

THE SCHEME WAS A FROST

Merrill's Proposition to Regulate Vicious Classes Gets a Cold Turn Down by the Commissioners.

Only a Substitute Resolution Passed, and Mayor Williams Smiled--Views of Citizens--Merrill Hands Out Hot Shot.

There was great disappointment among the spectators in the Council Chambers yesterday afternoon when the much-talked-of "Merrill Gambling Resolution" came up. The galleries were crowded with gamblers, boosters, steersmen and their ilk, while the ante-rooms down stairs were crowded with the "boss" gamblers and a couple of their legal representatives. All were on the anxious seat.

They were compelled to sit or stand and listen to all the dry routine business of the session, which was quite lengthy. The last thing on Auditor Devlin's desk was the resolution. It was called up and took its regular course and then a motion to adjourn was carried.

The spectators looked at one another in amazement. They wondered what had become of the resolution to throw the town open. They did not realize that the harmless little resolution had had any bearing on their cases and left the chamber disgusted with themselves for chattering in a whole afternoon waiting for something which did not materialize.

SUBSTITUTE MEASURE.
There is no doubt but that the resolution as introduced yesterday was a substitute measure for the one originally agreed upon. Some of the friends of what was originally planned admit this. They blame the evening papers for exploiting the matter Tuesday and laying the facts bare to the public. Some say they were misrepresented, but if so, it was not by the papers, as the reporters simply handled the facts as they came to them from authoritative sources.

There is no doubt but that the friends of the measure originally intended saw how the tide had turned against them, that they decided to abandon their hopes and introduce "any old thing" to make some kind of a showing.

RESOLUTION PASSED.
Contrary to expectations the resolution was introduced by Councilman Albee. It was thought that one of the committee of four who waited upon the Mayor in regard to the matter would introduce it, but none of them evidently cared to "kiss such a weak measure."

The resolution was only prepared a short time before the Council met and the Mayor had not seen it. When Auditor Devlin commenced to read it, however, His Honor recognized it instantly and leaning over on one elbow he placed his open hand behind his ear and listened attentively. At the conclusion of the reading Judge Williams, with a faint smile, started to take a vote. Mr. Bentley arose, however, and said: "I would like a roll call, so every Councilman here can go on record in this matter."

This was done and the measure passed unanimously. This was a foregone conclusion, as previous to the meeting the Councilmen had met and agreed to vote for the resolution.

INDORSEMENT NOT NEEDED.
While the Council was in session a messenger boy entered the chamber and handed the appended telegram to Mr. Fiegel:

WILLIAMS CREEK, Wash., Oct. 1.
"A. F. Fiegel, Mayor 700 will fight the Merrill resolution. Has Portland's poverty come to this?"

"M. E. THOMPSON."
It is claimed that Mr. Fiegel is the only member of the Council who would not agree to support the resolution as originally intended and he would have undoubtedly strongly opposed it. But he did not fight yesterday's resolution, but was heartily in accord with it.

DEFENDS HIS PLAN

Merrill's Scheme Not Understood Portland Needs Backbone.

Councilman Fred T. Merrill stated today:

"My proposed plan of regulating vice in Portland has created a controversy, in which the opponents of the movement are using arguments which are in no way pertinent to the issue. To hear some of the papers and people how, one would be led to believe that my idea was to establish schools in which the youth of Portland were to receive a course of training for lives in the underworld. They simply do not know what they are talking about. My idea is not to run what would be termed an 'open' town. The town in this sense is open now and always has been, in spite of the fuss of the reformers. Gambling and prostitution exists. No law on earth can change this phase of human life. The intelligence of many centuries has been given to the solution of the problem. Every experiment has been tried that mature judgment suggested. No improvement in conditions has been made. The way to reform is through the individual. To take the stand that humanity will grow better and persons will give up vice by the passing of an ordinance prohibiting these things is not worthy the consideration of anyone with intelligence.

HOW TO HANDLE THEM.
The only way to handle them is by regulation. Keep them concentrated and away from the temptation of the public.

