

FAKE FRIENDS HIS NORTH END POLICY

Issues Public Letter and Seeks to Share Responsibility With Council.

WANTS TIME FOR TEST

Declares Social Evil Problem Is "Loaded to Guards" With Trouble Any Way One Takes Hold of It.

Mayor Lane yesterday gave out a letter to the public in which he reviews the situation relative to his recent order to drive out the disorderly women from the North End and to make an effort to eradicate the social evil in Portland.

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Mayor Lane, after setting the facts before the Council and after the Council had granted him ten more patrolmen for the avowed purpose of cleansing the city of disorderly women and of keeping them out, feels that his course was endorsed by the Council and now, naturally, feels that the Council is heartily behind him in the move.

Mayor Lane's letter is as follows: Text of Mayor's Letter.

Portland, Oct. 8, 1908.—To whom it may concern: Rowdy houses have existed in this city at all times in the past, and at all times in the past there have been laws against them, both state and municipal.

Since I have been in office I have made an effort to see that such places did not multiply themselves, and that the presence of strangers should not take place in them, and that collision should not exist between them and the city's officials and employees.

By closing every house which broke the regulations of the city, and by the removal of such places as were located, stating as a reason that they were a menace to young girls and other women, as well as to the detriment to business interests in that locality, and where else they were located, however, not being mentioned.

The question before the public and it began to be urged by other persons that the law demanded that all known houses of this kind should be closed.

The proposition is simple. If such places were a menace to good women and girls, and if it were in the public interest to have such places removed, it would be so in another. Also it would be unfair to order the removal of such places upon them, and I have neither the right nor the power to do so.

It must appear to the public that I would have been doing that which I would have done and would have put myself completely in the power of the very persons who were then trying to destroy the efforts of the City Council and myself to enforce the law in this respect.

The enforcement of the law having been demanded, and it being impossible to take part in an effort to "disturb" such places in new quarters without running contrary to the law, and persons assisting in driving them into the net which was apparently being spread to receive them, there was but one course to pursue.

All talk of establishing a system of espionage upon the men patronizing such places is futile, for the reason that there is no law upon the subject definite enough to offer any chance for success in the pursuit of that line of procedure.

fair to the women who, perhaps, will suffer inconvenience and loss from the enforcement of the law, but I find it to be somewhat difficult to get exact facts before the public.

Objects to "Sin-Soaked Streets." A few days ago, for instance, the reporter of a certain paper came and asked for information concerning the subject and afterward editorially rebuked me for the use of that expression which was of its own coinage, and up until this time, so far as I know, has not corrected its misrepresentation in this respect, although requested by me to do so.

After all is said and done the fact remains that the law forbids the existence of such places in this city, and it becomes my duty to enforce that law and to see that the same is done, and by that same token it is also the duty of every citizen to help enforce it.

If the law proves to be a bad one and makes for evil in the community it will be the duty of the people to have it repealed. Should it prove to be a good law it should be enforced. At any rate events are now so shaping themselves that it will soon be known whether it is a good law or a bad one.

In the meantime let us have peace and a reasonable and fair opportunity to test the question without prejudice either for or against it. The committee on the question of the matter in which it has been and is being carried on, in my opinion, likely to result in more evil to the community than all the solutions of the problem which could be suggested, and it strikes me that if the harrowing up of the question is being done in good faith, it at least lacks a great deal in many respects of being done with good judgment. Respectfully,

HARRY LANE, Mayor.

FLOCK FOR THEIR LICENSES

SALOONMEN DO NOT FEAR "NO WOMEN" ORDINANCE.

On Last Day for Renewals They Keep Treasurer's and Auditor's Office Forces Busy.

A sudden change in the situation, probably the knowledge that the City Council will amend the "women-in-saloons" ordinance, next Wednesday caused saloonkeepers yesterday to flock to the City Hall in droves to renew their licenses for the last quarter.

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ASSESSMENT OVER \$7,000,000 MORE

County Assessor Sigler's Valuations for Tax Levy Almost Completed.

ROLLS OPEN FOR WEEK

Protests Must Be Made to Board of Equalization—Rolls Show Evidence of Portland's Good Financial Condition.

Multnomah County property valuations which tax for the year 1908 will be levied will aggregate between \$240,000,000 and \$245,000,000. This represents an increase of \$7,000,000 and \$12,000,000 over the assessments of 1907, which approximated \$232,000,000, and on which this year's taxes were levied and collected.

Assessor Sigler yesterday completed compiling the total of the personal property assessment, which amounts to \$65,587,855, as against \$65,370,420 for the preceding year. This increase of less than \$200,000 appears small until it is explained that in 1907 public service franchises were assessed as personal property, while this year they are listed as real property.

Rolls Show Good Conditions. "In view of the panic last Fall, this year will be considered a substantial showing as reflecting the stability of business conditions generally in Portland," commented Assessor Sigler yesterday.

Personal Property Assessment. Merchandise \$15,942,500; Machinery 4,988,275; Railroad bed 1,306,210; Rolling stock 1,306,210; Telegraph and telephone 1,945,615; Money 2,829,930; Shares of stock 5,579,975; Farm machinery 2,575,200; Horses 614,000; Cattle 200,000; Swine 5,820; Total \$65,587,855.

