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THE WEATHER

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

COUNCIL CHANGES.

For the sake of good government, correct autonomy, and public peace, we are very glad the ambiguities in the status of the Common Council have been removed, once for all, by the two recounts of Friday; the four gentlemen involved in the controversies are probably as well pleased as anyone else, since they are all supposed to be quite broad enough to accept the reversions as they fell, especially the two losers.

Naturally we sincerely regret losing a stalwart and capable Republican councilman, in the person, and service of Frank J. Carney, but his satisfaction is so complete in the reversal that overtook the Democratic "Pooh Bah" from the Second and in the ascertained election of Mr. Schmidt, that it is really infectious and we intend to let it go at that and join him in the pleasant realizations that followed his own discomfiture.

Now that all questions and issues in this behalf have been settled, and the personnel of the new council has been conclusively fixed, of record, we, with all good citizens of Astoria, hope that body may proceed with its big and definite work of the year, on easy and pleasant lines; effectively, from the stand-point of an agreed basis of real business and public good; and successfully, for the better name and interest of the whole city.

The Morning Astorian wants to champion, aid and abet the Council in every possible way and intends to do so at every turn offered it; it has no wish to figure as an obstructionist in any sense of the word; it is far easier to say cheerful and commendatory things, than it is to lead a clamor of protest and criticism as it has been forced to do so often. No councilman nor officer now on the roster of the city need worry for one minute over the course of this paper provided his own course is within striking distance of the common good; he will find us right behind him with the quickest and kindest support and the commendation of the public he is serving; Otherwise, otherwise.

ET TU, TILLMANUS!

What is this country coming to? Tillman! Tillman, of South Carolina! Tillman, the rampant, irreducible, irreproachable, blatant and irrepressible champion of honesty in high places standing in, uncompromisingly, on an Oregon land-grab, for nine quarter sections. Thus the President of the country avers, backed by black-and-white testimony; the surest and worst testimony ever.

Of course we are waiting for the say-so of the Gentlemen from South Carolina. That may put another phase and face on the whole situation, and leave Mr. Roosevelt without a leg to stand on, in which event he will be glad to go to Africa, or anywhere else and hide his injured limb and diminished head; but the presumption is in favor of the undisturbed integrity of the President's leg and head, all the same, since he has carried both safely through keener contests than this is like to be.

The country is agog for the defense due to come tomorrow on the floor of the Upper House; and it may be taken as certain that it will give the South Carolinian the entire benefit of it; but the inference now abroad is bad for him barring all pre-judgment. However he gets them, the President usually has trumps up his sleeve, and his sagacity in playing them is nothing short of scientific. But the successes of the President in such matters as this have another potency quite as deep and far more deplorable, and that is the upsetting of public confidence in the highest and most honored servants of the Republic, than which nothing can be more reactionary nor disappointing.

RATIONAL ECONOMY.

It is no difficult matter to define this term, especially in the face of local conditions that exact it; the grave problem lies in the proper and effective application of it. The one, imperative rule to success in the pre-

mise, is to learn to regard the public funds with something akin to the cherishing caution we bestow on our own dollars. They are ours; and are entitled to every consideration due the dollar.

Civic economy is one of the hardest lessons in the curriculum of public life and service; but conditions do arise that make it the absolute and unescapable text of procedure, here, and elsewhere; those conditions exist right now, in the City of Astoria and County of Clatsop. There is no mistake about it, and no sophistry will down the demand nor even abate it.

It has been practiced, time and again, in hundreds of cities and communities, and worked out beautifully; the most serious impediment being in the initiating of the program; the departure from the old and reckless system that has prevailed until officers and people think they cannot dispense with certain costly appurtenances and the general habit of disregard for the taxpayer which gradually displaces the real equitable concern that should be felt and exercised.

Details are not essential right here and now; they can be given if it becomes necessary, and they will be; it is enough, at the moment, to offer the suggestion and waive all thought of its default, in the better hope that our officers, both of city and county, are thoroughly next to the situation and will meet it squarely.

Only two months have elapsed since the presidential election, but the people already realize that they got a big bargain at the polls.

