DIFFER AS TO FACTS

Citizens Take Sides in the Gambling Question.

HAS CRIME REALLY INCREASED

Thomas N. Strong Stands Squarely by Dr. Hill, and Arraigns the District Attorney-Talks With the Gambling Bosses,

The controversy over the policy of the officials in regard to gambling is hot. Dr. Hill's letter and the replies of the officers responsible for the ador tion of the policy of fining the gamblers monthly have continued to be matters of general discussion among citizens of every class. The latter are rapidly taking sides on the two main questions at issue raised by Dr. Hill: First, has crime in-creased in Fortiand owing to the city's policy in regard to gambling? Second, is that policy expedient or defensible?

While these questions are being dis-cussed there has as yet come no definite steps toward forming the committee or ing a mass meeting of citizens to take action in formulating public senti-ment on the question, as suggested by Dr. Hill. The latter, however, has been flooded with letters of approval and with offers of assistance from those in whom the urgent appeal of Dr. Hill struck a responsive chord. Dr. Hill himself is bid-ing his time, and would make no further statement last evening as to the next step that would be taken in the mover

MAYOR HAS POWER.

E. Qunckenbush Quotes the Law Relative to Gaming-Houses.

PORTLAND, Dec. 26 .- (To the Editor.)in your comments upon Rev. Dr. Hill's letter regarding crime in our city, you say that "Mayor Rowe has no power over the Police Commissioners." It may be that he cannot control them, but he has sufficient power to make it exceed-ingly warm for them, if he is willing to use it. Will you kindly print the fol-lowing from our city charter?

Sec. 83. Whenever the Mayor or any member of the Board of Police Commissioners ascer-tains or receives satisfactory information that any house, room or premises within such city or within four miles of the corporate limits thereof is being kept or used as a common gaming house or gaming premises for playing therein for wager of money at a game of chance, or if the same is kept or used for any leaved or obseres public amusement or the deobscene public amusement, or the de-sale of lottery ickets or policies, it inwful for the Mayor or such member f the Board of Police Commissioners to auhorize and direct the Chief of Police, or any officer of the force, to enter such hou or premises, and forthwith arrest all persons therein found offending against any law and seize all implements of gaming, lottery tickets and interty policies, and convey any person so arrested before the Judge of the Police Court, and bring the said articles to said court.

The present system of monthly fines imposed upon the gamblers is simply a quarantee of protection, or at least im-munity from arrest, during the followng month. In a word, it is a partnership between the gamblers and our city offi-cials, and it does not mitigate the of-fense to say that the moneys so ob-tained go to replenish our denleted city treasury, for our laws and customs are unequivocally opposed to such an unholy alliance, and it places our officials in an exceedingly serious position. They are not only partners with the gamblers, parricipating in the violation of the laws, but much more. Having subscribed to an oath to maintain and enforce the laws, have thry not been guilty of the greater crime of perjury?

They may seek to palliste the offenso upon the filmsy pretense of expediency, out after all, upon the real merits of the case, the final analysis places them in the unnecessary, unfortunate and exceedngly unwise position of premeditated aiders and abettors in the commitment crime, and, however much we who personally know them may refuse to believe it, the public generally will not refuse to believe that officials who lend themselves to so unwarrantable a scheme are not participating directly or indirectly in some substantial collateral benefits: for it remains unalterably true that no possible expediency can arise which will justify an official in becoming an acces-sory in the perpetuation of a crime, and no government can long survive such ad-

Dr. Hill is right, and every official in the city knows he is right, and the right portion of the community should publicly mmend and sustain him.

Gambiers—well, that is their business. But what of our city, which through its officials shares in their loot, nullifies the laws and violates official oaths? E. QUACKENBUSH.

FORMER ADMINISTRATIONS.

Ex-Prosecuting Attorney Gives Some Facts and Observations.

