

MILWAUKIE CLUB CLOSED

Order From Sheriff Beatie Causes Big Gambling Games to Cease

MOURN REVENUE LOSS

Citizens of Town Deplore Action of County Officials—Ministers Rejoice But Give Press Credit.

The Milwaukie Country club closed indefinitely Saturday night at 9 o'clock, obeying an order given by Sheriff Beatie one week before. All games were stopped, the gamblers hurried out of the place, lights were turned out and doors locked. This, everyone except residents of Milwaukie, hope is the last that will ever be heard of the notorious gambling hell.

"The order was given after consulting with District Attorney Hedges, on Saturday, July 27, one day before action was taken by the churches and two days before I received any letter informing me of the action of the churches on July 28," said Sheriff Beatie, Monday. "In the first order I gave them one week, or to last Saturday night at 9 o'clock to close, I went down there Saturday night to see if the order was obeyed and it was."

There was a general spirit of rejoicing in the churches Sunday over the news that the club was closed. One or two ministers spoke of it before their sermons and one, Rev. E. Clarence Oakley was inclined to believe suspension was only temporary and the place would re-open as soon as the storm blew over. However as far as the Congregational church was concerned the storm is not to blow over. The committee was continued. Mr. Oakley did not give the district attorney and the sheriff any credit, claiming they acted because of public opinion. He said the credit belongs to the press, to the Daily Star, the Evening Journal, the Oregonian and Evening Telegram. He especially praised the first two named, and said the other two, Oregonian and Telegram, did a little. At the union services in the park Sunday evening, Rev. Oakley again referred to the closing of the club.

There is one place in the county where there is no rejoicing and that is Milwaukie. The citizens there are in the dumps, for it begins to look to them as if they would have to go down in their pockets and dig up the necessary few hundred dollars running expenses for the village government. They have been living so long on a rake-off from the gambling tables they can't abide to pay out honestly earned money for such things as street lights, sidewalks, etc. A letter appeared in a Portland paper, addressed to Mayor Wm. Schindler, giving the gambling den a good, moral character and endorsing the action of Mayor Schindler and the city council in permitting the club to exist. The letter was signed by more than 100 residents—almost every voter in the village, and including all the prominent citizens, church members and moral models.

The relationship between the club and city was most intimate, financially but in no other way. One of the stipulations in it being allowed to continue was that no Milwaukie citizen, young or old, was allowed to enter the club house. It paid \$1200 license or fines and \$600 a year liquor license. In addition it was the heaviest subscriber to all local affairs. It gave \$100 to the new grange hall, bore the big end of the Fourth of July celebration, fought for the town with the traction company and won where the town failed. In short it has been a regular Lady Bountiful as far as paying was concerned. In return it asked only to be let alone, and stole the citizens' self-respect without asking.

That's why Milwaukie is sad today. Next week or next year, when the people get their self-respect back, they will be glad the club was closed.

YOUNGEST OPERATOR.

Thomas Gerber, the youngest telegraph operator in Oregon, if not on the Pacific coast, is now in Albany, in the employ of the local Western Union Telegraph office, says the Al-

bany Daily Herald. He is taking the place of Operator Royce, who left yesterday evening for a two weeks' vacation in San Francisco. Mr. Royce was accompanied by his mother and sister, Thomas Gerber, who takes Mr. Royce's place at the key in only 14 years old and entered the employ of the telegraph company two years ago in Oregon City, where his home is. Quickness of comprehension enabled him to master the key and he can now handle wires with the ability of a veteran. Last week he had complete charge of the Oregon City office, during the absence of the man in charge, and filled the place to the satisfaction of all.

COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES.

The summer normal after a pleasant and profitable session will close Friday with a picnic at Willamette. The district boundary board will appoint transient officers for the county this week.

Miss Alice Hill who taught the Yoder school near Needy last winter, will enter the San Diego normal this fall.

PLANNING LABOR DAY CELEBRATION

The members of the Willamette Improvement and Development league are greatly interested in the work of arranging for the Labor Day celebration to be given in the park at the springs near Willamette on that day. The O. C. T. company will run a special boat from Portland and arrangements are being made with the Willamette Falls Railway company by which the car service will be greatly increased on that day.

