

EMPIRE THEATRE CLOSURE SATURDAY

WIDEMANN STOCK COMPANY GOES TO SEATTLE AND THE MORNING STAR PLAYHOUSE WILL BE DARK—SEEK FOR FOUR WEEKS—MAY OPEN AT VAUDEVILLE.

"On Saturday evening, September 24, this company will close the regular season of 1904-5. The members whose names appear on this board will report at the union depot at the conclusion of the night performance on that date, prepared to take the train for Seattle."

The above notice was posted yesterday on the bulletin-board at the stage entrance of the Empire theatre. It means that the Morrison street house will be dark all of next week, perhaps longer, and when it is reopened by Mr. Wiedemann, the lease, a new policy will prevail. The greatest intention is to fix the price of admission at one dime and to put on vaudeville between the acts of the old stock melodramas.

The Empire opened four weeks ago under Mr. Wiedemann's management. His stock company furnishing the bills. They played "The Inside Track," followed by "The Octoroon," continued with "Michael Strogoff," and will conclude at the end of the week with "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The attendance has not been large enough at 25-cent prices to justify the expense of the weekly bills. In fact, Mr. Wiedemann is said to have dropped \$1,050 during the four weeks. But he is not entirely disheartened. There are other reasons for the contemplated change.

STILL AT WORK

(Continued from Page One.) finished condition of the buildings is \$1,554.88. The weekly salaries of teachers are not working amount to the large sum of \$179.10 each day. Thus it is seen that the taxpayers are paying out a large sum for which they receive no return.

Trying to Shift Blame. Everybody who is in any way connected with the school buildings is trying to shirk the responsibility of the blame for the delay in making the rooms comfortable for the pupils. The trustees say it is the fault of the contractors and the mills who furnish the lumber. The contractors also blame the lumber merchants for failing to furnish their material promptly.

These have contentions between the different contractors. On each building from two to four contractors are at work. One man has the contract for doing the wood work. Another man has the contract for plumbing, still another is doing the painting, while a fourth is installing the heating and ventilating plant, and in many instances each contractor is waiting on the others and thus the work is delayed. Responsibility for failure to have the buildings completed weeks ago seems to rest on no one.

How long these conditions will continue without an investigation is not known, but several individuals closely connected with the department have become greatly aroused at the needless delay.

At present the heating plants are said to be the things most badly needed, especially at the Ladd and Clinton Kelly schools. The W. G. McPherson company has the contract for installing the heating plants and Mr. McPherson asserts that he has been exerting every effort since the contracts were awarded to him to get the work finished on time, but it has been delayed. He promises to have the plants in these two schools in operation by the first of next week. Mr. McPherson in speaking of the delay in the schools stated that he is in no way held back in his work by other contractors upon the buildings.

"No other contractors are at work on the high school," said he. "My work on the other buildings is in advance of the work of any of the other contractors upon those buildings. I wish, however, to disclaim any intent to in any way reflect upon any of the contractors or people connected with the construction of any of the buildings."

Mr. McPherson stated that it was a slow matter to install a heating plant in an old building such as the high school. The plant has to be remodeled to fit the building, and much work on which they had not planned, is necessary to put everything in condition. He asserts that he is doing the work as fast as it can possibly be done.

At the meeting of the board of directors to be held next Monday night some action may be taken to fasten the responsibility for the delay in finishing the buildings upon some one.

MASONS TO BURY HENRY WEINHARD

The last services over the body of Henry Weinhard will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family residence, 31 North Thirteenth street. Rev. John Gustentson will have charge of the services at the residence, which will consist of a prayer and short sermon. The Arion society will sing at the close of the services at the home. Interment will be in the Riverside cemetery and the Masonic order will have charge of the service there. The honorary pallbearers chosen are: Fred Hicken, Henry Rohman, Ad. Burckhardt, Frank Hachey, C. H. Wamsdorfer, John Heisacker, Charles E. Smith and C. V. Wintzingerode. The active pallbearers will be E. Adam, C. Skavit, R. A. E. Buestner, Henry Everding, C. A. Kalis, George Langford, Michael Sims and Peter Wagner.

Special St. Louis Car

Monday, October 3, the O. & N. will run a special tourist car, Portland to St. Louis. Particulars of C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent, Third and Washington streets.

POLICE LOOKING FOR BOYS WITH AIR GUN

Captain of Police Grimmecker today gave orders to patrolmen to arrest all boys found with airguns in their possession. This applies more particularly to the vicinity of East Thirtieth and Yamhill streets, where a little girl was shot in the eye yesterday by a boy and her sight nearly destroyed.

Captain Grimmecker purposes to stop the practice of boys firing airguns, and has arranged with the authorities to make vigorous prosecution in every case brought into court.

HEAVY RAINS ARE MOVING THIS WAY

WEATHER BUREAU SAYS WITH WEATHERS IS LIKELY TO REMAIN VERY EARLY ABOUT OF NOVEMBER FALL DURING LAST FIVE MONTHS.

There was more rainfall during either last January, February or March than there was during the whole of the five months from April to the beginning of the rain yesterday.

Last January the precipitation was 5.23 inches; in February 11.02 inches, and in March 8.78 inches. The total precipitation from the first of April until the rain began to fall yesterday was 23.1 inches. In both February and March the total amount of rainfall was more than twice as much as during the five months following.

Heavy rains are predicted for this section during the next 24 hours by the local weather office. A storm of moderate energy was central this morning off the British Columbia coast which has caused light showers in the Willamette valley, northern Idaho, Nevada, and northern California.

Already the forest fires that raged for days have been extinguished completely and no further damage is expected. Rains have fallen in practically every district where the fires existed and only smoking embers remain.

