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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

For Fourteen Years—

For the first time in 14 years the Lving Club closed its doors last night. There will be a grand opening night on Saturday at the club's new quarters in the Astoria Savings Bank building.

Baseball—

The Bohemians of Astoria held a meeting last night at which a general discussion of affairs took place. It was decided that, for the better interests of the club, the team should practice three times a week in the future.

Whang Ho Eastward Ho!

The Whang Ho was to weigh her anchor last night. She is under contract to appear at the Oaks within a very short time, so Astoria has seen the last of a very unique and interesting exhibition. She should have a good house at Portland.

A Good Price—

The Hess Rancho, which lies right across Young's Bay, and contains about 300 acres, has been sold for \$40,000. Parties from outside were the purchasers, and it was a close thing whether they got it or not as there were other would-be purchasers in the field.

Meeting of Pilot Board—

A meeting of the State Board of Pilot Commissioners will be held this afternoon. This will be the last meeting to be held under the old regime. Afterwards the property held by the commission will be turned over to the governor or his nominee.

Ladies' Aid Society—

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Lutheran Church will meet this (Wednesday) afternoon. The meeting will take place at the residence of Mrs. Gustav Bergman on Eleventh street and Grand avenue at 2:30 p. m. The members and friends of the Society are cordially invited to be present.

New Railway—

A copy of a resolution passed by the board of directors of the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company was filed in the county clerk's office yesterday. The resolution discloses the purpose of the company to construct a new line from Vernonia, Columbia county, to Jewell, Clatsop county, via Rock Creek, and also a line from Vernonia to Mishawaka. These lines will be operated in connection with the main line.

From "The Greenville Daily News" (S. C.) Dr. Baylis H. Earle:

The many friends and relatives of Dr. Baylis H. Earle, eldest son of the late United States Senator John H. Earle

and brother of Railroad Commissioner John H. Earle and Lieutenant Joseph H. Earle, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., will be pleased to learn of his election to a professorship in the South Carolina Medical College at Charleston, his Alma Mater.

Dr. Earle will give a course of very important lectures next fall and winter before the school on the subjects of quarantine and sanitation.

A few months ago he received orders from Washington, D. C., assigning him to the command of the S. C. National Quarantine Stations at Charleston, Beaufort, Port Royal, and Georgetown, with headquarters at Fort Johnson, James Island, Charleston Harbor.

Since he has been in command at Fort Johnson, he has been very successful in his work and his many friends wish for him still greater successes.

The S. C. Medical College was founded in 1823 and is the third oldest in the United States. The school is rated in Class I of the report of the Council on Medical Education, Journal A. M. A., June 16, 1906. On its list of professors, since its establishment, appear such world famous names as Louis Agassiz, David Ramsay, Brown-Sequard; and others only a little less distinguished as The Shepards, father and son, James Moultrie, John E. Holbrook, John Wagner, John S. Rhinelandt, and Gunning S. Bedford. Among its graduates have been the following, whose names will be recognized by medical men the world over: Dr. J. Laurence Smith, adviser to the Sultan of Turkey; Professors J. Marion Sims, Theo. Gaillard Thomas, John T. Darby, Simon Baruch, and W. Gill Wylie, of New York; Eli Geddings, Francis T. Miles, and J. J. Chisolm, of Baltimore; J. Dickson Bruns and Samuel Logan, of New Orleans; Edwin S. Gaillard, of Louisville, Ky.; and Maximilian La Borde and Joseph Le Conte, of Columbia; and St. Julian Ravensel, J. Ford Proleau, John Bellinger, J. P. Chazal, F. Pierr Porcher, H. W. and P. Gourdin De Saussure, Robert A. Kinloch, Middleton Michel, the Geddings family, the Simons, and the Parkers; and, last but not least, Surgeon-General S. Preston Moore, C. S. A.

DANCE-HALLS WERE CLOSED

CITY ATTORNEY ABERCROMBIE NOTIFIES PROPRIETORS OF ARREST IN CASE DANCING WAS ALLOWED.

City Attorney Charles H. Abercrombie entered the fight, to close the dance halls, late yesterday afternoon, by notifying the proprietors of the various resorts, that each and every one whose place was open last night would be arrested and prosecuted by him (the city attorney) today. The dance hall men immediately responded to the notification, which was by telephone and held a consultation with the city attorney and it is said all agreed to close their places, with the exception of John Stephenson, who runs the Savoy.

In an interview last evening, with a representative of the Astorian, Mr. Abercrombie stated that he meant business and every proprietor whose dance hall was open for business last evening, would be arrested on a warrant and prosecuted today in the police court, for violating the ordinance prohibiting dance halls. And further, that henceforth whenever evidence was produced, that any person was operating a dance hall within the limits of the City of Astoria, he would prosecute him for the violation of the ordinance.

"I am tired of the continual hickering and delay between the council and the police commissioners, it is the sentiment of the people that these places be closed and I intend to close them without assistance of the police department, they have nothing to do, with this," was the city attorney's reason for the order issued yesterday.

Some months ago the police commission addressed a communication to the council in which they stated that if the council authorized the board of police commissioners to go ahead and close up the dance halls that they (the commissioners) would do so. At that time the council took the stand that it was the duty of the commissioners to enforce the law and refused to issue any instructions and at that matter rested until the suspension of the police force by Mayor Wise on Saturday.

Upon good authority it has been stated that the council had that same view in mind, Monday night, when the matter of the Mayor's suspension was referred to the health and police committee for investigation, that it was the opinion of a majority of the members of the council, that the Mayor had gone too far and undertaken duties that rightfully belonged to the police commissioners. It was also stated upon the same authority that for that reason the council would ultimately have refused to sustain the Mayor's suspension of the police force and the matter would have been dropped, until some fresh outbreak below the surface and again aroused the people.

A trip down Astor street last evening, disclosed the fact that according to the law there was only one dance hall running, the Savoy; the others had adopted a subterfuge to evade the law, by stopping all dancing, but the places were open, the music playing and the girls upon the floor as usual. A couple of tables and some chairs occupied the space usually given over to dancing and in the instance of the Waldorf which stopped dancing on Monday vaudeville was instituted in its place. The subterfuge while it releases the proprietors from all liability does not better the conditions in the slightest particle, as the girls are allowed to drink at the bar and the conditions are exactly the same as between dances before.

Stephenson of the Savoy said: "I have paid my license and when I obtained that license it was my understanding with the police commissioners that I would be permitted to run a dance hall and I will stop the dancing just as soon as the commissioners notify me to do so. And if I close, all the gambling must close also. I intend to fight the case and as I told Mr. Abercrombie, today, I will subpoena the police officers to show that there is not one black mark against my place, no robbers or anything of that sort. I will close when the police commissioners tell me to. If the Mayor and Attorney Abercrombie want to close up the town, they must close it all up and not alone the dance halls. In my opinion, the dancing does not do any particular harm, it is the owner's control over his boxes and upstairs rooms which go to make a place safe or not. If the proprietor of a place of this kind tells his girls that he will not protect them if a man is robbed in one of the boxes, they will soon stop that line of operations and the mere stopping of the dancing will not help the situation, as a whole, one single bit."

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