

THREATENS TO STOP GAMBLING

E. O. MAGOON SAYS THERE'LL BE A FIGHT IF SLOT MACHINES ARE NOT PUT ON EVEN FOOTING WITH OTHER GAMBLING DEVICES—A FEW HAD PAID FINES.

Owners of slot machines are angry at the closing of their business by the police after they had paid fines. E. O. Magoon and George Griffiths say they supposed that the fines paid for the privilege of operating the machines for a month. Mr. Magoon said that if the machines were not allowed to run there would be a fight that would close all gambling in the city, or would put the machines on equal footing with other gambling devices.

E. O. Magoon, who represents a slot machine company, said today:

"The cry that slot machines are any worse than other sort of gambling is all rot. The idea that it is less of a gamble to buy a nickel and place it in a machine instead of putting in the nickel in a hand is a fallacy. The slot machine is a cash investment of a nickel. Chief Hunt practically promised that money machines would be allowed to operate, providing that they would pay a fine of \$10 a month each. On the basis of this promise I paid \$360 in fines. The next day he ordered the machines closed. That this was the understanding with the chief is evidenced by the circumstances, for if he had been fair and told us he would not permit them to run it is not likely that any sane man would spend money for a privilege unless he had reason to believe that it would be granted him."

Would Close All Gambling.

"Unless things are patched up so that we can run on some basis there will be 'something doing.' We have no desire to do any else with. We have no desire that we should be put out of business and others in but slightly different lines are permitted to violate the laws. The slot machine men, backed by the saloon-keepers who derive revenue from machines, are a powerful combination, and will not stand imposition. It is a question of equal privileges for all, and no favoritism for a few. If the war opens it will result in a closed town, or a fair deal for everyone. The influences that we control, especially the daily press, would not permit them to settle open gambling in short order if it comes to a question of war to the knife."

Will Not Fight.

M. J. Cohn, identified with S. Morton Cohn in the slot machine business, said: "As far as our firm is concerned we are taking up all our machines and closing them. We have no desire to violate any laws, and will abide by the policy of the administration. We cannot make any money if the machines are operated only on a trade basis. It would be impossible to keep people from putting nickels into them, and it would not pay to change the feet of the machine only some particular kind of slug could be inserted."

"I don't think that it is wise at this time to make any fight against the big gamblers, for in my opinion the days for open gambling in Portland are drawing to a close. The judges that decided on the mandamus proceedings brought by the Municipal association are men learned in the law, and I do not think that their decision will be reversed by the supreme court. If, through some condition, the gamblers should continue to run under a system of fines it would be no more than right that slot machines should be permitted to run under proper restrictions, and we would undoubtedly make an effort to have the machines reinstated."

"I am as radically opposed as anyone to having machines in places where boys are permitted to play, and think that that should not be tolerated. All the sentiment against the machines originated in the practices of unscrupulous persons allowing minors to play in cigar and confectionery stores."

Frank Griffiths, a slot machine man, said: "I have many thousands of dollars invested in slot machines. Up to two weeks ago they were all trade machines, and everything was running smoothly. Those machines were not paying a fine for the privilege of running. The chief of police gave out the information that slot machine owners must pay fines the same as owners of other gambling devices. The impression was left that in this event the cash machines would be permitted to run. I paid him several hundred dollars and had no idea that he was not in a position to live up to his promises, and that machines would be permitted to run for at least a month. He has decided that a money machine is one wherein the nickel appears in sight. We can easily remedy this by covering up the glass where the money shows. But we maintain that if it is right under the law to put in a slug, we will not be satisfied. It is also right to put in a nickel point will in time be settled by the courts."

PORTLAND IN BETTER HEALTH

According to the figures completed by Health Officer Biersdorf, Portland's death rate during the last year shows a decided improvement over the preceding year. There were in 1902 deaths to the number of 1,151, which with an estimated population of 115,000 means a death rate of 10.01 per 1,000, and in 1903 the deaths numbered only 1,207. The estimated population is 125,000, and this means a death rate of 9.65 per 1,000. Those figures give Portland next to the lowest death rate of any large city in this country.

The birth rate shows an increase, the total for 1903 being 1,544, against 1,199 in the previous year. Contagious disease shows a decrease, the comparative figures for scarlet fever and smallpox being as follows:

Disease, 1902, 1903, Inc. Dec.
Scarlet fever.....248 195 .. 53
Smallpox.....246 175 .. 71

CONTRACTOR EXPLAINS.

