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CLUB IS RAIDED

LIFE OF MILWAUKIE RESORT IS FREQUENTLY DISTURBED.

Portland Authorities Assume Right to Close Club—Sheriff Shaver's Position.

Late Saturday night the Portland police force raided the Milwaukee Country Club and arrested seven men, including those in charge of the resort and players. Nearly \$1000 in money was seized as was also paraphernalia connected with the establishment which will be used as evidence in the trial of the case to establish the character of the resort and the business that is conducted there.

Much indignation has been aroused among the people of Milwaukee at this unusual act on the part of the Portland authorities. The people of Milwaukee, fully two-thirds of them, are not opposed to the operation of the Milwaukee Club within the corporate limits of their city and they consider it an inexcusable interference for any intrusion by the Multnomah county authorities whose jurisdiction is seriously questioned.

The raid on the Milwaukee Country Club by the Portland police was not a surprise to Sheriff Shaver and the officers of this county.

Last Wednesday, the day following the adjournment of the Clackamas county grand jury, interested Portland gamblers came to Clackamas county officers and offered to deposit \$1000 as a fund with which to defray the expenses of proceeding against the Milwaukee Club and prosecuting its promoters. But the tender was rejected for the reason that to initiate such a movement against the management of the Milwaukee resort would result in a demand for similar action against gaming as it is being carried on at Estacada, Canby, and other points in the county and for which there are not available funds for prosecuting.

"These raids and prosecutions of the Milwaukee Club are not the work of the moral people of Portland," said Sheriff Shaver in discussing the situation. "On the contrary it is the direct result of a quarrel among the gamblers themselves. Portland gamblers being denied the privilege of conducting games in that city, are leaving no stone unturned to suppress the operation of the Milwaukee resort. Until I am given assurance that the county will reimburse me for all expenses that may be incurred in prosecuting gambling cases, I do not feel warranted in assuming the expense of suppressing this sort of thing and run the risk of being ultimately defeated in the courts."

While the grand jury was in session last week, Sheriff Shaver was summoned before that body and asked why he was not proceeding against the Milwaukee resort and other gambling in the county. That officer plainly stated that such action on his part would not be undertaken until funds were provided for meeting the expenses of the proceedings. As the result of the interview, the grand jury is submitting its final report, made the following recommendations on the subject of gambling:

"We have diligently investigated all charges of the violation of the gambling laws and have returned indictments which have been returned to this Court. We think, however, that it is extremely difficult to suppress gambling for the reason that the authority of the state officers to forcibly close and keep closed places where gambling is carried on and to incur expenses for such purposes is questionable, and without such authority it is almost impossible for state officers to suppress gambling and pool rooms.

"We therefore must suggest the enactment of laws by the state legislature giving the sheriff power to summarily and forcibly close and keep closed all places where gambling is carried on including pool rooms, and providing means for the expenses incurred in so doing."

That the Milwaukee resort is not objectionable to the people of the city in which it is located, is evidenced in the fact that there was recently filed with the Clackamas county grand jury petitions signed by more than two-thirds of the people of Milwaukee, favoring the maintenance of the Milwaukee Country Club and intimating that a disinclination of the authorities to prosecute the same would not be criticized.

It is the prevalent feeling here that the disturbing element in the Portland fraternity having failed to interest the Clackamas county officers by the offer of money to wage a prosecution against the Milwaukee Club, have been more successful in their negotiations with the Portland Police department.

ANNUAL MEETING OF OREGON DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Dairymen's Association is to be held at Forest Grove, December 22 and 23. The association has met at Hillsboro a number of times, but this will be its first meeting at Forest Grove. The great importance of the dairy industry in Washington County makes the enterprising people of that county appreciate the work of the association. The people of Hillsboro have always shown the association every courtesy and Forest Grove will not fail to maintain the county's reputation. It is a pleasant and interesting town to visit and its inhabitants stand high in intelligence and enterprise. They are at work making preparations for the meeting, and will do their share

towards making the meeting a successful one. We quote the following from the Forest Grove Times.

"The Oregon State Dairymen's Association will meet this year in Forest Grove. The time had been left for the officers to decide upon and notice was received a few days ago that they had selected Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23, as the date for the sessions. Gale Grange had appointed a committee at its last meeting to confer with a committee from the Board of Trade to make arrangements for the proper reception of the delegates. Messrs. W. K. Newell and A. T. Buxton, of the Grange committee, met with the directors of the Board of Trade Saturday afternoon and after considering the question at some length Messrs. Walter Hoge, E. S. Callendar and Judge Hollis were appointed a committee to represent the Board and together with the Grange committee to make all necessary arrangements for the meeting. There are usually from 60 to 100 dairymen in attendance and it has been customary at other places to give them a banquet or dinner during their sessions, and it was the sense of the conference that the Board of Trade, together with the Grange, should give a dinner to the visitors Saturday noon."

