

WHERE GAMBLING IS KEPT SECRET

Officials at Baker City Place No Restraint on Games of Chance.

NONE WHO WOULD SAY NAY

Boys Even Permitted to Try Their Luck—City Reaps Harvest in Revenue—No Fear of Moral Wave Engulfing Town.

BAKER CITY, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—There is little excitement on the part of the local gambling fraternity that the reform wave which caught the gentlemen of the green to leave Milwaukie and Astoria will reach this city and put the gambling dens out of commission. When District Attorney Leroy Lomax was asked concerning his attitude in regard to gambling, he replied that so far as his personal knowledge was concerned there was no gambling being carried on in Baker City. He does not frequent the saloons and sees nothing of the games that are being run day and night, in open violation of the law. He said that no complaint had ever been made, and until he has proof that the law is being violated he will take no steps toward closing the town.

Gambling here is wide open. No restrictions are placed upon those who shall participate in the games, even minors being allowed to frequent the lower resorts and to try their luck at the tables.

Council Favors Open Town.

A secret session of the City Council was called a year or two ago for the purpose of closing up the gambling-houses in this city. The council, however, the action was in the minority and nothing ever came of the meeting. The majority of the City Fathers at the present time are in favor of an open town and will take no steps to banish the gamblers.

When Harvey K. Brown was Sheriff of Baker County he was very strict in enforcing the gambling laws and the Sunday closing laws and the gamblers had a hard time in running their games. But when Ed Rand took the office, in July, 1906, he refused to interfere, saying that the gambling houses came under the control of the city and it was the place of the city officials to close them up if they so desired. The gentlemen of the green immediately began to flourish and the town is now running wide open, without any effort being made to conceal the fact.

The principal gambling resorts are the Low Cabin, Mike Hoff, proprietor; the Club, Snide, Gertrude & Co., proprietors; the Mint, J. W. Buckley, proprietor; the Bar, Rust & O'Hara, proprietors; the Hour, Baidwin, proprietor; and several other smaller places that run little games on the side.

Fat Income for City.

The city officials are loath to give up the revenue which can be derived from this source. A fine of \$100 per month being assessed against each place that conducts gambling games, each house is fined without reference to the number of games carried on, and an additional fine is imposed for nickel-in-the-slot machines and other contrivances.

A case came up in the last term of the District Court in which both plaintiff and defendant admitted they had been gambling and in which District Attorney Lomax appeared for the plaintiff, but brought no action against either party for gambling. He will not bring action against the gamblers until some substantial private citizen files information and will back the attorney in prosecution of the case.

CLUBHOUSE WILL NOT REOPEN

Public Opinion Will Be Respected by Milwaukie Managers.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—It is very doubtful if the Milwaukie Country Club will be reopened, pending a decision of the courts as to the supremacy of the acts of the municipality over the state law relating to gambling and pool-selling, and it has not been definitely determined whether the owners of the club will make the legal fight along the line proposed by the opinion of State Senator J. E. Hedges, who says that the club cannot be closed. Although Mr. Hedges' opinion is in the hands of the club promoters, they are taking a little time to consider the different phases of the matter, and may announce their decision tomorrow.

The reopening of the club, in the event of the fight being made, would depend partially upon a question of policy, as there is no disposition on the part of the owners of the club to invite the antagonism of the public, as they have enough of that sort of thing without seeking it. It is reasonably certain that the reopening of the club will not be tolerated by District Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges and Sheriff R. B. Beattie, as the former has announced publicly that the resort will remain closed. Any attempt at operation would no doubt result in the immediate arrest of the gamblers.

ASSESSOR AFTER COAL MINES

King County Official Would Collect Heavier Taxes on Properties.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Coal lands in this state will be included in appraisement for purposes of taxation in proportion to the increase made in fuel prices during the past few years. The movement starting in Kittitas County, where the Northern Pacific's mines are located, was taken up here today when J. E. Frost, member of the State Tax Commission, who declared that the appraisement made on coal lands was not equal to the profits on the coal mined. The county and state boards of equalization will attempt to get a correct estimate of the amount of coal in the mines and assess the properties on the basis of their production. This will mean that all coal properties will be raised several times their former valuations.

Assessment Rolls Show Increase.

MONTESSANO, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—County Assessor Carter has finished the tax rolls of Chehalis County for 1907, which show an increase in personal property valuation of \$78,229. To the extent that all coal properties will be raised several times their former valuations.

Rev. J. R. Landsborough, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, who is a member of the Oregon City Ministerial

TALK BETTER FRUIT

Applegrowers Hold Profitable Session at Medford.

HOW TO FIGHT THE PESTS

Experience of Experts Awakens Deep Interest—Prominent Fruit Men of State Address Meetings. Inspectors' Work Approved.

