

## BUNCO MEN? AH, NO

Just Generous Citizens Who  
Make City Life Gay.

## GIVE GLAD HAND TO STRANGERS

Police Look With an Indulgent Eye  
on Their Innocent Diversions,  
Which Are Expensive Only  
to "Suckers."

After several months' continuous effort the police have succeeded in giving Portland the high distinction of being the safest, surest and best haven for the bunco man on the Coast. Gentlemen who are not permitted to alight from train and steamer in San Francisco or Los An-

## IF YOU'RE A VOTER THIS MEANS YOU

Just 422 persons registered with County Clerk Swetland yesterday for the coming elections. The total to date is 10,145, or but little over one-half the number who may reasonably be expected to participate in the primaries. Up to 5 o'clock 330 had been taken care of, leaving 102 for the evening hours. There was no crowd in line at any hour during the day, and therefore no waiting by any impatient elector. Much of the time the clerks had nothing to do but knock their heels together and wait for the crowd that never came. WHAT IS THE MATTER WITH THE 10,000 VOTERS WHO HAVE NOT REGISTERED? ARE THEY NOT INTERESTED?

gates enjoy perfect security in every quarter of the city in which they care to roam. Nearly all of them may be recognized by the striking resemblance they bear to portraits hung up in the saloon of the San Francisco police station. Others are known all over the country—so well known, in fact, that they prefer to remain in Portland, where the chance of liberty and the pursuit of graft are not interfered with by meddlesome officialdom. Mr. Scotch Aleck has a record in Chicago which is a credit to his profession. Mr. Big Burke enjoys a wide acquaintance among police detectives in many cities, and is said to have been the guest of various municipalities and commonwealths during the course of his professional career. Mr. Swede Thompson, Mr. Palo Alto Kid, Mr. Kid Chalmers and others to the number of something like 25 have all risen to a high place in their common calling. That these men should be willing, even eager, to make Portland their home shows that the police are very solicitous that the city shall have a certain kind of reputation, and that no namby-pamby considerations would prevent municipal purity be allowed to interfere.

With many of these gentlemen the game of "B. B." is a favorite pastime, and while it has not yet secured the same hold on high society, that golf has succeeded in



A new-found friend.

doing, it is through their efforts rapidly becoming popular with people who have not played it. The letters "B. B." stand for "top and bottom," and these terms refer to respective sides of the die, which for the information of the police will be defined as a small cube marked on its faces with numbers from one to six, and used in playing games by being thrown or shaken from a cylindrical box.

It usually requires four players to make a game of "B. B." interesting. The first player arrives in the city and informs the world that he is a stranger by looking earnestly into show-windows. The second, observing him, appears by his side and remarks that it is a pleasant day. The stranger admits the force of this assertion. Then the newcomer inquires if the other has been long in Portland, and is overjoyed to learn that he has just arrived.

"You hadn't got any the better of me," he says, beaming with joy. "I just got in myself. Let's go on and see the sights."

The first sight is usually a saloon, where the second man learns that the first came from some Valley town. On receipt of this information he retires to a back room, consults a bank directory which he carries, and comes back to ask if the stranger knows his (the second man's) uncle, Mr. —, who is cashier in the bank of said town. Most residents of small towns know the cashier of the local bank, and, of course, the stranger looks with increased respect on his new-found friend, now that he knows he is so well connected. Soon two other men stray in and begin casually shaking dice at risks



A little game.

bar till the bartender requests that they continue the game in a back room, "for the sake of appearance." The two strangers, at the suggestion of the nephew of the cashier, follow them in, and further explanations are made by the nephew, who shows the stranger that the two players are betting on who can call the number of spots that will turn up on both sides of the dice. He explains that as the sum of the numbers on the opposite sides of each die must necessarily

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Out and injured.

make seven, and the sum of the spots on three dice is sure to be 21. The game ought to be easy, and finally, when one of the two players offers to bet him on the number that will come up, practices his system and wins with it. Next the stranger is asked if he wants to take a chance, and after much consultation with the nephew of the cashier risks a few and wins. Presently he wins again. Then the stranger puts in a few dollars with him, and they both win. Finally, con-

vinced that he cannot lose, the stranger risks all he has. The players cannot call the number of dice which turn up, and—loses. That is "B. B."

