



GAMBLERS DEFY STATE LAW'S BAN

Milwaukee Club Thus Advised by Lawyer.

ATTORNEY HEDGES' BROTHER

Says Town Charter Allows License of Games.

UNDER STATUTE OF 1905

This Being Later Enactment Than That Prohibiting Gambling, Club's Counsel Says That State Authorities Can't Stop It.

DEVELOPMENTS IN GAMBLING SITUATION. A lawyer of Milwaukee Club, brother of District Attorney Hedges, says state authorities cannot suppress gambling in Milwaukee. Officials and citizens of Vancouver, Wash., will not permit removal of gambling to their city from Milwaukee. Baker City is "wide open" to gambling and officials are making no move to drive it out. Astoria contains 12 gambling joints run by white persons and six lotteries and seven fantan games run by negroes, all of which will close next Tuesday.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—Insisting that the city of Milwaukee has authority from the Legislature in its charter to license gambling, State Senator Joseph E. Hedges, counsel for the Milwaukee Club, announced this afternoon that the club will resist attempts to suppress it under the state anti-gambling law and that the reported plan of the club to move from Milwaukee to Vancouver or some other place is a humbug.

Senator Hedges says that in 1903 the Legislature enacted a charter for Milwaukee, giving that town power to suppress gambling houses, and that in 1905 the Legislature changed that authority, giving the city power to license, tax and regulate and restrain all offenses, trades and occupations, and to license the different branches of business or professions which in their (Council's) judgment, should be licensed.

Senator Hedges has been the legal representative of the Milwaukee Country Club for several years, and appeared for it two years ago, when Isaac Gratton and M. G. Nease were indicted by a Clackamas County grand jury. The case at that time never went to trial, the two defendants pleading guilty and paying their fines.

Senator Hedges this afternoon gave out the following opinion. Much has been written in the past two weeks respecting the maintenance of the Milwaukee Country Club, and urging the officials of this county to close the club and arrest the proprietors.

The legislature of this state has power to license pool selling, poker playing, or even maintenance of the so-called "social evil." Only the first two of these, as I read, are maintained or carried on at the club. Let us assume, therefore, that the club is a public nuisance, and the person for whose benefit the authorization is made will be exempt from liability to suits, civil and criminal, at the instance of the state, provided always, he keeps strictly within the terms of the legislative license or permission.

It is difficult to estimate them, but there are probably between 100 and 125, and they receive an average wage of about \$6 per day. The closing of gambling in Portland had no apparent effect on the situation here, and did not increase the gambling houses in the city.

Only One Portland Gambler. While certain employes of the Portland houses may perhaps have found employment in some of the local places, only one of the Portland gamblers has since conducted a house here, and he took a place in which gambling had been in operation for years. Each one of the games, including the Chinese lotteries, pays the city \$25 per month in the nature of a fine. Nominal arrests are made, bail is deposited, and the cases carried through the Police Court, where the ball is declared forfeited.

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INTENDS CRIMINAL ACTION

Attorney-General Follows Up Commission's Work.

WOULD SEND MEN TO JAIL

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—A special dispatch to the New York Times from Lenox, Mass., sent under today's date says: That criminal prosecutions will be taken in the near future as a result of the Interstate Commerce investigation of the Harriman railroad system was information obtained here upon authority this afternoon on the virtual eve of the return of Attorney General Bonaparte to Washington.

Mr. Bonaparte was asked if action, personally, against individuals would be included in the prosecutions. He replied somewhat emphatically: "I have noticed a good many complaints that criminal prosecutions against trust magnates and sentences of imprisonment for them have been very infrequent and, in fact, for practical purposes unknown. It is perfectly true that, in my opinion at least, a better moral effect would be produced by sending a few prominent men to jail than by a great deal of litigation, however successful, against the corporations they controlled."

Officers of Company Guilty. "Some time since two corporations and their respective presidents were indicted jointly for violation of the anti-trust law. If the corporations were guilty of such, it would be hard for the jury mind, at least, to see how their presidents could be innocent. Nevertheless the jury convicted the corporations and acquitted their presidents."

Will Prosecute Individuals. "If it can get a case against any of the superiors such as justifies a reasonable hope on the part of experienced lawyers that he can be punished personally the department will undoubtedly

RAILROADS MUST OBEY LAW

Ultimatum of Alabama Governor to Southern Lines.

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TAFT TO FATHER ROOSEVELT IDEAS

Consults President Before He Speaks.

NAME ISSUES FOR CAMPAIGN

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The meeting tomorrow promises to be sensational, there being predictions that trouble will arise in the event that any compromise measures be resorted to. Both candidates are claiming that a canvass of the vote will show their election, Vardaman by a bare majority, while Williams' friends claim it by at least 100.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 7.—Dispatches from Jackson, Miss., say that a second Senatorial primary for John Sharp Williams and Governor James K. Vardaman is regarded with favor by many followers of both. Secretary of State Power up to last night still had ten counties to hear the official returns from and the count up to that time showed Williams' lead to be about 460 votes.

Choose New Mayor of Salt Lake. SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 7.—Leaders of the American party today selected W. J. Halloran, a real estate man, to succeed Ezra Thompson, resigned, as Mayor of Salt Lake. The Council will elect Mr. Halloran to fill the vacancy.