J. C. Lewis, the contractor who is excavating for the new Trinity church at Nineteenth and Couch streets, charged with dumping refuse in the street, had his case continued until January 24. The judge issued the warrant because he said it was not fair to allow one contractor to haul dirt along the streets in scrapers and not give others permission. Mr. Lewis told the court that he had furnished a sufficient bond to put the thoroughfare in as good condition as he had found it.

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MORE THAN 100 WEDDINGS A MONTH

RECORDS OF THE CUPID CLERK FOR 1903 SHOW THAT HE CAUSED 2,520 HEARTS TO BEAT AS 1,900—EVEN TO THE ALTAR DURING HOLIDAYS.

It was a marriage year in Portland, was 1903. The holidays were the most popular for weddings. At least that is what the record of marriage licenses at the county clerk's office shows that between October 17 and December 25, there were 260 bridegrooms. An entire record was consumed by the entries made between those dates.

During the whole year 1,260 licenses were granted, but it is noticeable that no one week was so many granted as during the days preceding the holidays. November 25, the day before Thanksgiving, 14 offered themselves for the better or the worse. On November 24, nine licenses were issued. Between December 23 and December 25 there were 26 applicants for licenses. Between Christmas and New Year's there were 25 applicants. By dates they were as follows:

December 22, 10; 23, 11; 24 (Christmas eve), 15; 25, 4; 30, 9; 31 (New Year's eve), 5. Only one license was granted on January 2, 1904, and only one license, that of John V. Grace to Lapoltena A. Burkhardt, was granted up to noon today.

The licenses granted up to the closing of the county clerk's office on New Year's eve and the one issued today are as follows:

Eugene Harvey, aged 28, and Harriet Martin, 18.
John D. Thompson, aged 28, and Pearl M. Steiner, 23.
George Rasmussen, aged 29, and Marcia I. Brown, 17.
Joseph J. Johnson, aged 31, and Ella Crawford, 21.
Carl E. Caulfield, aged 22, and Helen Agnes Dukes, 22.
John V. Grace, aged 27, and Lapoltena A. Burkhardt, 20.

CHARGE MURDER TO HEINZE'S MEN

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION OCCURS IN BUTTE MINE WHICH RESULTS IN LOSS OF LIFE—GREAT EXCITEMENT CAUSED FROM BELIEF OF VENGEANCE.

(Journal Special Service.)

Helena, Jan. 2.—One man was killed, another fatally injured and still another nearly asphyxiated as a result of an explosion and gas arising therefrom in Michael Davitt mine at Butte last night. The explosion is charged by the Amalgamated Copper company officials to having been caused by the Heinze men, a part of Heinze miners to annihilate the employees of the rival concern. The dead is Samuel Olson, a miner. Fatally injured, John Drivel, a miner. Foreman John Poulama, who upon hearing the report, rushed to the scene of the explosion and was overcome by gas and would have been asphyxiated but for the bravery of a party of rescuers, who dragged him from danger. The title to the Michael Davitt mine, which lies between the Pennsylvania and Rarus mines, is owned by the Amalgamated and United Copper companies, respectively, and is in litigation between them.

The Pennsylvania miners were engaged in work under orders of the United States court to ascertain to what extent Heinze had looked the ore bodies of the Michael Davitt as alleged by the Amalgamated people. It appears that miners were engaged in stopping passages from their upraise into the Heinze mines and were working to prevent blasting smoke from the miners creeping in on them, thus driving them from their work.

Without warning there was a deafening crash, it is alleged, on the Heinze side of the door, which blew the door from its place and crushed the timbers. The noise attracted foreman Poulama, who rushed to the scene, but the sweep of gas from the Rarus mine overcame him and but for several miners who had followed him he would have perished.

Sheriff J. J. Quinn and force of officers are at the mine and if he can locate the blame he will make arrests.

The excitement is intense and the contending forces of miners are wrought up to such a high degree that it forbodes further trouble. Deputy State Mine Inspector Joseph J. Berry was at once notified of the affair, and he sent a number of State mine inspectors, John Byrne of Helena, requesting him to come to Butte as quickly as possible. Byrne left Helena for Butte on this morning's train.

