

LAW IS DELAYED

Liquor Schedule Fails to Meet Approval.

CROGERS FILE A PROTEST

License Committee for Indefinite Postponement.

ORDINANCE UP TO COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole to Consider Question of High Tax for Private Entrances and Boxes to Saloons on Monday Night.

The liquor license committee of the Common Council decided last night to refer the entire schedule of license fees, as presented to the meeting of last week, to the committee of the whole of the Common Council Monday evening. With it goes a recommendation to postpone indefinitely.

The committee had a very lively session and a theatrical air was lent to it by the presence of a number of grocers and others, who wanted to escape the tax under the sixth section of the ordinance. The section prescribes a tax of \$200 a year.

"Well," said P. Dresser, a retail grocer, "we sell whisky, but only in bottles."

"The license is \$400 a year," said Chairman Sigler.

"There are a great many people," said Mr. Dresser, "who do not like to purchase liquor in a saloon. They come to our store, and they wish to have the goods delivered at their homes."

"Well," said Chairman Sigler, "the question is as to the pay. The delivery is a convenience, but if the grocers cannot make the liquor business pay, they should get out of the business."

"Our case is different from that of the people," said Francis Sealy, of the Sealy-Mason Company, as an aid to Dresser.

"In Boston the saloon men pay a license of \$1500 a year, and the grocery stores \$500."

"That makes no difference," said Sigler. Theodore Krumm is accused of having sold more liquor as a restaurateur than many saloonkeepers in Portland, spoke against the ordinance, and so did S. A. Arata, who owns a wholesale and retail liquor store.

Mr. Sealy spoke again.

"The saloon men in New York pay \$1000 and the grocers \$300," he said. "Many people buy liquor from the grocer because—"

"They don't want anybody to know anything about it." (Evidently from a liquor dealer.)

"Because they do not want anybody to know anything about it," ended the speaker.

"The telephone is very handy," said Arata, dryly. "You ought to tell your customers about it. It really saves a whole lot of trouble." and Arata waved the smoke from his cigar in the direction of the grocers, with the same air as he would the aroma of his last meerschaum.

Tom Richards, of Richards' restaurant, said he was not selling liquor at retail. He had to carry it as a side line, but his profit was nothing at all.

Rumelin said the liquor question should be let alone until the new charter takes effect. Druggists, grocers and saloon men were complaining. Side boxes in saloons should be voted out of existence, and a tax should be put on concert halls.

"We have to reach these people," said Rumelin, "and I said three weeks ago that if they burned my fingers, I could not do it."

"We cannot do anything with the saloon men," said Sharkey. "They have filed their applications for the year, and, as I understand it, they will have the city to a contract for a full year."

All waited for an answer to Sharkey, but finally Bentley moved that the ordinance be referred to the special meeting of the Council Monday evening without recommendation.

"As the framer of the new ordinance, I do not wish to vote against it," said Zimmerman, "but the old one suits me."

"I have changed my mind since we passed on the matter, but we will thresh the whole matter out at the meeting Monday night," said Bentley.

"If this should be postponed," said Albee, "we will have another case of burning fingers. Do away with these boxes in saloons. We should do something about those places, and I fail to see what benefit we can derive through delay. We have got into the habit of delaying things and we have attributed those delays to one cause and that has got to be a worn phrase: 'Wait until the new charter takes effect. This is getting to be rather tiresome.'"

"My idea of a saloon," said Flegel, one of the principal promoters of the ordinance, "is to cut out the boxes. There should be one door. A man if he wishes should pass in, take his drink, and leave."

"One drink?" inquired a Councilman, quizzically.

"One drink," said Mr. Flegel, assertively. "Of course," he added, "that is the ideal. But as to the boxes, it is added sternly, 'they should be removed. They are an influence of evil in the North End of the city, but they are more so in the outskirts. I favor a tax on them to the amount of \$300 a year as a means of extinguishing them.'"

Mr. Flegel moved that the ordinance be passed, but the motion to postpone indefinitely took precedence, and it was carried by a vote of seven to four. Those voting aye were: Bentley, Cardwell, Foster, Merrill, Rumelin, Sharkey and Sherman. The nays were: Albee, Flegel, Sigler and Zimmerman. Rumelin then moved that the committee adjourn, and the ordinance, with the recommendation that it be indefinitely postponed, will be brought before the Council at the meeting Monday evening.

TO AID STRIKING TANNERS

Federated Trades Council to Help California Union.

