

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor:—

This question of licensing gambling is to be decided by the city fathers at the next meeting of the council. In response to your invitation for a full and free discussion we ask a little space in your columns. There are no means which men adopt for money-making more dishonest than gambling, whether it be by betting at a horse race, on a candidate, at a faro bank, or by taking risks in "futures" and "corners." It is thoroughly dishonest. It violates the laws of both man and God. It takes without giving an equivalent, and hence is robbery.

Again, it is the fruitful source of other crimes. It has caused the financial ruin of millions, plunged mothers, wives and children into poverty and shame; it has tempted men to commit forgery and robbery; it has caused men to take their own lives, and its whole track is covered with ruin and shame, fortunes and lives wrecked, reputation blasted, homes made wretched. It is demoralizing to society, debauching old and young. All good citizens will probably agree with me thus far.

Now the question is, shall we restrict, or shall we prohibit the evil? Some say, "men will gamble; we cannot stop it; we ought to make those who keep gambling houses pay well for the privilege." We hesitate to oppose those who say, "let us restrict the nuisance all we can"; we hesitate to oppose any one whose face seems to be set against the evil, however much we may think him mistaken in his plan of attack. We oppose license only because we are most thoroughly convinced that it will prove a hurtful, disastrous mistake. It is not a harmless experiment, it is not a step that can be taken and easily retraced.

We believe that license is a legal recognition of the gambling house to exist, and that it extends to the business a protection which it does not have under what is known as the common law; for under the common law the citizens of a community could proceed against even a so-called orderly gambling house. But if once protected by a license permit, it can defy the unanimous will of the community.

Again we oppose license because it debauches the public conscience, and men are led to favor it from purely selfish motives; because it helps pay the taxes. We believe it the worst kind of policy to enrich an evil, as license invariably does, behind the cupidity of the tax-payer. Again we oppose license because it is educating the community in the wrong direction. No other thing is so educative to the masses as law. With them, that which the law permits is right because the law forbids it, and that which the law forbids is wrong because the law forbids it. This supreme educative power should be against the evil, and not for it. It is the worst of policy to make the law educate in favor of evil. With the masses, the knowledge that an evil is under the ban of the law is a restraint.

So that whatever may be the subtleties of our theories touching license and the explanations which justify it, with the masses it comes within the scope of this logic: that which the law permits is right, that which the law forbids is wrong. To license gambling is to give it respectability in the eyes of the people. But some contend that licensing will place safe-guards about it, and so elevate the business. If this were true it would supply another reason why we should oppose it with might and main. The business is devilish per se, and we should do nothing to make it seem otherwise. But the assumption is false.

License will not lessen the amount of gambling, or remove a single temptation. The effect of a license law is to place the business in the hands of a more enterprising, deep-pursed, and dangerous class of men—men who have the ability to plan, and the brains to organize financially and politically. It only places the business in the hands of a sharper class of scoundrels—men who have both brains and money to give organization to villainy. A monopoly in any trade or business is a curse to the community. But a monopoly in the business of robbing men and filling the land with crime and criminality, will prove the curse of curses. But what is the alternative? Enforce the law.

We are occupying a most dangerous position no longer as just laws are systematically and contemptuously set aside. A community that fears to put forth the effort to enforce a just and wise law, will soon have no law enforced. How happens it that more men are being lynched for murder than are executed by a legal process? Because the community is so timid in asserting its rights, that this timidity leads to a tramping of law under foot in this twofold form, in the crime itself, and in its punishment. The fear that does not dare to do the thing that ought to be done, provokes an increase of every evil and every form of violation. It has been proved by a hundred years experience in American politics that the only safe thing for the people is to do right and allow Providence to take care of the results. At all hazards, honorable men must avoid moral iniquity in political and municipal affairs. The experience of the past century discloses one clear, unmistakable fact: the utter failure of all half-way measures.

The attitude of the community should be one of uncompromising hostility to all forms of gambling. Let us have the state law enforced. Morality, patriotism, and religion alike demand this. Sincerely, DANIEL STAYER.

OUR DAILY MARINE COLUMN.

The barkentine North Bend came in last night 23 days from Santa Rosalia in ballast.

The Manzanita returned from Portland yesterday.

The North German Lloyd Steamship Company is constructing a pavilion at the World's Fair, in the middle of which there will be placed a large map of the world, on which the daily position of all the steamers will be represented by miniature craft that will be moved from day to day to correspond with the movements of the steamers of the company all over the world.

