

# THUGS GOVERN BUTTE

Lawless Surething Men Openly Swindle People Who Go Against Games That Are Supposed to be "Square."

St. Paul Newspaper Scores the Mining Town and Says that the Authorities Should Take Some Action to Save the City.

(Journal Special Service.) ST. PAUL, June 9.—A special to the Pioneer Press from Butte tells of a very lawless state of affairs at that city and urges that the authorities do something toward bringing the offenders to justice. The special says: "The game of graft as played in this city at the present time discounts the experience of any city in the United States. From every section of the country confidence men, highway robbers, gamblers, thugs and swindlers of every description have flocked in. The flat has gone forth that 'everything goes,' and from every state of the Union the mobmen of high and low degree have come rushing to Butte, being assured by the leaders of the practical band of rich pickings during the summer. "In the business heart of the city sure-thing games of all kinds are in daily and nightly operation, and every hour out of the 24 the women companions of the thugs who hold the city in their hands are finding victims. "A Gang of Thugs. "Cappers for the various games now in operation are hired as much for their ability to beat the life out of victims who become obnoxious as for their ability to beguile the unwary into betting on the games. Almost without exception these cappers are men without various cities for crimes of various kinds; they are desperate men, to whom the maiming of a fellow human being means nothing; they know that jail sentences await them if they are run to earth by the officials of the cities that treat them, and they figure that a year or so longer behind the bars will not hurt them. "East Park street, one of the main business thoroughfares of the city, is lined with swindling games, in which the 'suckers' could not win, even with a revolver and a knife. In these resorts are a dozen men, perhaps, who, at a signal from the boss bandit, set on and brutally beat the unfortunate fool who is unwisely enough to complain after being grossly robbed. "The other night while the street was crowded with men and women a sheep herder who had lost his year's wages in one of the sure-thing games, was attacked because he had dared to warn a friend not to bet on the same swindle. Six burly thugs jumped on him and

after battering him to almost a pulp, tossed him bleeding and senseless out on the sidewalk, less than 10 feet from where a policeman was standing.

**Inactive Police.** "Passing persons picked up the unconscious man and finally induced the policeman to ring for an ambulance in order that the mangled man might be taken to a hospital. The men who slugged the sheep herder and the boss pirate who gave the order to have him assaulted and half killed were not molested and are still doing business at the old stand. "Some of the supposed 'square' gambling houses 'shaped dice' are used in the crap games, and it rests with the men running the game whether or not the player wins. If they cannot use the player as a decoy he is boldly robbed, but if he can be made useful to the bandits who are in control he is allowed to win, that is, he is given 'fair dice.' "But all this is simply a side issue with the band of thugs and crooks that has the city by the throat. The racing season, when men with big money come from all over the state, will open in Butte in the near future and then will come the harvest of the swindlers, the confidence men and the sure-thing gamblers. The leaders of the band are swinging their men into line, coaching them as to the proper performance of their duties, and when the racing season begins Butte will experience, it is predicted, even by members of the police force, such a carnival of crime as never before has been heard of, even in this Western mining camp.

**Officials Are Indignant.** "On the bright sky of the mobmen, however, a cloud has appeared. Several of the Aldermen, who are at war with the Mayor, are talking of taking the law into their own hands and calling for an investigation of the policy of the chief executive of the city. No specific charge of dishonesty is made against the Mayor—it is his policy, rather, that is under fire—but an investigation that may bring forth sensational disclosures is talked of in a zestful way. "Montana has on her statute books a law providing that a policeman must, on complaint of a citizen, proceed directly to the place complained of, and, if gambling be found there, arrest the proprietor of the resort, and take him to court forthwith. Butte policemen pay no attention to this law. "Aw, go chase yourself; tell yer troubles to some one else," is the reply a victim gets when he ventures to make a complaint to a policeman. "Butte policemen wish to retain their places on the force—that is why no arrests are made, and why victims of the gamblers are invited to speedily seek a warmer clime when they make complaint."

**T. P. A. AT INDIANAPOLIS** INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 9.—The Hoosier capital has capitulated before an invasion of "Knights of the Grip," who have gathered from all parts of the country in tens and hundreds to attend the annual convention of the "Travelers' Protective Association." President Howard W. Peak called the gathering to order this morning and greeted an audience that filled Tomlinson Hall from floor to roof. The South and West were particularly well represented, showing the gain in membership which the association is making in those quarters. Reports of officers show a total membership of 22,000 scattered over many states. During the dozen years of its existence the organization has paid out nearly \$1,000,000 in indemnities. The convention will be in session three days, the business meetings alternating in the program with features of interesting entertainment.

## THE COOS BAY MEN WANT NEW STEAMER

Are Willing to Spend \$10,000 In Order That the Liner May Be Built.

