Who Shall Govern?

In its report to the court, the grand jury makes the following statements, which are worthy of serious thought by every citizen:

"It is the duty of the mayor to order the police department to enforce the laws as they are, he has no right, in law or morals, to 'regulate' gambling and so foster defalcation and the many crimes incident to the gathering of the criminal classes that thrive only in an open or 'regulated' city.

"The chief of police is subject to removal by the mayor, hence he must obey the mayor's orders even to allowing an 'open town,' but the chief in deference to his oath and public duty is bound to submit to removal from office rather than be guilty of malfeasance.

"The subterfuges resorted to [illegible] the city authorities in excuse [illegible] this condition are not opaque. [illegible] of real issue is whether the peo[illegible] The Portland and Multnomah [illegible] are capable of self-go[illegible] county. Whether a clique of [illegible] ment? govern as they plea[illegible] officers and people [illegible] whether the laws? This [illegible] shall obey that the time [illegible] jury believes from the d[illegible] has come to be free breakers. [illegible] of all law-weal d[illegible] and [illegible] the public conv[illegible] demands the [illegible] and [illegible] of those [illegible] officers, who, in [illegible] of the law, would sell, and have been guilty [illegible] of selling, the opportunity to the gambling class to prey upon our body politic.

"At the polls the voters in Portland and in Multnomah county have, at various times, emphatically disapproved former administrations and sought relief in a change of faces at the courthouse and in the city hall, only to find as before, the gambling evil plying its business, still serenely dictating suppression of the laws and obtaining protection from police interference, aided and abetted by those landlords who rent houses for gambling dens. This mayorality, however, has given the unique spectacle of the gambler declaring his 'business' to be both respectable and legitimate because of his semi-monthly bail forfeitures or license paid to the city, and a police commissioner and state senator-elect, and a city councilman furnish an example to our youths, in law-breaking, by openly and constantly, at the places of business defying section 1056 of Bellinger and Cotton's code, and all of these because of their positions in society, business and politics, expect exemption from the penalties of the law."

Contributed by "Observer".

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Knight spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Hanson at their Point View home. As the day was fine a very pleasant time was had. Mrs. Knight is very much improved in health as she has been quite ill for weeks.

The editor of the Review should feel proud of his paper when his patrons take interest enough in it to have it circulated from Maine to California. Seattle people must look after their laurels or St. Johns will come out ahead yet. Just wait until a few more years go by. Then many who go to other towns will turn back and regret they did not come here before. St. Johns is the place to grow up in. May it ever be prosperous.

There has been so much said concerning the "bundle brigade" of this place, that I begin to think there is something in it besides talk. When people pay their money for an article, no matter what it consists of, whether muslin or cotton batting, they expect to get something near to what they pay for. A person would rather patronize their own merchants at home than to carry bundles from Portland, providing the article is as good, even if they pay a few cents more. But one cannot get just what they want in St. Johns—hence the bundle brigade.

OBSERVER.

Work on the new public school annex, which will consist of two rooms, is progressing rapidly with prospects of being nearly if not finished quite in time. The time limit is January 21. Prof. Teuscher reports that the pupils in three class rooms are on half time. The two new rooms will relieve the situation for the present and enable all pupils to attend a full day. It is absolutely certain, however, that further provision will have to be made in the very near future for the constantly increasing attendance.

ANOTHER MAN ENTHUSI[illegible]ASTIC.

And Mr. Stubbs Woul[illegible] More if the Report[illegible] I Have Said den Fur[illegible]er had Ridden[illegible]her.

E. V. Stub[illegible] paid St. John[illegible] week. Mr. [illegible] winter on [illegible] benefit of [illegible]

"I ha[illegible] over th[illegible] mouth[illegible] porte[illegible] car, the [illegible] h[illegible]

[illegible]s, of Toledo, Ohio, [illegible] a quiet visit this [illegible] Stubbs is spending the [illegible] the Pacific coast for the [illegible] his health.

[illegible]e been pretty much all [illegible] coast in the past three [illegible]s," he said to a Review re[illegible]r, who sat beside him on the [illegible] "and St. Johns strikes me as [illegible] most promising town of any I [illegible]ve seen from San Diego to Whatcom. Of course I have seen many bigger towns that are further advanced and more citified. But that is not what I mean. I mean that the possibilities and the prospects of your town excel the possibilities and prospects of any other Pacific coast town I have seen. There is your immense water frontage on the Willamette, and as I am told, on the Columbia slough, lying on the northern boundary. Then your railroad facilities and your proximity to the large market town of Portland are an immense advantage. The mills and factories you now have are but the nucleus of what I believe will be a great manufacturing center. And then again the property values are so low that capital and labor both will soon take advantage of the opportunity and more mills and more homes will be springing up around you."

