

MAKE RAID ON POKER GAME

A. S. Bennett, Mayor Matlock, of Pendleton, and Others Are Captured.

"DOC" ROBERTSON'S GAME

With the Limit Off and Intermittent Jackpots, Two Detectives Interrupt "Sociable" Gathering in Imperial.

With the limit taken off, and jack-pots thrown in intermittently to make the game more interesting, six of the elite poker players of Oregon and of Portland were interrupted at the Imperial Hotel yesterday morning by Detectives Carpenter and Resing, who had obtained explicit orders from Chief of Police Grizmacher through Mayor Lamson. From this quiet little game was in nightly progress at the hotel.

His Honor obtained a "tip" that some of the professional lights of Oregon were indulging in the great American game and gave orders that it should progress no further. The detective force and the police department have been on tenterhooks for the last two weeks in an endeavor to locate the game.

While the chips were rattling in the room of L. W. ("Doc") Robertson, ex-Chief of Police of Portland, yesterday morning in the Imperial, and when A. S. Bennett, prominent as a lawyer and an attorney for Congressman Williamson in the Oregon land law, and Mayor Lamson, P. Matlock, of Pendleton; his brother, Thomas, also a prominent Pendleton man; Dr. J. M. Davis, a Portland dentist, and Charles Babb, a cattle king, were either losing or winning, the two members of the city detective department swooped down and impudently broke up the game.

Just After the Ante. From all accounts the ante had just been made, and the ex-chief of police was making the discard, holding three back, which eventually proved to be a pair of "bullets" and a dummy. Bennett, so it is said, had a better hand, and was endeavoring to fill two pair. Just what the value of the other hands was it was impossible to learn, but from the stacks in the middle of the table all must have come in.

Excusing themselves for interrupting, Carpenter and Resing let it be known that these elite offenders of the laws of Oregon were invited to interview Chief Grizmacher. The chief was not so unkind as to put the sextet behind bars, or even to put their names on the police transcript. He sent them up to Judge Cameron of the Municipal Court. City Attorney McNary was hurrying next for Mayor Lane was notified. Judge Cameron was shocked. Chief of Police Grizmacher is said to have felt sorry. The detectives felt merry, and the sextet looked glum.

Hold Hurried Conference. A hurried conference was held, in which every word was said to the winds. Anything to escape notoriety. The judge thought it could be arranged. McNary was of like opinion, but the mayor had not been considered. A compromise resolution was offered. No legal action should be taken if the mayor could be "fixed."

Hurriedly leaving the court-room, the delegation proceeded to the City Hall. Mayor Lane was apprised of the state of his authority to the utmost. After admonishing these knights of the green cloth to be careful in the future, His Honor quitted proceedings. The deal was fixed up satisfactorily to all, and with smiling faces the delegation scurried to cover.

"Oh, ha, ha, ha," said that was a good one, wasn't it? said the mayor last night when asked to throw some light on the subject. "But, say, really, now that you ask it, I don't believe that I remember any of their names. Say, but it was a good joke!" Good-bye.

Said Dr. Davis: "Now, I say, you know, I can't recall the names of those in the game. I saw them, but at this minute their names escape me."

Just a Sociable Game. "Doc" Robertson was found in his room at the Imperial last night, and he appeared to think that it was shameful that the officers of the law should exceed his authority to such an extent as to arrest those participating in a quiet game.

"The chief feels real sorry about this," said the ex-chief. "Now, we have a sociable game here every night in a white. The boys drop in and we play solo, what or something like that. Why, you remember," continued the ex-chief, addressing a caller, "when we used to have those games over in Williamson's room." Robertson refused to admit that any gambling had been going on in his room.

Bennett Loses Heavily. But appearances were to the contrary. In the center was a large, square table, covered with a white cloth, and while Mr. Robertson rents the room for his luncheon, six straight-backed chairs and a rocker adorn different parts of the apartment.

Some heavy winnings and losses are said to have happened in the game. From a reliable source, it is learned that A. S. Bennett, in shorter in his bank account by \$400 as the result of two nights' play.

Gambling at the Columbia. It has been learned from a reliable source that gambling had been conducted in a suite of rooms on the second floor of the Columbia building on West Park and Washington streets, up to the day before yesterday, when the men who operated the game were scared out. The games were conducted in three rooms on the second floor of the building, which is owned by the Blazier Brothers. Four rooms were occupied in all, for in addition to the three in which the game was conducted, there was a front room, which was used as an entrance, the other three being darkened and the locks removed from the doors to give the appearance from the outside of not being completed. The first room was occupied by a mining firm, which was merely a blind, as it was not known to do any business. Several large sums are said to have been dropped at the tables in this den, and the proprietors evidently became frightened at the threatening attitude of the police and closed up the game before any of the victims of the game could be arrested. The room which was formerly used as an entrance is now occupied by a physician, who moved in yesterday.