Although many local merchants and steamer men are said to be of the opinion that there are enough liners now running between this city and Coos Bay, the people of the down-coast towns do not seem to hold the same view. And they appear willing to back their judgment with quite a large sum of cold cash. "The traffic between Portland and the Coos Bay cities is said to have increased very rapidly during the past few years, and it is thought that it will continue to grow. While additional steamers have been put on the run between the Columbia River cities and the Oregon Coast ports, many think that the trade is increasing so fast that the demand for carriers will soon be greater than available liners can handle. This is said to be one of the reasons why the men of Coos Bay want another vessel to ply up and down the prosperous Oregon coast. "Secretary Max M. Shillock, of the Board of Trade, this morning received the following letter from L. J. Simpson, a millionaire lumber man of North Bend, Or., one of the towns that is said to be benefited by a new steamer: "Replying to yours of June 3, in regard to the steamer question, will say that we desire to interest the Portland merchants in a freight and passenger steamer which will run between Portland, Coos Bay and San Francisco. The vessel will cost in the neighborhood of \$12,500, have a capacity of 12 knots per hour, be a coal-burner and built of wood at the yards of the Simpson Lumber Company on this bay. "The merchants of Coos Bay will probably take \$10,000 of the stock, and we ask the Portland merchants who are shipping into this country, and those who desire to enter this field, that they take an interest in this boat themselves. "It has not been decided whether we will build this boat or not; that will depend entirely upon what encouragement we receive at your hands and the hands of the San Francisco merchants. If there are any other questions you wish to ask in regard to this steamer proposition, I would be very glad to answer them. "The communication will be referred to the members of the Board of Trade."

**GROCERS IN SESSION** WACO, Tex., June 9.—Nearly every nook and corner of the state was represented this morning at the opening of the annual convention of the Retail Grocers' Association of Texas. The attendance completely eclipsed that of the Fort Worth convention a year ago, which evidences in itself the phenomenal growth of the association during the last 12 months. Business of a routine character occupied the greater part of the day. The gathering was called to order at 9 o'clock by J. H. Riley, president of the Waco association, and addresses of welcome were made by Mayor Sanford and representatives of the local business interests. The response was delivered for the visitors by John P. Kline of Texas, president of the association. Committee reports occupied the afternoon. Tomorrow the association will listen to addresses on trade topics by prominent business men of Texas and other states.

## SKELETONS ARE FOUND IN SHIPS

Vandalism in Connection With Sunken Vessels Over in Manila Bay—Sequel to Dewey's Great Victory.

Treasure in the Reina Christina Amounting to \$200,000 Fails to be Found by Divers Now Working.

(Journal Special Service.) SEATTLE, Wash., June 9.—Mail advices received in this city from Manila bring news of an act of vandalism that will probably be made the subject of a strict official inquiry. When the hull of the Spanish cruiser Reina Christina, which was sunk by Dewey's squadron in the early part of the Spanish-American War, was raised recently it was found that it contained the skeletons of 80 men who had gone down with the vessel or had been killed by the rain of shot and shell that poured on the ill-fated cruiser before she disappeared beneath the waves. Since the vessel was raised by a private contractor it has been visited by scores of curious persons. It has now come to light that many of the bones of the dead Spaniards have been stolen and carried away, presumably to be kept as relics. "Discovery of the act of vandalism has caused great indignation in Manila, and the papers there, regardless of political or race prejudices, strongly condemn the conditions that would make such acts of ghastly vandalism possible. It is probable that an official inquiry will be held and that those responsible for the care of the vessel and its contents will be held responsible and punished as they deserve. "The Reina Christina is said to have contained \$200,000 in gold when she sank. The money had been sent to Manila from Spain for the purpose of paying the men of the army and navy, but the unexpected arrival of the United States fleet prevented this, and before the treasure could be moved the vessel was under the fire of Dewey's guns. This at least is the story that was told by Admiral Montojo to his Government. "Money Not Found. "It now transpires that he may have to tell the story again and back it up with more substantial proof than his own unsupported word. A diligent search of the hull of the vessel has so far failed to disclose the hiding place of the treasure. The Admiral says he left aboard her when she sank to the bottom of the bay. "The Spanish gunboat Velasco has also been raised. It was found that comparatively few shots had struck her. She had been sunk by her own crew, who had opened the bilge cocks and the main injector valve. She will probably be sent to anchor at our port and put under the United States Navy. "Strength and vigor come of good food, duly digested. Force, a ready-to-serve wheat and barley food, adds no burden, but sustains, nourishes, invigorates."

