

MAYOR LANE'S GRIM REMARK

Will Veto New Ordinance if
Not in Interest of
People.

BOX LAW IS DISCUSSED

Liquor License Committee Hears
Delegation From Municipal As-
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A special meeting of the liquor license committee of the city council was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of considering the various features of the box ordinance introduced last Wednesday, and after a rather stormy two hours' session, during which there were some sharp passages at arms between members of the committee and one or two outsiders, an adjournment was taken until 2 P. M. tomorrow, in order to give those in favor of the old ordinance a chance to be heard and show cause why the measure should not be amended.

While the liquor interests were conspicuous by their absence, the Municipal Association was very much in evidence, prominent among whom were Oliver P. Jamison, president of the association; John Bain, secretary; Rev. J. R. Wilson, Dr. S. A. Brown, State Senator C. W. Nottingham, Miller Murdoch, T. A. Fraser, H. W. Stone, secretary of the Y. M. C. A.; ex-Councilman H. R. Albee, S. T. Lockwood, H. D. Wagoner, D. A. Pattullo, Eugene W. Amesbury, and others.

All the members of the liquor license committee were in their seats when Chairman Gray called the meeting to order, and at the outset Mr. Gray stated that his motive in introducing the ordinance had been misconstrued, and he entered a vigorous denial of the intimation that he was connected with the measure in any other way than merely to introduce it for the purpose of establishing some tangible basis upon which the Council could act. He said this phase of the situation was understood thoroughly by every member.

Councilman Masters corroborated the chairman's views and added that the committee had no desire to introduce the ordinance so as to permit the boxes to remain open.

Jamison Makes Address.

At this juncture O. P. M. Jamison, president of the Municipal Association, got the floor and commenced to harangue the committee on its duties. He said that the very things the committee was trying to do in the way of amending the old ordinance was the very thing the saloon men wanted it to do, and would take advantage of. In his opinion, the object of the second section was two-fold. In the first place, said he, it was conceded that the ladies' entrance feature of the ordinance was being abused regularly, so that young girls were being constantly enticed into boxes of restaurants and saloons and ruined while under the influence of intoxicants.

The object of the present ordinance is clearly and definitely to divorce the combination houses, and had been passed more than a year ago, but had not been enforced, notwithstanding it had stood the test of the Supreme Court, as well as being upheld by the people at the polls. He accused the Councilmen of inactivity, and made grave hints that the reports were true that the liquor interests had secured control of the body. "Give the old ordinance a chance," he pleaded, "and see if it cannot be enforced. Give a chance to see if it is fair. I am well aware that you cannot license virtuousness, but I think the time has come when we ought to call a halt on this systematic method of evading laws."

Councilman Masters—I don't think it does any good to listen to that kind of talk.

Chairman Gray—Oh, let him go ahead and get through, and we will hear what he has got to say.

Councilman Vaughn—Mr. Wallace asked why the 1904 square-foot exemption was put in the second section of the old ordinance.

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the Municipal Association, stated that he also was present upon the occasion referred to, and confessed that such was the case.

Rev. Mr. Wilson pleaded to let the questions at issue be settled by the courts, claiming that while it might inflict loss upon a certain class, it was not one-half so expensive as the peril the city would endure from a moral standpoint.

Councilman Gray thought it would be unjust to business interests and inflict great financial loss not to decide the matter while as little delay as possible. The whole Council was a unit, said he, that the ordinance was unjust.

After apologizing to Chairman Gray for his remarks, Mr. Jamison insisted that the matter ought to be left to the courts to decide. He said that no ordinance had attracted so much attention as the one under consideration. It had been made an issue in the courts and in a political campaign, and he asserted that while the city was 2 to 1 Republican politically, the municipality had elected a Democratic Mayor. He charged that the ordinance was being violated already by the saloon-keepers, but upon being challenged to give their names, replied that he did not care to do so at this time.

