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MAYOR WISE
Answers His Critics With a Bunch of Incontrovertible Facts.

Astoria, Or., January 25, 1908.
To the Editor of The Astorian—I enclose the following dispatch published in the Portland Telegram yesterday:

"Chicago Saloons to Banish Slot Machines—Music Will Also Disappear From 5000 Drinking Places by Order of Saloonkeepers' Organization. Chicago, Jan. 24.—Music and slot machines will disappear next week from 5000 Chicago saloons by order, not of the police, but of officials of the saloon keepers' organization. Closer observance of the Sunday closing ordinance also has been commanded, and drawn shades and unlighted windows advised for Sunday. At directors' meeting of the Chicago Liquor Dealers' Protective Association yesterday the decision to banish music and slot machines came after an earnest plea from several officials. The activity of State's Attorney Healy in the Sunday-closing cases and the work of the No-License and Chicago Law and Order leagues were declared to precede a saloon upheaval if close observance was not paid to the law."

This shows that the Chicago Liquor Dealers' Association has come to the conclusion that slot machines are a menace even to the decent saloon.

I call attention to the above dispatch because the friends and attorneys of indiscriminate gambling have recently had so much to say about card playing in Astoria. There's method in their madness. "If you let one kind of gambling go on, let everything open," is their cry.

The Mayor said in his annual message: "All gambling has been stopped." Still there is gambling going on.

What the Mayor did say is: "Indiscriminate gambling has been stopped."

Since the beginning of time as now and for generations to come, perhaps, men will play cards. And so long as they employ no professional dealers and boosters, so long as they don't go too far and keep young men out, it will be a hard matter to find a jury that will convict men of their acquaintance for playing a friendly game.

I never believe in wasting energy

RESIGNATION CALLED FOR.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Mayor McClellan has asked for the resignation of Magistrate Otto H. Droege, following a scandal as to conditions in the court over which he presides. The magistrate admitted publicly that he paid \$250 to a newspaperman to suppress a story which, it is alleged, described lax methods in his court. After consulting with a lawyer, the newspaperman accepted the money through a third person and then published the fact in addition to the original expose of the court methods. Mayor McClellan in his letter to the magistrate regrets the law does not vest in him the power of removal and states that the public interest demands the magistrate's immediate resignation. Magistrate Droege declines to discuss the letter or the action he will take.

RAILROAD WAR ENDED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—The Examiner says today that E. H. Harriman and George J. Gould have ended their war over the rival interests of the Southern Pacific and Western Pacific Railroads. It is said that under the peace agreement the two roads will cease fighting each other and pending law suits will be settled. This arrangement, it is said, was made this week in New York at a meeting between Messrs. Gould and Harriman.

BANKRUPTCY PETITION FILED

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Petitions in bankruptcy were filed yesterday against the Cream City Park Amusement Company, of Lyons, Ill., by creditors of the concern. It is said the liabilities of the company are \$160,000 and assets \$85,000.



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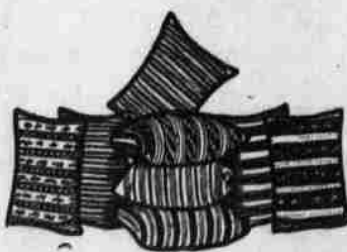


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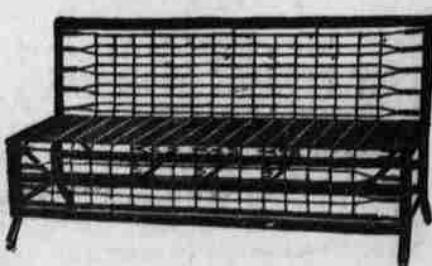


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and time in attempting the impossible. I can stop and propose to continue stopping robbery of the many by the few, so far as I can do it. The law gives us the right to seize any machine, wheel or similar device and destroy it, but the law does not give us the right to destroy a man. One is practicable, the latter is not practicable. Shall we therefore allow machines, wheels, etc., to run because we cannot successfully and immediately stop men from playing cards?

It might as well be said, because you cannot always get witnesses or juries to convict a man for breaking the expectorating ordinance, for instance, you should let the murderer go also.

There are perhaps 50 men in Astoria who play cards for money; there were over a thousand men who threw money into those plugged machines and doctored wheels. Only those who can play cards, or think they can play, indulge in a card game, while any old fool can find the slot in the machine or the spot on the wheel.

I do not pretend to say that card gambling is right. While men of means or without families may find it pleasant pastime, too many men waste time and money, which they could use to better advantage. But who will testify against them, and what juries will agree to convict? Still, I do say, if any cigar store or saloon should allow young men or poor men of families, to frequent card games for money, or if they should employ dealers or allow banking games, there'd be "things doing" all right. Reasonable people only ask reasonable action from their officers.

For instance, the law prohibits certain houses, of ill repute, yet how many people would favor the strict enforcement of that particular statute? Such action would tend to scatter the evil throughout the business section; as it is, the sore spot is confined and covered.

We might insist that no one be permitted to play cards for money in the open. Well, that would drive men behind closed doors, where young men who are now ashamed to play cards would feel safe behind locked doors.

They say the city might as well get revenue from these card games. They know full well that card games were never licensed nor fined.

The objections to machines, wheels

and manipulated more and more, and percentage games run by professionals were unfair, and men had no show at all or not one chance in nine. If some one were to start a factory that would distribute between a quarter and a half million dollars annually, how happy we would be. And yet some very good people kick because we have adopted a policy that keeps that much money in the pockets of the wage earners.

The people everywhere have decreed that these machines be stopped, or else they'd invoke local option. Hence the Liquor Dealers' Association of Illinois insists (for the protection of the decent men in the business) that the vicious machines, dance halls and pitfalls be obliterated. And the sooner the better element in Astoria and all over Oregon encourage

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NEW TO-DAY
New Grocery Store.

Try our own mixture of coffee—the J. P. B. Fresh fruit and vegetables. Badollet & Co., grocers. Phone Main 1281.

The Commercial.
The Commercial, Commercial street, near Eleventh, as everyone knows, is one of the most popular resorts in Astoria. Drop in at any time and see the class of people who patronize this popular place and you will be satisfied that, in entertaining a gentleman friend, you

and a quiet talk helps to pass a pleasant evening.

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Palace Restaurant.

A successful year has just closed for the Palace Restaurant and a new year opens. This year will, no doubt, be as successful for this popular restaurant as the past if not more so. The manner of treating the guests pursued there cannot but tend to hold the trade and bring those who have never heard of the Palace.

You Don't Need to Send to Portland. C. H. Orkwith, 137 Tenth street, can cover your umbrellas just as good as they can any place on the northwest coast.

Special Reduction Sale on Ranges, Stoves and Rugs at L. H. Henningson, 504-506 Bond street, next door to express office.

Bakery Reopened.
The Royal Bakery has reopened under new management and hereafter both bakeries, at 505 Duane street, and 273 West Bond street will be conducted by John Mushlauei who will supply the old customers and such new ones as may

Thirty-three Years
in Astoria



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