

SHERIFF ENDORSED

Unanimous Opinion of Merchants Favor Closing Gambling.

WITH VERY FEW EXCEPTIONS

Opinion Freely Expressed That Gambling is Productive of No Good, Either From a Business or Moral Point of View.

A representative of the Astorian yesterday interviewed nearly every merchant in Astoria on the question of gambling; as to whether they endorsed the actions of Sheriff Linville and their opinion from both a moral and business standpoint. With one or two exceptions, the position of the sheriff and the Astorian was endorsed, without any reservation whatever. The following sentiments speak for themselves and show the sentiment of the community on the question.

P. J. Goodman—I endorse the action of Sheriff Linville and the Astorian on the gambling question. From years of business experience I know that gambling is of no benefit to the city.

O. B. Estes, physician—I have been unable to see any direct benefit to the city from gambling, and if it is closed, it will give men a better opportunity of paying their bills.

Alexander Tagg, merchant—I am opposed to gambling. I have thought several times of moving away from Astoria as I am raising a family and there is too much temptation for young boys. I heartily endorse the position of the sheriff and the Astorian.

Astoria Grocery, Mr. Johnson—I have not given the matter much consideration, but don't know as I see any particular harm in gambling.

John Svendsen, bookstore—I am opposed to gambling, and do not believe the revenues of the city should be derived from this source. I believe the sheriff is right and I approve of the course of The Astorian.

A. A. Saari, photographer—I endorse the action of the sheriff in closing the gambling and the position of The Astorian. It is not a good way to raise revenues for the city.

L. I. Johnson, merchant—It is a good move, and they ought to close the dance halls, too.

August Danielson, saloon—I am opposed to gambling; never gambled in my life. I know from actual knowledge that many men do not pay their bills because they spend the money gambling. I am in favor of closing all gambling games.

S. L. Nanthrup, grocer—I have not given the subject much thought, but I believe the sheriff is taking the proper course. Business, as a rule, receives no benefit from gambling.

Frank Patton, banker—The sheriff is right. There are other ways for raising revenues.

H. C. Hansen, Central hotel—The Astorian is right, and so is the sheriff. I am unalterably opposed to gambling and know that it is a detriment instead of a benefit to business. You have my hearty support in the movement.

Nels Simonsen, saloon—I do not allow gambling and do not believe the city derives any benefit from it. It does the town no good.

Wm. Fitzgerald—Close them all up. They are not benefit to the city, but a detriment.

H. H. Zapf, furniture—I don't know as I see any harm in gambling. I have not given the matter much consideration.

Frank Hart, druggist—I do not consider that gambling is of any benefit to the city, or to business.

Victor Herman, Seaside bakery—From a business standpoint, I believe the city would be better off if gambling were closed.

H. Ekstrom, jeweler—I endorse the position of The Astorian and commend the actions of the sheriff. Gambling is of no benefit to the city or business.

Asmus Briz, Fisher Bros.—If the sheriff means business and closes gambling and keep it closed, I believe it will be a benefit to the city.

F. J. Carney, Fisher Bros.—I believe the sheriff is right, and so is the Astorian. I am of the opinion that the city would be better off without gambling.

R. M. Leathers, boat builder—The sheriff is right. Close them all up and keep them closed. It is of no benefit to the city or business, but a detriment. The Astorian is pursuing the proper course.

Johnson Bros. grocers—I am opposed to gambling, both from a moral and business standpoint. It is no benefit. But a detriment to business. I had rather pay more taxes and have gambling closed.

S. A. Gilmre, merchant—I endorse the position of the Astorian and believe the sheriff is right. If gambling is closed it will give some men an opportunity to pay their bills. I am op-

posed to gambling of all kinds on general principles.

J. N. Laws, merchant—I am not in favor of gambling, so far as I am concerned, I am opposed to raising revenues from such a source. If people want to gamble, that is their business, but it is of no benefit to the community.

Ross, Higgins & Co., Wm. Ross—I am opposed to gambling from a moral standpoint and do not believe it is of any benefit to the city.

