

STRINGENT MEASURE

Bills Introduced in Legislature in Interest of Morality.

JOSEPHINE SMITH RAMPANT

Introduces a Bill in Favor of the Men and Discriminates Against the Women in Matters of Taxation on Personal Property.

A bill introduced by Representative Bailey of Portland, and which has been reported favorably by the judiciary committee, will if passed, make a cleaning out in certain districts in the larger cities of Oregon. The law is as follows:

Section 1. Every man who by force, intimidation, threats, persuasion, promises, or any other means, places or leaves, or procures any other person or persons to place or leave, his wife in a house of prostitution, or connives at, or consents or permits the placing or leaving of his wife in a house of prostitution, or allows or permits her to remain therein, is guilty of a felony, and shall be punished, upon conviction thereof, by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year or more than 10 years, and in all prosecutions under this section the wife shall be a competent witness against her husband.

Sec. 2. Any male person who lives with, or who lives off of, in whole or in part, or accepts any of the earnings of a prostitute, or connives in or solicits or attempts to solicit any male person or persons to have sexual intercourse, or cohabit with a prostitute, or who shall invite, direct or solicit any person to go to a house of illfame for any immoral purpose; or any person who shall entice, decoy, place, take or receive any female child or person under the age of 18 years, into any house of illfame or disorderly house, or any house, for the purpose of prostitution; or any person who, having in his or her custody or control such child, shall dispose of it to be so received, or to be received, in or for any obscene, indecent or immoral purpose, exhibition or practice, shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than one year nor more than five years, and fined in any sum not less than \$1000 nor more than \$5000.

Probably one of the most foolish measures introduced in the house is one by Smith of Josephine. In fact, he has introduced twice as many bills as any one man, and not one of them has any merit. The last freak of Josephine Smith is to exempt from taxation \$500 of property for householders, but if the property belongs to the women it is not exempt, but must pay taxes, the bill is as follows:

Section 1. No householder shall be taxed upon any property except such as he may own in excess of \$500. In making the assessment of the property of a householder the assessor shall deduct from the total value of all property owned by any householder the sum of \$500. Said deduction shall be made by the assessor and not by the taxpayers, and the amount of taxable property and the deduction of \$500, shall be in all instances placed by the assessor upon the roll notwithstanding that the value of the property assessed may be less than \$500.

Sec. 2. This exemption of \$500 shall not be allowed to any married woman.

DUTY OF ASTORIANS.

Patronizing Chicago Merchants Takes Money Away from Astoria.

Montgomery & Ward of Chicago are sending out a large book containing a catalogue of goods kept by that concern. The catalogue, if it were true, pretends to sell certain lines of goods at reduced rates, but people who have purchased goods from them have found to their sorrow that they have been misrepresented. A number of people of Astoria have been in the habit of purchasing goods from this firm. It is not treating the local merchants right. No person interested in Astoria will send away for goods of any kind that can be bought at home. Scarcely a day passes but a package of goods is received from the express office direct to prominent Astorians. Nearly all the goods advertised are of the cheapest make, manufactured in the sweat houses of Chicago by people infected with contagious diseases and would not pass inspection by a sanitary commission.

Some people imagine that if they send away for goods they are securing bargains, but if they will take the trouble to compare the goods with those sold by Astoria merchants, together with the prices, they will be convinced that they are wasting their money sending it away from home. No community can prosper where a portion of the people send away from

home for goods. There is not a firm in Chicago, or even in Portland or any other city, that contributes a dollar for building up Astoria or contributes in any way to its enterprises. Every dollar sent out of the city is so much money taken out of the circulating money of the city, and if every one were to do so, it would be but a short time before the cry of hard times would be heard all over the city. Every man, woman and child should work for Astoria. Patronize home merchants and they will patronize you when necessity arises. Montgomery & Ward don't buy tickets to church fairs, charitable or other entertainments, and why should Astorians patronize any firm or concern not interested in building up the city and fostering its industries. There is not an instance or record where Montgomery & Ward or any Portland concern ever sent to Astoria for goods. The people in those cities work for the unbuilding of home merchants, and that is one reason why they are prosperous.

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At Astoria in the State of Oregon, at the close of business, January 11, 1905.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	.....	\$380,919 07
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	.....	9,834 56
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	.....	12,500 00
Premiums on U. S. bonds	.....	750 00
Stocks, securities, etc.	.....	50,138 87
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	.....	2,500 00
Other real estate owned	.....	4,375 00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	.....	2,842 64
Due from state banks and bankers	.....	22,823 99
Due from approved reserve agents	.....	72,149 89
Checks and other cash items	.....	2,345 00
Notes of other national banks	.....	100 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	.....	654 16
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	.....	\$61,989 99
Legal-tender notes	.....	61 00
Legal-tender notes	.....	62,050 90
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent circulation)	.....	625 00
Total	.....	\$574,609 13

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	.....	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund	.....	10,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	.....	26,713 26
National bank notes outstanding	.....	11,900 00
Individual deposits subject to check	.....	\$231,150 93
Demand certificates of deposit	.....	33,503 11
Time certificates of deposit	.....	211,341 78
Total	.....	\$574,609 13

State of Oregon, county of Clatsop, ss:

I, J. E. Higgins, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. HIGGINS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of January, 1905.

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