An effort will be made by the members of the Federated Trades Council to render assistance to the striking tanners of California. Since the commencement of the strike, some months ago, the council here has done a great deal to help them in their fight. As they sent lists of the unfair firms the council would put them on the unfair list, and also made a canvass of the leather firms here and asked them not to patronize the unfair firms. Many of them have complied, and much help has been rendered the strikers. The strike has continued much longer than was anticipated, however, and the California unions are getting short of money. Portland unions now propose to come to their aid again, and will make an effort to help them financially. Several times already there has been a movement among the leather-workers' unions of the city to raise funds for this cause, but now

the Federated Trades has taken up the work. At the regular meeting last night the chief topic of discussion was as to the best method of raising money. The plan suggested which met with the most favor was to give a labor ball during the holidays, and to let the proceeds go for this cause.

The general routine of business was carried out and reports heard from some of the unions.

THUGS IN A SWARM.

Lawless Element of Seattle Came to Portland.

"Robberies, hold-ups and crimes of every sort are threatening the peace of the city, and nothing short of drastic measures on the part of the Police Department will prevent Portland from becoming the scene of a carnival of lawlessness never before equaled in her history. This was the assertion of Deputy Attorney Fitzgerald at the Police Court yesterday, and his assertion is borne out by every indication. Last night, what may prove the first of a number of daring hold-ups was committed in the city. The victim was W. L. Batz, who lives at First and Main streets, was stopped by two bold highwaymen, and at the point of a revolver relieved of his money. He had but \$7.50 with him, and his loss was not great, but the event proves that the police are right when they say that there is a great influx of lawless men into the city. The source seems to be Seattle. There is a reform wave sweeping over that city at this time, which does not agree with this class of people, and they are looking for a better place to ply their craft. Portland is the first place that they are trying, and it is up to the police to show them that this city wants no more of them than does the Sound metropolis.

A Firm Stand in the Police Court.

A determined stand has been taken by the Police Court officials against the influx of these men. Fines ranging from \$30 to \$200 were yesterday imposed upon seven men who were brought into the courtroom, charged with having been on the streets after 12 o'clock with no legitimate business. The police report that the North End is filling up with men whose presence in the city can mean nothing short of robberies, hold-ups, and even murders. Municipalities Hoag and Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald, are determined, however, that they will not work in Portland and assert that they will punish them upon every possible ground and hope that the police will bring them in as fast as they arrive in the city.

Of the seven that were in the court yesterday there were two who had been in one party. The other two were partners and known by members of the police force to be hold-up men. A harder-looking set it would be difficult to find. All were dirty, poorly dressed and wore mean, treacherous looks. One, whose record is known, bears a marked resemblance to the outlaw Tracy. So marked is the resemblance that as soon as he took his place before the Judge it was the general comment among the people gathered in the courtroom. Clerk Olsen rubbed his eyes and looked again.

"Am I dreaming?" said he to an attorney who was standing near. "I thought Tracy was dead." The attorney directed his attention in the same direction and the two commented upon the resemblance.

"Two brothers could not look more alike," they declared. Whether the man's similarity to the noted outlaw influenced the Judge in his decision or not, is not known, but he and his partners were the ones to answer to the \$50 fine.

Of the remaining five four pleaded guilty. One was bolder and declared his innocence.

"Yes," he admitted as he took the stand, "I am a member of the same party as the others and was with them. We had just come to town and were going up to get a bed. We could not help being out after hours."

"How much money did these men have when searched?" asked the Judge of the policeman who brought them in.

"The man on the stand had 10 cents and some of the others had 5 cents and some had nothing."

"Rather slim outlook for a bed," said the Judge.

"They passed several lodging-houses before I bothered them," continued the policeman.

"Where did you come from?" asked Attorney Fitzgerald.

The man thought a minute. He had evidently heard that the officials were on to the fact that Seattle thugs were coming to Portland and did not wish to be classed among the number.

"The Dalles," he said after hesitating.

"The attorney was not so easy, however, and wanted to know the truth.

"Where did you get off the train?" he asked.

"Don't know."

"Which side of the river?"

"Don't know."

"You cross a bridge?"

Here the man was caught. He had not taken enough pains to look over the city and showed that he had not crossed the steel bridge at the canal.

"Your fine will be \$40," said the Judge as the trial concluded. "The others will be fined \$30 each, and they all filed back to the cells, probably thinking that Seattle is a pretty good place after all.

Things Fly Their Craft.

That these timely warnings made by the officials is no idle dream is shown by the deeds of the very people that they complain of. For some time past there has been a hold-up, and but very few robberies in Portland. It is only within the past few days that the police have noticed these men, and they have not been slow about going to work. Thursday night Meyer's window was smashed through and the bills taken from the clothes in his store. This store is within a block of the police station, and none short of a daring and fearless robber would think of trying such a bold piece of work. The hold-up last night was committed at Fourth and Sherman streets, about 10:30 o'clock. So bold were the robbers that they returned to the store within a few hours of the morning before commencing to land their victims. Shortly after midnight the first victim appeared at the station and made the complaint.

