

CONDITIONS WORSE INSISTS PATTULLO

President of Municipal Association Sees Evidence of Much Evil.

TAKES RAP AT CHIEF COX

Insists That Vice and Corruption Have Been Constantly on the Increase Since Mayor Simon Took Reins of Government.

"If Chief of Police Cox means what he says when he declares that the moral conditions in Portland are better than they ever have been, said D. A. Pattullo, president of the Municipal Association, yesterday, "he is not only ignorant of the actual condition of affairs, but he is also ignorant of the fact that the city has been in a state of moral decay since Mayor Simon assumed his office. It is not the intention of the Municipal Association to quarrel with the men in charge of the city administration. We do not desire to antagonize the city officials, but rather in every possible way to cooperate with them in the enforcement of law. Our position is not to charge the city authorities with being inactive respecting the moral conditions in this city, but to insist that they are not succeeding very effectively in their efforts to suppress those evils. We insist that the fact remains that conditions are much worse than they were six months ago."

Calls It Law Evasion.

"At its meeting Tuesday night, the Municipal Association did not charge that boxing contests had been held in Portland during the present administration. That subject was suggested in the report that such an exhibition is proposed for next Tuesday night. These proposed contests are advertised to be held under the auspices of the Pastime Athletic Club, with admissions limited to those holding membership cards, which, as we understand it, amounts simply to the payment of \$1. This is plainly an attempt to evade the specific provisions of the law, which provides no exemptions for this class of exhibitions, as we interpret the statutes. As defined in its constitution and by-laws, the purpose of the Municipal Association is to lend its assistance to the betterment of moral conditions in the city. It is for that reason we are now calling the attention of the city authorities to existing conditions, which we insist are deplorable and which, if not arrested immediately, will assume still more serious proportions."

O. M. Scott, chairman of the committee appointed by the Municipal Association to confer with Mayor Simon, is out of the city and will not return until the first of next week. Mr. Pattullo, president of the association, however, considers the subject under consideration of too much importance to be deferred for a length of time and, with the other members of the committee, will arrange with Mayor Simon some time today for an hour suitable to the executive of the proposed conference, which may be held this afternoon.

"It is the policy of the Municipal Association to look after the interests of the community and that policy will be continued," said John Bain, another member of the conference committee, yesterday. "Our investigation has satisfied us that conditions in this city as to the social evil and gambling are much worse than they were six months ago. If Mayor Simon does not know the facts in the fact he is being badly fooled."

Is Stand on "Social Evil."

"What is the policy of the Municipal Association regarding the regulation of houses of prostitution through the creation of a restricted district or does it insist that these resorts be eliminated altogether from the city?"

"The legal aspect of the situation requires that the city administration pursue only one policy, and that is the law," said Mr. Bain. "That is the only course, consistent with the law, that the city authorities can adopt. Their duty in that direction is plain and the statutes recognize no compromise. It is a notorious fact that these resorts are being maintained in the city, a condition which did not exist six months ago."

Mayor Simon and Chief of Police Cox had nothing further to say yesterday regarding the situation except to repeat their assurance of the day before that they would gladly meet a committee representing the Municipal Association or any other organization and cooperate with those societies in any movement looking to the betterment of conditions in this city.

Will Drive Out Parasites.

Until yesterday, these instructions had been issued only to the four special officers who, as plain-clothes men, are especially detailed in the work of prohibiting gambling and apprehending worthless characters who live from the earnings of fallen women. In extending these instructions to the patrolmen, Chief Cox expects to be able better to enforce the policy of the administration in its determination to rid the community of this class of parasites.

Vigorous action is made both by Chief Cox and Sig Siebel, chairman of the police committee of the Executive Board, to the charge that gambling is being conducted in Portland with the consent of the administration.

"Whenever any information reaches us that a gambling game is in operation," said Mr. Siebel yesterday, "it is closed immediately and, whenever it has been possible, the players have been arrested and fined. If those who profess to know so much about gambling games and where they are being conducted would give that information to the police officers instead of furnishing the newspapers with sensational stories, it would enable the police department more effectively to suppress all such games wherever they may exist. It is the policy of the administration to put a stop to gambling, and Chief Cox and his officers always will be thankful for information as to where games are being played, together with the general co-operation of the public."

Heavy Loads Can Be Hauled.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Hereafter local grain and

lumber shippers will be allowed to load cars on the Goldendale branch of the S. P. & S. to their full capacity instead of a maximum load of 60,000 pounds, which has been the rule since the North Bank people took over the C. R. & N. road. The railroad company has done a lot of work during the past year on the Goldendale branch, ballasting the road-bed and strengthening bridges, especially on the heavy grade in the swale canyon, and the new order is the result of the inspection tour made by the officials last week.

