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**VETERAN ACTRESS**  
RETIRES FROM STAGE

**Mrs. Annie Yeaman's Long and Successful Career Ends at Seventy-five Years of Age**

New York, Feb. 5.—So far as her professional career is concerned the curtain has been rung down for Mrs. Annie Yeaman, the veteran actress, who since the death of Mrs. John Gilbert, has held the undoubted title as "the grand old lady of the stage." Mrs. Yeaman was taken seriously ill a week ago just after she had begun a vaudeville engagement in this city. Her age—she is nearly 75—makes her return to the stage very improbable.

Mrs. Yeaman has been a favorite with two generations of playgoers. To the older generation she is best remembered for her impersonation of Irish characters in the Harrigan and Hart successes. This has led many people to think her an Irish woman, with a native brogue. In point of fact she is nothing of the kind. She was born in the Isle of Man and has always been very proud of being a Manx woman. When a child she was taken by her parents to Australia and it was there that she began her professional career as a performer in a circus. At 18 she married Edward Yeaman, a circus clown.

The early experiences of Mrs. Yeaman were many and varied. In 1863 she left Australia with the circus for a long tour. They went to Java, Singapore, to Shanghai and to Yokohama, and were to have proceeded to Manila, when the manager fell ill in Shanghai and the circus disbanded. Mrs. Yeaman, always indefatigable, together with her husband and a few colleagues, gathered together other stranded actors in Shanghai and went all through possible China, giving dramatic performances with their own little company.

After settling in the United States in 1868, Mrs. Yeaman sent for her father and mother, with whom she had left her two eldest children in Australia. They came to New York and settled here, a family of stage folk. Mrs. Yeaman is the sole survivor of the family. Her father and mother and her two daughters have passed away. One of the latter, Lydia Yeaman-Titus, was herself a well known actress.

Upon arrival in New York Mrs. Yeaman found employment in the stock company at the Park theatre in Brooklyn. A short time previously her husband had fallen a victim to cholera in Leavenworth, Kas. At the Park theatre Mrs. Yeaman played leading parts with such stars as Maggie Mitchell, Lotta, John Brougham, John E. Owens and J. Sleeper Clarke.

With her daughter, she played in

Augustin Daly's Grand Opera House company in '72 and '73. She has a memorable production of "The Two Orphans" at the Grand Square theatre in '75. In that company were McKee Rankin, Kate Claxton, Chas. Thorne, Jr., and Ida Vernon.

On and off from 1877 until the dissolution of the firm, nearly twenty years later, Mrs. Yeaman played Irish character parts and other eccentric impersonations with the famous Harrigan and Hart combination.

A later event in the career of the veteran actress was her appearance in "The Great Diamond Robbery," in 1895, with Blanche Wash, W. H. Thompson, Catherine Grey, Orilla Johnson, George Boniface, Sr., and the great Mme. Janauschek.

**DEXTER ITEMS.**

Dexter, Feb. 2.—E. F. Templeton has been reappointed road supervisor for this district.

Mrs. H. M. Parvin was in Eugene the last part of the week getting some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. McGuire, of Eugene, came up Saturday to look after their place here. They returned Monday.

Mr. J. F. Parker and wife are at Springfield visiting relatives.

C. J. Bedell has returned from Linn county, where he has been working for some time.

Mrs. J. M. Parker and Mrs. Fred Parker visited with friends at Creswell Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kelsey returned yesterday from Klamath Falls, where they were engaged in cooking for the S. P. R. R. company's surveying crew.

News has recently been received here of the birth of a eleven-pound son to Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shaffer, of Gettsburg, S. D. Mrs. S. was formerly Miss Jennie Parvin, of this place.

S. D. McGuire, of Eugene, has sold forty acres of his place here to Wm. Kloster.

J. A. ... is preparing to build a new barn to replace his old one, which the recent snow caved in.

Dexter, Feb. 4.—We are having fine weather at present and most of the farmers have started ploughing.

C. S. Pogue, of the Glenwood farm, is running his John Deere plough, but there are other things on the ranch that are more dear to him than his Deere plow. Mr. Pogue is a very prominent young man and has many friends. They can be seen winding their way over to the Glenwood farm, especially F. H. Fenton, who expects to purchase a Deere in the near future.

E. T. Templeman has the new piece of road near completed—most all of the rock work done. He has two bridges to build, then the road will be ready for travel.

The Dexter Athletic Club will soon have their hall completed. They will then be equipped with the boxing gloves, where they will be taught the mistle flips of the gloves by John Bowen, E. J. Johnson acting as referee.

Hawks are doing great damage to the farmers' chickens, as their bones can be found around camp fires on most any hill in Dexter.

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James Griffith intends to erect a sawmill on his timber claim in the near future.

We have one industrious preacher in Dexter. Rev. J. C. Holman is making boards for sale. Anyone wishing to buy boards should write or see Mr. Holman.

Miss Georgia Parker and Miss Verda Neet expect to take out hunting licenses. As to what they are going to hunt, we can't say.

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