

KITTY GETS GOIN

Poker the Popular Game at Seattle.

FARO BANK IS TABOOED NOW

Poolrooms Run Under Subterfuge Winked at by Council.

SURE THING IS WELL PLAYED

When Sheriff is Home, Nickel-in-the-Slot Machines Run—When He Leaves Town They Suddenly Disappear.

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Seattle is trifling with the gambling felony act and the anti-slot machine statute again. A spasm of reform has passed, and one looking for a gambling game would have to do so blindfolded, and muffled to muffle the familiar rattle of chips and flurry of cards. To be sure, practically all of the gambling is limited to poker, but the "bank" games, against which a portion of the statute was directed, are running.

In all the saloons that formerly conducted big gambling establishments poker is flourishing. The games are running openly, and apparently without the slightest danger of a raid from the police or Sheriff's office. Every one that wants to know knows where the games are operated, and one who wants to play can only be prevented because the tables are full.

The monotony is varied by a new bucket-shop gambling game that presents some of the excitement of the older games, and the stock market, but attracts far less attention, and by the poolrooms that flourish, despite the abortive attempt of the City Council to prevent them.

It was generally agreed at the time the gambling felony bill was passed that poolselling was not included in the list of prescribed gambling games. There were too many interests opposed to any act that threatened the pastime of betting on the ponies to make it possible to enact such a statute had it ever been attempted, and no one even believed the gambling bill would be stretched far enough to cover that phase of the gambling situation.

How Poolrooms Fixed It.

The Seattle City Council, however, was possessed a few months ago of a virtuous ambition to suppress the poolrooms, and it passed a stringent measure prohibiting poolrooms and bucket-shops. The owners of the poolrooms immediately posted conspicuous notices to the effect that they were agents for outside bookmakers, and that all commissions received were immediately wired to the track and bet there.

The subterfuge has been accepted by the city, and in the place of one or two poolrooms doing a moderate business Seattle has three or four that are crowded

all day. If commissions were wired to the track, there is a remarkably good arrangement in effect for bets are placed up to the time the horses are started. And wagers are paid as soon as the news of the result is received.

As a matter of fact, there is only one poolroom that really insists upon maintaining the pretense of handling business on commission. The others frankly state that they will handle all the business offered and stand to win or lose individually as the race goes. And when a killing is made it is the poolroom proprietor who acknowledges that he has been hard hit. But, so far as the poolroom gambling is concerned, that is only conducted in defiance of a complaisant City Council's orders.

New Bucket-Shop Game.

The new "bucket-shop" gambling game is a rather new one, but one susceptible of so many manipulations that insure a good safe percentage for the house that it is a wonder that the place is played. This game is conducted on the plan of sending tapes to San Francisco, alleged to contain a faithful report of the variation of the stock market.

These tapes, several days late, are placed in the tickers and stocks sold on the results as ticked off. A San Francisco firm owns the house doing this business, and it is insisted the precarious gambling game is attracting as much play as the old houses used to enjoy.

But that part of Seattle the gambler is attracted by poker now. Old roulette, faro, chuck-a-luck, blackjack and other fiends have taken to poker, and the tables in the restricted district are crowded. There is no pretense of secrecy nor any attempt to disguise the fact that the games are run by the house, and that the hungry kitty gets its share off every pot. And this is in direct violation of the gambling felony act.

Claim Sheriff's Protection.

Sheriff Cuddehe returned from the East. Machine-owners claimed to have been told by him that had he been here at the time they would not have been arrested. Politicians believe that he was impressed by a story that the cigar dealers were paying tribute to a Republican campaign fund and really approved Corcoran's action, for the Sheriff's office is Democratic.

In any event the cigar dealers did not let the matter drop. They figured that a slotless machine was not barred by statute. They covered the slots in their machines, fixed the lever to work the card spindles without nickels and sold chances at 5 cents each. They waited for the County Attorney and other officials to give an opinion regarding the new machines, but when none was given they put them in anyway.

Then Corcoran Got Busy.

Early last week the covering over the slots was removed. Gambling was not interfered with, and the slot-machine owners believed the officials would wink at the return of the machines. So they did until Saturday night. Sheriff Cuddehe went to California Saturday morning, and late Saturday night a tip was sent around from the Sheriff's office to the effect that the machines must come out. Apparently Corcoran was busy again.

Where Ignorance is Bliss.

Official Seattle does not want to know too much about the open gambling, and there is no one eager to break the unwelcome news. It is generally believed in the restricted district that if trouble should arise over the games, the authorities would lose their wits unless they are kept under lock and key. The McGovern case has, instead of inspiring fear, given confidence. McGovern, it will be remembered, swore to a complaint against two gambling-houses. He was the state's star witness, but was discovered to have disappeared when the case was called for trial. He returned to Seattle, but the County Attorney had driven him out of town with a threat of arrest, and he made this claim when his case was taken into the Superior Court on a writ of habeas corpus, sworn out to release him from the technical custody of a bond.

Nickel-in-Slots Out of Sight.

It is not likely roulette, faro and other games will open up generally, though at any time they might. But the Clancys are awaiting trial on a charge of operating such games, and the cry that greets the news that the old bank games have been restored is probably sufficient to limit gambling to poker and other similar gambling games for a time at least.

The vacillating policy toward slot machines has finally compelled the general public to lose interest in the outcome. Up to Saturday night the slot machines were on the counters in the cigar stands.

They suddenly went off in response to a tip from the Sheriff's office.