CAMPAIGN ON NEXT WEEK

Rose Festival Prepares to Start Canvass for 1910 Funds.

If the lists of contributors to former Rose Festival funds can be completed in time, the executive committee for the 1910 celebration will get down to business early next week, possibly Monday. In the work of districting the city as proposed under the plan of campaign, it will be necessary to check up all those who have



The Late William Lawrence Gleason.

been regular subscribers and also to classify the business and residence districts in order to make the work more effective.

President Hoyt is expected home from the Portland celebration tomorrow or Sunday, and he will at once call a meeting of the executive committee for the purpose of arranging details of the financial canvass. Numerous suggestions as to how the soliciting should be done have been received and placed on file for consideration by the committee, many of the directors having responded to President Hoyt's invitation to present their ideas on this point.

SEND FLAGS TO SHANGHAI

Portland Will Forward Colors for Display at American Consulate.

Two handsome silk flags were delivered to the Chamber of Commerce yesterday preparatory to shipment to the American Consulate-General at Shanghai, China. The fund of \$75 necessary to defray the cost of the flags was raised by a private subscription among the trustees of the Chamber of Commerce in addition to a donation of \$25 subscribed by Ben Selling.

Both flags are of the National colors and the other a regimental flag such as in use by the Oregon National Guard, were requested by the American legation in Shanghai, through Governor Beason on October 21, 1908, for the purpose of displaying on National holidays and at functions given by the Shanghai Volunteer Corps in China. Owing to the inadequacy of providing funds for the purpose of such purchases the Executive turned the request over to the commercial bodies. The Chamber of Commerce took up the matter and succeeded in raising the necessary funds for the purpose among its members.

The regimental banner measures 5 1/2 feet by 4 1/2 feet. The National flag is of almost the same dimensions. The regimental ensign is a beauty and was manufactured in the East. The arms of the State of Oregon are done in oils upon a blue silk field. The banners will be sent to China immediately.

MRS. HANNAH MORRIS DEAD

Widow of Episcopal Bishop of Oregon Succumbs to Paralysis.

Hannah Rodney Morris, widow of the late B. Wistar Morris, Episcopal bishop of Oregon, died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning at her residence, 684 Flinders street. Mrs. Morris was stricken by paralysis last Monday at midnight, and her condition became worse gradually until her death.

Mrs. Morris was born at Lewes, Del., December 10, 1824, and was married June 22, 1852. She came to Oregon in May, 1859. She was the daughter of Mary Burton and Henry Fisher Rodney, of Lewes, Md. She is survived by four children—Mrs. Samuel D. Adair, Miss Louisa Morris and William E. Morris, of Portland, and B. W. Morris, of New York, and seven grandchildren. Her son, H. Rodney Morris, lost his life June 20, 1878, at the age of 19.

Mrs. Morris also leaves one sister, Miss Lydia Rodney, and a brother, H. F. Rodney, both residing in Portland. The funeral will take place next Monday after the arrival of B. W. Morris from New York. He is expected Sunday.

FISHERS AMPLY REWARDED

Heavy Catches Are Reported on the Lower Columbia.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—The run of silversides continues quite large and the recent southeast gale and rain are expected to result in many more entering the river. The quality of the fish is excellent, and as the demand and prices paid are satisfactory, this promises to be the banner fall fishing season on the Columbia in several years.

Fairly good catches of sturgeon are also being made, probably as a result of the enforcement of regulations protecting that fish and quantities of perch, a fish that finds a ready market, are being taken in the traps.

The need of an American bank in the several parts of Brazil as a matter of furthering American interests, outside of the fact that the bank would be serving business from the start, is apparent.

GLEASON IS DEAD

Long Stage Career Closed With His Passing.

END FOLLOWS OPERATION

Veteran Actor Who Called Portland His Home Succumbs After a Long Illness—Had Played Many Parts.

Word was received in the city yesterday of the death at Oakland of William L. Gleason, formerly of the Baker Stock Company here. His death occurred in an Oakland hospital, following an operation. For some time past Gleason had been in a serious condition. Only Monday night a benefit performance of "The Prince Chap" was given at the Baker Theater, in order that the very best medical attention might be given the veteran actor.

Most everyone in Portland knew Gleason and felt a kindly interest in him. For years he had been taking character parts with the Baker Stock Company and left here recently for Oakland, intending to return, for he said, after having been petty much all over the globe, that Portland was the only place worth while.

Gleason was born in Ireland in 1850, and came to the United States with his parents when a boy. During the Civil War he was not old enough to enlist, but he got into the excitement by driving a team with the Union supply trains. After the war he joined a wandering company, which used up his savings and left him stranded. But it served to awaken a love of stage life and he set out thereafter to make his way.