Indications given out by the local weather bureau today are for showers of rain in this district Friday and perhaps for Saturday also.

Conditions exist for heavy rains but the extreme drought is supposed to have checked the rains to a certain extent. So dry was the atmosphere that a great deal of the rain that started from the clouds did not reach the earth.

READY TO SAIL OUT

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Foxton Hall has transferred her cargo of coal to the German steamer Eriska, which local authorities will not allow to leave until given assurances that no attempt will be made to enter Port Arthur.

On account of the Russian warships having been obliged to keep at anchor for eight months and the enormous quantities of fuel required for water condensing plants, there must now be a coal famine at Port Arthur unless more coal has arrived.

JAPANESE GAIN STRONG POSITION WEST OF HONSHU

(Journal Special Service.) Tokyo, Sept. 22.—It is reported that the Japanese have taken a fort on the other side of the west of Honshu, which was carried by a desperate assault.

The Japanese have since recaptured all efforts of the Russians to regain the position. Both these heights overlook Port Arthur, offering excellent gun positions from which to materially weaken the Russian defense at Golden Hill.

REFORM AN ATTACK

(Journal Special Service.) Mukden, Sept. 22.—A battle is expected hourly in the neighborhood of Fushun, 30 miles east of Mukden. Reports show the outpost at that place are in contact. A report has been received of a Japanese attack on Dia Pass.

PLAN THE LARGEST OF ALL BATTLESHIPS

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Sept. 22.—Experts of the United States navy are preparing plans for a new battleship which will eclipse any fighting machine in existence. The battleship is to be 18,000 to 20,000 gross tonnage, and will be a most radical departure in respect to armament.

ANOTHER CHANCE FOR ADVERTISING AGENT

Abraham Lincoln Hart, advertising manager of Cordway's theatre, will not be prosecuted for tacking bills on a new building near the Star theatre announcing the coming of the "Hills" California" company. For Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald has come to the conclusion that the advertising man thought he was within his rights. The case against him in the municipal court, therefore, was dismissed this morning, he receiving a warning never again to tack bills contrary to the city ordinance.

PARKER CONFERS WITH FRIENDS

JUDGE, ACCOMPANIED BY PRIVATE SECRETARY, ARRIVES AT HOTEL MONROE—RECEIVES GORMAN, MOHR, R. C. CURRIER AND S. E. MOHRER WILL BE PRESENT.

(Journal Special Service.) New York, Sept. 22.—Judge Parker, accompanied by Arthur McCauland, his private secretary, arrived at the Hoffman house at 1:05 o'clock this morning. He came to hold a conference with personal political friends. He secured David B. Hill's suits at the Hoffman house and will remain until tomorrow evening, when he will return to Esopus, N. Y.

No Significance. No particular significance is attached to the visit of Judge Parker, more than his wish to be in close touch with all the details of the campaign. It is well understood that the utmost harmony prevails among the leaders, notwithstanding reports that have gained a certain amount of circulation to the contrary.

Taggart's work has met with the full approval of the Democratic leaders high in the councils of the party, and from all sources comes the prediction of a victory at the polls in November.

At one of the conferences to be held this afternoon Senator Gorman, former Senator Emith, Homer S. Cummings of Connecticut and James H. Eckles of Chicago will be present.

BARRETT TO RETURN

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Sept. 22.—Information has been received that John Barrett, United States minister to Panama, is about to come back to the United States from Panama. The object of Mr. Barrett's return is said to be that he may be one of the official stump speakers for the president, and it is expected that he will be assigned to the northwest territory. He will talk principally about the Panama canal and its importance to the country.

CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT MAY BE AMENDED

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Sept. 22.—The decision rendered by United States Commissioner Sladen, of Portland, Or., in the case of Doe Gum Yip, the Chinese woman held for deportation, will form the basis of a recommendation to congress for a change in the Chinese exclusion law. Immigration bureau officials are reviewing the points raised, and they incline to the belief that the decision will throw open the doors to Chinese women, so long as women marry regularly admitted Chinese after their arrival.

The government has no appeal from the decision of Commissioner Sladen, and if the facts are found to be as represented in press dispatches, the immigration bureau will recommend an amending of the Chinese act to shut off a threatened flood of Chinese women.

JAWS TEETH DOCTORS.

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, Sept. 22.—It is semi-officially announced, says an Odessa dispatch, that the limitations hitherto placed upon the number of Jewish students entering the medical faculties of the universities and medical colleges, both within and without the so-called "southern pale," is to be greatly moderated, and, later on, not improbably abolished. The necessity for the removal, or partial removal, of this particular disability has been forced upon the government by the death of Russian doctors and surgeons at the front. It is admitted that about 15 per cent of the medical staff in Manchuria are Jews, and, indirectly, the report made by commanding officers constitute a tacit acknowledgment that, professionally, the Jewish surgeons and doctors are the more capable and assiduous practitioners.

EVER HAVE IT?

If You Have, the Statement of this Portland Man Will Interest You.

Ever have a "low-down" pain in the back? In the "small" right over the hips? That's the home of backache. It's caused by stick kidneys. That's why Doan's Kidney Pills cure it. Portland people endorse this—read a case of it: J. Jenkins of 316 East Sixth street, now retired from active life, says: "I think very highly of Doan's Kidney Pills, which I procured at the Lane-Davis Drug Co's store, corner Yamhill and Third streets. I used them for an acute attack of backache, which had annoyed me for some little time. Three days after I began their use I knew they had gone to the cause of the dull, dragging pains across the small of my back, and relief came sooner than I expected. I believe the cure is permanent for I have not felt any symptoms of a recurrence. Other members of my family have also used Doan's Kidney Pills with equally good results." For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—DOAN'S—and take no other.

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