The schooner Enterprise has nearly finished loading lumber at the Clatsop Mills.

A bark called the Caller Ou left Hull, England, November 19, 1891, was in Grimsby Roads December 8th, and was never afterward heard from until a batten was picked up near Kilshea, January 9, 1893, on which were deciphered the words: "May the Lord comfort my mother. Caller Ou run down by an unknown steamer. Dawson. No more time. Sinking." The writing on the batten was identified as that of the bark's apprentice, a bright lad named Dawson.

The British ship Larnaca went to sea yesterday.

One after another the chief seaports of the country are procuring school ships for the training of boys for the merchant marine. New York, says the Shipping list of that city, has the sailing ship of war St. Mary—once a famous slave catcher on the African coast; Philadelphia, the sailing sloop Saratoga; Boston is better off than either of them with the comparatively modern steamer Enterprise; San Francisco asks for the Alliance, or one of the other wooden gun-boats which are about to be retired from active service. There is an increasing demand for young Americans as engineers and deck officers on our coastwise and foreign going steamers, and these schoolships, if wisely administered, ought to make it easy for ambitious youths to gain a foothold in a manly and honorable profession.

The Thompson woke up early yesterday and came down ahead of the Telephone.

The British ship Errol from this port November 13th, arrived at Queenstown on March 25th.

The ship Red Gauntlet arrived at London on March 25th, wheat laden from this port.

The steamer Elwood, says the Statesman, came up from Portland yesterday with a heavy load and goes down today with a large amount of freight. The Hoag went down yesterday to Portland and came up today. The Bismarck came down from Albany yesterday, and after leaving 1000 pounds of wool here, proceeded at once to Portland, where she will be inspected to get a passenger license. She returns about Sunday to begin her regular run between Corvallis and Salem connecting with the Elwood here Monday. She carried a full cargo of straw for the Oregon City paper pulp mills on her way down. The Three Sisters commenced her run between Portland and Corvallis yesterday, carrying passengers and freight for all intermediate points. River business has picked up considerably of late, as there is now a demand for four boats—the Elwood, Hoag, Bismarck and Three Sisters. Since the cut in freight rates the O. P. anticipate her two boats will do a rushing business.

The Pacific Mail steamer San Juan, Captain Pitts, arrived at San Francisco Monday, from Panama and way ports with thirty-five cabin and fourteen steerage passengers. Among the cargo was 1000 bags of coffee. Good weather was experienced on the trip with the exception of three days between Manzanita and San Diego.

The steamer Tillamook, lately taken off the abandoned route between San Pedro and San Diego, sailed yesterday from San Francisco to Eureka to load lumber. The steamer was only chartered to run on the southern route and the enterprise proved a failure in its incipency.

The ship Hawaiian Isles went on the dry dock at the Union Iron Works in San Francisco on Monday, to clean and paint. As soon as the ship gets off the dock the steamer City of Puebla will be docked to receive a thorough overhauling.

The steamer Bear tripped her anchor and went up to Mare Island, Cal., Monday, to take in her supply of powder and shell. The Bear will soon leave for the Arctic on her annual cruise.

The steamer Bendorille lay at the foot of Couch street, Portland, on Tuesday, taking on freight and supplies and receiving the finishing touches which will fit her for active service along the coast. She expects to start out this evening, if everything is completed. She sails for Coquille City and will ply between that locality and San Francisco, making an occasional trip to this city. She is a solid looking little craft, and it is believed she will make a first-rate sea boat. The Bendorille was formerly the George H. Chance. She has been lengthened out thirty feet and otherwise altered. Captain Winant is her master.

At the end of February there were no fewer than one hundred and fifty-five steamers and several sailing vessels lying idle in the Tyne, some of which have been out of port for over two years. The harbor is in part crowded with laid up steamers, and it is said that every berth is occupied. Scribner's Magazine for April opens

artistically with a rich group of illustrations by Robert Blum, who has recently returned from a two years' residence in Japan. He has written several papers detailing in the most entertaining way his experiences while in that country, and each of these will be fully illustrated from the remarkable collection of sketches and pictures which are the fruit of his study in that country. This paper is called "An Artist in Japan," and is taken up with the vivid first impressions which that country make on an artistic temperament. In another article in this number, "A New England Farm," writer and illustrator are united in one person, with the additional novelty that the drawings are also engraved by the author, Frank French, (whose article entitled "A Day with a Country Doctor" in this magazine was it is believed, the first example in an American periodical of a contribution written, drawn, and engraved by the same man.) In the present instance Mr. French gives a delightful picture of what a city man has accomplished on an abandoned New England farm.

