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THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY.

The public regards with only a passive interest the activity of the City Council in its endeavor to devise a saloon ordinance that will be as one optimistic councilman says—"the best regulatory measure of the kind in the United States." Perhaps, but no measure is self-regulatory. The effectiveness of any law depends entirely upon the spirit, purpose and energy of the enforcing authority, comments the Oregonian.

The Portland public is not much excited over the question as to whether the saloons shall close at 12 p. m. or 1 a. m., or whether the license shall be \$800 or \$1,000 per year; or whether free lunches shall be barred or whether powers of attorney shall be made unlawful after 1912. All decent and law-abiding citizens expect and demand that the saloon shall be made to be quiet, orderly, inconspicuous and inoffensive place, and that the saloon-keeper shall obey the law. There must be no illicit partnership with the criminal or semi-criminal classes on the one hand nor with the police authorities on the other. There must be no alliances with political machines and no interference with public affairs. The saloon will be conducted as the respectable law-abiding citizenship permits it to be conducted, and not on conditions made or imposed by the saloon.

If the city council enacts a reasonable saloon ordinance, and sees to its enforcement, there will be no complaint. If the Council enacts a good law and fails to enforce it through weakness, or indifference, or partiality, or favor, in the matter of granting and revoking licenses, there will be no end of complaint and a renewal of the general outcry against the saloon. And against the Council, too. The Council should not, and cannot, hereafter, evade its responsibility.

MR. HILL'S MAIL.

(From the Detroit News)
The astounding cry of disaster set up the other day by James J. Hill was somewhat bewildering for the moment. Here was a king of finance and industry who has at stake millions of dollars actually howling calamity like any Cassandra in her hysteria.

He said he told President Taft that "the hour is at hand and that many thousands of men will be thrown out of employment."

Whether it is to gain their own immediate end by frightening the courts into a favorable rate decision Messrs. Hill and McCann are howling calamity, or whether their cries of "woe" are born of private distemper, the spectacle is one to be greatly deplored; and not deplored only but utterly repudiated. The country was never in a better condition industrially and financially than now and the railroads were never richer.

Chicago to Play Portland.

Negotiations are completed between the manager of the Washington High School team of this city and the Oak Park High School, of Chicago, for a game to be played here either December 31 or January 7. This is the statement of the football management of the local school, says a Portland paper.

Since the close of the season of the Chicago Academic Football League, the officials of the organization in the Windy City have been writing West to secure enough games for an extended trip through this country. The Lincoln High School of Seattle, was written to first. Then letters were sent to Tacoma, Aberdeen and Wenatchee.

The Seattleites wanted the game badly, but the Board of Education in that city refused to grant permission to Lincoln to play the Chicago team, as the football league a year ago voted to prohibit the schools from bringing in teams from outside the state. Then K. M. Patterson, acting for the Chicago school wrote to the Portland Inter-Scholastic league for a game.

The Oak Park High School eleven intends to play in Tacoma, Aberdeen, Wenatchee and Portland. It is probable the local game will be December 31, as that is considered an excellent day for the contest.

Doctors Organize.

The doctors of the county met at Wallowa Thursday and organized the Wallowa County Medical society. Dr. J. H. Thompson of Joseph was chosen president, Dr. C. T. Hockett, of Enterprise vice president and Dr. Jeter of Joseph secretary and treasurer. Drs. Ault and Hockett were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws. Attorney Trill was elected collector and legal adviser, reports the Enterprise News Record.

The meetings of the society will be held quarterly the first Thursdays of January, April, July and October. The next meeting will be in April.

The meeting Thursday was held in the hospital of Drs. Gregory and Gregory, who also entertained the visitors to dinner.

Those present at the organization were Drs. Thompson, Erwin and Fleener of Joseph; Ault, Hockett and Nichols of Enterprise; Gregory and Gregory of Wallowa.

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