K. Osbourn, insurance—Closing gambling is all right and has my approval if the sheriff means business and there is no politics mixed up in the movement. I am opposed to gambling.

C. R. Morse, Morse Department store—I am opposed to gambling and believe it is a detriment to the community. I approve the action of the sheriff and endorse the position of The Astorian. Gambling is of no benefit to business.

P. Lawler—Go at it. You are right. I don't believe in gambling and know it is of no benefit to either the community or business.

Adolph Johnson, carpenter—The Astorian is right. I am opposed to gambling and hope it will be closed up and stay closed.

L. E. Selig—I am opposed to gambling. I have heard lots of good people commend the position of The Astorian. It is no benefit to the city.

Peter Josephson, shoe merchant—What do I think of the gambling question? I am opposed to it. It is no benefit to the city or business. The Astorian is right. I approve the actions of the sheriff.

C. R. Higgins, banker—I don't care to be quoted, particularly, but I am opposed to gambling.

J. W. Johnson, Bureau saloon—If I had a saloon as big as all outdoors, I would not permit gambling. I believe saloons should cater to the better class of trade.

J. N. Griffin, book store—I do not believe the city derives any benefit from gambling, and it is of no benefit to merchants. I am opposed to it.

Frank Bourne, Metropolitan saloon—I am opposed to gambling and would not tolerate it in my place of business. It is of no benefit to business.

A. V. Allen, merchant—I do not want to antagonize anyone, and don't know as my opinion is of any benefit, but I do not believe gambling is of any benefit to the city or business.

The above are interviews from nearly all the prominent merchants, and does not include the church element, because everyone knows how they stand on the question. It simply shows that nine-tenths of the business men of Astoria approve the course of the sheriff and endorse the position of The Astorian. This ought to settle the gambling question in Astoria.

CLEAN UP THE CITY.

City Officials Will Make a Tour of Inspection Sunday.

Owing to the interest being taken by the Civic Improvement League of the Woman's Club, and the many articles published in the Astorian on the condition of the streets and property, the city authorities are beginning to take an interest in beautifying the city.

The members of the health and police committee, the city physician, plumbing inspector, chief of police and chief of the fire department will on next Sunday morning begin a thorough inspection of all sections of the city. For this purpose the Astoria Electric Company has placed a special car at the service of the committee. The object of the inspection is to enable the officials to take steps to improve the sanitary conditions and for the removal of old shacks and accumulations of boxes and debris that are not only unsightly but are dangerous in cases of fire. The officials will make a rigid investigation of the sewers and sewer connections, and wherever they are found to be faulty, immediate repairs will be ordered. They will also direct that a number of old shacks be torn down and that the piles of boxes and boards that have been placed at the rear of several buildings along the water front be removed.

Not Confirmed.

The sale of the Holiday property at Seaside was not confirmed by the county court of Multnomah county last Tuesday as was expected. It seems that there is another purchaser for the property who offered to give ten per cent more for the property than was offered by Mr. Hamblet. For this reason Judge Webster, on motion of C. H. Carey, administrator, rejected all offers, and the sale of the property is being re-advertised. The sale will take place in Portland on April 28. The price offered by the proposed purchaser is in the neighborhood of \$25,000. It is possible that Mr. Hamblet and associates may bid even more, as the property is considered a good investment.

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TWIN FALLS BOOM

Wild Rush for Government Lands in Idaho Commenced.

SCENE BEGGARS DESCRIPTION

Intense Excitement at the New Town of Twin Falls, Where Allotments of Government Lands is Being Made By Lottery Drawing for Locations.

Twin Falls, March 23.—The scenes in Twin Falls today almost beggars description, so wild is the rush for lands and so intense is the excitement over the drawing, which is being done by lottery system. With more than 5000 people in the little city, which like most western boom towns, is composed of very few frame buildings, the struggle for places to eat and sleep next after the struggle for land is absorbing the energies and ingenuities of the entire population.

