

VERDICT OF GUILTY

Fred Fritz Convicted of Operating Gambling-House.

JURY IS OUT THREE HOURS

Counsel for Defense Immediately States That Case Will Be Appealed to the Supreme Court of State on Legal Points.

Fred Fritz, who conducts a resort on Burnside street, was convicted yesterday by a jury in Judge Frazer's court of having operated a roulette game on July 21 last. The evidence was very plain and the instructions by the court equally so, but still the jury occupied three hours in the deliberation of the case.

W. L. Edwards, a member of the Municipal Reform League, was the principal witness for the prosecution. He testified that he visited Fritz' place and saw a game going on and heard the money change hands. He described the game, but on cross-examination admitted that he did not know that it was roulette or not.

John Cordano, Deputy Sheriff, was called as a witness and testified that Fred Fritz was a regular owner of the saloon and its attachments including the gambling rooms.

A record of the State Circuit Court showing the fact that Fritz pleaded guilty to a gambling charge about six months ago was admitted in evidence. Fred L. Olson, clerk of the Municipal Court, was called to show by the records of that court that Fritz paid fines for gambling when the fine system was in vogue under the city administration.

The defense offered no evidence, relying on the point that Mr. Edwards was unable to testify positively that the game he witnessed was a roulette game, and that consequently there was a feature of proof of the charge contained in the information that a roulette game was operated.

Ed Mendenhall, counsel for the defense, argued this question to the jury and after he had consumed some of his time, Judge Frazer interrupted him to say that his argument must close in ten minutes as it was unnecessary to consume further time with it.

Mr. Mendenhall said he would give way to his colleague, S. C. Spencer. "Your honor," said Mr. Spencer, "I am pretty well loaded, can't I have more than ten minutes?"

"No, you must close in ten minutes," answered the court.

Mr. Spencer made his speech, and District Attorney Manning made the final argument during any member of the jury to take over five minutes to make up his mind upon a verdict of guilty.

In his instructions to the jury, Judge Frazer covered ground he has previously done in gambling cases, telling the jury they had nothing to do with the policy of the law, or whether they thought it was a good law, or otherwise. It was their duty to enforce it, and circumstantial evidence as well as other evidence was to be considered.

The jury came in for further instructions at 3 o'clock, and half an hour later reached an agreement. S. C. Spencer, counsel for the defense, says the case will be appealed to the Supreme Court on legal points.

LEAGUE IS INCORPORATED.

Legal Organization of the World-Wide Anti-Cigarette Work Effected Here.

Articles of incorporation of the International Anti-Cigarette League were filed with the County Clerk of Multnomah County and the Secretary of State of Oregon during the week. These articles set forth the following facts:

First-The name of this corporation shall be "International Anti-Cigarette League," and its duration shall be perpetual.

of Chicago, Illinois, United States of America, and these shall constitute the board of directors of this corporation for its first year, with power to adopt by-laws governing the same.

The document is duly witnessed and acknowledged before T. T. Struble, Notary Public for Oregon. Inquiry of Dr. Wallace R. Struble elicited the statement that these steps have been in contemplation for some time, and are taken as a part of the general plan to centralize the work of the Anti-Cigarette League, which has grown in such importance as to compass the civilized nations of the world.

A possible outcome of the campaign in Oregon may be the holding of the second International Anti-Cigarette Convention in this city next year during the Lewis and Clark Fair. The last convention of this sort was held in Buffalo during the Pan-American Exposition.

TO BUILD CHURCH AND MANSE.

Central Baptist Congregation Will Spend \$11,000 in Improvements.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Central Baptist Church, of the East Side, Friday evening, it was decided to begin at once with the erection of a church building and an eight-room manse on the East Ankeny and Twentieth streets.



Plans and specifications prepared by Architect W. L. Morgan, trustee, had been adopted and the contract was awarded, the intention being to occupy the church on the first of March.