Gordon E. Hayes will deliver an address and the members of the committee are trying to secure State Labor Commissioner Homm to speak also.

Two baseball games will be played, one in the morning between the Grays and another fast amateur nine not selected, and one in the afternoon between the Woodburn and St. John's teams of the Tri-City league. There will also be a number of foot races, egg races, sack races, potato races, and other unique contests. The park is especially inviting and many will eat their lunches in the shade of its sheltering trees.

The Oregon City band will furnish music. A pavilion will be erected and there will dancing during the afternoon and evening.

PORTLAND DOCTOR DROWNED IN SEA

Long Beach, Wash., Aug. 6—Dr. James M. Smith, who has an office in the Buchanan building in Portland, was drowned here this morning about 11:30 o'clock, while trying to save his son Lester, aged 12 years. The latter was finally brought to shore by Harry Tinker, but while every effort is being made to resuscitate the boy it is feared the work is in vain.

Lester was in bathing and was caught by the undertow. He screamed for help and his father, who was bathing near by in company with Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey, swam to his assistance, was caught by the undertow and dragged under before help could reach him.

ASTORIA GAMBLERS ARE SCARED SOME

Astoria, Aug. 6—While rumors are rife here that the gambling houses will be closed, nothing definite is known. The city will not close them for they are running under city authority. If they are closed it will be by District Attorney Hedges of Oregon City. His deputy here, J. C. McCue, had received no closing orders from Mr. Hedges up to noon.

Mr. Hedges when seen Tuesday refused to give out information as to his intentions. He said he would take up the several duties of his office in order and when he was ready to move there would be no newspaper flourishes as accompaniments.

ROYAL RESTAURANT SOLD.

Jesse George sold his restaurant Monday evening to W. J. E. Vick and A. E. Joyner, both well known young men. Mr. George will leave in two weeks for Walla Walla, where he will probably enter into the restaurant business again.

WAS LEU A MURDERER?

Portland Police Believe That New Era Suicide Killed Alexander Huber

MYSTERY CLEARED UP

Light Shed on Assassination of Swiss Dairyman a Few Weeks Ago—Seek Montana Facts.

The Portland police believe the suicide of Jack Leu, whose body was discovered by Frank McArthur, hanging to a limb of a tree, one mile east of New Era, Sunday, clears up the mystery surrounding the murder of Alexander Huber, the Swiss dairyman, who was shot from ambush at night on the Cornell road July 17.

Suspicion had always pointed to Leu as the assassin, and the police now assert that responsibility for the crime is fixed.

Leu disappeared the night of Wednesday, July 17—the day the body of Huber was found on the Cornell road. He was shot by a concealed foe. One bullet entered from the front and the other from the back.

The murder was the outcome of a row in the Gruettl saloon, Front and Yamhill streets, two nights previously. Leu and Huber were the principals in the affair, and Leu was soundly trounced by Huber.

Leu was a powerful man, physically the largest member of the Portland Swiss colony. Huber was undersized. From all that the police have been able to learn, nothing prior to this fight had ever occurred to mar the friendship existing between Leu and Huber. It is therefore believed that Leu was mortified at his defeat at the hands of Huber on that occasion that he murdered Huber and hanged himself to escape possible punishment by the law.

Huber's body was discovered by his partner and a younger brother at daylight Wednesday, July 17. They notified the police, and Detective Sergeant Baty took charge of the case. He worked on it continuously until nearly every member of the Swiss colony had been interviewed by Chief Gritzmacher, who speaks the language. Among those taken to headquarters was Jack Leu, against whom suspicion was at once directed. He was questioned at great length by the Chief, who released him and seemed satisfied that Leu had no connection with the case.

Leu, meantime, had brought charges against Huber and others, alleging assault and battery, as the outgrowth of the saloon trouble. He appeared in the municipal court the morning the body of Huber was found to prosecute his alleged assailants, but the cases were postponed, pending the outcome of the investigation into the murder mystery. When the day for the hearings came, it was found Leu had disappeared, and it was later learned he had fled from Portland the day the body of Huber was found.

The Portland police were completely mystified. A seeming alibi was attempted to be established for Leu by certain Swiss. The finding of Leu's body has made it all clear say the police. Because of the almost incredible thought that the murder and suicide could have grown out of so trivial a thing as the fight between the two men in the saloon, the police will make still further inquiry as to Leu's past, and will endeavor to ascertain his record in Montana, where he is said to have lived at one time.