*Discussing the policy of the present city administration and the District Attorney, a prominent ex-Prosecuting Attorney said: There is no question in my mind but that District Attorney Chamberlain and his associates have taken the wisest and most business-like method of handling the gambling question that has yet met my otice, and we have had able Prosecuting Attorneys before Mr. Chamberlain—for Instance, John M. Gearlin, John F. Caples and Henry McGim. But never before has there been such a simple and effective system in operation. There is no doubt that gambling is difficult to control, and it has proved impossible to stamp it out. What the present system does is to knock out the graft whereby certain officlais benefited. The gamblers are now restrained by the system of fines. These are heavy, and some have already been compelled to give up the business, not being able to stand the fines and their large naes. Several more have told me that this, the gamblers are subject to lawsuits, by which losers seek to recover double the amount lost, which is allowed them by statute. There is a suft pending at present in the Circuit Court against the Portland Club, whereby J. F. Cornish ceks to recover \$2300 for \$1100 iost at faro, These facts show that the gamblers have a hard proposition, and are not reaping such a golden harvest as supposed. have to be placated continually, and the bank does not always win. The number of games has actually de-creased since the plan was adopted, and an attempt to start a lottery among white men was nipped in the bud, The whole thing in a nutshell is this It has been impossible to abolish gam-bling in the city. The next best thing

CRIME NOT ON THE INCREASE.

Chief of Police McLanchlan Tells of Existing Conditions.

Chief of Police McLauchian was inter-viewed yesterday, the reporter seeking for a statement as to the actual conditions statement as to the actual conditions a statement as to the actual conditions a statement as to the actual conditions as statement as to the actual conditions as statement as to the actual conditions and other Crimes.

**No Connection Between and other Crimes.*

A number of proprietors of gambling games inserved by an Oregonian reporter asserted that crime is no more rampant now than any Winter, and they all positively maintained that the existence of gambling-houses in nowing repromptible gambling-houses in nowing repromptible.

Gambling did not attract criminals to the city then, nor does it now. The fact is that we always do have trouble with the criminal classes in the Winter time, when they flock to the city. The public does not understand nor realise the number of hobos and thuge that we drive out of the city every Winter, at the rate of eight or ten a day. We have already shipped out 400 or 500 this Fall, and the policemen and detectives are continually Sambling did not attract criminals to the policemen and detectives are continually on the lookout for disorderly and sus-picious characters. We have had no trouble with the gambling classes. Very seidom have we arrested a gambler for any other offense. As to gambling ar-fording a motive for crime in the case of burglar Nicholson, or Scott, the latter was not a gambler and spent his evenings quietly at home,

"Conditions are not so bad as painted. There has been no more crime this year than in other years. As far as crime is concerned, Portland has had an easy time compared with the Sound cities.

ARRAIGNS DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

Thomas N. Strong Declares Gamblers' Fines Only License Fees.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21 .- (To the Editor.)or some time past I have kept silent on public questions, deeming it wise that the citizens should learn by experience, a plentiful crop of which was manifest-by preparing for them, but Dr. Hill's leter and the answers to it require atten-

Forty years' experience in this city, during 20 of which I have been a close student of its social condition, qualify me o say that Dr. Hill's letter is correct in every particular. Not even during the Brown and Schulze robberies or the late Pennoyer regime has such a carnival of crime prevailed in this city as now, and even worse than this, there has never been a time when the seeds of criminalan diawlessness have been more ac-

The answer comes short and sharp.
First-The illegal method adopted of lloensing certain revenue producing Second-The law officers who have failed

What and who is responsible for this?

to enforce the laws.
Upon July 18, when it first came authorliatively to my notice that George E. Chamberlain, our District Attorney, was about to enter into a combination to practically license crime by accepting fines, I wrote him a kindly letter, in which I

Judging from the papers, the old, old scheme of using the statute against gambling as a license and revenue-producing law is about to be renewed. It has been treed again and again, and has always failed in shame and dis-

these revenue-producing crimes for his own benefit, it is a double shame and evil that the

government should itself become a grafter and commute its criminal laws for money.

Lawbreakers and law jugglers are never the stable supporters of civil government, nor can any nation, state or city afford to discredit its own penal statutes.

