

THE RAID.

The disclosures made by the authorities in the raid on the establishment of Small & Son betray a condition to arouse just and intense indignation among the people of Corvallis. A game that gamblers call stud poker has been in operation there. and the players, instead of men are mere boys. Children but 14 and 16 years of age, are not only harbored there while gambling games are in operation, but are actually permitted to take part in and stake their money on the play. While parents sleep in ignorance at home, their sons are being nurtured and instructed in this resort along the lines that mean future ruin. Present there, is one of the proprietors, and his answer to the fact that the play is forbidden by law and by every consideration of decency, is a barred door, closed blinds and the stealth of the law-breaker. There, with boy faces ranged about the tables, and boy hands holding cards and counting out chips, the play goes on undisturbed, regardless of what the awful practice means for the future of the youth there gathered.

Even the saloons, held up so often as the embodiment of all that is vicious in the community, do not stoop to such a level of vice. There is, according to the best authority, no gambling there, and even when there has been, the players have been, not young boys, but grown men. On the contrary, in this newly discovered resort of vice, the raid discloses that it is not men, but boys who congregate there and in some instances, steeped in intoxicants, stake their money on the cards until the gray dawn of the morning. As a hell-hole, pure and simple, as is shown by the raid of the officers Saturday night, this innocent-appearing confection shop carries along with it a back-roomed and barred-door appendix that is alike a disgrace to decency, a menace to youth, a travesty on legitimate business and a condemnation of those whose conduct it. There ought to be law to close the place until the public is assured that the device for mulcting young boys of their nickels at the expense of their future ruin, is to be abolished forever.

The united and universal thanks of the community is due to the Corvallis police for what has been brought to light, and to Deputy Attorney Bryson, for an honest effort to enforce a righteous penalty.

To-Night.

The management at the Opera House will present a play that is designed to please every one. The plot is deftly woven around the central idea of a man pretending to join the masons, and is worked out in a thoroughly logical and artistic manner. This man's deception of lodge room tactics and the masonic initiation is a wonderful example of imagination and ingenuity. It suffices to convince his wife that he is bona fide, but finally the deception is disclosed and wrath results, to appear which he eventually does join. The some company which presented the play in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento and other California towns, will appear in Corvallis. That the play and the company are all right is evidenced by the fact that they are to appear at the Marquam Grand in Portland next week. The play is such that it is by no means important that you have a front seat. Any seat in the house will be satisfactory. Seats now on sale at Graham & Wortham's. First two rows downstairs \$1; remainder lower floor and first row in gallery 75 cents, balance of house 50 cents.

Bona Fide Reductions.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found a statement of bona fide reductions on a large and varied stock of general merchandise. We do not advertise what we are not prepared to carry out to the letter. We must have room for our new spring stock, which will arrive early.

NOLAN & CALLAHAN.

TO PROTECT BOYS.

Cannot Loiter Where Games of Chance are Played—New Ordinance.

A stringent measure was enacted into a law at a meeting of the city council Monday night, the purpose of which is to keep minors out of places where cards, dice and other games of chance are played. Minors are not only prohibited from playing the games themselves, but are not allowed to loiter about places where such games are engaged in. There is a penalty, not only for the boys themselves, but on the proprietors of such places if boys are allowed to be present. The latter penalty shall not exceed \$100 and imprisonment and that against the boys is a fine of \$50 or 25 days imprisonment, or both. The ordinance in full is as follows:

Sec. 1—No person or persons keeping or engaging in the business of keeping within the corporate limits of the city of Corvallis, any house, room or place for the playing of games of cards or dice or other games of chance, or any house, room or place resorted to by the public for the playing of any such game or games shall suffer or permit any minor to loiter or remain in such house, room or place where such game or games are played or to engage in or play at any such game or games in such house, room or place.

Section 2—Any person violating the provisions of this section of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof in the police court shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed fifty days or by both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the police judge.

Sec. 3—No minor shall remain or loiter in any house, room or place which is resorted to by the public for the playing of games of cards, dice or any game of chance, or play at any such game or games.

Sec. 4—Any minor violating any of the provisions of section 3 of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof in the police court be punished by a fine not to exceed fifty dollars or by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed twenty-five days or by both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the police judge.

TO ORATE.

Students Will do so—The Orators and Their Subjects.

Eloquence flows now on College Hill and about town. A number of student orators are preparing for the local oratorical contest for selection of a speaker to represent OAC in the State Inter-Collegiate contest to take place in March. The local tournament occurs in the college armory Friday evening February 27th. The orators, their subjects and the college society each represents, are as follows:

- The Paramount Issue, Kate Daniels Sorosis Society
Louis XIV and Absolutism, Clay Darby, Philadelphian Society.
An Unappreciated Hero Isabel Whitby, Pierian Society.
The Spirit of Unselfishness, Ralph Shepard, Zetageathan Society.
Fashion—An Impediment to Social Progress, Guy Moore, Jeffersonian Society.
John Marshall, the Expounder of the Constitution, John Witty, Amicitian Society.

WHERE BROOKS WENT.

Returned to the Beach House After He Was Tarr'd and Feathered.