Blazier Buys Real Estate. J. E. Blazier yesterday purchased from Joseph M. Healey all of lot and the northerly half of lot 7, in block 30, the consideration being \$50,000. It has a frontage of 75 feet on First street and 100 feet on Stark.

The new owner stated last night that he had no immediate plans in view relative to improving the lot, but later on might conclude to do something along those lines. At present, there is a three-story brick building on the corner, occupying 25 feet on First street and running back

FAMILY IN DIRE DISTRESS

Father With Broken Leg and Mother Too Ill to Work.

While G. W. Stewart lies seriously ill at Good Samaritan Hospital, with a leg broken as the result of a runaway, his wife is too ill to work, and the gaunt wolf of hunger is peering in at the door of their apartments. His Union avowed a two little children, for whom the mother has been providing daily bread by hard work for more than five months, are facing starvation with their mother's ill star, there is no food in the house, and last night Mrs. Stewart possessed but enough money to purchase a meager supply of provisions for breakfast this morning. It is one of the most pathetic cases made public.

Five months ago Mr. Stewart, while working at the Nicolai Mill, fell through a hole and sustained injuries which confined him to his home until just five days before the East Side fire. He had been working as a driver for the Red Cross Soda Works, and hope had taken hold of the family again, when once more misfortune overtook them. As a fire engine hurried along Morrison street, the horses Stewart was driving took fright and ran away. He sustained the leg fracture, which will confine him to bed for months. During his previous trouble his wife worked and kept the family together, but now her health is such that she is unable to work any longer, and destitution and want are the lot of herself and children. The latter are too young to work. These circumstances, and of which worthy and injured husband and father, are keeping him from recovering as rapidly as he otherwise would, it is said.

MORMONS PLAN MEETING

Elders of the Northwest District Will Be in Attendance.

The quarterly conference of the Northwest district of the Church of the Latter Day Saints, more commonly known as the Mormons, will be held in Alkali Hall, Third and Morrison streets tomorrow morning, afternoon and evening. Large delegations will be present from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia, and all the elders stationed within the jurisdiction, some 40 in number, will be in attendance. Two apostles of the church, John Henry Smith and Charles W. Penrose, will be present and address all the meetings. Levi Pratt, president of the Northwest Mission, will preside.

The elders covered the greater part of their journey to Portland on foot. Starting without money, they depended upon the hospitality of the people along the way to assist them in their work. In each town they visited meetings were held to teach their doctrines and distribute literature among the people. On August 21 each elder boarded the train wherever he happened to be and came to Portland to be in attendance at the Fair during Utah week.

The meetings Sunday are open to the public, and no collections will be taken. It had been hoped to have the Mormon choir present, but its members were unable to remain for the occasion, and the elders will hold a business session, which will not be public.

POSTOFFICE CARRIERS.

Postmaster Minto Has Received No Official Notification.

"I have received no official notification as yet regarding the appointment of five new letter carriers for this office," said Postmaster Minto of the Portland postoffice, when seen regarding a dispatch from Washington to the effect that five new men had been allotted the local office. All 11 men registered in the appointments is what I have seen in the papers, but I hope it is true, as we are in need of several men at present, as the business of this office is increasing and the allotment of several new carriers will be most welcome. About six weeks ago I made requisition for five more carriers, and the department sent inspectors Flavin, Butler and Richards here to investigate the conditions, and shortly after their visit Inspector Clark looked over the situation in Portland, but as to the nature of his findings I have no knowledge, but I hope they have found that the business here warrants the appointment of new carriers. In case the report is true, notification of which I expect in a few days, the new men will be appointed from the waiting list, some of whom are now working on the extra list and are familiar with their duties, for this is the vacation season and these men have had an opportunity of learning their duties."

SUGGESTIVE POST CARDS

They Will Not Be Forwarded Through the Mails.

The United States postal inspectors, who have commenced an investigation of the sending of highly colored and otherwise suggestive cards through the mails, have had become quite a craze of late, announce their determination of putting an end to the practice. In the future all matter of this kind which is mailed will be held up and not permitted to reach the person to whom it is addressed, and an effort made to discover the sender of such matter.