The principal increase in the personal property assessment roll appears in the "Shares of stock" consisting of:

principally of banking stock, \$4,456,595 to \$5,576,975; household goods, from \$4,792,210 to \$5,810,260; farm machinery, \$419,726 to \$576,995; telegraph and telephone, \$228,000 to \$1,945,615.

Assessment of Franchises.

Table listing various franchises and their assessed values, including City Messenger & Delivery Co., East Portland Gas & Light Co., Home Telephone Co., Northern Pacific Telephone Co., Oregon Electric Railway Co., Oregon Railway & Navigation Co., Pacific Telephone Co., Portland Gas Co., Postal Telegraph, Shaver Transportation Co., Smith, C. B. & Glass, Graham, Southern Pacific Telephone Co., United Railways Co., and Western Union Co.

Harriman Lines Reduced.

The undivided surplus of the Harriman lines this year is assessed at \$14,400,000, after deducting the dividend of \$8,250,000 which was declared by the corporation last January. Last year this corporation was assessed \$15,130,000 on its undivided surplus. It resisted the payment of the tax and the matter is now pending in the courts.

By completing the rolls at this time I will be able to repeat the experiment of last year and give the taxpayers the privilege of investigating the rolls for a week before the assessment books must be turned over to the County Board of Equalization," said Assessor Sigler.

Rolls to Be Open Week. "There will be a force of clerks in the office to assist all callers to locate their property on the roll and to give such information regarding the assessment as may be desired. We cannot receive any protests, as all complaints must be submitted to the Board of Equalization for adjustment, but by this plan we are enabled to rectify such minor mistakes as creep into the preparation of the rolls. In this way the work of the Board of Equalization is greatly expedited since dissatisfied property owners are given an opportunity to prepare their complaints for submission to the board on the first day of its meeting."

NEGROES BOYCOTT PLAY

Protest at Mass Meeting Against Dixon's "The Clansman."

As a result of a meeting at the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Friday evening, the negroes within the city are preparing to boycott "The Clansman" at the Hellig Theater next Thursday evening. The colored citizens have their programs all framed up, and purpose to work up sentiment against the play.

Pickets will be stationed in front of the theater to warn the incoming throngs of the whites within. Several thousand copies of Professor Kelly-Miller's answer to Thomas Dixon's treatise on the negro race will be circulated, and a special effort will be made in Washington street at which the speakers will denounce Dixon and all his works, will be held the night of the show if the permission of the authorities can be obtained.

Patriotic Union Men

Don't think this is approved by all union men, including the rank and file of the best quality, but they are in bed company and are most arbitrarily ruled by the managers in power. The nearby negroes look forward to the time when the boycott, strike, picketing, fighting, stopping machinery, cutting harness, spilling machinery, blowing up workmen and homes, hate of the most intense kind, slugging and murder will stop and the present managers, who lie about their "peaceful" and "lawful" manner, not protesting the crimes, will be replaced by honest leaders, who will conduct the affairs of honest workmen in an honest and lawful manner, not prejudicial to the rights of the common people. When labor contracts will be made like other contracts without coercion, and no violence, and a builder can safely agree upon the price of brick, lumber, glass, iron and labor in his building, and the manufacturer can safely agree to sell his machines or other products to this foreign countries based upon a certain and given cost for material and labor, without danger of ruin by violence and destruction of his plant, and communities of citizens can depend upon the steady running of the industrial establishments upon which such things depend, and the citizen, living then, and only then, will this "labor warfare" cease and the tremendous cost and harm to the common man be done away with.

Under the present law every criminal has a right to trial for his crime by jury. The paid slugger of the "entertainment committee" of a labor union always has a jury trial for making and selling another workman for blowing up property. He is tried by a law court and a jury. Notice, therefore, the hypocrisy in the maudlin appeal of fact when they say, "Why should the workman be denied the sacred right of trial by jury for a crime which he has committed?"

Anyone Could "Order" If an Equity Court were stripped of its power to punish a criminal for refusing to obey the court's order to not commit the act until the court could investigate, then a street arab could as well issue the order and he would have as much power to enforce that order.

The courts established by the people must be supported by the people and empowered to protect the people, else they had as well be dismantled. Since now the thoughtless and cunning through all this Labor Trust movement against the courts. It reads plain enough. Every move is directed towards weakening the courts and therefore lessening the possibility of punishment of the paid slugger and dynamiter, in order that the propaganda of terror and tyranny can be more safely carried out.

GENTLEMEN'S CORRECT CLOTHES FASHIONS



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Look Under It.

hands of the courts and obstructing their acts, when attempting to protect persons and property of the common citizens.

Penny Arcade Talk. Now we hear in the graphophones in penny arcades a speech of this kind, including in sonorous tones, "Why should the poor workman be denied the sacred right of a trial by jury for his alleged crime?"

Anti-Injunction. What does anti-injunction mean? It means the enactment of new laws to prevent the people's courts from enforcing any order to stop men, known to be intending to assault workmen or destroy property. In other words, tie the hands of the courts and not allow them to protect persons or property.

Who Managed. It was said the National Association of Manufacturers brought about this. But that is not strictly true. The National Council for Industrial Defense represented by its counsel, the secretary of the National Citizens' Industrial Association, James A. Emery, was in charge of the work of protection and allied with it were 125 National and local associations of various kinds, including the manufacturers.

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