

ROUTH IS A RUSTLER

Public Spirit of North End Dance-Hall Boss.

WANTS EVERY ONE REGISTERED

Philanthropic Efforts to Enable His Fellow-Citizens to Exercise the Franchise Assisted by Disinterested Police.

"I shall have registered and absolutely under my control 500 voters by election day. I have already registered 150 men, and Special Policeman Hoare has the list of their names. I understand an offer of the Councilmanship of the Third Ward is to be made to me. I believe I would be able to serve the people efficiently."

These were the words of Gus Routh, proprietor of two prosperous North End dance-halls and three saloons which are also said to be sources of revenue. Mr. Routh is a live, wide-awake business man. He avers that he has made plenty of money during the four years he has been in Portland. Judging by the extensive improvements he is making to his attractive and cozy home, he is certainly not. Under the Hotel Cosmopolitan, of which he is also the proprietor, he keeps within the limit of fact.

Most of the gentlemen who have been registered the result of Mr. Routh's persuasion are or have been guests at his hotel, the entrance of which is near the corner of Third and Davis streets, in a section of the town where

all the offices on the ballot for his own use. He will run for one office, provided he gets the nomination, but it is not unlikely that the 500 voters who will be instructed to vote for him will be instructed so to cast their ballots that the privileges now enjoyed may be continued. Perhaps Special Policeman Hoare, who has the list of voters Mr. Routh has registered, knows something about that.

There are other gentlemen in the North End, and in other quarters of the city, who are displaying considerable earnestness in their efforts to see that no one shall be denied the right to exercise the franchise because of failure to register. Most of the lodging-houses about town are astonishingly full of laborers, mechanics, waiters, bartenders and other people who have a voice in the city's affairs, and a careful inspection of the registration books will show that few of them are not there. Peter Eals, proprietor of the Merchant Hotel, is said to be looking hungrily forward to the time when an alleged promise to put him on the detective force shall be fulfilled. Mr. Eals has a large caravansary, in which there are many rooms. Mr. Routh has another place at 51 North Third street, and its entire contents seem to have been registered. There are still vacant rooms in all of these houses, however, and it will be interesting to notice how soon they are filled, and how soon thereafter the names of their occupants are subscribed at the Courthouse.

Examination of other districts shows an utter lack of the enterprise shown by Mr. Routh and his fellow lodging-house keepers. Business men are not advising their employees to register in large numbers, and are not puffing daily up to the Courthouse at the head of long processions of voters. But then, business men generally are not running for Councilman, and few of them are under the necessity of keeping matters in such shape that their places of business may be kept open in defiance of statutes and ordinances, and perhaps business men generally prefer to leave the government of the city to the whims of those who compose a large portion of Mr. Routh's boarders, rather than take the burden of it upon their own shoulders.

DOUBTLESS WILL SIGN IT.

So Says Mayor Rowe of High-License Ordinance.

In answer to a question as to whether he had signed the liquor license measure, passed by the Common Council Monday, Mayor Rowe said that he had not signed the ordinance, but doubtless will sign it. "Without the Mayor's signature, the ordinance will become a law in 10 days after passing. The saloon men or rather the better element of the liquor business, smile grimly and say: 'Let the Mayor go ahead.' The divekeepers have nothing to say."

It was thought yesterday that the saloon men would meet and formulate a protest against the ordinance, but no such meeting was held, or, at least, the officers of the Liquor Dealers' Association, of whom none was held. President Dornasch, of the Union, said no action had been taken. Questioned further, he declared that he had nothing to say. Vice-President Theodore Trautmann said: "I guess we'll have to stand it." Asked whether the union would be an organized body, take up the license further than to venture an opinion about its probable results. One of the saloon men said it would cause the closing of 25 saloons, a loss in revenue of \$10,000 a year to the city. Another predicted the closing of 50. The proprietor of one of the largest beer halls in the North End said it would not affect the dives. The owners of three of the largest dives in White-chapel, he said, derive a weekly revenue of from \$100 to \$200. He said he would not be in the city, but he would be in the city for the Council to revoke the licenses and for the police to enforce the ordinances which prohibit dance halls and women drinking at bars. To his knowledge, he said, three dives in Whitechapel had women at the bars to fleece men of their money. He also knew of combinations, which from good information, he numbered at five. The net profit of these houses, he said, amounted to about \$200 a week. The proprietors of these houses, he said, may readily pay their license, but some of the smaller dives may be compelled to close.