TIMBER WILL SOON BE GONE

Estimated That 30 Years Will See Last Stick Cut in Chehalis County.

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—With the rapidity that the timber of Chehalis County is being logged it is estimated that, at the present rate, 30 years will be the limit of the forests. Fifteen thousand acres of timber was logged last year, or, strictly speaking, a township of timber. Considering the fact that Chehalis County is comprised of but 43 townships and that many of these contain little timber or have already been logged, the beginning of the end can be seen.

There are sections of timber in this county which 30 years ago were the finest in the state, which now contain millions of feet of dead timber—ripped and already passing into decay. In other places can be seen the work of the fire and, over 2,000,000 feet of timber which was killed by the terrible forest fire which swept the county five years ago. Near Lake Quinalt it can be seen three to four sections of timber which, it is said, were destroyed by some one who set it afire to watch the moss burn.

ANNIE ROONEY GOES HOME

CONNECTED WITH BEST FAMILIES IN THE COUNTRY.

Inspirer of Popular Song Was Florence Story, but Goes Wrong Through Love for Drink.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—Florence Aseline Story, known for ten years to the Seattle police as Annie Rooney, an actress who cannot leave liquor alone, is to be sent to wealthy and aristocratic relatives in Essex, Mass., to finish her days in comparative comfort and seclusion. As Annie Rooney, the original of a topical song of that name, she came to Seattle just before the Klondike rush, and for years she has spent most of her time in jail soboring up, strenuously fighting to keep her downfall from Eastern relatives and friends.

The story of Annie Rooney's life, as the police gather it, shows she is a granddaughter of Joseph Story, Justice of the United States Supreme Court between 1811 and 1845. William Wetmore Story, famous sculptor, was a cousin. So was Rufus Choate, successor to Daniel Webster in the United States Senate, and James H. Choate, ex-Ambassador to England and member of the peace conference at The Hague. Henry F. Burleigh, Senator from New Hampshire, said to be another cousin. "Annie Rooney's" father was a shipbuilder and member of the Massachusetts Legislature. An uncle now owns the shipbuilding plant.

The police have known Annie Rooney's history for years, and that is the reason she has always been treated kindly by the officers. Today, when arrangements were completed for sending her East, Annie Rooney declared laconically that her downfall had been due entirely "to a love for theatrical life and booze."

SAYS WASCO RATE IS UNJUST

Sherman County Farmer Files Charges With State Commission.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 8.—Formal complaint was filed with the Railroad Commission this morning by William H. Biggs, of Wasco, Sherman County, charging that the freight rates on all products, and particularly wheat, between Wasco, Klamath, Summit, Moro, Grass Valley and other points on the Biggs-Shaniko branch of the O. R. & N., and Portland are unreasonably in excess of the rates charged upon the same commodities, particularly from Rufus, Grants or Biggs, on the main line.

Mr. Biggs' principal complaint is that, while the rate on carload shipments of wheat from Shaniko, the Southern terminus of the branch, is but 2 cents per ton per mile to Portland, the farmers of the vicinity of Wasco, only four miles off the main line from Biggs, are required to pay at the rate of 2.37 cents per ton mile or \$2.80 per ton to Portland, or an increase of 75 cents per ton, or more than 35 per cent increase over the \$2.05 per ton rate in effect from Rufus, the first station from Biggs on the main line. This complaint will probably come on for hearing at the same time as the complaint of the Portland Chamber of Commerce against the rates, differentials, etc., of the O. R. & N.

WANT SLICE OF THE PROFITS

Warehousemen Raise Rates Because Increase in Cost of Operation.

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—L. G. Pattullo, department manager of Balfour Guthrie & Co., today stated that the Eastern Washington warehousemen are justified in advancing their charges from 50 cents to 75 cents a ton, owing to the increased cost of operation. "The farmers are crazy to make a fuss about this increase in charges," stated Mr. Pattullo. "The warehouse man is entitled to a profit as well as the grower. If wheat was down to 40 and 50 cents a bushel, the grower would have some ground on which to kick. But what is not."

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SUNSET

MAKE THE RECORD?

PRESENT indications point to the fact that the sales of the August number of Sunset Magazine will surpass those of any other magazine for any one month in the history of Portland.

THE reasons for this are plainly apparent. To be a remarkable seller a magazine must have fascinating stories. Check for August Sunset. It contains a prize story, "The Garden of Content," and "In a Crevasse"—a story that is being widely discussed in Portland on account of its problematical ending. It is a good, up-to-date love story. . . . To sell, a magazine must have splendid illustrations. Check for August Sunset, which contains 16 full-page illustrations in two colors. These beautiful illustrations form a combination that has never before appeared in any magazine at one time. They represent the choicest work of four famous photographers of the Pacific Northwest. . . . To sell, a magazine must have articles of more than ordinary interest. Check for August Sunset. It contains five articles that will appeal to everybody. "A Goal for Young Men" is an article that every young man in the country should read. It is a present day study of Portland. Send this number to friends in the East to show them the remarkable progress that Portland is making. The articles on "The Pacific Northwest," "Feathered Foragers," "Millions in Trees," "The Passion Play at Santa Clara," and "Oregon's Diversified Farming" are all out of the ordinary and beautifully illustrated.