In answer to this both Gray and Masters stated that they were not afraid to tell the names of the saloonmen who were complying with the law. Nearly all the Councilmen had gone on a tour of inspection of the saloons of the city Tuesday night and had found the law being carefully observed, they said.

Where Trouble Lies.

John Bain said the trouble existed in the combination of the two sections. He thought the ordinance ought to be given a fair show, but saw no objection to serving liquor in the main dining-rooms. "But when you set aside private rooms for this purpose," said he, "you introduce a dangerous element in the community."

Councilman Gray said that he was in favor of amending the ordinance. "I am not in favor of taking it up with the courts and involving delay and expense, however," he continued. "I have no sympathy with box saloons, but the present ordinance is a menace to legitimate eating establishments. I would go further than the old ordinance and be in favor of having the 160 square foot rooms open to the main dining-room. If you enforce the old ordinance, you will have one of the worst situations that ever threatened any city. In a consultation with the Mayor the other day, it developed that within 60 days it is the intention of all the North End dives to take out hotel licenses and have registers on their bars, and the laws could not stop them."

"Let the liquor men look out," shouted H. D. Wagoner. "There are communities in the East and elsewhere that have put a stop on the liquor traffic altogether, and these local dealers are bringing this sort of ordinance up on their own heads when they undertake to force the community to accept an amendment to this law. This opposition to the old ordinance all comes from those whose names were on the red ticket."

Both Gray and Annand declared that their names were on the red ticket, whereupon C. W. Nottingham excitedly rejoined: "I never let any of your constituents know it."

"Yes we did," replied Gray. "It was a well-known fact that the Liquor Dealers' Association endorsed us."

"Well, you never boasted of it before election," sharply retorted Nottingham. "No; nor did we try and keep it to ourselves," said Gray. "We made no bid for their support, whatever."

"It was suggested in the course of the discussion that followed that the matter might be referred to the people by petition, but interviews with several of the Councilmen showed that the red ticket action will be taken by the committee at its meeting tomorrow afternoon."

When asked last night what he would do in case the council passed a new ordinance, Mayor Lane grimly replied: "I shall veto it unless it is in the interest of the people, and then they can pass it over my head if they want to."

COLUMBIA RIVER STEAMER

Leaves This Morning and Every
Morning This Week 8:30 A. M.,
Arrives Back at 3:30 P. M.

The Regular Line splendid steamer "Bailey Gatzert" makes daily trip up the Columbia to the celebrated Cascade Locks, passing en route the grandest scenery in creation. This is a trip no visitor should miss. Leaves Alder-street dock 8:30 A. M., returns 3:30 P. M. Meals on board. Round trip \$1.50. Phone Main 314.

DAY BOAT FOR ASTORIA

Connections for Ocean Beaches.

Itchak pee Salt chuck was a
Ais Kopet Konaway Sun.

The above lines were sung by an Indian brave to his sweetheart long ago, and translated signify:

What are the wild waves saying?
Sister the while day long I wait.

It was the same old story. Tourists, travelers and love-lorn couples are you curious to know what old Ocean is saying? Take the steamer Lurline daily, except Sunday, at 7 A. M. from Taylor street dock, enjoy the most delightful boat ride to be had, and if your curiosity is not satisfied on reaching Astoria you are within easy reach of all the ocean beaches.

SPECIAL PANTS SALE.

At the Brownsville Woolen Mill Store

We have gone through our entire stock and have taken out the pants cut, which we have put on a separate table, and for a pants leader we will sell the pick of the lot for only \$2.50. They are fully worth from \$3.50 to \$5. This is a chance to get a good pair of pants for a little money. Brownsville Woolen Mill Store, Third and Stark streets.

VANCOUVER TRIPS.

For an enjoyable short ride on the Columbia River to Vancouver, take steamer "Undine" at Taylor street dock, leaving as follows: Leave Portland at 8 A. M. and 1:30 P. M. Leave Vancouver, 10 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. Fare, 25 cents each way.