The officials intend going a step further in the crusade by going after the publishers of such cards, and in this respect the dealers who trade in these articles will also feel the strong arm of the law. Assistant United States District Attorney W. W. Banks is authority for the statement of the intended prosecution of the publishers of such cards, and these more or less suggestive postcards.

REDUCED RATES EAST.

On Aug. 24th and 25th and Sept. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, the Canadian Pacific will sell round-trip tickets to Eastern points at very low rates.

For full particulars call on or address F. R. Johnson, F. & P. A. Canadian Pacific Ry., 142 Third st., Portland, Or.

ESCAPERNOG WINE

The finest product of the escapernog, the native fruit of the Canadian grape. A delicious, refreshing white wine. Moderately sweet—a ladies' wine. W. J. Van Schuyver & Co., Inc., distributors.

General Summer Comes North.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—(Special.)—General S. S. Sumner will leave tomorrow night for the North to inspect the troops of the Department of the Columbia. He will be away about three weeks. He will be accompanied by his aide, Lieutenant J. A. Higgins and Mrs. Sumner. He will visit the Fair at Portland.

Accommodations at Yellowstone Park.

The Wylie Camping Company, of the Yellowstone Park, has just completed a large number of people. There will be no delay in obtaining accommodations with them if persons will notify a few days in advance of arrival of exact date of their reaching Gardiner. Wire or write The Wylie Co., Gardiner, Montana.

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Open Tonight Until 9:30

Artistic Picture Framing to Your Order at the Very Lowest Prices—New Mouldings Largest and Best Selected Stock of Trunks and Traveling Bags in the City—Third Floor Sole Portland Agents for the Famous "Ostermoor" Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses—3d Flr.

Saturday Specials in Men's Wear



The men folks are coming our way by the thousands, with the result that our Furnishing Goods Section is rapidly coming to the front as the best, the most economical place in town for particular men to supply their apparel—Today's bargains are worth investigating

1000 pairs of Men's lisle web Suspenders, the very best patterns, in light and dark colorings; our regular 50c values on sale today for, pair..... **29c**

Men's colored Silk Handkerchiefs, white with fancy border and colored centers and border; very best patterns and colorings; every one 50c value; today, your choice..... **25c**

Men's extra heavy and extra large Flannellette Night Shirts; new patterns in light and dark stripes; all sizes; the quality most stores ask you \$1.00 for; our price..... **69c**

Hoppickers' Gloves for men, women, boys and girls; three grades, five styles; great values at, pair..... **10c, 15c, 25c**

Men's Underwear Sale 35c Half-Hose 15c Pair

Men's mercerized lisle Underwear in plain and ribbed styles; tan, blue, pink and salmon; mostly all sizes shirts and drawers; regular \$1.25 value on sale for..... **69c**

Men's Balbriggan Underwear in Brown and ecru, all sizes shirts and drawers; 25c values on sale for..... **17c**

Men's fine honeycombed mesh Underwear; 50c values on sale for..... **38c**

Men's fine silk lisle Underwear; the best quality and styles; pink and blue, ribbed; all sizes shirts and drawers; \$1.50 and \$2.00 values on sale for..... **\$1.19**

Men's black openwork lisle Half Hose; all sizes; splendid style; regular 35c value on sale for, pair..... **15c**

Men's white pleated Golf Shirts; new, desirable style; all sizes; regular \$1.00 values on sale today at..... **69c**

We are showing stiff bosom "Cluett" Shirts for Fall; new patterns and colorings; attached or detached cuffs. The best \$1.50 Shirt on the market.

Women's Outing and Golf Skirts; our entire stock is being cleaned up regardless of cost. Best styles; all grades.

Men's 50c, 75c Neckwear 25c Each



The greatest neckwear bargains Portland men ever shared in—Sold half the 400 dozen yesterday, and from all appearance we'll clean up the lot before 9:30 tonight—Handsome four-in-hands—Medium and wide styles—New patterns and colorings—High-grade silks, stripes, plaids, figured, etc. A great assortment—Ties worth 50c and 75c ea. **25c** See Morrison-Street window display—On sale at

"Hawes" Hats for Fall

The Fall and Winter styles in "Hawes" Famous \$3.00 Hats now ready—Derbys and soft styles in black, brown, tans, etc.—The smartest shapes at a moderate price—Every hat guaranteed satisfactory—You can see them being made in the Manufactures Building at the Fair Grounds—A very interesting process