STATE ASKS SHARE

SUES PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY.

Claims It Is Entitled to Ten Per Cent of the Profits on Tolls.

An important suit involving a large sum of money was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by the State of Oregon against The Portland General Electric Company to recover 10 per cent of the tolls collected at the locks at Oregon City since 1873, reported the Oregonian last Friday. A. M. Crawford, Attorney-General, and John Manning, District Attorney, represent the state as counsel. The complaint contains a full recital of the statute under which the Willamette Falls locks were constructed in 1873. The state of Oregon contributed \$200,000 and was to receive each year 10 per cent of the net profits arising from the tolls. It is alleged that on December 31, 1873, the Willamette Falls Canal & Lock Company, which built the locks, paid to the State of Oregon \$435 as 10 per centum of the net profits from the tolls during the year 1873, and no money has been paid to the state since.

In March, 1876, the canal and locks were assigned to the Willamette Transportation & Locks Company, and in 1892 they were sold to the Portland General Electric Company. It is averred that during all of these years no accounting of the profits and tolls has been made to the Secretary of State and no money paid, and that the present owner, the Portland General Electric Company, has refused to pay. The court is asked to order the defendant to produce the books and to show all sums collected as tolls for the passing of freight and passengers through the locks and canal from and including the year 1874 and to and including 1904, and that a decree be entered that the State of Oregon receive 10 per cent of the net profits. The amount at issue is estimated to be about \$30,000.

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CAUFIELD WILL RUN

ACCEPTS INDEPENDENT NOMINATION FOR MAYOR.

Appears To Be No Opposition Candidate—Election on December 4.

E. G. Caufield, cashier of the Bank of Oregon City and former Mayor, on Monday morning announced that he would accept the nomination for Mayor or as an independent candidate in response to a largely signed petition representing many of the prominent business and professional men of the city.

Mr. Caufield's acceptance follows:

"To W. A. Huntley, V. Harris, A. Muhlstein, M. C. Strickland, Linn E. Jones, Sol Garde, D. C. Latourette, R. L. Holman, R. Petzold, J. M. Price, S. M. Ramsby, C. Hartman and others:

"In answer to the communication addressed to me asking you to be allowed to nominate me as an independent candidate for Mayor of this city, would say that I appreciate the sincerity of the request made personally by many of my fellow citizens, as well as in the communication referred to, and will accept the nomination.

"If elected I will to the best of my ability endeavor to merit the expression of confidence and esteem you have so kindly made in your letter.

"Thanking you for the honor conferred, I remain

"Yours very respectfully,
"E. G. CAUFIELD."

To date Mr. Caufield is the only candidate who has developed for the Mayoralty. Representing as he does the anti-franchise sentiment of the city, Mr. Caufield's election is practically assured. The franchise question will be the only issue in the contest and with two-thirds of the voters of the city opposed to the granting of long time franchises of an uncertain character, the election of a Mayor and four Councilmen in opposition thereto may be expected by a proportionate vote. The annual election will be held Monday, December 4.

Jos. Lynch, of the Second Ward and Jos. N. Harrington, of the Third Ward, candidates for election to the City Council, on Monday filed with City Recorder Dimick their nominating petitions. Prospective candidates for municipal offices have until Wednesday preceding the city election, which is to be held Monday, December 4, in which to file their nominating petitions in order to be entitled to a place on the official ballot.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT.

After a jury had been impaneled to try his case Wednesday, Carl Johnson, charged with fishing for salmon without a license, changed his mind and pleaded guilty to the charge. Judge McBride imposed a fine of \$50 and costs, aggregating \$136.95. Johnson was found guilty in the justice court and was fined \$100 and it was from this judgement that he appealed.

The jury in the case of Charles Reese against J. M. Olds, et al., Wednesday afternoon returned a verdict for \$120 damages. Reese asked for judgment in the sum of \$495 because of a beating he recently received at the hands of the defendants and by reason of which he sustained a fractured nose, besides being otherwise severely bruised.

Judge McBride has dismissed from further attendance on this term of court all of the jurors with the exception of three members.

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