In the Tivoli game, which is also a favorite of the visitors in the city, the player purchases the right to throw balls through a hole, said balls returning in devious ways among nails driven in to direct them, and coming either to a prize or a blank, of which there are even numbers. When the gentlemen who make their headquarters at the game play they invariably draw prizes, but when the stranger takes a chance the operator of the game steps over to a value to get money to pay the prize, and there exists some mysterious influence over the ball, which makes it unfailingly return to a blank. A very tidy sum is made every day at the game, of which three are running openly in the Tenderloin, by this admirable system.

The shooting galleries, or at least some of them, work a still more profitable system. The stranger, who thinks he is tolerably handy with a rifle, and most country strangers do—gets a few bullets and finds himself challenged to shoot for a prize by a bystander. If he is game he accepts the challenge and the two shoot, the stranger winning what he is told is a conditional prize—that is, a chance to get

\$50 if he wins the best three in the next five shots at \$1 a shot. If he loses he does not forfeit the \$50, but still has a chance at it by paying more dollars for more shots, and if he wins he sees a still better conditional prize in sight, for which he has only to put up \$2 a shot. Both he and the stranger shoot, keeping miraculously tied all the time, till the final shot, when the stranger's rifle goes mysteriously wrong and the bystander takes in the money.

Another interesting device is the cloth game, one of which has been running in North End saloon for six months, and is now operated both night and day. The stranger is introduced to this game by a friend of some new acquaintance, who says he is agent for the Honduras lottery and has just received a complete outfit to illustrate how the drawings take place. This looks good to the stranger's new acquaintance, who is probably this time the brother-in-law of the president of the Smalltown National Bank, and they both go in to see it. On a clock are various numbers and nine dice, shaken by the police attendant, which tell who shall be entitled to the prizes. Here more conditional prizes are offered, and the stranger always gets one of them till he has money to take more chances, when the final drawing takes place, and the conditional prizes, perhaps to the extent of \$100, added to the stranger's \$100 or more, vanish utterly from his possession.

Such games as these, and many of them running night and day on the streets of Portland and in the back rooms of the saloons, naturally give the city a reputation as a sporting community. Of course, the stranger, who finds the games rather expensive, occasionally complains to patrolmen or at police headquarters, but as none of the well-known players has been arrested, and as the games all continue, there seems to be no danger that the energy such pastimes instill into the community will be abated by any short-sighted and overnice policy of reform.

## YOUNG CHINESE ENTERTAIN

American-Born Association Gives a Musical Programme and Ball.

The entertainment and dance given by the American-Born Chinese Association, of Portland, at Western Academy Hall, in the Mulkey building, last evening, was a decided success. The audience was large one, and it included prominent society people and numerous leading citizens of Portland. The young Celestials who appeared on the programme distinguished themselves by their clever work, and hearty applause greeted them. A vocal solo, entitled, "The Party at the Zoo," by Little Rose May Ling, was beautifully rendered, and Bertha May Ling's recitation, "God Save Me," was quite impressive. A dialogue between Lee Wah, John Gow and Lee Poy, and a recitation of the "Declaration of Independence," by Lee Wah, were interesting incidents, while the baritone solo, "On Venice Waters," by

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1100 yards of all-silk taffeta, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 inches wide; white, pink and light blue. 20c and 25c value, yd.... 15c

2500 yards of satin taffeta, 4 inches wide, black, white, yellow, old rose, pink, light blue, cardinal, green and navy. Great value, yd.... 18c

## Groceries

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Saturday orders should be placed in our Grocery store, for on every item we can save you pennies, the total of which will please you. We are offering 200 great bargains in fancy and staple Groceries of all kinds, including:

20lbs granulated sugar \$1.00  
Lion Coffee, pound..... 10c  
Arbuckle's Coffee, pound 11c

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(Basement.)

## Book Sale

Continuation of the great Book sale. A few prices

At 79 Cents

Alice of Old Vincennes.  
A King of Honey Island.  
Captain Ravenshaw, by Stephens.

Eleanor, by Mrs. Humphry Ward.  
Successors of Mary the First—Pheips.

When Blades Are Out and Love's Affair, by Brady.  
The Lion's Brood, by Osborn.

The Bondwoman, by Ryan.  
Red Blood and Blue—Robertson.