But nothing came of it. In his answer to Dr. Hill, Mr. Chamberlain endeavors to use the court records as a justification, when in fact they simply prove Dr. Hill's contentions. The pretended fines of the gamblers, footing up \$5.53 %, are practically license fees. Does Mr. Chamberlain, as an honest man, pretend to say that the payment of these fines has made the crime of gambling more difficult? Does he not know that it has made it more easy of accomplishment, and to that extent defeats the law, instead of enforces it? Can Mr. Chamberlain face this forces it? Can Mr. Chamberlain face this community and say that he is actually enforcing the law he swore to enforce? Certainly not. In his place I could in 24 hourse close every gambling hell in the city and keep them closed. The responsibility now that he can act without a grand jury is solely upon him.

This licensing of crime has had its inswitable disastrous effect. The recruiting

evitable disastrous effect. The recruiting stations of all criminality are alight and buzzing with life. Theft and murder are directly encouraged. Never before in my knowledge has the North End been so shamelessly indecent in its flouting of all law and decency. The City of Portland and the state are paying in blood and money for the shameless selling of their

But The Oregonian will say you yourselves worked and voted for Mr. Cham-beriain. So we did. We knew the former occupant and we took pains that the publie should know him. He had been weighed in the belance and found want-ing, nevertheless a political convention re-nominated him. Mr. Chamberlain bore the reputation of an honest man, and we elected him. If he has blundered, or worse than blundered, we won't try to elect him again, but will try some one else. I at least do not despair of the legal profession, but somehow and sometime we will elect a lawyer who will fearlessly and honestly enforce the laws as they are written, and will live up to the full spirit and measure of the oath that he took before God to enforce the laws

of the State of Oregon.
Some day, out of this cemetery of pro-fessional and personal reputation, the Dis-trict Attorney's office will emerge an officer with a reputation like that of Judge Shattuck of honored memory; a man who never pattered or trifled with the law. THOS. N. STRONG.

HOW THE SHERIFF FEELS.

His Office Keeps Hands Off Except When Grand Jury Acts.

On the subject under discussion, Sheriff William Frazier said: "The Sheriff's of fice does not exercise the functions of the police within the city limits. The two depariments act harmoniously and assist each other, when occasion requires, but the deputies under my control are not supposed to police the city. This, I think, supposed to poince the city. Ins. I think is generally well understood by the public. In all cities, the police department preserves the peace, and the Sheriff's fonce only assists as may be necessary.

"The gambling question, I think is one within the province of the Chief of Po-lice, who, I believe, is competent to han-dle it in a proper manner. The Sheriff's office acts in these cases only when the grand jury returns indictments. It then comes the duty of the Sheriff to serve the warrants and make the arrests. The law does not contemplate that the Sheriff shall make raids on his own responsibility, but he acts only in conjunction with the District Attorney and grand jury. The present system of fines, the proceeds from which go into the city treasury, is, so far as I have heard, satisfactory to most people. The city officers have authority over gambling by reason of a city ordinance, and there is also a state law. The Municipal Court has jurisdic-tion. As I have stated my office is not concerned in this matter, and I am

DOES NOT SHIRK RESPONSIBLLITY. Mayor Rowe Recommended That

Gamblers Be Arrested and Fined. Mayor Rowe said he did not care to dis-cuas the question of fining gamblers. As it had been intimated by some that he was endeavoring to shirk his share of responsibility in the matter, be would say that when he came into office he found that gambling wes soing on in the city, and was informed that it had always been gois to regulate it so that gambling will be restrained, and at the same time pro-duce a revenue for the city government." blets be put under police regulations, and that they be arrested and fined every month, and he was willing to assume all the responsibility that any one desired ing on. He recommended that the gr the responsibility that any one desired to place on him for so doing.

