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THE WEATHER

Oregon—Occasional snow, colder in southwest portion, continued cold over the remainder of the state.

RETIREES WITH HONORS.

Hon. Herman Wise, ex-mayor of Astoria, retired from the official field in possession of distinct honors and practically no "come-backs" to annoy him. He has won the favor of the community over which he presided for three years; and to the pronounced satisfaction of the people without respect to party affiliation, because what he has done was for the whole people, whom he was large enough to consider at all times. It takes a man to compass this sort of thing.

He has had much to contend with, including a council that was not any too amenable to decent leadership, as to its majority, and he had to fight for most of the triumphs he won; but he had the decent people of the city him at all times as well as the press and that sort of backing usually wins out. One of the attributes that made Mr. Wise successful as an executive, was his ability to realize and recognize a plain hint when it was given him; he did not assume to be the "whole thing," though as far as his associates on the council went, as to the majority, of course, he came mighty near being it.

There is not a man in the city but who will wish him the best measure of success, and peace, and gratification in his quiet field of endeavor; and he has what few men possess, a right to believe that the day may come when the people may call him back to their service, in default of other dependable choice. He was an excellent mayor just as he is an excellent citizen.

THE CURTIS ORDINANCE.

Councilman C. J. Curtis is to the fore with a plain, business-like, sensible ordinance for the governing of the expenses of this city and making them amenable to the will and scrutiny of the committeemen as well as the chairman of the several committees. The arbitrary rule that has flourished in this city since time immemorial, permitting the mere dictum of a chairman to prevail in the final disposition of every account and claim, big and little, that arose against the city, has cost this community a vast deal of money that was needless, and any law that will circumscribe the folly and minimize the waste should pass instant.

The new council is going to be sharply gauged by its action on just such bills as this; and we hope for the credit of the city and council, that no antagonism will be shown the measure. Else we shall be forced to conclude that the post of councilman, in some instances here, is no sort of an honor, but rather a means to an end that is discreditable, if not worse. We are speaking plainly, because the time for plain speaking is

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"THE GREAT DIVIDE."

A rare treat is in store for discriminating playgoers.

After two years of eager expectancy the local lovers of good drama are at last to see what the leading critics of America have so widely heralded as "the long awaited 'great American play'." Contracts have been signed, sealed, and delivered, whereby the management of the Astoria theatre may definitely announce "The Great Divide" on tomorrow night. The attraction is under the personal direction of Henry Miller, the distinguished actor-manager, who has been presenting William Vaughn Moody's phenomenally successful drama of American life for over 500 nights at the Princess and Daly's Theatres, New York, to such unprecedented business that a road tour was out of the question heretofore. A superb company are now touring, and the entire production, with complete scenic equipment, will be given here precisely as presented for two seasons in the metropolis.

"BABES IN TOYLAND."

"Babes in Toyland," the gorgeous musical offering that is to come to the Astoria Theatre on Saturday, January 9, is conceded to be the best mounted production on the road. While the production itself is a marvel of art, there is much else that will interest



GERTRUDE LAURENCE IN
"BABES IN TOYLAND"

and entertain. The eye is as sensitive to entertainment as the ear, and when the eye is pleased, half of any battle is won.

A selected chorus of 30 charming girls make no less than 12 changes of costume from start to finish of the offering. They appear as citizens, then fairies, then dolls, then soldiers, then butterflies, then widows, and so on through the entire offering. A wardrobe mistress who served under the exacting Belasco, and who is a star pupil of that master of detail, is in charge of the costumes, and with a corps of assistants sees that each member of the chorus corps is dressed just properly before each entrance. And this corps was trained under the

proficient Julian Mitchell, and that means there has been original ideas introduced that adds much to the magnetism of a powerful and clever offering.

"DEVIL'S AUCTION."

Manager Charles H. Yale has announced for the coming season, the 28th edition of that prenominal piece of theatrical property, "The Devil's Auction," surnamed "Everlasting," and properly, too, for it seems destined to run on forever, and from all appearances, a few days after that.

There is, however, no discounting the wonderful record of this favorite piece.

For 28 seasons it has, making Philadelphia its starting point, yearly visited almost every important city, state and territory including nearly all the Canadian provinces. In a season's travel it has covered the South and Texas to El Paso, the Pacific Coast, the Northwest as far as Vancouver, B. C., to Winnipeg, Manitoba; the Middle States to Canada; the Maritime Provinces, including Halifax and St. John, to Cape Breton, finally ending with a complete tour of New England, and to financial receipts that have become the talk of the theatrical world.

BAKER STOCK COMPANY.

Portland's crack organization is to be seen here one night. Portland's high class stock company, the Baker, permanently located at the beautiful Bungalow Theatre in that city will visit Astoria for one performance, the occasion being made possible by Geo. L. Baker donating his popular Portland playhouse for a society entertainment given for the benefit of the earthquake sufferers next Monday. The bill the company will present here will be its great holiday week success "Are You a Mason?" which made one of the biggest hits Portland theatrical circles have known this season. It is founded upon the affairs of two well known men who are pretending they are Masons and is filled with laugh convulsing situations and characters. The cast here will be identical with the Portland production, and should attract a representative audience.

We Want Your Feet

Now is the time to purchase your shoes. Charles V. Brown is having an odd and end sale and prices are being cut below cost. Call at the store today and fit yourself out.

Attention!

Seaside Lodge, A. O. U. W., and Charity Lodge No. 53, will hold joint installation of officers at their hall on Thursday evening, January 7, 1909. All Workmen and their wives and members of the Degree of Honor and their husbands, are requested to be present.

WM. ROSS,

Master Workman.

HANNAH PORTER,
Chief of Honor.

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BROOMS TO COST MORE.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—A general advance in the price of brooms and the product of broom corn, will be made, owing to the shortage of the crop, according to some members of the association of broom manufacturers, which has concluded its sessions here.

William A. Gardner of Amsterdam, N.Y., who presided, said the wholesale price of brooms had increased 50 cents a dozen during 1908.

"Farmers have found that raising broom corn is not as profitable as raising Indian corn," he said. "Broom corn must be harvested and handled entirely by hand, while the other variety is cultivated by machinery."

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EIGHT SUBMARINES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The construction of eight submarine boats of the largest and most improved type to cost more than \$4,000,000 is provided for in a bill introduced in the House yesterday by Representative Weeks of Massachusetts.

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Friday, Jan. 8

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