An inquest will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the interior of the mine. No one is allowed to enter the mine, so the extent of the damage cannot be learned.

Feeling on the part of the Amalgamated miners is running high and further trouble is predicted. C. W. Goodale, who has charge of Boston and Montana properties, openly declares that it was a deliberate attempt on the part of Heinze employees to murder the Pennsylvania miners. He says he will prosecute the case vigorously in the criminal courts and furthermore proposes to call the attention of the federal court to the alleged attempt to frustrate his order of the court, permitting an untrammelled survey and inspection of the Davitt property.

CAPT. A. W. CLOTHIER O. N. G. IS SUSPENDED

Capt. A. W. Clothier, Company C, was suspended by Colonel Gantenbein for failure to pay the quarterly allowance due from him as commanding officer of Company C, for rent and band assessment for the quarter ending September 30, 1902. Lieut. L. A. Bowman was chosen the captain's successor.

Captain Clothier said today: "I have no desire to criticize the acts of a superior officer, so will say nothing whatsoever."

BACK FROM CALIFORNIA.

James Truquhart of the Postal Telegraph company, the oldest operator on the Coast, has just returned from a two months' trip to California. No section looked to him quite so good as Oregon and in none did business seem so brisk.

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GAMBLING FEES CHIEF REVENUE

ALMOST TWO-THIRDS OF POLICE REVENUE CAME FROM LOCAL GAMBLING HOUSES LAST YEAR—LARGE INCREASE SHOWN IN NUMBER OF ARRESTS.

Some figures in Chief of Police Hunt's annual report show that under the existing system of fining the gambling houses at stated intervals, which was not in use in previous years, \$32,805 was turned into the city treasury. The total receipts of the department amounted to \$46,774.05, the sum being collected aside from the gamblers' tribute being \$13,969.05. The amount was \$5,502 in 1902 and \$9,571 in 1901.

The total number of arrests for the year just closed was 6,078. This includes the gamblers, however, who were arrested 24 times a year. For the year previous it was 3,409 and for 1901 5,667 fell into the hands of the police. Chief Hunt attributes the increase to the fact that an unusual number of floating population has drifted into Portland and he has kept his men busy picking up the suspicious characters and driving them out of the city.

The figures showing the number of arrests for several of the more common offenses show well for the work of the department in 1903. The great number of minors taken into custody either proves that the juvenile population of Portland is growing, or that the officers have been unusually successful in arresting youngsters who get into trouble. The following table is of interest:

	1902	1903	1901
Arrested for begging.....	109	58	64
Vagrancy.....	591	191	317
Minors.....	1,045	329	376

CHINESE SLAVE GIRL FOUND

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Lam Gow was apprehended in a raid on the Chinese lodging house at the corner of Fourth and Pine streets last Tuesday night. He gave himself up and volunteered the information that he was Lam Gow, but denied positively that he was concerned in any way with the marriage and mysterious flight of Moy Bun, a slave girl. Even when confronted by Moy Bun, who identified him as the man whom the tongs adjudged responsible for the slave, he persisted in his denial.

Si Ho, a slave girl in the same house, was also apprehended at the raid and testified before the immigration inspectors. She at first disclaimed an acquaintance with Chow Sheem or Lam Gow, but when confronted by Moy Bun, who had heard her testify before the tongs, admitted that Lam Gow had had various clandestine meetings with Chow Sheem before her escape. She testified that Lam Gow came to her room to meet Chow Sheem a few hours before the latter escaped to the Rescue home, and he supposed that the highlander then gave the girl notice to escape. Chow Sheem reached the Rescue home early on a Sunday morning and the Saturday night previous she was in conference with Lam Gow until after midnight, according to her testimony before the tongs.

The apprehension of Lam Gow, Si Ho and several other suspicious characters in the raid at Fourth and Pine streets last Tuesday night caused consternation in Chinatown the next day. The whole trouble was laid at the door of Moy Bun, who was accused of instigating the raid.

SENATOR FULTON IN A NEW ROLE

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)
Washington, Jan. 2.—Senator Fulton in a Washington Post interview today predicts that Roosevelt will carry Oregon by a big majority in the coming presidential election. "The public opinion," he says, "has been impelled by the land rulings of Secretary Hitchcock," says the senator, "but unfavorable election results have been avoided by a recent order permitting a renewal of timber and stone entries."