"I was met by two men," said he. "One stuck a gun in my face, and the other went through my pockets." He declares that he did not argue with them, but only thanked them for what they did, and a small amount of money with him.

SMALL FLOOD COMING.

Willamette River is Expected to Reach 15-Foot Stage.

The small flood in the Willamette which passed Eugene Thursday night reached Albany last night and is due in Portland this evening or tomorrow morning. The river here was at the 11.9-foot mark yesterday afternoon, and it is expected that it will reach 15 feet tomorrow. Those who would be incommoded by that stage would better heed the warning. The water has receded six feet at Eugene, and now stands at 12.5 feet. The Selkirk dam, a distance of 2.8 feet within 24 hours, and Albany 5.8 feet within the same time, the gauge reading 19.3 feet. Drift has been coming down the river for several days, and the size of the timbers indicates that sufficient water covered the banks and the lowlands to float sticks of considerable size.

VETERANS AT BAZAAR.

Men Who Saw Service in Spanish-American War Entertain Visitors.

The programme at the G. A. R. bazaar last night was in charge of the Spanish-American war veterans and a large crowd testified their approval of the programme made to entertain them. This afternoon there will be a very interesting programme given for the school children of the city. The exercises will begin at 2 P. M. and the admission for children will be 5 cents, for adults 10.

In the evening the Knights and Ladies

Meier & Frank Company Meier & Frank Company Meier & Frank Company Basement Store Is showing thousands of useful and ornamental things for the holiday season—Chafing Dishes, 5 o'Clock Teas, Silverware, Cut Glass, Lamps, Fancy China, Beer Steins, Cutlery, etc.—Don't fail to visit the basement. "Perrins" Gloves A pair or two of good Kid Gloves always make a most acceptable gift—All the more pleasing if they're good gloves—That's what we recommend—"Perrins"—None better—All the new styles, \$1.50 to \$3.00 pair.

Young Folks Fairy Land, Third Floor

The Meier & Frank Toy Store is the most fascinating place in Portland for children. An immense space 100 feet by 150 on the North side of the third floor devoted to things that make young folks happy. The largest and finest display of toys ever assembled in Portland. How the children's eyes sparkle and dance as they run from one counter to another, from dolls to donkeys, from building blocks to hobby-horses. The doll show in particular is very fascinating to the girls. For those who like to make their purchases early, we'll take and carefully pack away whatever you buy, and deliver at any time you desire.



HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS Complete stocks everywhere—The greatest holiday preparations this store has ever known.

Remember the advantage of morning shopping December rush days.

Carpet Sweeper Makes a pleasing gift to the housewife—We have a full line of the famous "Bissells."

Smoking Jackets Men's Smoking Jackets in a wondrous variety of new styles—All the new materials and trimmings—All sizes—Prices to suit all—Second Floor.

Celluloid Novelties Albums, Toilet Cases, Manicuring Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, and scores of other novelties in every new style and size ranging in price from 25c up.

Picture Dept

Greatly enlarged—Thousands of new pictures—All sizes—Specials for today.

7x9 colored pictures in gilt, black, brown or green frames, great variety of subjects, today..... 14c

Fish and game pictures, 14x28, in brown, wood frames, 50c great value today only at 50c

10x12 picture frames, cabinet openings, floral design, passe partout binding, unusual value for today only at 29c

Ladies' Underwear

Saturday values in underwear and hosiery—Prices that will interest the prudent buyer

Ladies' all-wool sleeveless imported Swiss-ribbed vests in pink, blue, black, white and natural, all sizes, regular \$1 value, today 69c

Ladies' ribbed and shaped wool vests and pants to match, natural gray only, high neck and long sleeves, great 79c bargains..... 79c

Boys' Clothing

There's a distinctly wintry tinge in the air now-a-days, sufficient to be a sharp reminder to the mother who has delayed buying her boy's winter clothing—These values mean economy if you buy today.