In connection with the regular religious worship there will be an open forum for discussion of social and popular questions by men who have made studies along these lines, thus bringing the church into closer relations with practical affairs.

The general management of the building project has been in the hands of the pastor, Rev. William E. Randall, and the trustees, who are as follows: Judge John E. Mager, chairman; Arthur Fraser, L. Kay, W. L. Morgan, Charles A. Merriam, Mr. Merriam, H. M. Beckwith and J. C. Gibson.

The constitution says: "We believe social work should be undertaken by the church for the welfare of the congregation and community. And further: 'This church shall not prescribe rules for regulation of personal conduct, deeming the principles of God's word and individual conscience of supreme authority, but recognizing the influence and example and the obligation of 'walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing.' We will seek to give to our members, to our amusements and the Lord's day to dis-countenance all things whereby a brother or sister may be made weak, or that may prove a stumbling block to the unweary."

BROTHERS TURN THEIR BACKS

Refuse to Help Relative Sentenced to Rockpile Gang.

After wandering over the face of the earth for three long years, searching for a missing wife, Francis Marion Harris brought up in Portland on a ship from China and landed in the City Jail, where he is now serving a sentence of ten days on the rockpile.

Last night two brothers of Harris called at the Central Police Station to inquire concerning him. He replied them through the bars and windows and turned his back to the boys that they would not see him. In this he failed, although he had seen him in the name of Jim Smith when arrested, and had done everything he could to throw them off the scent.

"It's the best place for him," said one of the brothers. "If we bailed him out, he would get drunk and would be in again in but a short time. It seems he cannot help drinking. He lost his wife three years ago while in Warsaw, Ill., and since that time has not heard a word from her. She disappeared in the most mysterious manner, and although he has spent all of his time since in an effort to locate her or to learn something about her, he has failed. It has driven him to drink and ruined his life."

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by drink and his continual worry over the case of his wife, my brother took ship here several months ago and sailed before the mast for China. He returned but a few days ago, all unknown to us. He got into this trouble and was sent to jail. My brother-in-law chanced to be walking up the street here one day this week and saw him marching along under guard. He was a member of certain cattle robbing gang, and was a dejected man. It was not until we were told of this that we knew he was in America."

INSPECTOR IS ARRANGED.

Stockmen Accuse Dr. E. N. Hutchinson of Being Too Careful.

Dr. E. N. Hutchinson, of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry, has been arraigned by certain stockmen of Eastern Oregon for being too finicky in his examination of their cattle. He would not allow certain cattle bought near Coquille and Echo to be shipped out of the state several months ago, and the injured owners wrote the head of the department, George H. Hickox, superintendent of the department on the Pacific Coast, arrived a few days ago to investigate the matter, and said yesterday that, in case Dr. Hutchinson did err, it was on the side of carefulness, and he recommended him for it.

But the cattlemen assert that they have had Dr. McLean examine the herds supposed to be affected with mange, the cause of Dr. Hutchinson's refusal of a permit of shipment, and he found no mange upon them. They also say that they have shipped two carloads to Portland since that time, and they passed muster. However, the inspector having erred in the right direction, Mr. Hickox will not push the investigation on his own part further, but will have an expert sent to supposedly diseased districts and find the condition of mange there.

FOR HIS CHRISTMAS.

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Give Benefit Ball.

A benefit ball will be given Monday, December 19, at Woodman's Hall, East Sixth and East Alder streets, the proceeds of which will be used for the benefit of the family and in defraying the funeral expenses of Bro. Horace McConoughy, who died November 12, after suffering over nine months, his long illness making it necessary that this benefit be given. Deceased was a member of Mount Zion Lodge, No. 72, Brotherhood of Boiler-makers and Iron Shipbuilders of America. Great preparations are being made for the dance, and an expert sense to assured. Fox Brothers' Orchestra has been engaged, and it is expected a large crowd will be present to assist in the cause.

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