On this point Senator Fulton continues: "There are Republicans in Oregon who have been opposed to features of Mr. Roosevelt's administration. They have not been opposed to Mr. Roosevelt personally. An order by his secretary of the interior, Mr. Hitchcock, suspending proof in entries for stone and timber lands caused wide dissatisfaction. If that order had not been revoked it would have proved a heavy handicap for the president in his campaign of 1904, so far as Oregon is concerned. I do not want to be understood as saying that Mr. Roosevelt would have lost the state, but his majority there would have been materially reduced. The order affecting the proof in land cases created great dissatisfaction in Oregon and worked much hardship."

"We went to the president a few days ago and had an opportunity to explain to him how the new order was working and he promptly directed that it be revoked."

DRUG BUILDING BURNS.

Columbus, Jan. 2.—The Peruna Drug company's new brick building was destroyed by fire this morning with a loss of \$150,000.

VOTERS' REGISTER OPEN NEXT MONDAY

RECORDING OF NAMES OF THOSE WHO WISH TO CAST BALLOTS AT THIS YEAR'S ELECTIONS WILL CONTINUE UNTIL NEXT MAY 15.

General registration for the state and county elections next June, and for the presidential election next November will begin at the county courthouse next Monday. The registration books will be open from January 4 to and including May 15. As May 15 falls on Sunday registration may close the evening before. The question has never come up before since the registration law went into effect.

To qualify as a voter at these elections a man must be a citizen of the United States or have declared his intention to become such a year prior to the date of his registration. He must be of legal age, and must be a resident of the state six months, of the county 90 days and of the precinct in which he resides 30 days before the date of his registration. Young men foreign born cannot register unless their fathers have taken out their second papers prior to the time the children became 21 years of age.

It was the experience at the county clerk's office, where the registration books are kept, during the last registration two years ago, and during previous registrations, that many voters appeared for registration who could not tell the street or number, or otherwise describe the location of their residences except in a general way. This caused delay. The county clerk desires to have it understood that voters applying for registration must be able to give the location of their residences exactly.

The registration two years ago for the state and county elections was: In 1901, 2,754; in 1902, 2,754; outside of the city, 2,754; total, 20,329. Owing to the considerable increase in population of both Portland and Multnomah county it is expected that the total registration will reach a much larger number this year.

GERMAN SHIP CLEARS WITH GRAIN

NOW LYING IN STREAM AND WILL LEAVE DOWN TOMORROW MORNING—SULLIVAN HAS SHIPPED THE CREW REGARDLESS OF OTHER ATTEMPTS BY SKIPPER.

The German ship Christel cleared this morning for the United Kingdom with 14,993 bushels of wheat and 107,118 bushels of barley. She is now lying in the stream and will leave down tomorrow in tow of the Har-vest Queen. Kerr, Gifford & Co. are the exporters of the grain.

Although Captain Murthmann, the master, schemed in every possible way to secure a crew independent of the sailor boarding-house proprietors, he finally failed when the time came to make the supreme test, Larry Sullivan shipped the men this morning in his usual methodical and easy manner. The German captain did not succeed in escaping him, and he was now in the head, as he had carefully planned to do.

When the captain made an attempt to sign his own men, Sullivan is said to have put in an appearance, and claimed that they were his regular boarders. He stated, so the story goes, that they all had him by the bills, and that he was entitled to ship them if anybody did. He also contended that he is the only person licensed by law to ship crews at this port, and the captain was infringing upon rights exclusively his own.

The argument carried the desired weight with the tongs, and the matters were immediately satisfactorily arranged by which Sullivan was given the business for which he asked.

UNKNOWN WOMAN DID NOT DIE UNNATURAL

County Physician Darnell Says She Died of Disease—First Believed That Unfortunate Had Been Buried Alive—Will Investigate.

(Journal Special Service.)