WHAT BOSS GAMBLERS SAY.

fines every month. I think it is about 230 per month I pay. I believe it is the best thing that ever happened for the city. People can see gambling, and it makes it more on the square. They can also see who is in the house. If gambling is run on the siy, you don't know who is there. I have been in this city since 1882, and I have never known the city to be in better shape. Before we had to divide with every Tom, Dick and Harry, and it kept one broke."

Speaking of the disposition which should be made of the money received from fines, Erickson said: "The money should go into the police fund to help the depart-ment. It is only right if they look after the money they should get it. This time of the year the city requires more police-ment; there are a many crooks here. It men; there are so many crooks here. It is no worse than other places. I get let-ters from friends in other towns, and I hear how things are, but in some places the newspapers don't publish what occurs as is done here."

as is done here."
"Does gombling increase the number of hold-ups?" was asked.
"No; certainly not. A gambling man has no use for that class whatever. I have an idea they come from Cape Northe and other parts of Alaska. They want to raise enough money to get home. I have met some of them, and they don't talk right. We need more police in the Winter. In the Summer months it is not so bad. In the Winter men flock from all dimet some of them, and they con't sak right. We need more police in the Win-ter. In the Summer months it is not so bad. In the Winter men flock from all di-rections to Portland. They first go to Seattle and then come here. They come here from Victoria and Montana. Most of the floating population comes here from Seattle. Every other man you ask is from Seattle. They have to do someis from Seattle. They have to do some-thing to get out of town. I never saw so many strangers as during the last month or two, and with very tough-looking faces lots of them."

Erickson concluded by saying that the

town was as orderly as it generally is in the Winter season, and that gambling has nothing whatever to do with the rough element coming here or the lack of police protection.

Isaac Gratton said: "I have nothing much to say upon the subject. I think fines is the proper way. The money ought to go into the police tund to help pay the police. We have not enough police, or police. We have not there would not be so many hold-ups."

Fred Fritz said: "I think well of the present plan. It is the only proper way to run things. I would much prefer to pay the money to the city than to some grafter. Including slot machines, I am paying \$25 to \$50 per month to the city. The police fund ought to have more money in my estimation. This business is controlled by the Police Department and the Commissioners, and the money should

go to the police fund."

Asked about the hold-ups, Fritz answered: "It is this way every Winter since I have been in Portland. I don't think there is any more crime than there has been for the past 10 years. Gambling has nothing whatever to do with it." He next reverted to the subject of minors, saying, "No boys are permitted in my place. There are signs all over the house, 'No minors allowed.' I have a man on the floor attending to this. He was once Chief of Police at Cripple Creek. Colo., and is a good judge of sges. If he has any doubt concerning the state-ment made by a young man as to his age, he sends him out anybow."

Frank Hellen said: "I think fines is the etter system. There is no more gambling now than heretofore, only it is done openly and can be seen, and now people have a better run for their money. I know what I am talking about. Where you get them in a back room it is one continual round of fleece all of the time." Asked regarding the use to be made of he money, Hellen said: "I should think he money ought to go into the police and, so long as it does not make any difference what fund it goes into and citizens and taxpayers are benefited."

Regarding hold-ups, the reply to the suestion was: "Gambling has nothing in the world to do with them. There is no more gambling now than before, only it and this world to work the test of the second to the second to the second to the second the second to the second the second to the second the second the second to the second to the second the second to the second the second to the s is not hid away, but is done openly be-fore the people. There are no boys here, any one can come and see, and no drunken people. There never has been a row in the place of any kind. It is well regulatdefaulter it would otherwise turn out 10

DAILY CITY STATISTICS.

Real Estate Transfers.

or 15,"

Lars Rasmussen to Rasmus Larson, 174 acres in section 6, T. 1 S. R. 4 E. Nov. 30.

John B. Crozier and wife to H. Johnston, lot 3, block 4, Pennastiar Addition No. 5, Dec. 10.

