

RAID ON GAME IS FORGED BY WILLS

As Net Result 35 Alleged Gamblers and One Saloon Man Are in the Toils.

NORTH END IS NOT PURGED

Councilman Visitation Shows Up Various Disturbing Conditions Which Will Be Made Basis of Big Talk in Council Meeting.

Councilman Wills went scouting through Portland's North End last night. Later he stood in the police station and watched 35 prisoners file in, all of whom had been caught up for gambling as a result of the Councilman's visitation.

"Portland is still a pretty tough town," said Councilman Wills. "Mayor Ladd says it is purged. It's not. If it were it would be a lot better than it is now. God pity it."

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Councilman Is Astounded.

Among the first of the reports he went to the place of Blaster's and Erickson's, which occupy opposite corners of Burnside street. Mr. Wills said that he was astounded at what he saw. Seven gambling tables were in operation in Blaster's, he set forth, and an equal number were in full blast in Erickson's. Around each table were from five to eight men and behind them two or three stood a crowd of interested observers. The men played poker, sol, and other games for chips which were cashed into money surreptitiously by cashiers who walked about watching the game and taking the chips for their cash drawers, and who were careful to keep money out of sight at all times, according to Mr. Wills.

In Blaster's he saw three \$5 gold pieces passed over the table for chips. Indignant at what he had witnessed, he went out on the street looking for an officer. Patrolman Stewart, a newly appointed man on the force, was pointed out to him.

"Officer," said the Councilman, "why don't you do your duty?"

"I am trying to do my duty. What haven't I done that should be done?" asked the officer.

"Stop this wide open gambling," replied the Councilman.

"Show me any gambling and I will surely stop it," promptly suggested the officer.

Raiding Party Organized.

The Councilman and the policeman, the latter being dressed as a laboring man, then entered the place and watched the playing. Money changed hands and was observed by the two. The policeman hurried away to report to Sergeant Kay, under whose orders he was working. The Councilman continued on his tour of investigation. Sergeant Kay gave interested attention to the policeman's story of what the Councilman had seen and what he had done. The policeman said that he had seen and what he had done. The policeman said that he had seen and what he had done.

Erickson's was not visited. In Blaster's all of the players were taken into custody and conveyed to the Police Station in several trips of the patrol wagon. The tables and a large quantity of cards and chips were also seized.

The raiders found many of the stake money and the cashier of the games escaped them. Neither he nor the manager nor the proprietor of the saloon were arrested. The police said that perhaps they would be taken later on warrants.

The men arrested had the appearance of workmen. Some of them protested at their arrest and said that they were merely playing for drinks, but they were taken to the station and all the victims of the raid with but one or two exceptions were locked up in the City Jail in default of bail.

The police should have discovered and put these gamblers out of business long before this," commented Mr. Wills, as he watched the gamblers being searched and put into the jail. "The gambling has been wide open for months. There is no secret about it. I did not report the matter to the police first before I went down there, because I wanted to see it with my own eyes and then I would know what I was talking about. They haven't any excuse for permitting such a condition to exist. It is a violation of the law."

Get Money for Checks.

"They may say they are playing for drink checks, but there is always a casher handy to hypothecate the drinks supposed to be coming to them in the future into ready cash. It is just beating the law about the stump and it should stop. I will bring this matter up before the Council. The North End in its present condition won't go, that's all there is about it."

Mr. Wills continued his visit through the tough resorts after the gamblers had been locked in jail. In the saloon of Max Zatosch, 228 Burnside street, he found the proprietor selling liquor to a man already intoxicated. The Councilman questioned the proprietor and ascertained that the saloonkeeper had sold him three drinks within as many minutes, so he promptly again telephoned for the police and had the saloon man placed under arrest.

The saloonkeeper was infuriated at the interference of the Councilman. He muttered threats against him as he was lined up against the rail at the police station, where he deposited bail for his release. The Councilman said he would bring the matter up before the liquor license committee of the Council, of which he is a member, and have the man's license revoked if it were possible.

A short time before the raid on Blaster's, Patrolman Stillwell raided a disorderly house, at 594 North Second street. He arrested Mary Bonfan, keeper of the house, Jennie Albin, 22 years old, for selling liquor without a license, and Louise Oulmet, 41 years old, for being an inmate.