Like Another Helen—Horton.  
Puppet and Crown, by McGrath.

The King's Pawn—Drummond

## Ladies' Neckwear



This is going to be Portland's leading neckwear store this season—Everything that's new and desirable will be found here immediately upon production—Variety of styles will be large and prices right—For today we offer

Silk embroidered turnovers in all colors and large variety of styles, the regular 40c and 50c values..... 33c

10 dozen bobinet ties with lace ends, the regular 25c values, today..... 17c

Taffeta silk stock ties in plain colors and dotted, plaited collar fancy ends, the regular 50c values..... 39c

New croats in superb patterns and colorings—Entire new line of feather boas.

## Book Sale

Kipling's Works, 6 vols., \$6 value, \$1.98.

Stevenson, 5 vols., \$3 value, 95c.

Shakespeare, 7 vols., \$5.25 value, \$1.25.

Shakespeare, 13 vols., \$5.00 value, \$1.98.

Shakespeare, 32 vols., \$7.50 value, \$3.25.

Thackeray, 10 vols., \$7.50 value, \$2.25.

Cooper's Sea Tales, 5 vols., 95c.

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Household Cook Books, 15c.

25c Books at 11c.

\$1.15 Books at 59c.

Padded edition of Poets.

## Stationery

500 pieces decorated Crepe Paper, many new designs, 10-ft. pieces, regular 25c value..... 15c

1000 boxes regular 10c Note Paper, ruled, satin finish, box..... 5c

Hurlbutt's "Roxboro" new tints, new shapes, 24 sheets paper and 24 envelopes..... 19c

Engraving of Cards and Invitations at the lowest prices

Hurd's and Crane's fine Stationery in very large variety—All the newest tints and shapes.

## Veilings



March—the Veiling month—protect the face from severe winds with one of our new stylish Veils—Chiffon and Silk Linen Veiling—Chenille Dots, Embroidered rings and figures, new colors.

50c to \$1.50 Yard

Special for today—1000 yards of Tuxedo Mesh Veiling in large variety of style, plain or dotted, 25c value 14c yard.

## Drug Sundries

2000 cans of Dr. Lyons' celebrated Tooth Powders, 25c kinds today only 15c can.

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Hand Scrub Brushes, good quality, 7c.

Tooth Brushes, Combs, Hair Brushes, Mirrors, and all Toilet Preparations at the very lowest prices.

## "Hawes" Hat.

For men—spring and summer styles are now ready—always \$3.

## Shoe Sale

Last day of the great Shoe sale. Desirable Shoes for man, woman or child, at wholesale prices. Shoes needs should receive your early attention today. Great bargains in ladies' Shoes in variety of styles at \$2.50, \$3.50 and \$3.25 pair.

Men's \$6, \$5, \$4 and \$3.50 Shoes all reduced about 25 per cent.

Boys', misses' and children's Shoes at greatly reduced prices.

## Wrapper Bargains

Ladies' flannellette Wrappers, saten or braided-trimmed, full flounce ruffle over shoulder. Best colorings and designs. \$1.50 and \$1.75 values

\$1.03

Elderdown Dressing Sackies, crocheted edge, pink, blue, red and gray..... 69c

\$2.25 Saten Petticoats \$1.69

## Odds and Ends

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All odds and ends of Porcelain and Chinaware at wonderfully low prices today. For example note following: Decorated porcelain plates, 7-inch size, 6 patterns, 6 for..... 60c

Cups and saucers to match, splendid patterns, 6 for..... 73c

Fruit saucers, 6 for..... 30c

Mush bowls, 6 for..... 60c

Platters, vegetable dishes, sugars, creamers, tea pots, etc., etc.

## Men's Clothing Sale

Economical men will consult their own interests before buying clothes anywhere but here. This great sale offers you the opportunity to buy a suit, overcoat or trousers at a saving of from 35 to 75 per cent.

All our men's \$7.50 and \$8.50 suits, in cassimeres and chevots, sack styles, splendid materials and trimmings, all sizes..... \$5.98

All our men's \$10 suits, in dark mixed cassimeres and chevots, sack styles, all sizes..... \$7.10

All our \$12.50 and \$13.00 suits, fancy chevot and fancy worsted, in fine materials and styles..... \$8.35

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