Boys' all-wool and corduroy knee pants, size 4 to 16 years, great values for today 52c only at, pair..... 52c

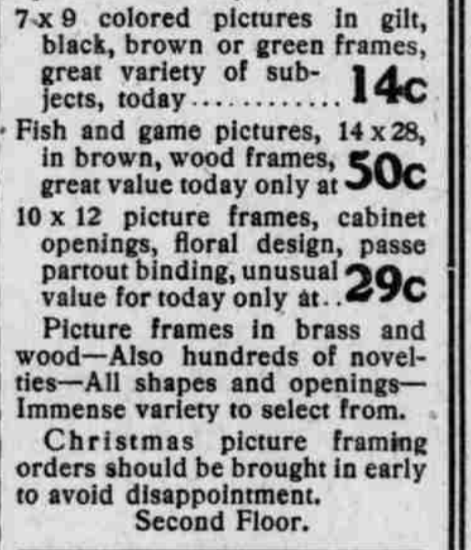
Boys' overcoats, newest style plaids, ages 9 to 15 years, best values of the year, regular \$6.50, today at \$5.45

Boys' two-piece school suits, gray and brown mixtures, best styles and materials, ages 8 to 14 years, \$3 value \$2.20

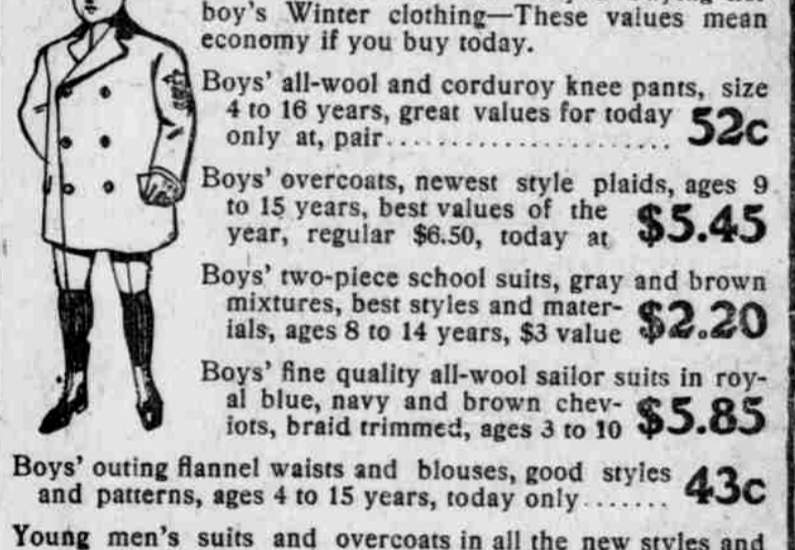
Boys' fine quality all-wool sailor suits in royal blue, navy and brown chevrons, braid trimmed, ages 3 to 10 \$5.85

Boys' outing flannel waists and blouses, good styles and patterns, ages 4 to 15 years, today only 43c

Young men's suits and overcoats in all the new styles and materials ranging in price from \$10.00 to \$16.50 (Second Floor)..... \$10.00 to \$16.50



Ladies' Silk Hosiery Make a splendid Christmas gift—These special prices for a few days only—Ladies' all-silk hose, solid black, \$1.25 values at 98c pair—\$1.50 values \$1.23 pair. \$2.50 fancy embroidered silk hose, pair..... \$1.87 \$2.00 plain Richelieu ribbed silk hose, pair..... \$1.58 \$3.00 black silk hose, boot top, all sizes, pair..... \$1.75 \$5.00 fancy embroidered black silk hose, pair..... \$3.00



Drug Sundries

Andrew Jergen's fancy Sachet envelopes, assorted odors, 7c

Violette cold cream warranted to keep sweet, special 8c

Antiseptic Talcum powder in Verona violette and crushed rose odors, sprinker 12c

Jergen's perfumes, 1 oz. bottles, all odors, today only at 19c

Jergen's highly perfumed toilet soaps, assorted odors, for today only, 3 cakes in 19c box, choice, box..... 19c

Ladies' Neckwear

Saturday price reductions on silk ties and ruffs—Thrifty buyers can't resist these bargains:

Ladies' Silk Ties in plain and hemstitched effects, in black, white, blue, pink, red, regular 35c values at 19c

Liberty silk ruffs in plain or handkerchief ends, regular or cape effects, black and black and white, regular \$3.50 values... \$2.87

Men's Furnishings

Saturday bargain news from the men's furnishing section—prices that will induce vigorous buying by economical men.

Men's outing flannel night shirts, best patterns and colorings, all sizes today 41c

Men's pure linen, unlaundered handkerchiefs, today only at 11c

Men's heavy wool hose, natural camel-hair and black, all sizes, pair 20c

Men's undershirts and drawers, heavy wool, non-shrinkable, the dollar grade, today only 79c

Men's silk band bows, 25c kind, 10c each

Men's \$2.00 Gloria silk umbrellas, steel rod, best handles, today only \$1.47

Men's Clothing

Today's specials are worthy of the attention of every man in need of winter suit or overcoat.

