll opus is presented and presented about the same taste the manager uses in his publicity. . . .

Lawrence Lander, who should know better, since he has written good satirical stage material and has had long association with the Theatrical Guild, provides Broadway with a standardized farce, "Henry, Be-neath." He uses the old amnesia device wherein a soured and crabbed old geezer gets tapped on the bean, loses his identity and reverts to his devilish youth back in the Anna Held days. Thus he tips off his past to his kin and associates and humanizes himself in their eyes.

Meanwhile the theatrical astrologers proceed with the serious business of casting the stars.

Jeanne Eagels, who has given two years of her life to "Rain," goes to a less psychopathic comedy, "The Garden of Eden," a part originally considered for Katherine Alexander, who shifts to Owen Davis' "Gentle Grafters."

Pauline Lord also ends her two-year appearance in "They Knew What They Wanted," a role that sent her skyrocketing among the dramatic notables, and is cast for "Sandalwood," a sardonic comedy regarding which there has been much advance favor. It seems that Owen Davis dashed it off a couple of years ago, gave all the managers a chance at it and found them unfriendly to it. Thus it kicked around until Robert Milton decided he wanted it, and now finally has got it.

Jane Cowl, who has been bringing the crowned heads of Europe to her feet, returns to America with a French play, "La Riposte." Which reminds us that the invasion of foreign plays will be more formidable than ever.

Thus far seventy-two productions, or one-fourth of the entire year's output, will be of foreign manufacture. Among these will be a new Michael Arlen: "A Cavalier of the Streets," a Somerset Maugham play, "The Letter," a Masefield drama, "Anne Pedersdotter," and a Molnar, "Riviera."

HOOSIERS PICNIC

By United Press
TRAVERSE CITY, Mich., Aug. 31.—Five hundred residents of Indiana summered in northern Michigan assembled at Wequeting Club here today for the first annual "Hoosier picnic." The daily program was featured by sports, an address by Dr. T. F. Moran, professor of history at the Furdene University, and by a closing dance.

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Market Street Lives Up to Its Name

Pupils Improving, Teacher Declares



Left, Mrs. A. E. Purse and Miss Mildred Frey.

The modern, petite, bobbed-headed school girls and balloon-trousered, well-groomed boys, who attend Marion County schools, are more brilliant and have more zest for knowledge than pupils of twenty-five years ago, according to Mrs. A. E. Purse, 5948 Ashland Ave., a delegate to the county teachers' institute last week at the courthouse.

Modern schools, better equipment, new discoveries, new modes of think-

ing—all these are responsible for rapid advancement of modern youth. Mrs. Purse said. Mrs. Purse was one of the oldest teachers in point of service attending the Institute. She has taught school continuously for twenty-nine years in Washington Township. She taught English and reading in the seventh and eighth grades of the John Strange School, Miss Frey's mother, a close friend of

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is now eight months, it formerly was six months. This enables pupils to complete their courses more rapidly.

Mrs. Purse might be classed as a "godmother" of Miss Mildred Frey, 6048 Ashland Ave., who will commence her career as a teacher this fall in John Strange School. Mrs. Purse formerly taught school with

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Building of improved roads and better school facilities are largely responsible for the increased tax rate in some townships and incorporated towns of Marion County.

Auditor Harry Dunn announced yesterday.

Dunn has compiled a list of the 1927 township taxes, which he will submit to the State tax board.

The rates, fixed by the township trustees, do not have to be approved by the county council, which meets Sept. 7. Dunn said. However, taxpayers disapproving them may appeal to the State tax board within ten days after they are real to the council. If no appeals are taken, the rates will remain as fixed.

SOME REDUCED

The levy for Center township, in Indianapolis, was reduced from 7 cents to 5 cents. Perry Township in Indianapolis, was increased from 13 cents to 19 cents. For Wayne Township, Indianapolis, the levy was reduced from 28 cents to 26 cents and increased for Washington Township, Indianapolis, from 23 cents to 28 cents. The Warren Township, Indianapolis, rate remained at 26 cents.

Other rates for 1927 are as follows: Beech Grove, Franklin Township, increased from \$2.47 to \$2.54; Beech Grove, Perry Township, from \$2.28 to \$2.44; Beech Grove, Center Township, from \$2.22 to \$2.39; Castleton, reduced from \$1.45 to \$1.58; Clermont, reduced from \$1.75 to \$1.71.

Boost in Ravenswood

Ravenswood, increased from \$2.27 to \$3.11; Southport, from \$1.78 to \$1.83; Woodstock, from 77 cents to 91 cents; Washington Place, reduced from \$1.73 to \$1.68; Center Township, outside Indianapolis, from 97 cents to \$1.50; Decatur Township, reduced from 88 cents to 87 cents.

Lawrence Township, from 97 cents to \$1.21; Franklin Township, reduced from \$1.21 to \$1.14; Franklin Township, reduced from \$1.95 to \$1.93; Perry Township, from \$1.33 to \$1.38; Pike Township, from 68 cents to 70 cents; Washington Township, from 77 cents to 91 cents; Warren Township, reduced from \$1.29 to \$1.21; Wayne Township, reduced from \$1.25 to 96 cents, and Shooters Hill, a recent incorporated town, 91 cents.

