

# CITIZENS BAFLED BY VICE PROBLEM

## Municipal Commission Would Solve Woes and Evils of Fallen Women.

### RESTRICTED PLAN DOUBTED

#### Mayor and Chief See Advantages of Segregated District, but Others Declare Present System is Better.

How best to handle the problem of the unfortunate woman and the vice centering about her, a problem as old as the world, is just now under discussion by members of the Municipal Vice Commission.

They do not know themselves, so they have sent letters to prominent and representative men and women throughout the city, seeking information.

Rev. Henry J. Talbot, rector of St. David's Episcopal Church, chairman of the Vice Commission, admits that the members are giving this subject their earnest thought and consideration, but he says that any statement that the members favor a restricted district or the segregation of vice is a gross error.

To show how divergent are the views of persons on this subject, it is only necessary to say that, of a number interviewed yesterday, scarcely any two held the same ideas.

#### Restricted District Favored.

Mayor Rushlight believes a restricted district, properly controlled, would be an improvement over present conditions, and admits the inability of the police to drive the unfortunate women from the city.

Chief of Police Siever pointed out that "there are restricted districts and restricted districts." "There is Oakland, Cal.," said the chief, "which has a district of 24 parlor houses. Any woman caught outside of these, engaged in her immoral occupation, is arrested and given a jail sentence; they don't levy any fine on them at all. No liquor is allowed in there. Now, such a district as that might be better than present conditions here. But you take the Barbary Coast of San Francisco, where liquor and every evil you can imagine is tolerated, and you have a condition far worse than Portland has."

W. N. Gaten, Judge of the Juvenile Court, who has spent much time in thought over vice conditions, favors a restricted district, but only under the most stringent regulations. In other words, he would strip the social evil of its commercial feature by throwing about the district every possible safeguard, barring out liquor and making it impossible for men to take the earnings of any woman.

#### Mrs. Baldwin Opposed.

Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, superintendent of the police bureau for women, is unalterably opposed to any kind of restricted district and says that Portland's present conditions, while they may not be of the best, are far better than they ever were under the old reign of vice in the North End.

Answering a call to appear before the Vice Commission last week, W. F. Woodward, a prominent merchant and member of the Charter Revision Commission, told the members that he is not in favor of segregation of vice under any circumstances and that his judgment is in favor of permanent remedy for existing conditions is, not to put the stamp of official approval upon the social evil, but to eradicate it through the use of the Social Hygiene Society and other similar organizations are doing. Mr. Woodward did not disclose what he said to the members of the Vice Commission, but it is presumed that he told them about the same things as he said yesterday in an interview.

#### Official Sanction is Bad.

"I think," said Mr. Woodward, "that it would be a mistake for the city to sanction a restricted district. It would do no good, but great harm, and would solve no problem whatever. The city would be a party to the worst kind of a vice, and it is a directing officer. If inspection were insisted upon, our physicians would degenerate into unspeakable workers with vice. It is the only method of eradication of the social evil is to pay living wages to working girls and to men, so they can afford to marry and rear families. Any other one factor in producing unfortunate women is the miserable low wage scale in vogue in our country."

Mayor Rushlight said he does not know that the members of the Vice Commission are considering the social evil and how it should be handled for the public's best interests. The Vice Commission is a body of 15 men and women, authorized by an ordinance passed by the City Council shortly after Mayor Rushlight took office. They have been investigating conditions and making reports along various lines for 18 months. They have no authority except to expense a certain sum of money appropriated by the Council, in their investigations of vice conditions and to make reports and recommendations.

#### Mayor Faces Dilemma.

"I will say frankly," said the Mayor, "that I don't know how the social evil should be handled; it is the most difficult problem of them all. I did not know the Vice Commission was considering the subject, and I have hesitation in saying that I would not, of my own initiative, create a restricted district. I might do so with the best of intentions and the first grand jury that had the chance would probably indict me for failure to enforce the law. My candid opinion is that a well-regulated district for this vice is better than to have those women scattered all over the city, as they are now. I say frankly that, as my experience shows since coming into this office, it is a thing impossible for the police to drive those women out of the city. They have always been here, they always will be here, I suppose. We have been and are trying to keep women off the streets and from the windows of their lodgings, but the very best we can do is unsatisfactory. The difference of opinion as to a restricted district is well illustrated by the statements of Mrs. Baldwin and Judge Gaten, both of whom are students of the problem and both of whom served for many months on the Vice Commission. Owing to the fact that their official positions demand their full time, both recently resigned from the Commission. Both have been in contact with all the vices known to mankind, but they do not agree at all on this question."

