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**Bring the Children
Welcome alike to Parents & Children
Come Early**

Every Toy is New and Fresh. To all we say make your selections early.

Morse Department Store
Where Everybody Likes to Trade

Now that the canal questions and the zone custom house troubles are over, Minister Barrett may come to the front, get under the limelight and, in the language of Ollie James, of Kentucky, proudly exclaim: "See what I have done."

The belief of President Roosevelt that the federal government alone is capable of dealing with the trusts is an intimation to the trusts that the executive of the federal government intends to try it on.

"Shore Acres."

There must be great merit and sterling worth in a play to carry it successfully through ten or more consecutive seasons. Such a play is "Shore Acres," which will be produced at Fishers' opera house next Tuesday evening. The sale of seats begins next Monday. This charming idyl of American home life was written by the late actor-dramatist, James A. Herne, and first produced by him at McVicker's theater, Chicago, in May, 1892, and it still continues to bask in the sunshine of public favor. In its career it has broken many records for long runs, the longest being a season's run at Daly's theater, New York. When first seen in the metropolis it was hailed



as an epoch-marking work and its author was spoken of as the American apostle of realism and the American Ibsen.

PERSONAL MENTION.

L. L. Bush of Bay Center was in Astoria yesterday.
C. W. Carnahan of Cullaby lake was in the city yesterday.
W. R. Hume was in Portland yesterday on business.
Nat Jones of Lewis and Clark was in the city yesterday.
Jacob Sture of Knappa was in the city yesterday on business.
State Senator J. H. Walker of Kalama was in the city yesterday.
W. H. Copland of Portland was in the city yesterday on business.
E. M. Rands of Vancouver, Wash., was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.
Hon. J. G. Meglar was an interested member of the fishing conference yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Kellog of Three Rivers, Mich., are visiting friends in the city.
Mr. Burke, a prominent fish dealer of Cathlamet was a visitor in Astoria yesterday.
S. Danziger arrived from San Francisco yesterday and will spend a few days in the city.
Hon. L. D. Williams of Chinook was in the city yesterday attending the legislative conference.
Robert Gray, a well-known merchant of Hammond is in the city on business connected with his real estate holdings.
T. R. Kershaw, fish commissioner of Washington, was in the city yesterday in attendance upon the conference meeting.
Michalengo Gorman, mayor of Cathlamet, was in the city yesterday making arrangements for moving J. Bruce Polworth to Astoria.

POLICE COMMISSION

Republicans Claim That Vacancies Exist.

DEMOCRATS DO NOT AGREE

The Matter Will Probably Be Contested in the Courts to Determine the Legal Status.

With the exception of a few of the faithful, who were charged with the duty of electing a new police commission for the city of Astoria, no one knew that such a movement had been formulated, or that any efforts were to be made to oust the present commission. Several prominent politicians were interviewed on the subject yesterday and there seems to be a variance in the opinions expressed. Republicans claim that the fact that W. H. Barker has moved from the city and no longer has a legal residence here, that his position is vacant. That W. J. Cook while claiming to be a resident of the city for political purposes, has disposed of all his interests here, and has not been a resident for over five years. He has been in the city but a little less than three months during the past five years, and has attended but two meetings of the commission. It is further contended that S. S. Gordon was elected to fill the unexpired term of John Kopp, and that, according to the charter, his term expires on January 1. Section 137 of the charter provides as follows:

"Sec. 137. The police commissioners shall be residents, voters and tax payers of the city of Astoria, and all vacancies occurring in the board shall be filled by appointment made by the mayor of the city of Astoria, with the consent of a majority of the common council."

City Attorney Smith was seen by an Astorian representative, and stated that in his opinion, there was no vacancy in the office of any of the police commissioners, and that if a vacancy did exist, by the removal, death or resignation of the incumbent, the vacancy must be filled by appointment by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the common council. The democrats are of the opinion, that the republicans stole a march on them, and to offset this, the officers of Cook, and Barker, and possibly Gordon will be declared vacant at the meeting of the common council next Monday night, and the mayor will appoint three police commissioners. This, it is claimed, will snag the republicans, and a commission will be appointed that will make no change in the present personnel of the police force.

The first intimation a large majority of the people of Astoria had on the republican ruse, was when they read the Astorian yesterday morning, and opinion seems to be divided as to the expediency and legality of the proceedings.

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A State
A City**

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Herman Wise
Astoria's Live Clothier

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