B. E. Fiske and wife to John M. Elskamp, lot 8, block 16, Sunnyside, Dec. 29. \$1,500

kamp, lot 8, block 10, Sunnyside, Dec 29

M. E. Thompson and wire to Emma Carlson, lot 14, block 25, Central Albina, Dec. 29

John Proudilt and wife to C. Grace Pallett, lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 15, block 2, lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 15, block 4, East Holladay Addition, Dec. 29

December 18, girl to wife of Anton Moses, corner Fourth and Davis streets. December 12, boy to the wife of Michael Platzer, Patton road.

Death Returns.

December 19, Thomas Robertson, Fifth street; age 83 years; chronic bronchitis December 18, Josie Murphy, 64 North Fourth street; age 37 years; fatty de-generation of the heart. December 18, Chester Chamberlin, Coun-

ty Hospital; age, il years; typhold fever. December iš, John Cielecha, at 425 Davis strict; age 5 months; bronchitis, December 25, Andrew Fowler, Good Samaritan Hospital; age 21 years; appendi-

December 18, Thomas R. Kemp, Jr., at 486 East Twelfth street; age 16 years;

Enrringe Lincenses. Roger I. Newcomb, 22, and Lettie I. Mil-ler, 23; L. E. Rolfe, 34, and Sarah Harris, 22; G. J. Erickson, 60, and Sophie Smith.

64; John P. Fullam, 23, and Iva E. Hiatt, Probate Court.

In the estate of J. T. Hair, Arthur L.

Finley, as administrator; bonds fixed at In the estate of John W. Whalley, Frank C. Miller, R. L. Durham, and U.

K. Arnold, as appraisers, The will of the late John W. Whalley was admitted in probate, his widow, La-vina T. Whalley, accepting the will in

The final account of John Cress, as administrator of the estate of Ellen G. Con-ner was approved, and the balance of \$2257 10 ordered paid to W. T. Branch, guardian of the sole helr.

In the Probate Court yesterday Judge W. M. Cake made the following appoint-ments: In the estate of James Forestel.

George Harris, who pleaded guilty to larceny from a dwelling, was sentenced to a year in the penitentiary.

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday, Judge Bellinger made an order discharging all the jurors for the term. Divorces were granted yesterday by Judge Cleiand to Mary A. McBreen from William M. McBreen, on the ground of cruelty; and Mary D. Zeek from Horace

Zeek on the ground of desertion

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

EVERYTHING SEASONABLE IN THE GOOD FOOD LINE TO BE HAD.

Sensonable Variety of Fish, Flesh and Fowl, as Well as Fruits and Vegetables.

The people of Portland are not likely to suffer from lack of anything necessary to supply good cheer for their Christmas boards, as the markets are lavishly supplied with every seasonable variety of and on rolling stock. and many articles in each line outside of what would be considered seasonable in most parts of the United States. In these days of refrigerating cars and rapid transportation the products of a vast area, including every zone, are no rarity in the markets of this city at any time, and are more numerous and diversified at and are more numerous and diversined at this season than usual. To give a list of all the necessaries and luxuries for the Christmas table which the markets afford would be almost impossible, but the fol-lowing list will be found to contain variety enough to answer all practical purposes, and the retail prices are given for the benefit of caterers and housewives: Fish-Columbia River smelt, 35 cents per pound: Puget Sound smelt, 10 cents: sal-mon, 15 cents: striped bass, sturgeon, black cod, fresh cod, rock cod, tom cod, halibut, bonita and sole, 15 cents: floun-der, 10 cents: catfish, 10 cents: fresh mackerel, 12% cents; herring, hake and pike,

S cents per pound.
Shellfish—Shrimps, 20 cents per pound;
crabs, 12½ to 20 cents each; prawns, 20 cents per pound; Eastern lobsters, 25 cents per pound; California crawfish, 20 cents per pound; Eastern oysters, large, 50 cents per dozer; Eastern oysters, small, 25 cents per dozen; Olympia and Yaquina or Shoalwater oysters, shucked, 25 cents per pint; Eastern frozen, iarge cans, 65 cents; small cans, 45 cents; mussels, 5 cents per pound; little-neck clams, 5 cents per pound; New York clams, 20 cents per

doz.n; rasor clams, 20 cents per dozen, Meats-Beof rib roast, 12% to 15 cents per pound; chuck roast, s to 19 cents; sirioin steaks, 121/2 to 15 cents; round steak, 10 to 13½ cents; rump steak, 12½ cents; boiling pieces, 7 to 10 cents; corned beef, 7 to 10 cents; stewing pieces, 5 to 8 cents; corned tongue, 60 cents.