It has been definitely ascertained that Brooks, the Holy Roller apostle, did not continue his flight to the northward the night he and Creffield were tarred and feathered. Instead, he returned with Creffield to the Beach house, and there, with the linsed oil, secured by Frank Hurt at the drug store, removed his new coat. Here, however, definite information as to his movements end. That took place at midnight, and it is supposed he left the place about early in the morning, or that he travelled all, or part way to Albany with the wedding party.

Save for his fanaticism, Brooks is a good man. He did not rely wholly upon Divine Providence for support, but was willing to work. All the bills he contracted, he paid, and it is entirely probable that he was sincere in his pretensions. His wild hallucinations and fanaticism, however, spurred on by the influence of Creffield, was Brooks' worst enemy.

For Sale.

At about 50 per cent on the dollar large house, barn, and woodshed, 2 lots corner 3rd and Washington streets. Apply to owner. \$1300.

H. H. Kregger, Santa Barbara, Cal.

WHAT IT COST.

To Conduct the Affairs of Benton County Last Year—The Items of Expense.

It cost \$18,708.62 to conduct the affairs of Benton county during last year. It cost \$23,856.82 the year before. The year before that 1901, it cost \$20,902.58. The expense last year was about \$2,200 less than in 1901, and \$5,000 less than in 1902. The aggregates are taken from the certificates annually made up by the county clerk for use of the secretary of state in computing the amount of each county's proportion of the state tax. The state tax for each county is no longer figured from the valuation of property but is based on the county expenditures, exclusive of roads and bridges, the clerk being required at the end of each year to make up and transmit to the secretary of state a sworn statement of those expenses. Printed below is a copy of the certificate just issued by County Clerk Moses. The reduction over both former years in the aggregate of county expense is a good showing in the way of economy for the present administration. Following is the various items of county expense for the year ending December 31st:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes County Court and Commissioners, Circuit Court, Justice's Courts, Sheriff's Office, Clerks Office, Recorders Office, Treasurer's Office, Coroner's Office, School Superintendent's Office, Stock Inspector, Assessor's Office, Assessment and Collection of Taxes, Tax Rebate, Current Expenses, Court House Expenses, Jail, Poor, Indigent Soldiers, Insane, Bridges, Election Expense, Scalp Bounty, Miscellaneous, Pros. Atty. preliminary hearings, Total expense for the year 1903.

OFFICER INTERFERED.

Friendly Boxing Contest Stopped by Deputy Attorney Bryson.

A boxing bout was advertised to have taken place in the rooms of the local athletic club last Saturday evening, but it did not come to pass. It was to have been entirely of a friendly character, and the purpose was to raise funds for the benefit of the organization. The manner in which it was advertised however brought the affair within the penal statute, and Deputy Attorney Bryson notified the management that the law would be vigorously and impartially applied with the result that the plan was dropped.

It is understood that the principals were local boxers, but their names were not learned. The action of Deputy Attorney Bryson comes in for general commendation for it is universally conceded that Corvallis for obvious reasons cannot afford to permit even a semblance of boxing contests to take place within her limits.

Dry Wood.

Maple or fir in any quantity. Leave orders at Hodes Grocery store, or order direct to undersigned at phone number 226. Frank Francisco.

RAIDED THE PLACE.

And Surprised a Gambling Game in Full Operation—Corvallis Police.

The police raided the confection establishment of Small & Son Saturday night, and surprised a gambling game in full operation. The players were mostly boys, some of them only about 14 years of age. At one table, the game was what is known to the green cloth fraternity as "Stud Poker," and at the other a game of draw poker was in progress. At the latter table, the players were two boys, neither of whom were eighteen years of age. As near as can be learned, they were not staking money on the game, but were playing for the treats. At the other game there were four or five players, and the statement with reference to it is that nearly all those around the table were minors. Charles Small, one of the proprietors, was present in the room when the raid took place. All of the cards and gaming devices were secured, and are now in the hands of the police.

The raid took place shortly before one o'clock Sunday morning. The raiders were Chief Lane, Officer Osburn and Constable Tom Vidito. The presence of the constable was due to the fact that the officers had planned to bring the case in the state court on account of the fact that the gaming is best covered by the state statute.

The front door of the establishment was locked, and the lights in the front room were all out. The officers secured entrance through the back door, and gained a place close to the door of the room where the games were in progress. Apparently their footfalls were heard for Charles Small opened the door just as Chief Lane reached it, and stood confronted by the officers. The latter passed quickly into the gambling room, and took possession of the appliances before the astonished players understood what was in progress. All the players were taken at once into custody, and marched in a body to the office of Deputy District Attorney Bryson, who began at once a searching investigation into the facts. The taking of signed statements continued until three o'clock Sunday morning.

The police were aware of the fact for several days prior to the raid that gambling was in progress in the place. The usual difficulty in such cases is to secure evidence and for a time this blocked progress. It is said that on one occasion recently the game ran until four o'clock on a Sunday morning. The police finally determined to raid the establishment Saturday night, with the result described above.