STATE UNIVERSITY MATTERS.

Portland, Or., March 30.—The board of regents of the state university, meet in this city this afternoon for the purpose of electing a president to succeed the late Judge Deady. Henry Falling is prominently mentioned for the place. It is reported that President J. W. Johnson has resigned the presidency of the university, his resignation to go into effect next September.

The regents met tonight and accepted the resignation of Professor J. W. Johnson, as president of the university, to take effect next October. A committee of three was appointed to select a successor to Professor Johnson.

Suitable resolutions in respect to the memory of the late Judge Deady, president of the board, were adopted.

A FORGER OPERATING.

Boise City, Idaho, March 30.—A man giving his name as Joseph A. Bennett, and claiming to represent A. C. Dalton & Co., of Portland, cashed a draft on that firm for \$85, at the Capital State Bank, last Tuesday. The bank subsequently learned that there was no such firm. It is said Bennett is wanted in several Oregon towns for forgery.

INHUMAN WAREFARE.

Valparaiso, March 30.—General Teller with his forces has arrived at Raga. General Tavaraz has abandoned his position near there and is fleeing. A deserter from Saravala's army says the wounded are left to perish in the sand. The revolters are beholding the prisoners whom they capture.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

Paris, March 30.—In the chamber of deputies today, by a vote of 247 to 242, it was decided to retain the liquor amendment bill as a part of the budget. It is understood the cabinet will resign.

CHOLERA IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—Cholera has appeared in this city. It is known that fatal cases are of daily occurrence. All news is suppressed by the government authorities.

REVOLUTIONISTS DEFEATED.

Panama, March 30.—A telegram from Comaguaca, states that General Vasquez attacked the revolutionists and won a signal victory. Many revolutionists were killed.

O. S. L. TRAINS DELAYED.

Boise City, Idaho, March 30.—Trains on the Oregon Short Line have been delayed by washouts near Huntington.

C. R. F. P. U. NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the C. R. F. P. U. for the season of 1892, at \$1.15. By order, S. O. F. JENSEN, Sec'y., Astoria Or., March 25, 1893.

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Commencing Thursday, March 30th, until further notice, the steamer T. J. Potter will leave the Union Pacific dock for Portland at 6 o'clock in the morning.

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Index to Steamers. For Portland. Telephone, from Flavel's dock, daily at 7 p. m., except Sunday. R. W. Thompson, from Union Pacific dock daily at 7 o'clock a. m., except Sunday. Lurline, from Fisher's dock, Sunday, at 6 o'clock p. m.; every day, except Monday, at 7 o'clock a. m. Hasado, from Union Pacific dock, daily, at 6 p. m., except Sunday. Astorian, from Parker's dock Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p. m. For Ilwaco. Ilwaco, from L. B. & N. Co.'s dock daily except Sunday, connecting with 10 a. m. train for Seaside; returning, connects with Portland steamers. La Canas, daily at 8:30 p. m. For Young's River. Mayflower, Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays and Fridays at 7:30 a. m. and Saturdays 6 a. m., and 3 p. m. For Railroad Landing. Electric, daily at 7:45 a. m. and 3:15 p. m. from Fisher's dock. For Westport. R. Miller, daily except Saturday and Sunday at 2 p. m. For Woods Landing. R. Miller, Thursday and Friday at 2 p. m. from Fisher's dock. For Deep River. Queen, Tuesdays and Saturdays at 5:45 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Wenona, from Flavel's dock, Tuesdays and Saturdays at 5 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Edjee, Tuesdays at 5:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. For New Astoria. E. I. Dwyer, daily except Sunday at 9 a. m. and 3 p. m. For Warrenton and Skipanon. Electric, daily, according to tide, except Sunday. For Lewis and Clarke. C. W. Bich, daily except Sunday, according to tide. For Gray's River. Eclipse, Thursday and Friday mornings according to tide. For Knappton. Wenona, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:45 a. m. and 3 p. m. For Gray's River and Knappton. Wenona, Wednesday at 11 a. m. For May City and Tillamook Bay. R. P. Elmore, Mondays and Thursdays at 6:00 a. m.

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