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TODAY'S WEATHER. Portland, March 30.—For Oregon and Washington, showery weather. Local weather for the twenty-four hours ending at 5 p. m., yesterday, furnished by the U. S. department of agriculture, weather bureau:

A hot-tempered critic indignantly asks "Don't you know that the ministers who are against you carry with them the individual support of their church membership?"

It is our knowledge that this is not the case that gives us strength. Mr. Landen, Mr. Dilworth, and Mr. Staver represent by no means the rank and file of the Presbyterian, Methodist, or Congregational churches, as may be seen from the interviews we have published in this paper.

If after their first spasmodic gasp of indignation at our course, they would act, do something, call meetings, keep up the flame, and work as if they felt and knew there was some feeling in them that had to find its outlet in action, then indeed each of them could be counted as a hundred.

They protest too much. The leading vein of argument running through their expressed ideas is "shame on the community that cannot enforce its statute laws." Now are not these gentlemen portions of the community? Will they deny that they, in common with everybody else, have known ever since the first week of their lives in this city, that the town is overrun with gambling dens and halls for men and boys?

And what have they done to stop it? They knew of the statute law, they knew of the hellish transactions that disgrace this city daily. And yet, what have they done? Absolutely nothing. They, the leaders of public morals, of religious thought and training in the community, have stood by idly without a sign of action.

Wake up to the truth of this question. Throw off the supposition that this thing can be absolutely abolished, when you own inaction in the past is the strongest proof against your statement. Try to mix the leaven of common sense with your mass of theoretical impracticability. Only a little of

it, for your own Bible tells us: "a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." The gambling evil is a degrading curse, but one which has withstood all efforts to uproot it. Let it, therefore, be controlled and confined within the narrowest possible limits.

It is Bismarck's birthday tomorrow and it is likely there will be more significance than ever before, attending its celebration this year. William and his Capri have got the empire into a scrape over the army bill. First, they tried tinkering the foreign policy and managed to offend Russia and cause the French and Russians to become great friends. Then the alliance of Germany, Austria and Italy has been weakened by a series of follies; and William had the littleness to interfere to prevent the reception of Bismarck in Vienna that the court would have been glad to give him.

Is it unjust for us to declare that when three clergymen attempt to touch in a timid way the question which is at the bottom of our present municipal discontent, they are so wedded to the established order, and so fearful of the impending revolution that their ingenuity is chiefly exercised in evading the point?

The Evening Budget, organ of Swilltown, and controlled body and soul by the gamblers and blacklegs of our city, attempted yesterday to make capital out of the fact that we had called twenty of the men interviewed in its columns "criminals."

We did more than that. We called them "self confessed criminals." And this is why we did it.

There is on the statute books of Oregon a law making gambling a crime. The following is the first section of this law: Each and every person who shall deal, play or carry on, open or cause to be opened, or who shall conduct, either as owner, proprietor, or employee, whether for hire or not, any game of faro, monte, roulette, rouge-et-noir, lasquet, rondo, vingt-un (or twenty-one) poker, draw poker, brag, thaw, or any banking or any other game played with cards, dice, or any other device, whether the same be played for money, checks, credits, or any other representative of value, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction there of shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, and shall be imprisoned in the county jail until such fine and costs are paid; provided that such person so convicted shall be imprisoned one day for every \$25 of such fine and costs; and provided further, that such imprisonment shall not exceed one year.

Twenty of the men interviewed by the Swilltown organ run or own gambling tables, and every day of their lives, in this way, are guilty of open crime. They are therefore criminals. Whoever and whatever they are, they are criminals in the eyes of the law and nothing less.

One "cigar" man naively declares that the ordinance would injure his business, though how a gambling affair could have anything to do with the "cigar" business he fails to explain. Four others gravely protest that it would close up a number of saloons, and these gentlemen also forget to demonstrate to an inquisitive public how a legitimate saloon can be injured by an ordinance to restrict gambling.

In short, without any beating about the bush, these disreputable operators are criminals. They derive three-fourths of their revenue, under the guise of honest merchants, from their schools of corruption and from the worse than robbery of our young men that goes on in the back rooms of their establishments.

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Specimen Cases. S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength.

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