#### Present System Thought Best.

"Anything that is recommended by the liquor crowd and by the disorderly woman herself," said Mrs. Baldwin, "is not the proper solution of the social evil. Of that I am certain. All you find the vicious element united on a system, you may be sure that it is not the right system, because they do

not look upon the evils as other people do. They are interested parties and cannot hold unbiased views as to what should or should not be done. I know that conditions under a non-restricted district plan are better than they were here when we had a restricted district. The women themselves admit to me that they cannot carry on their business without fear of molestation, and that they are unable to get recruits. I also know, for I have kept a close check on this. The present situation is better for the young man or woman than a restricted district."

The Vice Commission will continue its investigation and the consideration of the subject indefinitely, before making a report. Under the present law of the state, disorderly houses cannot be recognized or condoned.

Dr. Harry Lane was the first Mayor of Portland to close up, or at least attempted to close up, all disorderly

## FOREST GROVE EDUCATOR GOES TO LAKEVIEW TO TAKE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENCY.



Professor O. M. Gardner, Forest Grove, Or., July 13, (Special).—Professor O. M. Gardner, for four years superintendent of Forest Grove schools, has resigned to accept the superintendency of schools at Lakeview, Or.

Professor Gardner has greatly advanced the schools here. His reception was tendered him at the Methodist Church by his many friends with whom he has been associated as superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School for the past three years. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner leave this month for Lakeview.

houses. It was well toward the close of his last administration, that he did so. Joseph Simon, who followed him in the position, continued the "closed" policy, while Mayor Rushlight has not as yet changed it.

## PUTER MADE DEFENDANT

### Wisconsin Man Seeks to Recover on School Land Certificates.

S. A. D. Puter, of land-fraud fame, is the defendant in an action which has been commenced in Circuit Court by Henry A. Salzer, of La Crosse, Wis., to recover \$18,000 and interest on that amount since 1905. The complaint simply recites that the money was advanced, and has been for a long time, and now is, due and owing. A. E. Clark, attorney for the plaintiff, gives the following explanation:

"A number of years ago Mr. Salzer, who had purchased some Oregon school land certificates, traded them to Mr. Puter and Horace McKinley for some school land certificates which turned out to be forgeries. He gave \$15,000 in cash to boot. "Later Mr. Salzer brought suit in Federal Court and succeeded in getting back some of his good certificates. Although the statute of limitations would appear to have run on this transaction, more than six years having elapsed from its date, Mr. Puter has lived for a couple of years in California and this time can be deducted. Mr. Clark said that McKinley was not made a party defendant because of lack of knowledge as to his whereabouts. The complaint against Puter was filed over a week ago, but service was not obtained till yesterday, when he returned from the southern part of the state."

## Hamburg Seeks License Refund.

An application was filed with the City Auditor yesterday by E. J. Hamburg, proprietor of the Yeon building, for a refund of the unused portion of the restaurant liquor license granted him July 1. The place was closed July 12.

# OREGON EXHIBIT IN CANADA URGED

## Daniel Morgan, of Spokane, is Visiting Coast States to Arouse Interest.

### BIG DELEGATION MAY GO

#### Dry Farming Congress Will Meet at Lethbridge, Alberta, in October — Tillman Reuter Tells of Exhibits.

Not only will Oregon send to the Seventh International Dry Farming Congress at Lethbridge, Alberta, next October, the largest exhibit that has ever been sent from this state to an exposition of that nature, but an effort will be made to arrange for a big delegation of farmers and business men from Portland and the state at large to go by special train.

Daniel Morgan, of Spokane, a member of the board of governors of the Congress and vice-president for Washington, visited the Portland Commercial Club Friday to arrange preliminaries for a campaign to create interest in the coming congress, and to organize a delegation to attend from Oregon. He was accompanied by Tillman Reuter, of Madras, Oregon's pioneer exhibitor at the Dry Farming Congress and one of the prize winners for several consecutive years.