The attraction is the disposal of 70,000 acres of land under the big ditch built by the Twin Falls Investment Company from the Snake river, which was dammed to turn the water into the canal into the desert south of Shoshone falls, reclaiming in all about 270,000 acres of land.

Last night and today people were living six, eight and even ten in a room. Beds were at a premium and for a time it seemed as though food would be at a premium also, so great was the influx of settlers anxious to get land under the ditch. People are walking the streets, sleeping in corners, tents, shacks of all sizes and descriptions. Many are forced to sleep on mattresses spread on the floor in company with others. Settlers don't mind that, however; they are after the land, which at present is sand and sage brush, but possesses the peculiar qualities of western arid lands which makes it valuable if irrigated.

NOT FOR TURKEY.

Germany Refuses to Sell the Sultan Any Arms.

Paris, March 23.—The Temps today printed a dispatch from Constantinople announcing that the German ambassador had presented a note to the porte which is said to be a veto upon Turkey placing orders for arms in France with menace of serious consequence if the note is disregarded. The Ottoman cabinet is seriously embarrassed and indignant at the dictatorial conduct of Germany. The French ambassador still continues the negotiations to secure a large arms order from France.

London, March 23.—Correspondent at Constantinople of the Daily Telegraph says that a council of ministers are deliberating on the German note vetoing, with threats, the purchase of war material in France. The greatest indignation is expressed at Germany's high-handed policy.

RUSSIAN SQUADRON.

No Further News from the Second Pacific Fleet.

London, March 23.—No further news has been received of the movements of the Russian second Pacific squadron. It is reported from Port Luis, Mauritius, that on March 16 a Russian torpedo boat preceding the squadron warship was sighted by a vessel arriving there from Colombo, Ceylon, but is regarded as vague to offer a basis for judgment, but if the fleet were Rojstvensky's, they must already be within 500 miles of Colombo and hence must have left Nossi much earlier than was supposed. The Daily Mail correspondent at Aden reports that two German steamers left Jibutti on March 22, with provisions for the Russian squadron.

Gone to Glory.

Columbus, O., March 23.—Herman Hamilton, a negro convicted of the murder of Lee Culver, foreman of the Norfolk and Western railway yards at Portsmouth, O., was electrocuted at the penitentiary a few minutes after midnight.

McGuire Puzzle.

Editor Morning Astorian: The answer for the puzzle in The Morning Astorian is: He would walk from the caboose to the engine, or one mile. If he walks one mile and rides the rest, he would ride the difference between five miles and one mile, or four miles. Therefore, he would walk one mile and ride four miles.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Captain A. E. Beard is reported ill at his home.

Martin Both of Rainier is in the city on business.

G. Mish of New York is registered at the Occident.

C. W. Wright of Portland was in the city yesterday.

J. E. Higgins returned from Portland last night.

Albert Dunbar returned from Portland last night.

J. H. Ashley of Brookfield was in the city yesterday.

Marius Johnson of Chinook was in the city yesterday.

Edmund P. Sheldon of Portland was in the city yesterday.

Charles Machnke of Oregon City was in the city yesterday.

E. Deardorff of Portland registered at the Central yesterday.

Mike Gorman, mayor of Deep river was in the city yesterday.

J. H. Walker of Portland registered at the Occident yesterday.

Chris Henry of Charleston was in the city yesterday on business.

John McCue and Mrs. McCue visited friends in Portland yesterday.

G. W. Evans and wife of Portland are registered at the Occident.

E. Z. Ferguson returned from a business trip to Portland last night.

Fred Johnson of Johnson Bros. took a business trip across the river yesterday.

A. S. Frostid of the Seaside Spruce Lumber Company was in the city yesterday.

Startling Mortality.

Statistics show startling mortality from appendicitis and peritonitis. The prevent and cure these awful diseases, there is just one reliable remedy, Dr. King's New Life Pills. M. Flannery of 14 Custom House Place, Chicago, says: "They have no equal for Constipation and Biliousness." 25c at Chas. Rogers, druggist.

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