The comments made by Councilman Belting were taken up by Captain of Police Moore, who spoke in defense of the department as the senior officer in

the absence of Chief of Police Getzmaier. The latter was at home at the time of the raid and was unaware of the occurrences. "The Police Department is doing better work right now than at any time in the history of the force," said Captain Moore. "Owing to the preponderance of evidence required by the court for us to secure a conviction in petty gambling cases, it has been very difficult for our officers to secure convincing cases. Our men are constantly instructed to keep a close watch on all things of this kind and report on out-of-the-way conditions."

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AMUNDSEN GIVEN FUNDS

NORWAY APPROPRIATES \$18,000 FOR TRIP.

Explorer Will Be Gone at Least Five Years, and Will Make Deliberate Exploration.

CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 6.—Captain Amundsen's polar expedition is now assured. The Norwegian parliament today appropriated \$18,000 necessary for the outfitting of Nansen's famous ship, the Fram. There was considerable opposition to the expenditure, but it finally carried by 87 votes to 31.

Speaking recently of his plan, Captain Amundsen said:

"I propose to start early next season and to be absent five or six years. My object is to cross the Polar Basin, entering Behring Straits and exploring slowly and thoroughly wherever possible. I am adopting new methods—no airships, balloons, or motors—but simply using the old system which we know and have tried; namely, a good vessel, good sledges and good dogs."

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LIBRARY GROWS IN ITS INFLUENCE

President and Librarian Give Statistics and Resume of Work for 1908.

MORE FACILITIES NEEDED

To Keep Pace With Growing Demand for Resources More Money and Books Are Needed—Circulation Exceeds Former Years.

The annual report of the Portland Library Association for the year ending December 31, 1908, has just been issued by the president, W. B. Ayer, together with a detailed report by Mary Frances Isom, librarian. President Ayer's report shows among other matters that C. A. Dolph resigned as president and director, and that W. B. Ayer was elected president, R. W. Montague director, to serve for the unexpired term.

Ten thousand dollars was bequeathed to the investment funds by the late Amanda W. Reed, and Miss Mary Failing again gave \$50 for art books for "the Henry Failing Memorial Library." Income for the present year is estimated, all losses included, at \$25,200.62, so far as taxation is concerned. Permanent funds, from the association's property, yield approximately \$200 a year. The income from taxation is barely sufficient to pay the estimated expenses for the coming year.

The circulation in 1908 from the central library, branches, stations and county schools was 46,734, which in proportion to population shows what a tremendous impetus has been given to reading by the splendid work of the association.

President Ayer calls attention to the urgent need of new branches in the city and county, and also the lack of funds to carry out a policy of extending the educational and useful functions of the library will require funds far in excess of what are now available.

Cash on hand to date is \$3701.60. The report of President Ayer contains a highly commendatory and eminently deserved tribute to the Portland Library Association's able librarian, Miss Mary Frances Isom.

Miss Isom's report takes up the entire details of the library management and furnishes tables showing the multiple use of every department. The circulation of books for home use in 1908 is 44 per cent greater than in 1907. During the year 120 club and committee meetings have been held in the library, despite the fact that there are no club rooms, no study rooms and no lecture rooms.

Circulating Department.

New members..... 6,400
Total number of members..... 15,367
Attendance..... 1,188,993
Circulation of books..... 46,734

This department issued in 1908 nearly 500 more volumes than in the preceding year. Anticipating this growth, in January the routine of the department was reorganized. The installation of the long-desired telephone system was begun, and for books to be renewed by telephone; the term of membership in the library was extended from two to five years. Vacation cards were issued, valid from June 1 to October, permitting the borrower to draw ten books at one time provided only four were fiction, and 240 people availed themselves of this privilege. 85 books were drawn and of these one was a delinquent on October 1. The beginning of a music collection has proved a great resource to both teachers and music pupils. There are now volumes in this collection, standard works for piano and voice, including opera scores.

Children's Department.

New members..... 2,227
Total number of members..... 5,273
Attendance..... 69,394
Circulation..... 1,188,993
Circulation of picture books..... 16,733

The bond between the library and the teachers is strengthening as the years go by. Moreover, the number of books drawn on the teachers' cards has increased 98 per cent during the past year. Special grade shelves have been provided for the use of the teachers and care has been taken to be ready to supply the demand.

The Boys' Wireless Club, which was started last year, has met regularly every Friday night, with the exception of the summer months. Dr. Ralph Walker has given three most practical talks on electricity.

Reference Department.