\$100 REWARD.

Mr. W. H. Kelley, of 89 1/2 Sixth street, offers a \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of the highwayman who robbed him at the corner of Lowndes and Alder streets, the night of July 14.

MILWAUKIE COUNTRY CLUB

Eastern and Seattle races. Take Sellwood and Oregon City cars, First and Alder.

Farewells at Salvation Army.

Major and Mrs. Fynn, who have been divisional officers for the Northern Pacific division will say farewell at No. 1 corps, Salvation Army, 265 Davis street, Sunday, at 8 o'clock tomorrow night, they will conduct a musical meeting, after which ice cream and cake will be served Sunday at 11 A. M. consecration service will be held. All are welcome.

Meier & Frank's 814th Friday Surprise Sale

\$11.00 Covert Coats for \$5.85 Ea.

New \$1.50 Lawn Waists 98c Each

150 Handsome New Tan Covert Jackets comprise offering Number One for today's 814th Friday Surprise Sale—All are this season's very best styles—Fancy cloth strapped, satin lined, collarless, finished at the neck with stitched band—Leg-o'-mutton sleeve with cuff—A coat that every woman can make good use of at any season of the year—All sizes—Regular \$11.00

values on sale today only at the low price of \$5.85

See Fifth-Street Window Display

\$1.50 Shirtwaists at 98c Ea.

2000 White Lawn Shirtwaists is bargain offering Number Two for today's 814th Friday Surprise Sale—Waists that other stores delight in calling \$1.75 and \$2 values will be found on sale here at 98c each—Big variety of styles including round yoke of lace and embroidery, solid tucking and row of embroidery and lace below yoke—Square yoke of lace insertion and tucks—Button back—All

handsome black and white dotted waists in tailored effects—Today at, each 98c

\$3 Allover Embroideries 89c Yard

650 yards of beautiful Swiss and Nainsook Allover Embroideries for waists, dresses, trimming, etc., to be sold today at a phenomenally low price. A special purchase from a leading importer. The lot includes the very newest patterns in English and French Embroideries, large and small designs; only 650 yards, remember; sorry it isn't 6500 yards, so you'll have to be here early if you want to share; values up to \$3.00 yard; special values in Laces and Embroideries today; yard, 89c

Great Ribbon Selling Today

8000 yards of 5-inch all pure silk Taffeta Ribbon, in all the leading shades, navy, new brown, Nile, black, blue, cream, emerald, white, old blue, cardinal, golden brown, pink, lavender; best 35c value, on sale 21c at, yard 21c

10,000 yards of 4-inch Taffeta and satin Taffeta Ribbon, in a full range of colors, same as the above line; 15c reg. 25c value, on sale for, yd. 15c

VEILING BARGAINS

Black mesh Veiling in plain and dotted effects; big variety; regular 50c value, on sale at this low price, yard 39c



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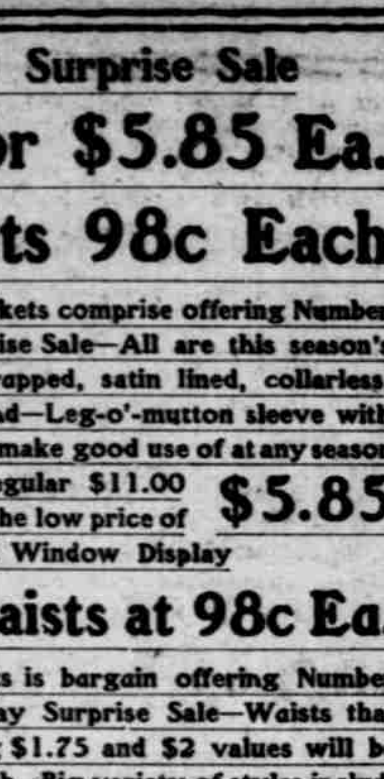


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