Arrange it so that unless a person looks for these things he will not be subjected to their influences. As far as using fines collected from these sources in public improvements being an outrage and a libel on decency is Tommy-rot. The United States derives the greatest part of its revenue from the shortcomings of its subjects. The recognized wrongs are assessed. They get a rake-off from every drink of whisky that is used. The municipalities follow up this lead and make the users of liquor pay additional tribute. Drinking is a vice. Gambling and prostitution are vices and it is no greater offense against decency to take tribute from them than it is from the whisky or tobacco vices.

CALLS FOR BACKBONE.
If I am wrong in my contentions, then every city in the country is wrong. The regulation that is suggested is in vogue with great success in nearly every place of consequence in the land. I for one am not so bigoted that I place the experience of older cities in the shade. I do not think that the standards of morality of the people in other cities are of a lower order than those of the Portland people. I think that their intelligence is of just as high an order. The question is whether the people of Portland are right or the rest of humanity is wrong. For myself, I cast my lot with the majority and think that by so doing my chances for being right are better than by being guided by people who have never had any practical experience and figure out the problem from a theoretical standpoint.

If the people of the city who are in favor of my plan had the backbone to get out and take a stand on the issue there would be a surprise party sprung on some people who figure that the sentiment of the people is to permit things to dribble along as they are doing at present.

MAYOR IS PLEASSED

Thinks Most of the Police Do Their Duty.

Mayor Williams said: "The resolution passed yesterday pleases me greatly. I expected something entirely different. It is right in line with my personal views. I want the provisions of the city charter, which I quoted to The Journal recently, enforced. In the resolutions the very same sections are quoted. I am very glad to see that the City Council coincides with me. While gambling may be going on now in a small way, in time we will surely stamp it out. All we have to do is to keep hammering away at them and their patrons and the Portland Club and others will have to put up 'to let' signs."

BELIEVES IN POLICE.
"They cannot exist under the expense they are now running. I believe Chief of Police McLaughlin is doing his duty as best he can. We may have two or three officers on the force who are not as aggressive as they might be and if we find any of them working in collusion with the gamblers, they will be summarily dropped from the pay roll."

VIEW OF CITIZENS

Mayor William's Stand on Gambling Is Favored.

MAYOR IS RIGHT.
A. G. Barker, general agent Chicago & Northwestern, said: "I think Judge Williams' stand in the matter is correct. There is no doubt that grafting has been going on, and as it stood it was terrible. I don't think this should be an open town."

GORHAM WAS CONFIDENT.
E. B. Gorham, general agent Rock Island system, said: "Any movement that Judge Williams would advocate for the welfare of the city would meet with my hearty endorsement. It goes without saying that a man of his high standing and broad experience would advocate and support only what was for the best interest of the community."

NO GAMBLING TRUST.
H. G. Greene, president of the Electrical Workers' Union: "I am not in favor of opening gambling and forming a trust to the exclusion of the smaller gamblers. If gambling is to be open, why not run the Chinese lottery, fan tan games and all other short card games, and not compel a man to go to the larger houses and be robbed by a combination of grafters? If one is to be allowed to run gambling joints, why should that privilege not be extended to all?"

WANT LAWS ENFORCED.
H. G. Kundret: "I am satisfied that the laboring men of Portland are in favor of the enforcement of the state law dealing with gambling. They believe in a clean municipal administration, and that money can be raised in a legitimate manner to bear the burdens of the city."

government. They hold that the gamblers and lewd women are not producers of anything but crime, and if the Council would pay as much attention to the wage interests of the city as it does to this evil, improvement would be felt in all business lines."

NEWS OF THE COURTS

Writ of Habeas Corpus Is Being Argued in Judge Sears' Court.

A petition was presented to the County Court today asking that two members of the board of directors of the King estate be judged a quorum at directors' meetings.

S. W. Simmons, administrator of the estate of Henry Wilson filed the third account of the value of the estate with the County Clerk this morning. Mr. Simmons denies that the estate is fully administered and ready to be distributed. This last clause is in answer to the petition of Christine Enger praying for the distribution of the estate.

