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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Fair, warmer southwest; colder in east portion.

RADICAL REMEDIES.

Humanity has a pretty fair idea of what it owes to medicine and surgery, and expects more. It has passed the stage of astonishment at the developments inuring from this source, and takes the marvels wrought as matters of course; which is its highest compliment to the masters in the kindred sciences. Therefore, the radical proposition to sterilize the delinquents, and perverted of humanity, as against their reproduction, and to the minimizing of idiocy, insanity, crime and degeneracy as set forth by Dr. Owens-Adair, of this county, and endorsed by the medical profession here almost to a man and woman, comes as no surprise, but is regarded as simply one more effective and helpful scheme in the universal program of progress.

The world is becoming intensely practical; it is fast yielding its traditions and renouncing its scruples, in favor of the best and surest expedients of relief and uplift. It does care very much where they come from so long as the measures are tried out and proven and bring the results desired; and upon this hypothesis accepts everything, finally, as true and beneficial.

Perhaps this doctrine of sterilization is charged with more or less of shocking quality to the ordinary layman; it may even have an element of terror for many, at first thought, and its apparent severity may raise up strenuous enemies who will fight it to the last ditch. But, if it is right (and it seems to be), it will succeed and become an ordained phase of legal and scientific procedure; after which, the world will marvel at its own absurdity in contending against it, just as it has in all the instances of extraordinary invention, discovery and application. We are but growing children at best; the day of each succeeding generation is brighter and richer and happier if we would but stop to analyze them in the vivid light of history and astounding fact. It does not pay to resist the good, however gross its earlier guise, and however dense our conception of its efficacy. We are not at the summit of attainment, however we may coddle the unctious notion, and there is nothing to convince us of our unpreparedness and backwardness so sharply as the radical remedies and wide departures from the beaten paths such as the one in question.

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AMUSEMENTS

STOCK DRAMA NEXT WEEK.

The pleasant report is abroad that, beginning on Monday, January 11th, next, the Donald Stock Company, under the management of Victor J. Donald, of this city, will open at the Bakeronian, for a two weeks' engagement, in a series of fine modern plays. Mr. Donald intends to make his presentations attractive and true to the spirit of the plays produced and will endeavor in all ways to win the good will and patronage of his home city.

"HOUSE OF BONDAGE."

The importance of punctuality is emphasized in a story told regarding the manner in which John Cort procured for Florence Roberts the highly successful play, "The House of Bondage," in which Miss Roberts will be seen under Mr. Cort's management at the Astoria Theatre on next Wednesday. Seymour Obermer, the author of the play, came all the way from England to read his manuscript to a manager of equal prominence with Mr. Cort. This manager had arranged for a meeting with Obermer at the Hotel Astor in New York but was delayed an hour. In the meantime, quite by accident—the author was introduced to Mr. Cort. Being a punctilious person and chafing under the dilatoriness of the manager with whom he had the appointment, Obermer talked of his play to Mr. Cort and the latter saw in it just the vehicle for Miss Roberts, who had been occupying her time principally during the summer in reading, and as quickly discarding, proposed manuscripts. Mr. Cort immediately procured an option on the property, thus blocking the manager who first intended to take the play, and this was followed by a reading to Miss Roberts, who immediately waxed enthusiastic over the

work. The judgment of the manager and the star seems to have been justified, for "The House of Bondage" is unquestionably a most original and striking dramatic work, one with which the name of Miss Roberts will remain indissolubly associated, no matter what may be her future achievements.

"THE GREAT DIVIDE." "The Great Divide," which will be presented here at the Astoria Theatre on next Friday, by Mr. Henry Miller, is being translated into French, German, Italian and Spanish, and Mr. Miller has begun arrangements for its presentation in Paris, Berlin, Rome and Madrid, in addition to his own appearance in the play in London next Spring. All the adaptations are being made by the actor-manager's elder son, Gilbert H. Miller.

Mr. Miller has had many offers for the rights of "The Great Divide" in the continental countries, but he has retained them, just as he has the London rights, and he, with his associates, will be sole owners and managers of all the productions made. Prominent producers in the different cities will be in charge of local details. Mr. Miller will rehearse each company personally. He is negotiating with a leading American couple who are familiar with the German and French languages, to play the roles of Stephen Ghent and Ruth Jordan, in Paris and Berlin, respectively. The remaining members of the companies will be native French and German, and the Rome and Madrid productions will be made with all Italian and Spanish casts.

This will be the first time in history that a reigning New York theatrical success has been adapted especially for presentation in Spain and Italy. The four productions will be made next autumn, Mr. Miller giving them his personal attention after his London engagement in "The Great Divide," which begins May 1st.

HAS SERIOUS FAULTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—"We have the votes to pass the postal savings bank bill if we can get a roll-call," says Senator Carter of Montana, who has the measure in charge. A number of Senators have given notice, however, that they desire to discuss the bill and will require some days to prepare their speeches. When Congress assembles after the holiday recess two calendar months, containing only 50 legislative days, will remain for the session."

AMUSEMENTS.

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