OLD LANDMARK GONE.

Handsome New Four-Story Building on First Street.

Yesterday a gang of men commenced the work of tearing down the old one-story brick warehouse at the southeast corner of First and Oak streets, and three old wooden structures, which with it have occupied the quarter-block since a time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. The demolishing of these old buildings took most people by surprise, and the general remark of passers was that "more old landmarks are gone." All who took a look into the rear of the property and saw the rotten, dilapidated condition of the timbers and the vast accumulation of rubbish being burned there, added, "And it is time they were gone." The little brick warehouse was built some 40 years ago by the pioneer firm of Corbett, Felling & Co. to hold their surplus of goods. The men employed in tearing it down had a story to the effect that it was used as a shelter for women and children at the time of a battle with the Indians, but as there were never many Indians about Portland, and never any fighting between them and the whites, this story was probably intended as a hoax.

The property was purchased by George Lawrence, saddler, last Fall, for \$17,500. It was a great snap, as it could not be purchased now for twice that sum. There were some heirs interested in the property, and as it had been lying idle and unimproved for a long time, it was disposed of in short order.

Mr. Lawrence has had plans prepared by Whidden & Lewis for a handsome four-story brick building, which will be erected on the property at once. It will be nearly a facsimile of the Newmaster Bros. store, with pressed brick front, and will cost upward of \$50,000. The ground floor will be used as a saddlery store, and the upper stories as a harness and saddlery factory. As showing that there is a demand for good buildings on First street for rent, it may be stated that Mr. Lawrence was offered \$200 per month for half the building on a 10 years' lease; but he will need it for his own business. The new building will make a great change in the appearance of First street, and is the finest improvement on that street for a long time.

PERSONAL MENTION.

M. J. Kinney, of Astoria, a prominent canneryman and timber-owner, is at the Portland.

Alex Gilbert, of Astoria, French Vice-Consul at that port, is in the city on official business.

A. J. Burrus, a well-known business man of Chicago, who has many friends in Portland, is in the city.

E. Z. Ferguson, of Astoria, who is prominent in Clatsop County politics, is in the city on a business trip.

Ex-Judge M. C. Munly will leave shortly for Alaska on a business trip and expects to be absent for some time.

Dr. W. T. Williamson, of Salem, who is at the Imperial is head physician at that State Asylum for the Insane.

Mrs. Frank Strong, of Eugene, wife of prominent third street druggist, is in Oregon, is in the city on a short visit.

O. F. Paxton left last night for San

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- Our 2-clasp "Mentone" full pique
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- Undressed kid, black, white and evening shades, 16-button length.

Big Stir in White Goods

A small lot of pretty Lace-stripe Lawns, Organdies, Batistes, Jones Cambric, Mulls, Long Cloths and Persian Lawns, slightly mussed or soiled during our clearance sale, go on sale today at

EXACTLY HALF PRICE

Goods that are wanted at all seasons. Buy them now and double your money.

TOMORROW—FRIDAY

We have a treat in store for small and medium-sized women

\$1.50 Silk Vests at 69c

Pure silk, Richelieu ribbed with low necks and short sleeves; colors black, cream, blue, pink and lavender; sizes 3, 4 and 5. NOT MANY OF THEM, SO COME EARLY.

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Francisco, on legal business, accompanied by his wife. They will be gone about a week.

Wilson R. Gay, of Seattle, who is at the Imperial, accompanied by Mrs. Gay, is United States District Attorney of Washington, and prominent in politics in that state.

R. J. Hendricks and wife, of Salem, arrived in the city last night from Salem. Mr. Hendricks is editor of the Salem Statesman, and has other interests in the Capital City.

Mr. and Mrs. George McL. Brown, of Vancouver, B. C., are at the Portland, en route to San Francisco. Mr. Brown is executive agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with headquarters at Vancouver.