Gambling is strictly prohibited by the state and city laws, and the penalty is heavy in both instances. In the state court, the fine for the present offense can be placed as high as \$500. The local authorities have managed for several years to prevent gambling, with such success that games are not even run in the saloons. The town has been wholly free from it, until the enterprise made its appearance in the rear of the Small confection shop. The prompt and vigorous action of the officers in the present instance is the subject of general commendation.

Supervisors Claims.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes G. L. Stoneback, Thos. H. Cooper, Lewis Wentz, E. A. Blake, J. S. Miller, W. M. Clark, A. Cadwalader, W. L. Read, J. R. Febler, G. R. Tuley, G. T. Vernon, E. N. Starr, John R. Crow, Albert Zierolf, Duke Gray.

The above claims have been filed with the county clerk, and notice is hereby given that same will be allowed at the February 1904 term of the County Court unless objections thereto be filed.

Published by order of Court. Dated Jan. 11th, 1904. VICTOR P. MOSES, County Clerk.

An eight-year-old son of Mrs. Shung Wab, of Albany, is visiting Mongolian friends in Corvallis. Monday the little chap was taken into Miller's store and fitted out with a complete suit of American clothes, of which he seems very proud. The visitor is one of a family of eight children, six girls and two boys. The father, however, died a few days ago in Albany, where the family has resided many years.

Lost.

Between Philomath and Gleson's mill, small, black bear skin cape. Leave at Trax's office.

Some Special Plums During Our Annual Sale.

- 1 Lot boys' overalls, 5 to 12 years, worth \$5 from to \$7.50, Plum Price \$2.50.
1 Lot men's mackintoshes worth \$5.50 to \$6.50, Plum Price \$3.45.
1 Lot of men's vest kip boots, worth \$3.50, Plum Price, \$2.48.
1 Lot boys' shoes, sizes 11 to 1, worth \$1.50 to \$2, Plum Price, \$1.
1 Lot men's shoes, worth \$1.50 to \$2.50, Plum Price, \$1.
1 Lot men's black duck coats, blanket lined, Plum Price, \$1.28.
1 Lot men's covert ulsters, Plum Price, \$2.69.
1 Lot men's odd pants, worth from \$1.50 to \$2.50, Plum Price, \$1 a pr.
1 Lot boys' knee pants, worth 50 cts. to 75 cts., Plum Price, 33 cts.
1 Lot boys' knee pants suits, ages 5 to 14, some worth \$1.75, Plum Price, \$1.00.
1 Lot boys' suit, long pants, ages 12 to 19, some worth \$6, Plum Price, \$2.98.
1 Lot of men's wool fleeced underwear, Plum Price, 98 cts. a suit.
1 Lot men's frock suits, 33 to 37, worth from \$7.50 to \$15, Plum Price, \$4.98.
A broken line of "Gold" white dress shirts, \$1.50 and \$2 grades, Plum Price, 75 cents.
A lot outing flannels, Plum Price 4 1/2 cents per yard.
A lot embroideries, worth 25 to 30 cents, Plum Price, 15 cents.
All our cloaks, wraps, jackets, tailor made suits, furs and flannel shirt waists at HALF PRICE.
A lot of women's outing flannel night robes, 54 cents each.
A lot lace curtains, 56 cents a pair.
A lot ladies' eider down dressing gowns, 74 cents each.
A lot of ladies' outing flannel kimono, at 48 cents each.
A lot of women's gray and ecru vests and pants, 35 cent grade, Plum Price, 23 cents.
Broken lines of K & G corsets, \$1 grade 69 cents, \$1.50 grad, 98c.
\$12 novelty dress patterns, Plum Price, \$7.90.
\$8.50 novelty dress patterns, Plum Price, \$5.90.
A broken line of ladies and misses rubbers, 18 cents a pair.
A lot of ladies \$1.50 shoes, Plum Price, 98 cents.
1 " " 2.00 " " \$1.35.
1 " " 3.00 " " 1.90.
1 " " 3.50 " " 2.49.
1 " Misses 1.50 " " .98.
1 " " 1.25 " " .88.
1 " " 2.00 " " 1.29.
A broken line of children's shoes at big bargains.
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Bright cheat and rye grass hay, vetch, spelt, timothy, and rye grass seeds, Poland China hogs, Shropshire rams, Good, bright vetch straw, fresh from the barn, for sale at reasonable prices. L. L. Brooks.

Wanted.

One hundred to 200 head of goats—Address, giving description, of flock and price, A. J. Johnson, Corvallis.

Notice to Creditors.

In the Matter of the Estate of G. F. Elgin, deceased.

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of G. F. Elgin, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County. All persons having claims against said estate, of said G. F. Elgin, deceased, are hereby required to present the same, with the proper vouchers, duly verified as by law required, within six months from the date hereof to the undersigned at the office of Benton County Flouring Mills, or at the law office of E. E. Wilson, in Corvallis, Oregon, Dated this December 12, 1903. GRANT ELGIN, Administrator of the estate of G. F. Elgin deceased.

Shropshire Sheep.

Ewes and Yearlings by Barkis 130841. Lambs by Freshman 188996. Well bred young stock of both sexes for sale. GEORGE ARMSTRONG, Corvallis, Oregon.

H. S. PERNOT,

Physician & Surgeon

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