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Without reference to race, color, or nationality, all persons are independent, the gambling spirit is to be found in all times and places and under all human situations; it is as much a living spirit as any other phase of habit or instinct of mankind. Under these, however, it may submit to regulation or denial. It is among the easiest courses of human effort to submit, and the lure of adventurous risk adds to its charm always. It is older than any law, that ever sought to control it and will outlive every such law in days to come. It is part and parcel of human frailty and human courage, and as imperishable as human existence. War, politics, business, science, commerce, all the avocations and pursuits of man partake of it, and many of them flourish by it.

But these things do not preclude the duty and right of civilization to curb and direct the spirit, which like all others, may be turned to evil account and example. Society has the right to protect itself from every evil thing that besets it or threatens it, and will never forego that right. Only in this peculiar case, it can but mind the evil and force it into hiding. It is useless to hope for its annihilation, as chance can do.

Gambling has its myriad phases and degrees, but the same essential temper and purpose is behind it all. The coarser and grosser lines naturally carry the greater offense to the public sense of decency and these are the objects of the law in its efforts to maintain the social balance and spare the young of indulgence. But the inevitable trouble has always been, that those who are most venturesome for the specious project that has been devised for the chase andicker desperate of the up-country wheat.

Apropos of this situation, the time must come when Astoria is to be called upon for prompt and adequate assistance. We did so, and she must be ready to meet the demand quickly and spiritedly. We cannot afford to hesitate or quibble or evince a single dubious notion about it; she will have to get into line and harness and give every bit of clever and intelligent aid in her power and on the instant.

And again apropos, we are just in receipt of a letter from Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial Club, saying that he has never written, said, nor done, a thing relative to this matter of rates and terms as projected by the Farmers' Union; and in reply we can but say that the editor of this paper was in the Walla Walla country for a week recently and heard the name of that gentleman used repeatedly, by farmers who claimed that letters of advice, counseling them against any such departure had been received and discussed up there. And they were written by "Tom Richardson" of Portland. We deplored their error, and our own, and trust Mr. Richardson will lay it to the universal tendency among the people of the Northwest to charge everything of the kind emanating from Portland to the general manager of the Commercial Club there, in default of any intimate acquaintances with others in the same line of business at the metropolis. It is dangerous to be a ~~good man~~ and ~~bad~~ to be a ~~bad man~~ and ~~good~~.

This is the attitude of gambling and the law here in Astoria, as in all other places in the country. An appealing condition it would be for a town, and the entire representation of the place that achieves any such a result, and circumstances. Verily, it is well for the good of Astoria and every community.

## MONUMENTS AT A BIG REDUCTION.

During the month of April and May a reduction of 35 per cent will be made on monuments and tombstones at Oscar Laurel's Monument Works, 193 Franklin avenue (corner 26th street). Those who intend buying anything in this line should do so at once, to insure delivery before Decoration Day. Phone Red 2416.

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## LONG DELAYED TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD

### MONUMENT AND ORNAMENT HONOR AWARDED TO MAJOR L'ENFANT

Tommy Devlin of Philadelphia will box Danny Goodwin of Chicago before the Utopia Club of Memphis early in May.

Umpires O'Day and Emslie are the only veteran umpires of the National League who are now working together.

Johnny Kling says that the Cubs will win the championship without him. Wonder if John has his fingers crossed when he said that.

When it comes to wearing the correct sort of skins, fashion *Mad Charley* Dooce of Philadelphia has all the other ball players looking like *Sophomore Pete*.

Somebody touched Umpire McTaggart for his watch the other day, and the result of having an unbroken string, out to take anything from him is going to be.

On the 29th, the New York American pitcher, has been sold to Newark, who played with the Yankees "sod-busters" during the spring trip.

Three California league pitchers

took part in a recent Boston-Wash-

ington game, Weller and Arellanes

with the Red Sox and "Dolly" Gray

with the Nationals.

It is the 29th, the 29th, the 29th

all have a chance and Harry Lumley

and the Dodgers may be able to

place *Brooks* lead off high spot

before the season ends.

Jack Thoney of the Boston Ameri-

cans has not been sent to Muldoon's Farm. Jack can find plenty to do in

the air of the Red Sox without

hunting work at Muldoon's.

Governor Hughes of New York is

apt to put the kibosh on the fight

game. If he is as successful as he

was in the war against race tracks it

will be good night for the jugslists.

Jack Johnson, Al Kaufman, Sam

Langford and Sandy Ferguson all

say they intend to tour Europe.

Some of the powers on the other side

might take a fancy to this quartet

and make them join the army.

Manager George Smith of the Bis-

ons says that he has the best team

that has represented Buffalo since the

days of the civil war. George means

all right, but Jim McGuire can tell

more in a minute about those civil

war teams than George will ever

know.

On account of a big crowd of the

Boston National grounds recently

"Mike" Bowerman made a big hit

with a party of young ladies by invit-

ing them to sit on the Doves' bench.

And just before the game started, if

the heartless umpire didn't chase the

girls from the bench you can buy the

Singer building for eighty-five cents.

As has been the case with innumer-

able celebrities in all ages and all

countries, the services of Major L'

Enfant were but poorly appreciated

during his lifetime. The Government

records show that he never received

all that was promised him for his

services in laying out the seat for the

Federal government, though the

amount in question was about \$3,000.

Born in France in 1755, L'Enfant

came to America with Lafayette, and

entered the Continental army as an

engineer in 1777. He was made

a captain in February, 1778, and the

following year he was severely

wounded at the siege of Savannah.

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