The friends of Dr. W. L. Wood will be pleased to hear that he has fully recovered his health, having gained 15 pounds since leaving Portland. The doctor is now in Arizona, and will return to Portland early in the Spring.

W. H. Hobson, of Stayton, was in the city yesterday on his way to Sumpter. Mr. Hobson was State Senator from Marion County in 1895 and 1897. He is a merchant at Sumpter, but still has large property interests at Stayton.

G. R. Christman, Mayor of Eugene and chairman of the Republican central committee of Lane County, is at the Perkins. He came to Portland for the purpose of attending the Lincoln's birthday banquet of the Young Men's Republican Club.

A party of prominent Seattle people at the Portland included W. A. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Battle and Mrs. E. L. Martin. The men of the party are prominent attorneys of the Washington metropolis and are prominent professionally and socially.

Harry Hamblet, of Astoria, president of the Toke Point Oyster Company, is at the Imperial. Mr. Hamblet has recently

arranged his affairs in Astoria so that he can move the headquarters of the company, of which he is the head, to this city, from which point the business of the corporation will be operated in the future.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—E. T. Harmon, at the Imperial.

From Seattle—H. Smith, at the Grand Union; C. H. Wilbur, at the Grand.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 12.—Attorney-General D. R. N. Blackburn is slowly recovering from his attack of typhoid fever. It will be several weeks yet before he can resume his official duties.

TO DISCUSS CHARITIES.

Executive Committee Will Have a Meeting Today.

The executive committee of the State Conference of Charities and Corrections will have a regular meeting today at the parlors of the City Board of Charities, when all arrangements for the conference will be completed, and the committee trusts that all persons interested in charitable work, as well as those who wish to know something of what is going on in that line throughout the state, will be in attendance. Judging from the success of these conferences in other cities, this will be the commencement of a new era in charitable and correctional work.

The first State Conference of Charities held in the City of New York on November 20-22, 1900, exhibited an unusual degree of interested enthusiasm. The opening meeting filled the Senate chamber of the Capitol, and the only possible ground for criticism lay in the overall programme, which closely im-

"Food Fair" The Food Fair is now in full blast. Twenty-five demonstrations of all the well-known foods, cereals and delicacies. A pleasant hour can be spent on the third floor today. We're still selling 20 lbs. of Sugar for \$1.00.

Meier & Frank Co.

By express—Novelty Golf Vests, three superb styles (Cloak Dept.).
By express—Gibson Waists in black and white, moire velour (Second Floor).
New Flannelettes, Persian borders, latest designs, 15c yard.

Tomorrow, 65d Friday Surprise Sale

2000 Wrappers 98c Each

\$1.50 to \$2.00 Values

Tomorrow the greatest Wrapper Sale ever inaugurated in Portland. A sweeping purchase of 2000 handsome flannelette Wrappers in a dozen styles, and an immense variety of colorings and designs. Better values we never bought—you never bought. They come from a manufacturer whose goods have the very best reputation. All are prettily trimmed with braid or ribbon, big full skirt, wide flounce and all sizes—values range from \$1.50 to \$2.00; your choice tomorrow **98c each**

See Window Display.



"Gendron" Carriages and Go Carts are not equalled by any other make—40 new styles now ready, and prices include parasol and upholstery. In many stores extra charge is made for upholstering and parasol (Third Floor).

Groceries

200 great bargains in fine Groceries during the Food Fair—a saving on every article—stock up the larder.
100-lb. sack of Western Dry Granulated Sugar, at \$4.75
20 pounds of granulated Sugar \$1.00
M. & F. celebrated Mocha and Java Coffee, at 25c lb. (Phone private exchange 4.)
Special values in Dinner Sets and Chamber Sets. (Basement.)

See the New Wash Fabrics

They're the talk of the town—magnificent styles—French novelties and exclusive waist patterns—French Madras in plain colors or dotted Gingham, Swisses, etc.
Just received by express, new Hair Ornaments, and high-class Neckwear for ladies.
See the advanced Spring styles of Phipps and Acheson's Walking Hats.

New Carpets and Curtains

Now being shown in the third-floor carpet store—all the newest colorings and designs in Brussels, Axminsters and Velvets—all the newest things in Novelty Curtains.
Draping of every description carried out artistically and at a right price, by the best draper in town. (Third Floor.)