cents; corned tongue, 60 cents.
Mutton-Legs. 12% to 15 cents; shoulders, 7 cents: chops, 10 to 15 cents; stewing pieces, 8 cents.
Lamb-Hind quarters, 12% to 15 cents; fore quarters, 10 cents; chops, 15 cents.
Veal-Loins, 1. cents; cutlets, 15 cents; shoulders and breast, 19 to 12% cents; calf's head, scalded, 75 cents.
Park-Sucking piers, 11 50 to 12 25 each; Pork-Sucking pigs, \$1 50 to \$2 25 each; tenderioins, 20 cents per pound; roast of pork, 10 to 12½ cents; perk chops, 10 to 12½ cents; hams, 14 cents; bacon, 14 to 16 cents; aliced ham,

16 to 20 cents.

Butter-Best creamery, full-weight two pound rolls, 55 cents cach; short weight,

pound rolls, 55 cents cach; short weight, 53% cents per roll.

Eggs—Strictly fresh, 35 cents per dozen; case eggs, 27% per dozen.

Poultry—The turkey market is excited. There is a plentiful supply of these birds of all grades, and while the choicest command 30 cents per pound, they can be obtained for less, all the way down to 15 cents, and some probably for less, Spring chickens large for rosating 50. Spring chickens, large, for rossting, 50 to 60 cents each; Spring chickens, small, for frying, 55 to 50 cents each; broilers. 50 cents; chickens for fricaseeing, 50 to 65 cents each; capons, 75 cents each; tame geese, \$1 25 to \$2 50 each; tame ducks, 75 cents to \$1 each; squabs, 75 cents per pair; pigeons, 50 cents per pair.

Game-Canvasback ducks, \$1 50 per pair: mallards, \$1 per pair; sprigtails, 75 cents; gray ducks, 75 cents; wood ducks, 75 cents; widgeon, 30 to 75 cents; gray geese, 11 25 to \$1 50 per pair; brant, \$1; Mcxican geese, \$1 25; jackrabbits, 50 cents per pair; cotton-tail rabbits, — per pair; Belgian hare, 20 cents

Fruit-Hood River apples, \$1 25 to \$1 50 per box; lady apples, 8 cents per pound; oranges, navel, 25 to 60 cents per dozen; seedlings, 10 to 30 cents per dozen; Jap-anese oranges. California, 15 to 25 cents per dozen: imported, 10 to 15 cents per per dozen; imported, 10 to 15 cents per dozen; iangarines, 15 to 20 cents per dozen; dozen; limes, 15 cents per dozen; lemons, fancy, 25 cents per dozen; ordinary, 15 to 20 cents per dozen; pears, B. E., 5 cents per pound, \$1 20 per box; Winter Neills pears, 5 to 5 cents per pound; grape fruit, 60 cents to \$1 per dozen; pineapples, 50 to 75 cents each; lanances persiments 60 cents per dozen; pineapples, 50 to 75 cents each; lanances persiments 60 cents per dozen; pineapples, 50 to 75 cents each; lanances persiments 60 cents per dozen; pineapples, 50 to 75 cents each; lanances persiments 60 cents per dozen; pineapples, 50 to 75 cents each; lanances persiments 60 cents per dozen; pineapples, 50 to 75 cents each; lanances persiments 60 cents per dozen; pineapples, 50 to 75 cents each; lanances persiments for Japanese persimmons, 60 cents per dozen; Southern persimmons, 25 to 50 cents per dozen; bananss, 25 to 35 cents per dozen; huckleberries, 10 cents per quart; dates, 10 to 15 cents per pound; California straw-berries, 40 to 50 cents per pound; rasp-berries, 35 to 40 cents per pound; cranberries, 15 to 20 cents per quart.