#### Wide Interest Shown.

Mr. Morgan is well pleased with the general awakening of interest in dry farming among the people of the Northwest, and says indications are favorable for more extensive exhibits from the whole Northwest this year than ever before. George Harcourt, deputy minister of agriculture in Alberta, and Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture in Saskatchewan, are working with Mr. Morgan in touring the Northwestern states to organize exhibits and delegations to the coming congress, which will last from October 19-26.

"Spokane has already arranged for a special train to bear its delegation to the congress," said Mr. Morgan, "and we hope to secure a similar arrangement in Portland and Oregon. "It is high time that farmers of the Northwest awakened to the importance of the movement. Canada has always made big exhibits in the land shows, even when they were held outside her borders, and although it may be a blow to the pride of the farmers of the United States, she has carried away the lion's share of the premiums.

## Canadians Are Alert.

"This success on the part of the Canadian exhibitors has not been confined to the dry farming exhibits alone. Last year a man named Green, from Saskatchewan, went down to the New York Land Show and carried away from all the exhibitors in the United States the first prize of \$1000 for the best bushel of wheat in the world. For these reasons it appears that it is time for the farmers of the United States to look to their laurels.

"The United States is a better country than Canada for farming, but in Canada we find the immigration bureau and other strong government organizations backing and promoting these land shows and exhibitions, and giving every incentive to the Canadian farmers to strive hard and to excel. "Logically, all of Western Canada should be the market of the Northwestern farmers in the United States. Only 3 per cent of the land in Canada is settled and developed, and the market is already enormous. If the wall were down there is no reason why Portland here should not be shipping into Canada now 10 carloads of fruit and vegetables daily.

## Canada America's Market.

"Western Canada realizes this. At the last elections the Western Canadian communities invariably went Liberal, which means that they want reciprocity, and that it must eventually come. There will be nothing to prevent the products of the Northwest from flowing into those provinces in an immeasurable degree when conditions are such that Canada can get at them. "The Canadian market for our farm products will, I believe, double the pop-

# BETTER SEE MOYER

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- Men's Suits**
  - \$10 Suits reduced to \$ 6.95
  - \$15 Suits reduced to \$11.35
  - \$20 Suits reduced to \$13.35
  - \$25 Suits reduced to \$16.65
- Blues and Blacks One-Fourth Off**
- Men's Pants**
  - \$2.00 Pants reduced to \$1.45
  - \$3.00 Pants reduced to \$2.25
  - \$3.50 Pants reduced to \$2.65
  - \$4.00 Pants reduced to \$3.00
  - \$4.50 Pants reduced to \$3.25
  - \$5.00 Pants reduced to \$3.75
  - \$6.00 Pants reduced to \$4.50
- Children's and Boys' Suits**
  - \$1.95 Suits reduced to \$1.35
  - \$2.50 Suits reduced to \$1.65
  - \$2.95 Suits reduced to \$1.95
  - \$3.95 Suits reduced to \$2.65
  - \$4.35 Suits reduced to \$2.90
  - \$5.00 Suits reduced to \$3.35
  - \$6.00 Suits reduced to \$3.95

## All Children's Wash Suits HALF PRICE

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- \$1.00 Underwear 79c
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- \$1.00 Shirts 79c
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- \$1.50 Shirts \$1.15
- \$2.00 Shirts \$1.35
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- 50c Neckwear 39c
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- 25c Garters 15c
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## COLONY WORK STARTS

### CENTRAL OREGON PROMOTERS OPEN BRANCH OFFICES.

#### Seattle and Spokane Chosen as Centers to Tell World of Land That Awaits Development.

Branch offices of the Oregon & Western Colonization Company of this city will be opened at once in Seattle and Spokane, so that the work of populating the 800,000-acre tract in Central Oregon held by this concern, may be enhanced. J. R. Lusk has been chosen manager of the Spokane office. J. L. D. Morrison, of St. Paul, sales manager for the company, arrived in Portland yesterday morning, and prepared to organize an effective selling force in both Eastern and Western Washington. The Spokane office will handle the business in the Eastern portion of the state, while the office at Seattle will care for sales in the western half. W. P. Davidson, president of the company, who, with L. W. Hill, owns the controlling interest in the project, will probably come to Portland about September 1, to remain permanently. He will devote his entire time to the development of the Central Oregon property. "We are taking people into our tract