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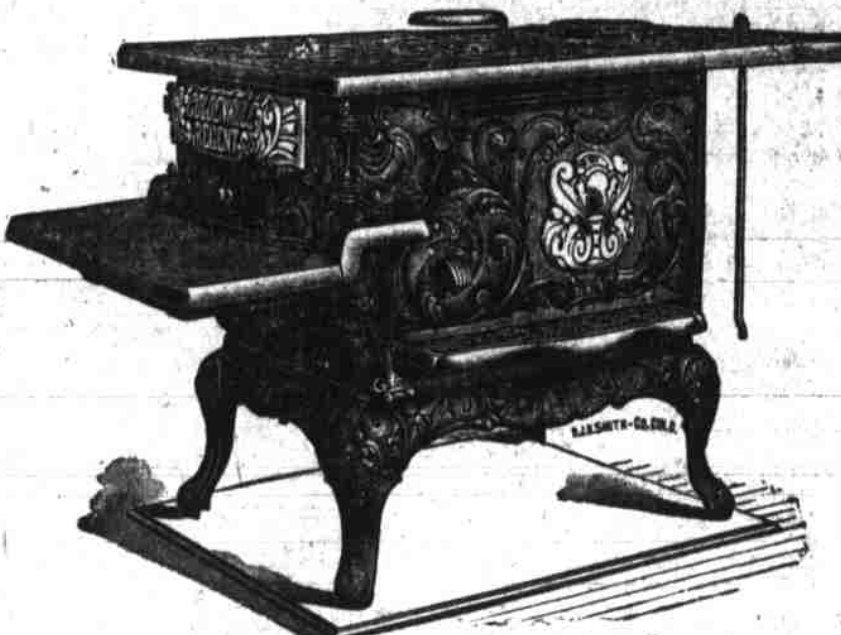
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**SOUTHERN PACIFIC MAY PUT ON TRAINS** General Manager Writes Regarding Service On West Willamette Side.

The people living on the west side of the Willamette have been trying for some time to have the Southern Pacific Company put on a train service that would enable the folk residing along that bank of the river to come to Portland in the morning and return to their homes the same day. The Journal recently published letters from interested parties at Independence and Corvallis, addressed to the Board of Trade, urging that this train service be arranged for at once. It is said by those residing in the up-river towns that the railroad company will be able to build up its business from that section of the state to a very great extent if this service is placed in operation. This morning, Secretary Max Shillock received the following letter from J. Kruttschnitt, general manager of the Southern Pacific: "SAN FRANCISCO, June 5.—M. M. Shillock, Portland Board of Trade: 'Dear Sir: I have your letter of June 3, regarding improvement in the train service on the west side of our division in Oregon. This matter is now under consideration by our traffic and operating departments, and we hope soon to be able to reach a conclusion that will be entirely satisfactory to all of our patrons in your vicinity. Yours, J. KRUTTSCHNITT.'

**HOSPITAL FOR THE BEND** (Journal Special Service.) SOUTH BEND, Wash., June 9.—Plans have been completed and actual construction work has commenced on a new hospital in South Bend. It is being built by Drs. Overmeyer and Kennedy and will be ready for occupancy by August 1. J. H. Lovering, the well-known architect and draftsman, made the plans.

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## RECORDERS' CONVENTION

DES MOINES, June 9.—At the annual meeting here today of the state association of County Recorders the following were among the papers presented and discussed: "The Need of a Thorough Organization and How to Perfect It," C. F. Moorman of Warren County; "Legislation: What is Needed and How to Secure the Same," H. L. Harvey of Harrison County; "The Importance of Records in the Recorder's Office as Compared With Those of Other County Officers," C. W. B. Derr of Jones County. In addition to these papers and discussions the meeting transacted considerable routine business relating to the affairs of the association.

## IF YOU HAVE DYSPEPSIA, READ THIS.

The old way of taking pepsin, bismuth, etc., to cure dyspepsia, is all wrong. They may be put up in tablets or in liquid, the result is just the same. The object is to create artificial digestion, but this does not make a cure. Stop taking the pepsin, etc., and you have your dyspepsia or indigestion back again. People use cocaine or opium for nervous troubles and sick headache. It does not cure, stop taking the drugs and the pain and distress return. The only Common Sense Method is to drive out of the system the cause of dyspepsia and sick headache by cleansing the stomach and bowels; at the same time using a medicine that will act on the liver. The force through the glands of the stomach the digestive fluid that nature intended. In this way you cure dyspepsia. The medicine that cures dyspepsia by this method is called Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills. They put the body in condition so that the different organs can do their work in a natural way. Druggists sell these pills at 25c per box, or we will send them post-paid, on receipt of 25c in stamps. Sample sent free. It only takes one pill for a dose. Address, Dr. Bosanko Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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