Cigar dealers tried to operate after the state law went into effect, but the County Attorney was against them. About three months ago County Attorney Scott told The Oregonian that he was too busy to look after the slot machines, and he would depend upon the police and Sheriff to do so. The machines went in.

What appeared to be a satisfactory arrangement was made whereby the machine-owners were to pay regular fines. Then Mayor Humes awoke to the fact that the city was getting no revenue from the machines, and ordered them to pay licenses. Machine-owners objected, and turmoil ensued. Sheriff Cuddehe went East, and Under-Sheriff Corcoran became increased at the County Attorney's statement that the Sheriff was responsible for the law's enforcement. He promptly enforced the statute by ordering the machines out. Incidentally he arrested the owners, and after farcical jury trials each owner was fined \$30. At each trial the state paid costs several times as large as the fines.

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WORK NEAR AN END.

Commercial Relations of Five Civilized Tribes to Be Extinguished.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The annual report of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, which for a decade has been engaged in the Indian Territory in the task of dissolving tribal conditions, existing communal title to the land, vesting possession and title in severally among the citizens of the tribes and assimilating tribal conditions generally to American citizenship standards, says that the work will be disposed of "by the end of the fiscal year 1905." Regarding recent revelations in the territory, the report says:

"The same interests are opposed to the completion of this business that were opposed to its being commenced, and as the end draws near, they pursue with redoubled energy the same tactics of obstruction, fault-finding, exaggeration, slander and all manner of false statements in order to confuse the situation and embarrass, hinder and prevent the conclusions of the work. But every consideration of legitimate interest calls for the firm and consistent maintenance of the past and present policy of the Government, and we only ask of Congress and the Administration,



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to, whose instruments we are, that before they heard these extraordinary statements, yet no more extraordinary than those of 1888, they hear both sides now, and then we venture the assertion that inquiry will develop that they are false in substance and are voiced by men whom we have followed, or are seeking to follow, in unlawful and predatory practices, or by the credulous and deluded followers of such men.

To check the speculation in pine timber on the Choctaw and Chickasaw lands, the Commission recommended the sale of the standing pine under sealed bids.

The report says that in administering upon the five great estates constituting the lands of these Indians, aggregating 200,000 acres, the Commission has passed upon nearly 300,000 applications for citizenship enrollment and claims to property.

JAPAN WANTS GOLD STANDARD

Suggests That Ratio of 32 to 1 Be Adopted for All Silver Countries.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Commission on International Exchange has received from Professor Jenks the conclusions of the monetary commission of Japan regarding the proposals of the American commission for a uniform coinage system, based upon the gold exchange standard for China.

The resolutions declare that the chaotic condition of the currency as it now exists in China is disadvantageous not to China alone, but to those countries that have commercial relations with her, and that a definite and uniform currency system should be speedily instituted and put into operation throughout the whole empire, or at least, in those parts of it that are of commercial importance.

If possible it is desirable that this system should be on the single gold standard. Inasmuch as the currency reform cannot be started on a perfect system, it is regarded as advisable to adopt the recommendations of the American commission. It suggests also that the ratio for China of 32 to 1 between gold and silver coins should be adopted for other silver-using countries which may hereafter adopt the gold standard.

POLITICAL PARTY FOR PEACE

Christian Executive Committee Calls Convention for St. Louis.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 20.—The Christian party has issued a call for its National mass convention, to be held in St. Louis on May 1 and 2, to nominate a candidate for president. The call is signed by William Rudolph Benkert, chairman of the National executive committee, United Christian party. The party was organized July 4, 1899, at Des Moines, Ia. Benkert is president of the organization

and Rev. C. H. Thomas, of Chicago, vice-president. The call is as follows:

"To all the people who believe that war and unnecessary burdensome taxation should cease and the people should unite and henceforth demand a direct vote of the people on all questions of vital importance, and that Christ's golden rule should be applied to all government by and for the people, you are hereby called to gather in his name in National and international mass convention in Convention Hall at the Wolf's Fair St. Louis, Mo., May 1 and 2, 1904, for the purpose of economic discussion and peace on earth in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ, and to further accomplish this great purpose of recommending or nominating candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States on a world-wide platform."

Articles of Incorporation Filed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation were filed in the office of the Secretary of State during the week as follows:

Oregon Water Power Townsite Company, Portland; \$10,000; G. W. Morrow, A. F. Campbell and W. H. Hurlbut.

The Amalgamated Sugar Company, of Ogden, filed articles, showing a capital stock of \$4,000,000. The directors are David

Eccles, president; Thomas Dea, vice-president; Henry H. Rolapp, secretary; C. W. Nibley, treasurer; H. H. Spencer, Adam Patterson, Joseph Cook, F. J. Kiesel, Joseph Scowcroft, George Stoddard, Joseph F. Smith, E. P. Ellison.

North Bend Iron Works, North Bend, Coos County; \$10,000; R. A. Huffschmidt, H. C. Jackson, Henry Kern.

Matschner Brothers Company, Portland; \$500; John Matschner, Joseph Matschner and Engelbert Frazz.

Irrigation Nursery Company, Portland; \$500; John W. Cook, Alfred Goss, Ramsey B. Leonard.

Oregon Timber & Lumber Company, Portland; \$50,000; E. W. Ring, Lewis Montgomery, C. A. Mann, L. C. Tobias.

Bandon Commercial Company, Bandon; \$50,000; Elbert Dyer, Anna Dyer, Robert Frederick, Jr.

Wade & Wade Co., Olney, Gilliam County; \$20,000; W. S. Wade, Grant Wade, R. U. Wade, W. M. Wade.

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