## MAN STRANGELY HURT

### DOCTORS DO NOT KNOW WHY WORKMAN IS UNCONSCIOUS.

#### Gus Donley, Found in Cottage Grove Sawmill, Brought to Portland for Treatment.

Found unconscious on the floor beside the moving band saw that he was attending in a sawmill at Cottage Grove, Friday morning, Gus Donley was brought to Portland to St. Vincent's Hospital yesterday. He is still unconscious and his case is proving a puzzle to his attending physicians. Blood was streaming from one of his ears when he was found, and a large silver lying on the floor near him, indicated that he might have been struck on the head by the splinter as it was hurled into the air by the teeth of the saw. There are no marks on Donley to show how he may have been injured. When he failed to recover consciousness, the National Hospital Association, which is caring for him, had him brought to Portland. Efforts to diagnose Donley's injuries have failed. Donley up to late last night had shown no signs of consciousness. He gives evidence of being in great pain. Donley has a wife at Cottage Grove. He is about 35 years old.

## GREETERS OF OREGON TO MEET.

Greeters of Oregon, organization of hotel clerks, will hold a meeting at 11 o'clock Tuesday night at the Hotel Portland. The meeting will be addressed by F. W. Mulkey.

## Playground News.

Columbia Park will hold a Mothers' meeting Friday, July 24, to discuss playground work. W. F. Woodward will address the meeting. The address will be followed by discussion and social hour. All women of the neighborhood are invited. Time 3 to 5 P. M.

A mothers' meeting will be held at Sellwood Park the afternoon of Tuesday, July 23. Mrs. A. E. Wood will address the meeting.

A mothers' meeting will be held at Peninsula Park the afternoon of Tuesday, July 23.

Head of the Peoples' Institute, was a hostess to the children of the North Park last Thursday, July 18, at her residence. She entertained them with games and later served refreshments. She intends to do so every Thursday afternoon.

Brooklyn Park will have their first band concert of the season on Wednesday afternoon, July 24.

Lincoln Park holds a field meet every Friday afternoon and evening for boys under 21.

Washington Park held a mothers' meeting Friday afternoon, July 18, and Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock the boys and girls acted before a large and interested audience.

## Home Dairy Blotted Out Here.

Because of unsanitary conditions, City Health Officer Wheeler ordered F. Cobine, proprietor of the Home Dairy, yesterday to discontinue delivering milk. The dairy was inspected some time ago and found to be in bad condition. The proprietor was ordered to clean up and his failure to do so resulted in the order of yesterday, which shuts him out of the city as a milk dealer.

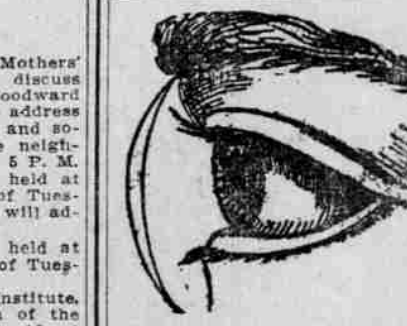
## Johnson Off to Seattle.

Mel C. Johnson, manager of the Howard Automobile Company, left last week for Seattle to attend the Potlatch celebration and show the 1912 National in the Sound City for the first time. Mr. Johnson was accompanied by Frank Nichols, the National driver, who will demonstrate the car.

## SALEM FOLK HOSTS AT REUNION WHICH IS ENJOYED FOR FIRST TIME IN 29 YEARS.



JOHNSON FAMILY POSE FOR PHOTOGRAPH. SALEM, Or., July 20.—(Special).—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson, at their Winter-street home, were the hosts at a delightful family reunion recently, when for the first time in 29 years the members of the family had all been together. This was at the time of the marriage of the oldest daughter. Among those present were J. C. Johnson, father, who was born in Pike County, Illinois, May 22, 1842; Violetta Johnson, formerly Violetta Cunsales, the mother, born in Knox County, Illinois, April 19, 1846, and the following children: Lizzie A., wife of J. H. Daniel, of Eugene; A. J. Johnson, Corvallis; Etta A., wife of J. C. Simpson, Astoria; C. V. Johnson, Portland; Pearl L., wife of A. S. Shaw, Salem, as well as the husbands and wives of the children. There were also 15 grandchildren present, or a total of 51 persons at the reunion. This is one of the pioneer families of the state, the parents crossing the plains, the father in 1847 and the mother in 1852, both families settling near Jefferson in Marion County.



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