"I suppose of course the real estate men have posted you pretty thoroughly on land values", suggested the reporter.

"Havn't seen or talked with a single one of them", protested Mr. Stubbs. My investigation has been a quiet and entirely unobtrusive one. I intend, if I can sell my business in Toledo, to come next Spring and open up in St Johns, but until then I don't want to be bothered by any details of land values. If I come it will be with sufficient money to go into business and invest some in outside property. I consider an investment in your town to be the best of any that I know of on the coast."

"Piedmont," shouted the street car conductor. Transfer to Portland."

"What is your business," asked the reporter, as Mr. Stubbs hurried to catch his car.

"Furniture," he called back. "Dealer or Manufacturer?"

But the through car that makes "no stops east of steel bridge," was already on its way, and the reporter, who had to collect a bill at the junction, will have to wait for another interview before giving to the public any further particulars relating to Mr. Stubbs and his business.

The watch night meeting was well attended at the Evangelical church. Those who took part in the program were Misses Gifford, Jones, McVickers, Parker, Mrs. Hall and Mr. Johnson, who denoted their ability to measure up to the occasion, while the orchestra successfully rendered some of their best selections. The social hour was greatly enjoyed. Rev. H. A. Deck delivered a very fine sermon at 11 p. m. Subject: "Nothing but Leaves." The last twenty minutes of the old year was spent in a devotional service, conducted by the pastor, closing at 12 m. with the benediction, when every one was greeted with a happy new year.

Old Fashioned Gathering.

An old fashioned Hard Tymes Gatherin wil bee held in Bickners Meetying House on Jersey Cross Roads, on Monday Evenyng, January 23, undur the ospices ov the wimmin folkes ov the Ade Sassiety of the Evangelical Church. Extry good vittles will be et frum 6 tu 8. Its gowin tu cost wu five scents and wun pertater tu get inn. (No edmishun without t[illegible] pertater. Com and fetch yur f[illegible]nds with yu.

One man at the [illegible]ass [illegible]eting Monday evening obje[illegible]cted [illegible] the section in the new city [illegible] charts laying the town off into [illegible]ards. "Because," he said, "th[illegible]re ain no wards, and if there ain [illegible] no wards, how are you goin' to [illegible]ake wards." Such logic of course [illegible] couldn't be answered, and wasn't.

Bring us $1 and we will send the Review to your friend [illegible] or a year.

ORDINANCE NO. 39.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing and directing a contract with the St. Johns water Company to supply water for fire hydrants.

The people of the Town of St Johns does ordain as follows; authorizing contract for water for fire purposes—conditions of

Sec. 1. The committee on fire and water are hereby directed, authorized and empowered on behalf of the Town of St. Johns, to enter into an agreement with the St. Johns Water Company, its successors and assigns, for supplying with water for the purpose of extinguishing fires for the term of five years, of all the fire hydrants which the town shall need or use within that term, the number of each to be such as the town at its pleasure shall erect and construct and all to be at such points as the town may designate upon the line of water pipes or mains of said company, the Town of St. Johns to pay therefore the sum of three dollars and fifty cents per month for each hydrant so employed.

Passed and approved, Jan. 5, 1905.

C. A. COOK, Mayor.

L. P. CLARK, Recorder.

He Didn't Find the Fire.

Everybody in town is laughing over the New Year's eve experience of a certain Philadelphia street merchant whose identity we shall not disclose. The said merchant and his wife retired early in their apartments over the store on that particular evening, happy because they are prosperous and relieved at the prospect of a two-days' holiday and rest.

Both were wrapped in soundest slumber when the midnight air was rent by the screeching of whistles and clanging of bells announcing the glad new year. Now if there is anything this same merchant dreads it is fire. And, in the absence of any city fire protection he keeps on hand several portable fire extinguishers, one of them being placed handily in his bedroom.

Aroused from deep sleep by the unearthly din, he leaped from bed and strapped the fire extinguisher on his back. His first thought was of his own property. He rushed down stairs and through the store and then out upon the street. He saw no blaze. But the din kept increasing, and his excitement increased with it. He ran around the building, his wife shouting after him from an upstairs window:

"Oh, where's the fire, where's the fire?"

"I don't know," he replied excitedly. "Can you see fire anywhere from up there?"

Then came the shouting and yelling of a gang of boys; and suddenly the truth dawned upon the agitated merchant.

"Oh, sugar," he shouted, "go to bed. It's just New Year's."

And he crawled back to bed, where he said things to himself such as we wouldn't publish if we could.

An artist who appreciated the ludicrous situation has left us a spirited pencil sketch representing the scene, but it came in so late that we are unable to reproduce it in the paper.

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