Men's all-wool black rough cheviot or Cambridge gray "yoke" overcoats in leading styles, all sizes, \$15 val. at \$12.35

Men's all-wool dark gray worsted suits—Single or double-breasted sacks, well made and trimmed throughout—Exceptional value for today at \$10.35

Men's fine all-wool fancy mixed cheviot suits—Double-breasted styles—Newest materials—All the regular \$20.00 suits today \$16.35 at..... \$16.35

"Peninsular" Stoves Iron top air-tight heaters with top or bottom draft, \$6, \$6.50, \$7, \$7.50, \$8, \$8.50 "Peninsular" air-tight heaters, new styles, nickel trimmed, \$10 to \$17.00 "Peninsular" ranges and cook stoves, fully guaranteed, prices from \$8.75 to \$65.00 Common air-tight heaters, \$2.75 to \$6.00 Basement.

Veiling Bargains

Magnificent line of handsome chiffon veilings and veils ranging in price to \$4.00 each

Chiffon veilings in all colors, large and small dots, best 50c value, for today, 37c per yard

Dotted veils with or without borders, 1 1/2 and 1 3/4 yards, best 50c chiffon veils..... 39c

Umbrellas

For men, women and children—Thousands of them in all grades and every good style handle, a showing vastly superior to any in town—Prices ranging from \$1 to \$25 each

A Pendleton Indian Robe is just the thing to please the housekeeper with for Christmas—Suitable for robe, cozy corner decorating, couch cover, etc.—New patterns and colorings

The Admiral Clark testimonial committee made happy by donations.

The Admiral Clark testimonial committee was made happy yesterday by the receipt of a contribution from Prineville of \$100, and Secretary Mitchell was put in good humor by the fact that Portland Lodge, No. 142, of the Elks, had contributed \$50 to the fund at its Thursday night meeting. This contribution was passed unanimously and was inspired by General Summers, who in a few words expressed his exalted opinion of Admiral Clark and his achievements as captain of the battleship Oregon. This action on the part of the Elks is most commendable, and shows that the order is a body distinctly American, moved by patriotic impulses, and is ever ready to assist any public enterprise.

The two or three towns yet to be heard from will, it is thought, complete the necessary amount, including the cost of the sword, and the entertainment of the Admiral and his wife when they visit Oregon. The committee is under special obligations to Messrs. C. Sam Smith, T. M. Baldwin and Judge M. E. Brink, of Prineville, for the contribution from that city. It also desires to publicly thank the Elks of this city for their generous contribution.

SWORD FUND GROWS.

No Increase in Average Age.

Chicago Journal.

A most inaccurate and misleading story has been going the rounds to the effect that census figures prove that the average human life in the United States has been prolonged during the last century some 1.4 years. The census figures show no such thing. They show that the "median age" average has risen during this period by that amount, but a further reading of the statement compiled by the census shows that the "age composition" of the population has been subjected to other and more disturbing influences than the progress of sanitation and the advance of medicine. The age composition has been affected, of late years, by an increased influx of adult population from foreign countries. This

of Security will be in charge and the programme will be partly as follows: Piano duet, by Miss Nemburg and Mrs. Schacht; vocal solo, by Miss Carrie Johnson; piano duet, by Miss Nemburg and Mrs. Schacht, and a cakewalk by the Habercock sisters. Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock Dr. E. L. House, of the First Congregational Church, will deliver a patriotic address, and Mrs. House and others will assist in a programme of music, both vocal and instrumental. Lunch today from 11 A. M. to 2 P. M.

A special to the Express from Tonawanda says: The Niagara Transfer Railway will connect with a road which the Northern Pacific Railway contemplates building across Grand Island to Tonawanda.

Lorens Sees the President. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Baron Hengelmueller, the Austrian Ambassador, called at the executive offices today and presented to President Roosevelt the Austrian surgeon, Professor Lorens, and his assistant, Dr. Mueller. Dr. Lorens held a clinic at Providence Hospital today.

QUEER RAILROAD RUMOR Northern Pacific Said to Seek Entrance into Buffalo.

DETROIT, Dec. 5.—The incorporation in this state of the Niagara Transfer Company of Buffalo, to construct a steam road between Tonawanda and Buffalo, and an application filed at Ottawa by the Niagara Grand Island Bridge Company, for an extension of time in which to complete its works, taken in connection with

one fact is sufficient in itself to account for the rise of the median age, without attributing it to the boon of carbolic acid or paregoric. There is nothing to show that people live any longer than before.

The Roumanian bar has published a decision that only Roumanian citizens may hereafter practice law or act as clerks of lawyers. The decision is aimed directly at the Jews, who form the majority of the lawyers and law clerks.

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