PROTEST WATER RATES

Complaining that the rates charged by the English Water Works Company are excessive, approximately 150 residents of the town have petitioned the public service commission to investigate. In the petition the commission also is asked to investigate the company's charges for installing water meters.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES PICNIC

About 100 employees of the Indianapolis Union Railway joined in the company's fourth annual outing and picnic Sunday, going to Ideal Beach, north of Monticello, Ind. The trip was sponsored by the social club of the railway.

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MOTORISTS ATTACKED

Driver Reports Being Forced to Curb; Struck.

Floyd Cline, 2502 N. Delaware St., today told police two men forced his auto to the curb at Thirteenth and Illinois Sts. Monday night and attacked him.

Cline said he did not know the men and could assign no reason for them striking him in the face, police said.

NEW AUTO COMPANY

Incorporation papers for the Crow Sales Company of Mooresville, an automobile sales agency, were filed today at the Statehouse giving capital stock of \$5,000. Incorporators are Charles B. and Harriet W. Crist of Indianapolis and Judy W. and Pauline Crow of Mooresville.

WILL SURVEY EUROPE

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Dr. Julius Klein, director of the foreign and domestic commerce bureau of the commerce department, will sail tomorrow from New York to make an economic survey of Europe.

GUNMEN KILL JUDGE

By United Press
WECHUMPKA, Ala., Aug. 31.—A posse today sought gunmen who, yesterday, shot and killed Lamar Smith, probate judge, and wounded his wife.

COLUMBIA CITY—A posse of farmers, armed with rifles and shot-guns, started a war on sheep-killing dogs that have made serious inroads on flocks near here. Two dogs were killed by the farmers.

No More Time From Western Union

Effective Wednesday, the Western Union Telegraph Company will discontinue its time-honored practice of giving the time of day to telephone inquirers in Indianapolis, it was announced today. This service is to be abandoned all over the country, because of its heavy cost.

Officials of the Postal Telegraph said their company would continue to give out the time.

SCHOOLS, ROADS CAUSE BOOSTS IN TAX RATES

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FOREMEN BLAMED FOR IRON-HANDED LABOR POLICIES

'Old Man at the Top' Is Acquitted in New Book.

Times Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Avenue, WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Acquitted for old money-bags.

It isn't he who demands iron-handed labor policies in American factories and workshops. It's his hard-boiled foremen.

So says Sam A. Lewisohn, chairman of the American Management Association. And he has just published a book to prove it, "The New Leadership in Industry."

"Owners and corporation directors do not normally dominate labor policies," Lewisohn asserted. "In most cases the issue is determined by the attitude of the factory production managers, the department heads and the foremen. Only occasionally is the labor policy of a corporation dominated by 'The Old Man at the Top.'

More Prejudiced

"There is usually more prejudice against unionism among local superintendents and foremen than in the home office among the upper executives and directors, the 'capitalists.'

"In many instances when boards of directors decide to liberalize and modernize their labor policies they find themselves confronted with the fact that it is a real job to convert those in charge of the local plants.

The lower executives bitterly resent interference with their right to boss their own domains. Many firms have had great difficulty in getting superintendents and foremen to cooperate in shop committee plans, as reports of the Russell Sage Foundation illustrate.

More Prejudiced

"They forced him to open the safe, and left him bound and gagged when they escaped."

The members of that bandit gang are now serving terms in Indiana State Prison for participation in the Spence bank robbery.

R. S. Armacost, president of the auto company distributor for Studebaker machines, said the robbers entered his place by breaking the glass in a rear door, getting keys hanging on the inside and unlocking a padlock.

New Auto Taker

A new Studebaker Big Six custom brougham, valued at \$2,100, was taken, together with tires, a typewriter and auto accessories, which should bring the total loss to

approximately \$3,000, according to Armacost. Detectives are investigating.

Detectives Rugenstein and Fossati went to Franklin to question two youths held there after they fired at a motorist who failed to give them the road Monday night near Greenwood. The youths answer description of local hold-up men, it was said.

Greenwood Marshal Louis Hempstead arrested the youths after they fired at Jasper Johnson, of Toledo, according to Inspector Claude M. Worley. Revolvers and several flashlights were found in their auto.

A pair of shelf bandits held up and robbed the Standard Oil filling station, Sixteenth St. and Lafayette Rd., in the midst of bright lights and heavy traffic late Monday. They escaped with \$70, which they forced the attendant, Sam Smith, 3423 W. North St., to hand over from the safe. They struck Smith because he didn't work the combination fast enough.

S. M. Layton, 1020 Cornell Ave., told police that the bandits sped away in a roadster. Both men were unmasked and bareheaded.

A daylight burglar, a Negro purse snatcher and a prowler also were reported to police Monday night.

Partners Entered

Three apartments were entered with a pass key at 678½ E. St. Clair St. and articles valued at \$227 taken.

Blanche Carpenter reported a fur coat and two beaded bags missing.

Herbert Gooden, wearing a pearl necklace and a beaded bag and small amount of money.

Mrs. Roberta Geddes, 1141 N. Delaware St., reported a burglar in the kitchen when the family returned from downtown. He escaped before police arrived.

Moxie Buchanan, 1740 N. Capitol Ave., told police that while she was walking in Illinois St. near Seventeenth St., a Negro, wearing a bright red shirt, seized her purse containing \$17.50, her bank book and a fountain pen.

"We're going to get Washington Park and let them play off the tie to end the dispute," Duval said.

Proceeds from the game will be used to send the reorganized Police and Firemen's Band to the international fire chiefs' convention at New Orleans, Oct. 19