The letter found in Leu's pocket was from Mrs. Anna Wollenvelder of Butte, Mont., and was dated June 22. Only \$1.15 was found in the pockets of the dead man. Leu had taken a piece of telephone wire from the gate at the McArthur home, twisted it around his neck and was strangled. Leu disappeared from Portland the night of July 17, and it is supposed he committed suicide about July 20.

Vandalism in Knapp's Park.

Editor Star: A city is known by its parks, and Mr. Knapp is most surely entitled to much credit for the interest he has taken in the park that bears his name. He has had planted a number of nut bearing trees and ornamental shrubs, and he went so

far as to import from Germany a new flower originated there called the Gymsonia Germana, a beautiful flowering shrub which was just beginning to bloom and Mr. Knapp had hopes of having seed enough to give some to his friends this fall. But as usual some one unknown to our police force was unkind enough to destroy all bushes in the park. Mr. Knapp is thankful that they have left the park and the other shrubs and trees.

GOING TO GRESHAM.

A large number of fans will accompany the Grays to Gresham, Sunday, where the Oregon City aggregation will play a return game with the home team. The first game between these teams, played July 21 in this city, resulted in a victory for the local nine, the score being 8 to 4. During the game, Catcher Hanlin of the visitors broke his finger and was forced to leave the game, and the Greshamites maintain that this accident cost them the contest.

GREAT AMERICAN 4 RINGED CIRCUS

The following is some of the red hot parts of a toast by W. R. Andrews of Grand Rapids, Mich., in an appeal to the Filipinos:

You Filipinos don't know what you are missing by not wanting to become citizens of this grand country of ours. You ought to send a delegation over here to see us—the land of the free—land of fine churches and 40,000 licensed saloons, bibles, forts and guns, houses of prostitution, millionaires and paupers, theologians and thieves, politicians and poverty, Christians and chain gangs, schools and sealaws, trusts and tramps, money and misery, homes and hunger, virtue and vice, where we have men in congress with three wives, where some men make savages out of their wives and others want to eat them alive, where we make bologna out of dogs, canned beef out of horses and sick cows, and corpses out of the people who eat it, where a congress of four hundred men make laws and a court of nine men set them aside, where newspapers are paid for suppressing the truth and rich for teaching a lie, where preachers are paid \$25,000 a year to dodge the devil and tickle the ears of the wealthy, where business consists in getting property any way that won't land you in the penitentiary, where niggers can vote and women can't, where a girl who goes wrong is made an outcast and her partner flourishes as a gentleman, where we have prayers on the floor of our national capitol and whiskey in the cellar, where we put a man in jail for stealing a loaf and in congress for stealing a railroad, where the devil laughs from every street corner. Come to us, Filippies! We've got the greatest aggregation ever exhibited under one tent.

SELLS LEASE FOR BIG, ROUND FIGURE

C. W. Kelly, proprietor of "the Bismarck," on Alder street, Portland, has surrendered his lease and will discontinue business while a five story brick is being erected to cover the quarter of the block on part of which the "Bismarck" stands.

It is understood Mr. Kelly received advantageous terms as he had quite a long lease and his was the only one that stood in the way of clearing the site for the new structure. When the new building is completed Mr. Kelly will get a choice room, and will be the only saloonman in the building which will be occupied by 350 tenants and their office help.

Ex-Fire Chief E. L. McFarland, who has been working for Mr. Kelly ever since he opened last winter, and Mr. Kelly and his family will leave Thursday for a month's stay at Wilhoit Springs.

135 Tons of Berries.

There were 12,650 crates of loganberries shipped from Brooks station, Marion county, during the season recently closed. About 9,000 of these were 24-box crates and the balance 15, making a total of about 270,000 pounds of berries alone, or 135 tons.

TORNADO IN IOWA.

Mason City, Ia., August 7—A tornado swept over this section last night, killing four people, injuring a large number and doing an immense amount of damage to property. The whole Mississippi valley has been swept by fierce windstorms for the last 24 hours.

OLD SITE RETAINED

County Court Will Probably Not Move Location of Estacada Bridge

EXPENSIVE TO CHANGE

Structure Would Cost More and New Road Need Be Built—Accept Constable Ely's Resignation.