One of the features of Southern sentiment at present is that Mr. Taft can draw a larger and more earnest audience than any other speaker can.

The receipts of the Suez Canal are increasing at the rate of \$1,500,000 a year and the dividends are never less than 20 per cent. Panama croakers should look over the facts at Suez.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who controls the food and drink of the country, is called a czar. Compared to Secretary Wilson, the Speaker of the House is a mere pygmy in power.

President Roosevelt will be surprised at one part of the report of his farm commission, which states that the farmers in Kansas and Oklahoma find considerable relaxation in hunting rabbits.

Judge Taft insists that he will not be president elect until after the elections shall have met and formally ratified the November vote. Technically he is.

The physician who will accompany Mr. Roosevelt on his trip has had twenty-five years' experience in his profession and is also noted as a naturalist. Another accomplishment may count in his favor. He is a dead shot.

A paymaster who used to cross a Nevada desert in a wagon with a large guard, now makes the trip in an automobile that covers fifty miles in one hour, under the protection of a single shotgun. The speed defies pursuit on horseback in an open country.

Needlework Sales.

Needlecraft Shop, formerly 382 Washington street, now 147 Sixth street, between Morrison and Alder, Portland. January needlework sales now on.

Lame Shoulder Cured.

Lame shoulder is usually caused by rheumatism of the muscles and quickly yields to a few applications of Chamberlain's pain balm. Mrs. F. W. McElwee, of Boistown, New Brunswick, writes: "Having been troubled for some time with a lame shoulder, I decided to give Chamberlain's pain balm a trial, with the result that I got prompt relief." Sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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AMONG THE ASTORIA THEATERS

"DEVIL'S AUCTION" TONIGHT.

Although traveling under the same name as that which it has been known for almost a generation, "The Devil's Auction" which will play an engagement at the Astoria Theatre tonight is practically a new production, and furnishes even more fun for the crowded house which welcome it than it did a decade ago.

Of all the old reliable pieces, "The Devil's Auction" alone retains its pristine popularity. "Evangeline" is gone; "The Black Crook" has passed into the far beyond; "Eight Bells" still remain 'tis true, but "The Devil's Auction" holds its own.

Provided with new scenery and accessories and equipped with a capital company, the rare old spectacular piece comes into its own again, and the lightning change scenic effects and rapid fire individual action are maintained without a falter.

A comely chorus supplements the efforts of the principals, and tuneful music abounds throughout the production.

Familiar by name, "The Volcano of Hades" Spouts forth flames, and the transformation into the Realm of Mephisto is accomplished with a smoothness that precludes suspicion of rustiness. "The Magic Picture Gallery" keeps the audience in a gale of laughter, and "The Feast of Lanterns" introduces Fraulein Prager as premiere danseuse, with a capital corps de ballet.

The plot of the piece is familiar to all, dealing with the struggle between

was attending a meeting of the Masonic lodge. The young wife and her mother are delighted that the young husband and the old man should be lodge brothers, and they arrange for a meeting so that they can see the old man and the young one exchange fraternal signs and signals. The old man and the young man each believes the other is a genuine Mason, and is afraid that the other will expose him. In this situation comes a man from the country, who wants to join the Masons, and the father-in-law promises to test his qualifications for the order. Just as the situations are in order, "Are You A Mason?" is calculated to make everyone laugh, and in its career it hasn't failed in this respect. There is a smile every minute, and no one can sit through the performance without enjoying it. All the favorites of the Company will be in the cast. A fine scenic production will be given, one in keeping with the play.

"SI PLUNKARD."

J. C. Lewis, that ever popular character comedian and his company will play an engagement at the Astoria Theatre Wednesday. An exchange says: "Whenever the name of Si Plunkard is mentioned where it has been before, the dullest face becomes bright with the thought of the good natured young farmer who has caused so many to hold their sides in laughter. He is not an imaginary character, but one which you can



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ZETTA JEWEL, LEADING WOMAN WITH BAKER STOCK CO.

the powers of Mephisto, the evil one, and Christaline, the fairy protector, through which the love affairs of Carlos, the shepherd, and Madeline, the Flemish farmer's daughter, are intertwined. The good, of course, triumphs and Mephisto and his minions are put to confusion.