RAILWAY INCOMES.

Preliminary Report of Interstate Commerce Commissioners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.-The preiim Inary report on the income account of rallways in the United States for the year ended June 30, 1900, prepared by the statistician to the Interstate Commerce Commission, contains returns of operating railway companies representing 190,4% miles of line. The gross earnings of the railways in-

clided in this report were \$1.450.673,054, or \$7776 per mile of line. Of these carnings, \$206,580,760 were classed as passenger earn-ings, and \$1,044.283,575 as freight earnings. The gross earnings shown in the final report for the preceding year were \$1,313.
610,118. Operating expenses for the last fiscal year aggregated \$56,814,143, or \$5000 per mile of line. The net earnings of the roads embraced in this advance report were \$323,558,912 for 1900, or \$73,110,747 more than they were for 1899. Income from in-vestments and other sources amounting to \$60,675,700 were received, so that the total income was \$584,534,612. The total derents for leased lines, taxes (\$14.396,165), and other charges to income. The amount of dividends declared was \$109,400,157, which is \$27,56,388 greater than the amount declared by corresponding roads for 1899. The resulting surplus from the operation of the roads covered by this preliminary report was \$79,221,695. The surplus shown in the final report for the preceding year was \$33,664,877. The amount of dividends stated, the report explains, does not include the dividends paid to stockholders by rallway companies, the mileage of which is operated under lease or some other form of control

NEW FRANCHISE IN OREGON CITY. Fred S. Morris Gets Additional Rights for 43 Years.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 21.-At a late our last night the City Council passed In the Probate Court yesterday Judge
W. M. Cake made the following appointments: In the estate of James Forestel,
Joseph E. Forestel, administrator, and
John F. O'Shea, James Frainey and
James B. O'Shea, appraisers,

Court Notes.

George Harris, who pleaded guilty to larceny from a dwelling, was sentenced larceny from a dwelling, was sentenced. railway on Main street. A letter was read from Mr. Morris, stating that this fran-chise would take the place of the two now held by the East Side Railway Company, although no provisions are men tioned for canceling the franchises nov in existence. It was mentioned in op-position to the granting of the franchises that the East Side Hailway Company was city's gambling policy. He said:

Statistics will show that there has asserted that crime is no more rampant in the city this Fall than last year or two years ago, when there were a great many bold-ups, and we sent seven mon for hold-ups. All advocated the system of the control of desertion.

Zeek on the ground of desertion.

J. M. Hodson has begun proceedings in the Circuit Court to recover the money paid off in asserted that crime is no more rampant the Circuit Court to recover the money paid to George Dixon, the convicted forgambling paid off in asserted that crime is no more rampant the Circuit Court to recover the money paid of in asserted that crime is no more rampant the Circuit Court to recover the money paid to George Dixon, the convicted forgambling belonging to the estate as in 10-year franchise to run freight ears on Main street. Ralph E Moody, the attention of the indebtedness was only about

\$700, and that Morris was willing and anxious to pay this sum on the contract The vote for the franchise stood five to three, Huntley, Koemer and Al-bright casting their votes against the passage of the ordinance. The franchise provides that an annual license of \$300 shall be paid in advance, and grants the privilege of dock frontage on the river.

Great Northern Increases Capital. Great Northern Increases Capital.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—The Great Northern Railroad Company has increased its capital stock 10,000 shares, at 100 a share. The company filed proper notices with the Secretary of State today. The company has increased its stock because of the growth and earning capacity of the road, and it is the intention to make developments all along the line, both on tracks and on rolling stock.

EAST SIDE AFFAIRS.

Driver of a Delivery Wagon Injured in a Runaway.