75c to \$1.50 Hosiery at 43c a Pair

1000 pairs of women's high-grade Hosiery make up a Friday and Saturday sale of unusual merit. Fine French lises in black, black with embroidered ankles—the majority of the lot are light colors, champagne, white, French, blue, Dresden, red and tan, all sizes; regular 75c to \$1.50 values today only at, pair..... **43c**

Knit Underwear

Women's fine ribbed lisle Union Suits, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length, high neck and quarter sleeve, or low neck, no sleeve, knee length, hand finished with silk all sizes; regular \$1.25 values for this sale at..... **69c**

Women's knee-length lisle Tights, fine ribbed, pink, blue or black; great value at..... **41c**

Women's Richellee ribbed lisle-thread Vests, low neck, no sleeve, white, pink or blue; all sizes; regular 25c values for..... **23c**

Broken lines of men's and boys' Summer Underwear on sale at greatly reduced prices for today.

Men's Outing Suits 1/2 Price

Choose today from our entire remaining stock of men's 2-piece Outing Suits at half regular prices—Suits are all of this season's make—Styles and materials the very best—Values range from \$7.50 to \$22.50—Your choice today only at one-half their **Half Price** real worth—Each at

Summer Suits Below Cost

Entire stock of Men's Summer Suits, many of which are desirable for Fall wear, on sale today at prices below manufacturing cost, fancy and plain chevrons, unfinished worsteds, tweeds, homespuns, etc., single or double-breasted coats, good patterns, all sizes.

\$10.00 Suits for \$ 7.35 each **\$18.00 Suits for \$13.95 each**

\$12.50 Suits for \$ 9.15 each **\$20.00 Suits for \$14.85 each**

\$13.50 Suits for \$10.10 each **\$25.00 Suits for \$17.85 each**

\$15.00 Suits for \$12.15 each **\$30.00 Suits for \$21.15 each**

Headquarters for Waiters' Coats, aprons, tuxedos, vests, trousers, etc.; complete stock at the lowest prices.

You Buy Reliable Linens Here

All our 96c grade of bleached satin damask Table Linen, very best patterns, in great variety; sale price, yard..... **78c**

Australian Wilton Rugs, Oriental color combinations; size 27x34 color values..... **\$1.08**

Full 7 1/2 inches wide, new patterns; sale price, yard..... **\$1.08**

Handsome, serviceable Fiber Rugs, dainty colorings and artistic designs; two sizes at very low prices..... **\$1.28**

2 yards wide, superior quality and patterns, yard..... **\$2.15**

Reversible Smyrna Rugs, fringed on both ends; floral and Oriental designs; big variety to select from..... **\$1.50**

12 1/2 grades of bleached satin damask Napkins, 12 dozen..... **\$2.15**

24x36 inches, for..... **\$1.47**

12 1/2 grades of bleached satin damask Napkins, 12 dozen..... **\$2.08**

24x36 inches, for..... **\$1.37**

12 1/2 grades of hemstitched damask Tablecloths, each..... **52c**

Reversible Smyrna Rugs, fringed on both ends; floral and Oriental designs; big variety to select from..... **\$1.50**

High-grade sets satin damask Table Cloth and one dozen Napkins to match, all nicely hemstitched. Special values at..... **\$ 7.15**

Bleached hemmed Turkish Bath Towels; 25c grades for this sale, each..... **\$ 9.20**

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Children's Apparel Bargains



Cleaning up stock in the misses and children's department—Seasonable and staple apparel marked at very economical prices—The best bargains in the city await the shrewd buyer.

Children's Jackets, in blue, brown, gray and tan; serges, chevrons, covers and broadcloth materials; ages 2 to 10 years; values up to \$15.00, for..... **1/2 Price**

Children's white lawn, Swiss and organdy Dresses; lace, embroidery and insertion trimmed; all sizes in big variety; \$2.00 to \$5.00 values, on sale for..... **1/2 Price**

Children's Dresses, in chambrays, calicoes and ginghams; pink, blue, red and navy; stripes and polka dots, trimmed in white, pique and braid; regular 75c and \$1.00 values on sale for..... **39c**

Misses' accordion pleated serge Suspender Dresses, in red, brown, white and green, light blue and navy; ages 4 to 16 years; \$4.00 and \$6.00 each. Second Floor.

All our novelty Summer Coats for Misses' and Children—silks, pongee, linen, etc.; all marked at greatly reduced prices.

Women's \$3.00 Oxfords \$