Every opportunity is given for amusing and scenic effects and full advantage is taken thereof, while the antics of Toby, the donkey, add still further to the amusement.

The honors of the play are evenly divided between the members of a well balanced company, in which are included such well known thespians as George M. Topack, Miss Maud Scott, W. H. Lorella, Miss Alma Merrill, W. C. Newman, Miss Anna Little and Miss Emma Prager.

BAKER STOCK COMPANY.

Manager Baker of Portland's Baker Stock Company donated his Bungalow Theatre for the society people to give an entertainment for the benefit of the earthquake sufferers Monday night and was persuaded to send the Company to Astoria for that night where they will present the big holiday comedy success Are You A Mason which packed the Bungalow to standing room for the entire New Year week. Are You A Mason is a rattling farce.

It has the reputation of being one of the best ever presented in this country, and it enjoyed a phenomenal run in New York and on the road before being released for stock. "Are You A Mason" does not offend any Mason, but it will make them laugh as much as an outsider. The story calls of a young man, who during the absence of his wife, has a gay time. When the servant informs the wife that her husband has been out every evening during her absence, the husband explains that he was joining the Masons. The father-in-law of the husband has been posing as a prominent Mason for years. He, too, has been deceiving his wife, for once a week when he attended a quiet poker club and remained out until the morning he would inform his wife that he

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plays including some of the biggest New York successes. Some of these to follow in the near future are "The Virginian," "The Squaw Man," "The Mummy and the Humming Bird," "The Girl I Left Behind Me," and "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Immediately following "Just Plain Folks," the beautiful society comedy drama, "The Embassy Ball," will be presented. Mr. Victor Donald will be seen at his best as the Frenchman and the other members of the company will each be cast to the best advantage. Mr. Harrington E. Durrey has been secured to direct the plays and finished productions of each piece are guaranteed. No pains or expense will be spared to make each production, one to be remembered. Many of Mr. Donald's friends have asked for a repetition of "The Girl From the Golden West," so it is quite probable that it will be produced in the near future. Mr. Donald and his entire company became very popular during the engagement last spring and will no doubt be greeted Monday night by a packed house.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Katy Copp, of Seaside, who has been the guest of Mrs. A. A. Douglas, of this city, for the past two weeks, left for her home last evening.

Carl Franseen has returned to this city and his business, after a very pleasant visit of three weeks with friends and kinsmen up in Idaho. He returned alone, contrary to expectation, bringing only a box of cigars and the fag-end of a Christmas check he had allowed himself for the trip.

Mrs. J. W. Oberender, of Portland, was a visitor in the city yesterday and was domiciled at the Occident. She took the evening train for her home city.

T. A. Hendricks and wife of Seattle were quartered at the Occident yesterday.

H. H. Atlee of the metropolis was a

business visitor in this city yesterday. Dan Connelly, Eugene Craig and S. H. Nelson, all of Nasel, formed a trio of visitors to this city yesterday on matters of business.

C. J. Throckmorton of Eugene was in the city yesterday and was registered at the Northern Hotel.

J. Y. Summers of Clinton, N. Y., spent the day here yesterday and was domiciled at the Merwyn.

B. N. Smithers of Los Angeles was among the tourists noted on the streets of this city yesterday. Mr. Smithers remarked that the prevalent storm gave him a warm appreciation of his southern home city, and acting on the hint he took the evening train to Portland, en route to that place.

H. E. Emerson, of Salem, was a business visitor in Astoria yesterday. J. T. Darrington of Seattle was one of a big group of tourists that alighted from the noon train yesterday.

K. V. Entriken of Vancouver was among the business visitors in this city yesterday.

Fever Sores. Fever sores and old chronic sores should not be healed entirely, but should be kept in healthy condition. This can be done by applying Chamberlain's salve. This salve has no superior for this purpose. It is also most excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples, burns and diseases of the skin. For sale by Frank Hart and leading druggists.

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