Earl Hanson will be brought before Judge Sears at 2 o'clock this afternoon on a writ of habeas corpus, on a charge of horse stealing, committed in Yakima County, Wash.

Motion for new trial was denied this morning in the following cases: McHargue vs. I. W. Butler, and John C. McCauley vs. Wm. A. McCauley.

Decrees for defendants were rendered in S. Silverfield vs. Julius L. Meier and L. T. Pierce vs. F. C. Forbes et al.

In the case of the London & Lancashire Insurance Company vs. Hannah Lardner,

ACROSS THE RIVER ARROW WILL FLY

New Steamer to Have Speed of Twenty Miles an Hour.

The steamer Arrow, under construction at the shipyard of Joseph Paquet, at the foot of East Oak street, is attracting unusual attention.

The vessel will be 120 feet in length, and 22 feet in width. She will have a depth of 9 feet 6 inches, and a draught of about 6 feet.

The vessel is built so that it will be enabled to run in very shallow water. She is equipped with triple expansion engines and is expected to make a speed of at least 20 miles an hour.

The first or main deck will be fitted up for the gentlemen passengers and benches similar to those used in railway coaches will be used. The upper deck will have the state rooms, a dining room and a social hall for the ladies. The entire boat will be fitted up with magnificent furniture of the very latest style.

The construction of the Arrow is under the supervision of Captain Cockran, well known in this city. Just who the captain represents or to what name the vessel will be put remains to be seen, as Captain Cockran will not give out the information.

There is a difference of opinion on this score as some well informed steamboat men say that the vessel will be put on the through run to Astoria, while others say

THE AUTO GIRL, WITH "THE STROLLERS."



At the Marquam Grand, Tonight.

Judge Sears allowed the defendant ten days in which to answer.

Demurrer in the case of Ross vs. Lazarus, was overruled.

In the case of George W. Anderson, administrator, vs. City & Suburban Railway Company, motion for new trial was denied and judgment allowed. The defendant was given 20 days in which to file a bill of exceptions.

The Lynch case was argued in the County Court today and was taken under advisement by Judge Webster.

that she will be run in opposition to the Columbia River & Puget Sound Navigation Company's steamer Figer between Tacoma and Seattle.

The new vessel has a greater speed than any of the boats on the river. The trip to Astoria can be made in four hours. There is no vessel at present running on the Sound with the speed of the Arrow. The vessel will only carry passengers.

WANT BULL RUN

Albina Residents Say Their Water Is Too Hard.

Albina residents are raising a howl over their water supply.

They say that they have a kick coming and intend to take advantage of the opportunity.

The source of the trouble is not hard to find. Some time ago the residents of Irvington made a protest to the Water Commission that their section of the city was without sufficient water supply.

The protest was unheeded and finally getting weary of the delay in supply of the liquid, the residents rose en masse, presented themselves at the office of the commission and demanded that their requests be granted.

The claim was made that they were unable to get any water above the first floor of their dwellings. After some little hesitation the petition was granted and Irvington was soon out off the Bull Run supply and put back on to the Albina system.

Now Albina people have had enough of well water and are making demands on the Water Commission that they again be put on the Bull Run line. They say that the Albina water is not only too hard for ordinary usage but that it is unhealthy. The claim is made that the majority of the sickness in the district is due to the use of the Albina system's water.

Met to Organize.

A meeting of the Oregon Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Synod was held last evening. Organization was effected for the purpose of making preparations for the meetings to be held this week in the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The meeting was called to order by C. E. Wooley, moderator. The devotional services were then conducted by Rev. W. R. Bishop.

The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Wooley, after which the roll was called by E. E. Thompson, clerk. In the election of moderators for the ensuing year Rev. J. C. Van Patton, of Dayton, Wash., was selected. A general social reception will be held this evening. The reception will be public and everybody is invited to attend.