The county court considered bridge matters Wednesday forenoon but did not vote definitely on the proposition to change the site of the county bridge across the Clackamas at Estacada. There is slight doubt, however, said one member of the court, Wednesday, but that the new bridge will be placed where the old one is.

The Estacada bridge is in a dangerous condition and a new one must be erected at once. Some people at Estacada wanted the new one placed nearly one-half mile down stream. Another faction objects strenuously to changing the site. The new location would necessitate building a road to the bridge, and the structure itself would cost more as it would be 40 feet longer. These facts cause the court to view with disfavor the proposal to change the location. The new bridge will probably be a wood and iron structure, using the iron in the present bridge.

Accept Ely's Resignation.

The resignation of Charles F. Ely as constable of district 4 was accepted Wednesday by the county court and the office declared vacant.

The petition of David Caulfield, asking for appointment as constable to fill vacancy caused by Ely's resignation, was passed until the September meeting.

Annie Corrigan was granted a renewal for six months of her license to sell liquor at Barton.

The Straus Lumber company was granted the use of a county road for logging purposes.

The petition to change the plank to corduroy in the Highland road, was denied.

DROPPED DEAD IN THE HARVEST FIELD

While working in a harvest field at Beaver Creek, Tuesday morning, Edwin R. Jones, a well known young man, was suddenly stricken with heart disease and died before assistance could be offered. A brother of the deceased died of the same disease several years ago, being found dead in bed.

Deceased was 29 years of age, and was born at Beaver Creek where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey Jones, reside.

No funeral arrangements have been made, pending the arrival of a sister from the East, but it is thought that the services will be held Friday or Saturday.

HEAR REFERENDUM CASES.

Salem, August 7—Appeals in the three referendum cases from Marion county, Judge Wm. Galloway, are being argued before the supreme court today. Two of the cases are the injunction suits to restrain the secretary of state from accepting the referendum petitions on the Multnomah sheriff's act and the compulsory pass act, while the other is the mandamus suit against the secretary of state on the university appropriation petition. It is thought a decision will be given before the fall recess is taken the latter part of this month.

4 MORE DIVORCE SUITS

Mismatched Couples Seek Clackamas Circuit Court for Severing of Tie That Binds Too Tightly.

Four divorce suits were filed in the circuit court during the last 24 hours. Business had been slack in County Clerk Greenman's office recently, and this little spurt was like old times.

Dominica Barbaro, whose maiden name was the euphonious Dominica Monga Lollo, is very, very sorry she ever left the bright skies of sunny Italy. She lived very happily there in that southern land, and her cup of joy was filled to the brim when the good priest married and blessed her and stalwart and manly Bartholemew Barbaro, on February 23, 1904. This happened in their native village, Venasco, where Dominica, content with little as long as she had Bartholemew's love, would gladly remain, but the lure of gold drew them to far off America, where if you get up early enough you pick up money in the streets.

Now comes a change in this true tale, for Dominica says ever since they came to America, three years ago, Bartholemew has treated her with great cruelty, that on July 4 a year ago, he was "excessively intoxicated" (which are two big words used where one short one would be better), and locked her out of her home and told her never to return, and called her such awful vile names that they can only be indicated in the complaint by letters joined with dashes, and too vile to even do that in a newspaper. Bartholemew also accused her of being untrue and unfaithful to him, and of having intimate relations with male friends, all which she says were absolutely false. Bartholemew has also contracted the American habit of slopping over in his drinking. She says he has become a habitual drunkard, getting drunk at regular intervals of not more than one week apart. During such times he is so cruel she is forced to leave the house. Dominica asks permission to become Miss Lollo again.

Alice Newby asks for divorce from W. L. Newby, to whom she was married at Indianapolis, Oct. 26, 1884. She says he deserted her on Feb. 23, 1905. She wants to resume her maiden name, Alice Stuart.

William O. Wimer asks for divorce from L. Della Wimer. They were married at Stayton, Or., Aug. 14, 1892, and he says she deserted him at Portland on New Years day, 1906.

Frances F. Ross is seeking a divorce from John E. Ross. They were married in Multnomah county, Sept. 11, 1884, and she alleges he deserted her April 30, 1899, at Portland.

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