Kalama, Wash., Jan. 2.—Dr. R. E. Darnell, who has just arrived from Woodland, reports the death of the unknown woman to be from natural causes, supposedly pneumonia. She lived on the upper Kalama river and was a Finlander and was keeping house for two Finlander men. The men were married and their wives were on their way from Finland to the city. The men obtained the girl in Portland. Neither of them could speak English and the names of the men or the woman cannot be learned. They brought the girl to Woodland yesterday. She died Thursday night at 11 o'clock, and Woodland people offered her the assistance in her burial. The men dropped the burden and hurried away. The girl wore no other clothing but a thin gown, on the front of which were the initials "E. T." embroidered, and a heavy pair of old cotton stockings. The body was encased in a rough box made from fir with fir boughs around her. The excitement was great at first, as some thought the girl had been buried alive and all suspected foul play. After the burial County Physician R. E. Darnell and Coroner Wendt were called. The body was exhumed and a post mortem examination held. The excitement is dying down, but the case will be further investigated.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Nomé City has about completed her grain cargo for San Francisco. She is scheduled to sail tonight.

The steamer Columbia sails tonight for San Francisco with a full cargo of general freight, being unable to take all that was offered.

A. E. Hastings, who has been stenographer and clerk in the employ of the O. R. & N. Co. at the Alinsworth dock for a number of years, has resigned to accept a similar position with the wholesale firm of Wadham & Co.

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BURYING HER DEAD

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tiny flames creeping along the scenery as part of the display and they laughed and clapped their hands in delight. The ushers on that floor are said to have run on discovering that without making an effort to get the children out. At the downstairs exits the survivors saw the men were compelled to knock the ushers down before the doors could be opened. Twenty persons were detained and arraigned this morning. The cities were reset for trial after the inquest, and no testimony was heard. Four of them are members of the company and are the principal witnesses. Their bond was reduced from \$5,000 to \$1,000 each. Twenty chorus girls are kept under surveillance to prevent their departure from the city.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The president received the following cablegram from Kaiser William:

"Berlin, Jan. 2.—I am, agitated at the news of the terrible catastrophe, which befell the people of Chicago. The emperor and myself wish to convey to you how deeply we feel for the American people, who have been so cruelly visited in this week of joy. Please convey the expressions of our sincerest sympathy to the citizens of Chicago. May providence in the coming year shield you and America from such accidents."

OFFICIALS ARE ARRESTED.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Messrs. Davis and Powers, proprietors and managers of the Iroquois theatre, and George Williams, a city building inspector, who were arrested last night on the criminal charge of manslaughter, on complaint of Arthur Hull, who lost his wife and three children and a maid in the holocaust, appeared before a justice this morning and gave bonds of \$10,000 each.

CLOSE ALL THEATRES.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—Mayor Harrison, at the request of the building commissioner, will this evening order that all theatres in the city be closed indefinitely until the laws be fully complied with.

SPOKANE'S FIRE DRILL.

Unique Arrangement Made by Manager Dan Weaver.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 1.—Manager Dan Weaver of the Spokane theatre, announced this afternoon that regular drills would be held with the people in attendance at the Spokane theatre in the future and instead of allowing them to leave the building by the front doors as usual the people would be made to climb down fire escapes and other exits. The announcement was made on account of the catastrophe at Chicago. The Spokane theatre is not well provided with exits and the fire commissioners have already inspected the building and ordered new doors to be constructed. A balcony will be placed across the entire front of the building for the use of the gallery patrons. Manager Weaver says he will enforce the fire escape rule for the purpose of teaching the people where they are located and how to use them so that if a fire ever should occur the people in the building would know how to escape in the quickest possible manner.

MOVIE SECRET'S LOSS.

A. L. Craig, general passenger agent of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company recently received a telegram from J. C. Stubby, traffic director of the Southern Pacific at Chicago, stating that owing to the death of the wife and daughter of Chief Clerk Secret the Chicago office would be closed today. Mr. Secret lost his wife and daughter in the Iroquois disaster and as he is well known to many local railroad men a general sadness over his loss is apparent on railroad row. Mr. Secret, besides being well known to many local officials, was a personal friend of Mr. Craig's.

IMPLEMENT MEN ORGANIZE TONIGHT

The implement men of Portland will hold a meeting to organize an association at 8:30 o'clock tonight in the rooms of the Commercial club. They will elect officers and draw up a constitution and by-laws.

"The club is not for business, but only a social gathering of all the men in Portland in any way connected with the implement trade," said R. S. Darrow this morning.

The movement to organize was begun at the implement dealers' banquet last Tuesday, which was given to L. W. Car-

nahan and H. J. Vaughn, who were leaving Portland for San Francisco.

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