A Sunday School Institute will be conducted tomorrow evening at the church. During the evening the women will conduct missionary services. The following ministers were in attendance: C. A. Wooley, R. R. Bond, G. W. Wall, W. R. Bishop, W. Metcalf, J. J. Dalton, J. C. Metcalf, C. J. Brown, E. E. Thompson, and also a number of lay delegates.

Iron Works Finished.

The Phoenix Iron Works has completed the erection of its new buildings at the corner of Hawthorne avenue, East Third and East Clay streets. The machinery for the plant is being installed and the operation of the works will be begun in a few days.

Woodmen to Play Drets.

The Sunnyside Woodmen of the World ball team will play the John Drew nine at the Sunnyside grounds Sunday morning. An interesting game is looked for, as both teams have several old scores to settle.

Progress on Large Main.

Fair progress is being made in the laying of the large 20-inch water main through Sunnyside. The main starts at the corner of Division street and Marger-

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et avenue and is already laid down to Hawthorne avenue, a distance of about half a mile. The pipe for the main has been distributed nearly the entire length of the main.

The pipe for the new 10-inch main to be laid on East Burnside street from East Eighth to East Twenty-eighth street is being distributed. Work on the digging of the trench will be begun as soon as the Sunnyside main is completed.

MASON HOME BURNED

Oriental Hall at Mt. Tabor Destroyed by Fire.

The East Side fire department was called out this morning by a still alarm for a fire in Oriental hall on West avenue, Mt. Tabor. Although a quick response was made, the building was destroyed.

A small residence adjoining the hall caught fire shortly after 1 o'clock but the firemen were powerless to check the spread of the flames, there being no water supply in the vicinity.

Oriental hall is owned by the Free Masons and was occupied by a number of other fraternal orders. The building is three stories in height and was only erected a few years ago.

The ground floor was occupied by Thomas Graham as a drug store and justice court. Both stock and building will likely be entirely destroyed.

Cow Case in Justice Court.

An interesting cow case is attracting the attention of Justice Seton's court this morning. The case is that of W. G. Linn, who has filed suit against Mrs. M. E. Hearn for the sum of \$30 and costs. After several rejections a jury was finally impaneled.

The plaintiff alleges as follows: He bought a cow from the defendant August 10, 1901, for the sum of \$30. At that time the animal looked sick and Linn claims that Mrs. Hearn promised to refund the money paid if the cow should die. Some time after the animal was purchased by a man named Letzel for the same amount. He, too, was promised the refund of the money if the animal should not recover from its illness. In June, 1902, the animal died and Linn refunded the promised \$30 to Letzel. The present suit was brought to have Mrs. Hearn keep her contract.

Activity at Sunnyside.

Real estate is picking up on the East Side. All the suburbs show activity in the building line. New houses are going everywhere, though the greatest activity is present in the vicinity of Sunnyside. About 50 residents are under construction in the district and many more are in contemplation. Work is progressing on the two-story brick on Belmont street between East Thirty-third and East Thirty-fourth streets. The building is being erected by T. S. McDaniel and will cost about \$4000. The size of the structure is 58x32 feet. Mr. McDaniel expects to have it finished by December 15.

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Says Pheasants Are Scarce.

Frank Kemp, the Sunnyside Bicycle man, was out yesterday in the vicinity of Kelley's Butte, near Montavilla. He reports the China Pheasants very scarce in that vicinity on account of the forest fires. "The country, though," said Mr. Kemp, "is full of quail." According to Mr. Kemp the woods are crowded with sportsmen.

Burned Walls Are Dangerous.

The walls of the brick structure, corner of East First street and Hawthorne avenue, which was destroyed by fire some time ago, are in a dangerous condition. One side of the wall is rather high and has no supports. It is a menace to passersby.

Sued for Balance Due.

The Ames Mercantile Agency has filed a suit in Justice Seton's court against L. D. Oake et al., for the sum of \$125, alleged to be due Moorehouse & Co on some merchandise purchased by a firm of which Oake was formerly a member.

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