During his early life Gleason had a most varied career, being associated at various times with many of those who afterwards became the great people of the stage. He played in a little of every part from villain in a "Wild West" melodrama to gravedigger in "Hamlet."

In the early '80s he was at Wallack's Theater, New York, with the Wallack Stock Company. He afterwards became stage director for Charles Frohman and was identified with the original production of a number of early successes, including "The Ensign." It was as business manager for McKee Rankin and Nance O'Neill that he first came here. He took a fancy to the place and his later years were spent here. His first appearance was at the Baker in "A Night Off."

Mrs. Gleason, who was Miss Crollus before they were married in Boston in 1879, came here with him, as did the son, James A. Gleason and all appeared with the Baker company at various times. They were well received and made hundreds of friends who will regret Mr. Gleason's death with sincere regrets.

Mr. Gleason, or "Billy" Gleason, as everyone knew him, was a voluminous spinner of residence stories to recount of varied stage experiences. He is survived by Mrs. Gleason and their son, who is now in the East with "checkers."

The sum of about \$600 was taken in at the benefit Monday night and the money is being forwarded to Mrs. Gleason. A telegram of condolence was sent her yesterday by the stage management of Oakland, where she has been appearing with Ye Liberty Stock Company. The funeral will be held in Oakland today and the remains cremated.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS CONVENE

One Hundred Delegates Will Assemble at Estacada Today.

The Clackamas County Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention today and tomorrow at Estacada. It is expected that 100 delegates will attend the convention, which will be held in the Methodist Church. The people of Eastern Clackamas County have arranged for the accommodation of the delegates.

Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and reports will be made on the progress of the Sunday school work. Mrs. Lucia F. Addison, of Portland, will speak on "Temperance," and Mrs. J. W. Wilkins will talk on "Elementary Work." Rev. Charles J. Phelps, field secretary of the State Sunday School Association, Rev. J. L. Jones, of Clackamas, Mrs. J. K. Newton, of Molalla, and Rev. A. H. Mulky, of Gladstone, will be among the other speakers at the convention.

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CENTERS TO BE VISITED

CIVIC PROBLEMS WILL BE STUDIED AT FIRST HAND.

Institute to Be Held Here Will Call on Council, Courts and Other Bodies.

Arrangements are being completed for a series of visits to be held in connection with the Civic Institute which is to occur in this city November 8 to 12, at the Y. M. C. A. building. These will be arranged, so far as possible, to supplement the lectures and discussions. On the day given to "Public Health" it is proposed to visit the new county hospital, which many people will have an opportunity of seeing for the first time. The following day the City Council will be visited, and other social agencies of Portland will be viewed from time to time.

The Juvenile Court will arrange for a special open session on the day it is to be visited," said Mr. John Teuscher, probation officer, "and the Judge will do his best to have typical and interesting cases to present. Of course we can hardly arrange to have just the proper delinquencies committed by the children, but there are nearly always cases which are especially typical of interesting, and these can be grouped for the hour in which the institute will visit."

"The playground should make an interesting visit," said Mrs. Bertha Davis, who has had supervision of the playground for the last year, "but much of the apparatus is down for the winter

and the crowds of children will be absent. But the plan which the institute has of visiting also places for which playgrounds are planned is one which cannot fail to command itself to all citizens who wish to be intelligent on the matters now coming up before our different boards."

"One of the most interesting visits to which we look forward," said Miss Strong, "will be the visit to the employment agencies. When this visit was first suggested to me, I will confess that I did not see its possibilities. I had been in employment agencies and seen nothing remarkable. But when it was suggested that we might be shown records bearing on the general problems of employment and industry, and given examples of cases which come up for attention, I realized that we would find matter of much interest."

"We also expect to visit a moving-picture show on the day devoted to 'Standards of Life.' Few people are discriminating in their attitude toward these shows. They either condemn them unhesitatingly and without ever seeing the inside of them, or else they accept them without criticism. Yet there are some of the children do. While it is undoubtedly true that there is great danger in the indiscriminate passion for amusement aroused in so many of our young people, yet there are some of the moving-picture shows that are not only clean, but even highly artistic in their presentation. They deserve thorough investigation, and we have secured two well-known women of Portland, Mrs. A. E. Rocky and Mrs. Emma B. Carol, to make a study of the amusements of the city and report to the institute."

Turkey's government has just placed with a firm of cotton mill owners of Leeds, England, an order for about 1,500,000 yards of khaki cloth for the Turkish army. The contract is the largest placed for khaki since the Russo-Japanese war.

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