THIS number is "snappy" and wide-awake. It is full of interest. It is a good number to keep for reference. It is a number to while away Summer hours. It is a number to send East. If you are ever interested in magazine literature, you'll be interested in this August Sunset.

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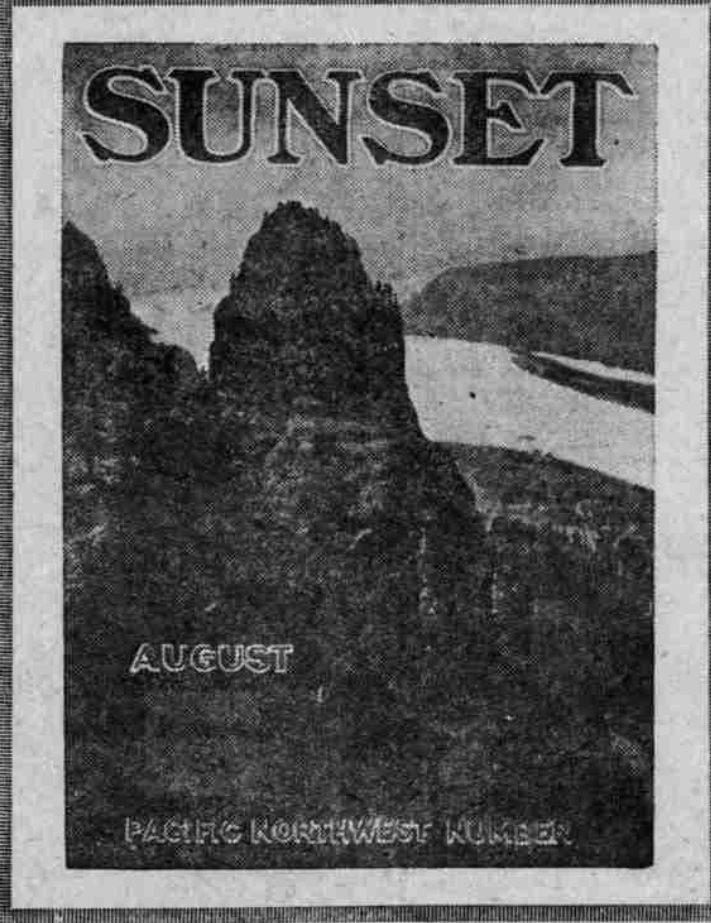
Association, and who has taken a leading part in the agitation and campaign that resulted in the suppression of the Milwaukie Club, said tonight that he does not believe the ordinance of the city of Milwaukie will hold water.

"It appears to me," said Mr. Landsborough, "that the question is covered in the Supreme Court decision relative to the liquor question, and it is a generally accepted proposition that the state law must take precedence over the acts of a municipality."

Rev. John M. Linden, pastor of the First Baptist Church, came to Oregon City from Chicago only a few months ago.

"In my judgment it is simply a question whether the law of the state is to be overruled by a little bit of a one-horse sack."

District Attorney Hedges, whose action in closing the Milwaukie Country Club has been the cause of his brother's different construction of the law, has nothing to say, but he is looking up authorities on the case, so as to be prepared to make a fight for the support of the state law if the occasion arises.



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are confident that Miner will not be taken alive.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LAX LAW

Home Company's Lines Only One to Be Placed Underground.

OREGON CITY, Or., Aug. 8.—(Special.)—In the passage of an ordinance providing that on Main street wires for the transmission of electric light and power and telephone and telegraph wires must be placed underground, the City Council has left a loop hole through which nearly all of the companies operating here will escape. The Home Telephone Company was the first to comply with the ordinance, but it is possible that no other concern will go to the expense of installing conduits for an underground system. The ordinance permits the

stringing of overhead wires on streets running into Main from east and west and also on streets running parallel to Main street and it is expected that both the Portland General Electric Company and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company will take advantage of this provision of the ordinance.

Killed While Hunting Deer.

COQUILLE, Or., Aug. 8.—Frank Barrows, of Barton, was accidentally killed while hunting in the mountains of Curry County on Saturday last. He and a companion were packing a deer to camp. Barrows had the two guns, and in climbing over a log, slipped, and one of the guns was discharged, the bullet entering his body and causing death in a few moments. Barrows was an old settler, aged about 45 years and well liked.

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