Elmer C. Van Buren, driver of a deliv ery wagon for Olds & King, was seriously injured in a runaway accident Thursday evening, in Lower Albina. He had driven to Albina to deliver Christmas packages. when the horse became frightened and unmanageable. Van Buren was thrown out with great force and knocked sense-less, while the horse nearly wrecked the wagon. He was taken to the drug store on Mississippi avenue and Russell street and Dr. Hawks called. After working with him for two hours, he was still un-conscious, and so he was sent to Good Samaritan Hospital. He remained uncon actous most of the night, but yesterday afternoon there was a change for the bet-ter, and only at times did he wander in mind. In his fall he struck on his head and back.

Girls Defended.

It was John F. Watts, a lawyer, who lives on East Washington atreet, who in-terfered so galiantly in behalf of two young women who had been insulted by a gang of young toughs at the east end of Morrison-street bridge, as they were pro-ceeding homeward the other night. He heard them scream, and went to their aid very promptly, and while he was looking after their assailants they made their escape up East Morrison street, not stop-ping until they were safe at home and their doors locked. When Mr. Watts re-monstrated with the toughs, they turned on him, and there was quite a tussie. Fortunately, Watts got hold of a good-sized piece of slabwood, quickly knocking one fellow to the sidewalk and tapping the others so they soon had enough. But for the club they would have over-powered him, as there were several of them and he was single-handed. Mr. Watts deserves credit for protecting the young women and teaching the young scoundrels a lesson they will not soon forget. The young women did not know who their protector was,

Kindergarten Exercises.

Pleasing exercises were given by the lit-tle tots of the kindergarten, at the home of Mrs. C. R. Thoburn, corner of East Ninth and East Ankeny streets, yester-day forencon. Miss Mattle Webb has charge of the kindergarten. A large number of the parents and friends of the children assembled to witness the pro-

FOUGHT A FRANCHISE.

Enst Side Residents Remonstrate Against Switch on East Ninth.

A meeting of the committee on streets of the Common Council was held yesterday afternoon, at which the petition for authority to lay down and operate a rail-road switch, or side track, on East Ninth street, from Division street to the cannery on Belmont street, was taken under consideration. The cannery company pe-titioned for the franchise, and the owners of 5100 feet of the 6400 feet of abutting property remonstrated against the grant ing of the petition. Quite a number of the remonstrators, principally women, were present and addressed the commit-They stated that the street over tee. which it was proposed to construct the switch was through residence property, and that the property would be practically rulned for residence purposes if the switch was built. Ho brook advocated the granting of the franchise, and in rather an effective style pleaded the cause of "our infant industries." Glisan was opposed to granting the franchise. He eyes open in order to get cheap property and he did not think it right that resi-dence property should be injured to give them connection with a railroad. Bro-naugh said he was in favor 3° granting the franchise, but not on the terms pro-posed in the ordinance prepared. He should have to consider the ordinance carefully before voting for it. In the end the matter was laid over till the next meeting of the committee,

Fraser River Sen-walls Damaged. VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 21 .- Follow ing the break of the Lula Island dyke three days ago, floods have caused fur-ther damage to the sea-walls protecting the farmers of the Fraser River Valley Owing to high tides, strong winds and heavy rains, the lands have been badly flooded, and the village of Stevenson is under three feet of water. Wooden sidewalks are floating away, and the only means of locomotion is by boats. West-ham Island is badly flooded, and ranch-owners have been removing their live-stock from the submerged fields in freight. beats.

The Cabinet Meeting. WASHINGTON, Dec. II.—The Cabinet meeting today was devoid of interest, no public business being transacted. It was expected that the Hay-Pauncefote treaty as amended by the Senate yesterday would be considered with a view to arriv-ing at a determination to return it to the British Government. It was found that the document had not yet passed through the hands of the recording clerks of the Senate, so no reference was made to it at the Cabinet meeting.

Early Morning Burglary.

At 2 o'clock this morning the residence of J. A. Strowbridge, Jr., 795 East Eighth atreet, was entered by a burglar. In his progress through the house he set off a burglar alarm, which aroused Mr. Strow, bridge, and the marauder was frightened The police station was diately, and Officer Smith sent to

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