Total attendance..... 50,059
Questions requesting research answered..... 3,149
Books brought for consultation from other departments..... 6,135
Circulation of books and papers..... 17
Reading lists compiled and revised..... 10,073
Articles indexed..... 1,148

Order Department.

Additions by purchase..... 9,148
Additions by gift..... 574

High School Overcrowded.

ASTORIA, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—On next Monday over 30 of the pupils, who graduated yesterday from the eighth grade of the local schools, will enter the High School and this has confronted the School Board with a serious problem as even at the present time, the High School is crowded and there is not sufficient room to accommodate even one-half of the additional pupils.

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Additions by formerly charged copies..... 421
Additions by binding periodicals..... 8,409
Additions for reference..... 1,256
Volumes entered in January, 1909..... 58,470
Volumes withdrawn..... 8,851
Number of volumes in the library..... 79,323
Catalogued & pamphlets (approximate)..... 6,579
Total number of pamphlets..... 11,252

Periodical Room.

Attendance..... 67,842
Periodicals purchased..... 219
Periodicals given..... 24
Newspapers purchased..... 24
Newspapers given..... 76
Total attendance in this room exceeded that of 1907 by 13,772.

Cataloguing Department.

Volumes catalogued during the year..... 10,225
Volumes added to the shelves..... 14,000
Volumes prepared for rebinding..... 4,662
Volumes discarded..... 2,064

Branch Libraries.

These libraries have now been established long enough to prove their usefulness to the sections of the city in which they are located. Each one is but a small beginning.

Sellwood Branch.

New members..... 499
Attendance..... 1,933
Circulation..... 24,937
Attendance in the library..... 2,002

Albina Branch.

New members..... 996
Attendance..... 1,252
Circulation..... 40,513
Attendance in the library..... 2,296

East Side Branch.

New members..... 1,688
Attendance..... 1,329
Circulation..... 44,515
Attendance in the library..... 2,284

County Department.

The interest in books as a source of entertainment and the habit of depending upon the library for aid and information on practical subjects is now well established, so that it is no longer a question of devising ways to advertise the library or to make its books attractive, but rather one of how to satisfy the clamor for more books.

Deposit Stations.

During the past year there have been five deposit stations through the county. The list is as follows: Brooks, Cedarville, Corbett, Fairview, Germantown, Church, Hassalo, Church, Huriburt, Latourelle, Lents, Multnomah, Oregon, Pleasant Valley, Pleasant View, Powell Valley, Rockwood, (Discontinued).

Fairview, Latourelle and Rockwood were added during the year. Fairview and Pleasant Valley are now being readied for the request of the grange. Latourelle through the interest of Miss Smith, the teacher in the Latourelle school. The stations at Lents and Pleasant Valley are now being readied for the request of the grange. Latourelle through the interest of Miss Smith, the teacher in the Latourelle school.

County Schools.

Country school circulation..... 5,199
Suburban school circulation..... 10,535

The library is now thoroughly known and appreciated in the county districts and stations and reading-rooms are well distributed throughout the county. The Grange work will be continued and there will be more personal supervision of the libraries in the schools. The suburbs of the city are in need of library service.

The Staff.

Four resignations from the staff must be regretfully recorded—Miss Derickson, Miss Whitney, Miss Reed and Miss Gulle. Miss Derickson, who had been head of the circulating department for the past six years, returned to her home for a long rest, leaving warm friends behind her and a library grateful for the good work she has done. Miss Margaret MacLachlan, who was second in command, has been appointed head of the circulating department.

Miss Josephine Millard has been appointed head of the circulating department. Miss Lucile Fargo, of the Albany Library School, joined the staff on the first of August. In the position of first assistant in the cataloguing room, Miss Mabel Eaton, of the Stinson Library School, joined the staff at the same time and has been appointed first assistant in the circulating department. Miss Ella G. Dewart was granted leave of absence for a year, beginning the first of August for experience in the New York branch library. In September Miss Mary L. Davis, of Cleveland, was appointed to fill Miss Dewart's term of absence as librarian of the Albany branch library.

Fifteen young women were examined for library positions on September 22. Eight presented satisfactory papers, one withdrew and on October 15 the remaining seven entered upon the three months' apprenticeship.

This record of a busy and happy year is the proof, if it is needed, of the cooperation of every member of the staff and of the splendid esprit de corps which has often made the impossible possible.

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