

ANSWER TO DR. HILL

Officers Whom He Arraigned Make Statements.

FACTS DO NOT SUSTAIN HIM

District Attorney Chamberlain and the Police Commissioners to Declare Policy of Fining Gamblers Freely Discussed.

Officers whom Rev. Dr. Edgar P. Hill arraigned in his letter published yesterday declare that the facts are not as he has given them. They discuss freely the policy of fining gamblers in interviews held today.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY REPLIES.

He Says Dr. Hill's Charges Are Not Based on Facts.

Asked whether he had read Dr. Edgar P. Hill's letter in yesterday's Oregonian and whether he wished to reply, District Attorney George D. Chamberlain said: "I have only this to say: A man in his position should confine himself to the truth. There is no more crime here than is usual at this season of the year, notwithstanding the fact that the population is reduced in numbers, and actually working without pay, because of a depleted city treasury.

"I am advised that the police authorities are making combing arrests for violations of the gambling ordinance, and the records of the Municipal Court show this astounding state of facts.

"Since the commencement of my term, July 1, 1900, to this date, there has been collected in fines for violations of the gambling ordinance and other sources the following amounts:

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"These figures speak for themselves and comment is unnecessary. With reference to the charge of Dr. Hill that crime has increased in the last six months, the records of the same court will disclose that Dr. Hill does not speak from the records when he seeks to impugn the integrity of the officials. The present officials all are endeavoring to honestly enforce the law, and with better results than ever attained. Dr. Hill to the contrary notwithstanding.

"I have neither the time nor the inclination to reply at length to every letter that is sent to me, and the distribution of duty to myself and other officials. Let the records of the courts, which are accessible to all who desire honest information, and not to the friends and acquaintances whose names are not disclosed, be my witness as to whether official duty has been properly performed. If Dr. Edgar P. Hill or any one else desires to inform against me, he should charge me on violations of law, he can come to me and I assure him his complaint will be entertained and acted upon.

Chief McLaughlin's Indorsement.

The statement of District Attorney Chamberlain was shown to Chief of Police McLaughlin, who, after reading it, indorsed it.

FACTS NOT AS STATED.

Commissioner D. Sells Cohen Takes Issue With Dr. Hill.

When asked for a statement with regard to Dr. Hill's letter, Police Commissioner D. Sells Cohen positively declined to go into the subject, but upon assurance that his letter would be prosecuted, he reluctantly consented. Mr. Cohen stated that in regard to Dr. Hill's letter, he had no comments to make, as he deemed its premises incorrect. He stated that the city statistics show that there was certainly no more crime or lawlessness within the city limits today than at any similar season of the year for the past decade, even when one-third more officers were employed on the west side of the river alone than we have now to cover 40 square miles of territory, and a greatly increased population. At this season of the year there have always been more or less hold-ups reported, more generally than at present, a number of the late ones being Monaville, Potville's Valley and on roads outside the city limits.

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T. Daniel Frawley and his company have duplicated their phenomenal Portland business of last month at every city where they have since appeared. Records for attendance have gone glimmering all along the line. The return of this favorite organization to Corday's for Christmas week promises to be met by the same crowded houses that marked the previous engagement. The repertoire to be offered on the occasion is the strongest ever presented by this company. The plays to be produced are "The Great Ruby," "The Middleman," "The Spanish Duesman," "The Ghetto," "The Trill," and "Children of the Ghetto."

"A Bell Boy."

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