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THESE descriptions give but a faint idea of the excellence of material, style and quality of the suits now on sale. The prices speak for themselves. Examination, investigation and comparison solicited.

BROWN DOUBLE-BREADED BLOUSE SUIT of fine all-wool English chevrot, elegantly stitched, the jacket is silk lined. Regular value, \$35.00. Now on sale at **\$18.65**

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Those who were fortunate to secure a ticket at the Marquam will have a double pleasure this evening—that of hearing Nordica and her famous piano, the Everett. This piano is used exclusively by Nordica, which is a safe guarantee that it meets every requirement of the artist. The Musical Age of February 8 has this to say of the Everett: "That the Everett Concert Grand is popular with the artist is attested by the fact that it has been used at over a score of orchestral concerts in the East during the present season, as well as at several in the West."

Nordica and the Everett Piano

We keep an eye on all the best things pertaining to the piano business, and were fortunate in being able to add the Everett to our list of high-art pianos, such as the Knabe, Stock, Hardman, Fischer, Packard and Ludwig, all of which have a National reputation, and are sold by us and our allied interests in the Pacific States. If you want the best the market produces, you will find it at our warehouses.

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of seething, surging hot water, high in the air, which killed the vegetation surrounding the formation, as it came in contact with the scalding water from the bowels of the earth. The new geyser is situated in the vicinity of Norris Basin, high up in the timber, about 45 yards from the constant geyser. The geyser, which has been named "The Twentieth Century," plays in a manner similar to the Constant, but of many times greater volume. It also erupts more frequently than the Constant, spouting at intervals of one and a half to two hours.

Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for a number of years, and have no hesitancy in saying that it is the best remedy for coughs, colds and croup I have ever used in my family. I have not words to express my confidence in this remedy."—Mrs. J. A. Moore, North Star, Mich. For sale by all druggists.



Good morning. Have you registered?

the population is numerous. Some of the rooms given on the registration books at the Courthouse as the residence of these gentlemen are now tenanted by other people, but Mr. Routh says that they will all be on hand election day.

"If I don't have room for them in my hotel," he observed, naively, "I shall quarter them with friends of mine when they come into town. They are outside, at work or on business."

Few public-spirited citizens could be more attentive to the duty of preparing their fellow-electors for the franchise than Mr. Routh. He counts that day lost when he does not walk proudly up to the Courthouse with a long string of sovereign voters in tow, and stand placidly by while they subscribe their names on the registration books. He desires to do nothing wrong. He wants the voters all ready to vote, and if in addition he sees that they are well informed, he is certainly not to be pardoned. In view of his Herculean labors in bringing them in from the marts and mills, from the highways and byways.

"There are men in the city who will



An air of prosperity.

not be able to register just now," continued Mr. Routh, in the course of his conversation with an Oregonian reporter, "but I will get them up there all right. They are going to hold the books open after 4 o'clock in a few days, and you will see me on hand with the first time they do it. Watch me. I will be there with the men."

There is a general air of prosperity pervading all of Routh's places of refreshment in the North End. Music mingles with the sound of feminine laughter there by night, and the bright dresses of the ladies blend in perfect harmony with the handsome blue uniforms of the policemen who come and go. In the dance-hall under the Metropolitan yesterday a force of carpenters was at work laying a new floor, as much tripping of the light fantastic toe, and occasional unfortunate overturnings of amber beer glasses has put the old one rather far to the had. Over the rear end of the hall a beautiful music stand is in course of construction, and the broad rail that bars the way to the well-appointed barroom will be newly varnished. It was occupied yesterday as a grandstand by several members of the fair sex, and their rippling laughter at the sallies of the gentlemen whose elegant leisure permitted of their



Some of the "500."

frequenting the place during working hours nearly drowned the sound of the carpenters' hammers.

Mr. Routh has evidently been allowed to conduct his business as he chooses. It is understood that certain ordinances conflict with dance-halls and the presence of ladies in liquor establishments, but he seems to feel that a plain, straightforward business man can go ahead and do business in his own plain, straightforward way, so long as he goes forth daily and gets votes. Of course he will not need