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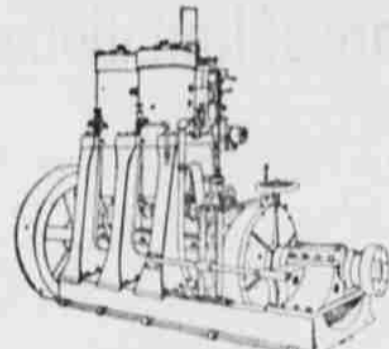
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GAMBLING IS TO BE LICENSED

An Ordinance Introduced by Councilman Parker Providing for the Running of All Kinds of Games Under Three Specific Classes.

MAYOR TAYLOR MAKES A RINGING SPEECH

It Was Heartily Endorsed by the Council--City Will Buy Alert Hook and Ladder Company's Horses for \$259--Bills and Ordinances Passed--Sexton to be Hired for the Cemetery.

Those of the crowd who attended the common council last evening with the expectation of witnessing a sensation were not disappointed, but the sensation was sprung from an unexpected source.

The mayor was a little late in arriving, and found all the members in their places. After roll call and the reading and approving of the minutes, the usual order of business was commenced.

Petitions--Of Siefeldt and Wirkkala and C. Evans for retail liquor license; referred to the proper committee.

Communications--From the mayor, vetoing the ordinance prohibiting parades on the sidewalks of the city; veto sustained. From the Alert Hook and Ladder Company, offering to sell to the city its horses, harness and appurtenances at \$259. On motion of Welch, after much argument by many of the members and an eloquent plea by Trullinger in behalf of the company, which is heavily in debt, the proposition was accepted.

Committees--Ways and Means--Report that city road taxes collected by the sheriff for 1895 had been collected from the county by the committee and turned over to the treasurer; filed; recommending payment of the following claims:

Astorian, \$13.41; R. Stevens, \$4.35; A. V. Allen, 50 cents; Bessie Arndt, \$7.50; adopted.

Health and Police--Asked for further time in which to consider the nickel-in-the-slot machine ordinance; granted. Recommended payment of the following claims: J. W. Duret, \$14.17; Astoria Wood Yard, \$5.25; Dr. A. L. Fulton, \$200; Petty, \$19.50. Adopted. Recommended granting liquor license to Swan Wilson and W. H. Moen; adopted. Recommended letting of contract to Partridge for boarding city prisoners; adopted.

Streets and Public Ways--Recommended granting petition of H. F. Bruhn to take advantage of ten-year plan of paying for street improvements; adopted. Recommended payment of claim of Astoria Wood Yard for \$5.94; adopted.

Fire and Water--Recommended payment of the following claims: Gas Light Co., \$14.50; H. W. Sherman, \$2.25; H. B. Parker, \$45.90; Scow Bay Wood Yard, \$3.85; Oregon Improvement Co., \$12; Bremner & Holmes, \$15; West Shore Mills, \$2.85; F. Saiz, \$2.75; Ross, Higgins & Co., 50 cents; Foard & Stokes Co., \$25.88; adopted. Communication from Engine Co. No. 2 returned without recommendation; filed.

Officers' Reports--City engineer--estimate that improvement of 33d street will cost \$4,534.64; filed; estimate of cost of 11th street sewer to be \$3190; filed; report that Contractor Normile had completed the work on Clatsop cemetery to his satisfaction; filed.

Ordinances--Authorizing the issuance of deed to A. S. Bennett for property sold for delinquent taxes; read first time and referred to committee on ways and means.

Authorizing the purchase from Alert Hook and Ladder Company of a team of horses, harness, etc., for \$259; read first and second time.

Appropriating \$3318 to S. Normile for work done on cemetery; read first and second time.

Authorizing committee on streets and public ways to contract with West Shore Mills Co. for lighting the city for one year from March 18, 1897 at \$12 per light; read first and second times.

Every person licensed under the provisions of this ordinance shall have painted a sign not less than six feet long and eighteen inches wide, upon which shall be painted in large, clear letters the words, "Licensed for Gambling," which said sign shall be fastened up in a conspicuous place on the front of the building where such gaming or gambling games are being carried on, and in full view of the public and passerby.

Parker, who introduced the ordinance, moved to suspend the rules and put it on its final passage, but Welch objected and the motion was lost. In support of his motion Parker made an able argument. He said in part: "An emergency exists. The police have claimed they earned their salaries by collecting from the China gambling houses, etc., more than enough to pay their salaries. For a long time past we have not insisted that gambling could be carried on under any particular arrangement with the police department. We saw fit to reduce all salaries a short time since and the police department have seen fit to retaliate on the council by closing up the games. It was not done one week, or two weeks ago, but all of a sudden they struck a moral tone. This ordinance, in my opinion, is necessary to protect the revenues of the city.

The surveyor's report on the extension of Commercial street was confirmed by ordinance, read the third time, and passed. Resolutions--To improve 30th street from Exchange to Commercial, to give entrance to the new depot, since the railroad had stated they would soon have the track laid to it; adopted.

To place water hydrant near Hanthorn's cannery; adopted. That the committee on ways and means engage an attorney to assist the city attorney in prosecuting the suits for the collection of the Grand avenue improvement assessments; adopted. That the committee on public property employ a sexton at the Clatsop cemetery at a salary of \$45 per month; adopted.

Opinion of the city attorney read, stating that the sheriff could not collect fees for the collection of road taxes in the city, and resolution passed that such fees heretofore collected be recovered by whatever means necessary. D. H. Welch and H. Mansell were appointed street assessors. The usual bills were presented and referred to the committees.

THE MAYOR'S SPEECH. Just before the council adjourned Mayor Taylor arose and said that he had a statement to make to the council. A pin might have been heard to drop in the chamber when he commenced. He said: "Members of the Council: I was surprised when I saw the report in the paper this morning that it was rumored there was disagreement between myself and members of this body. I do not know whom the report could mean, and do not believe there is anything in it, but that such a report could be circulated at all shows that there is something wrong somewhere with some of the city's officers. I believe that every member of this council in his acts in this matter of retrenchment did what he believed to be right and just. The law empowers the council to fix salaries. It is the province of the council to do that, and they have the right to do it without having reflections cast upon them by some other department of the city government. In the beginning of the year the police commission saw fit to pass an uncalculated resolution reflecting upon the council, and to my certain knowledge the chairman of that commission instructed the clerk to give it out to the papers for publication. It was also intimated to me that if the police salaries were reduced some retaliatory measures would be adopted.

"We all know that gambling has been going on in this city, under a sort of license, through fines collected by the police department. The ordinance reducing police salaries was returned to the auditor by me yesterday afternoon. Within three or four hours afterwards it came to my ears that the gambling houses were to be closed up that night. As to gambling in the city, I have nothing to say now. I only speak of the spirit which animates some of the officers of the city. Last evening that edict went forth in a spirit of retaliation. If it was done by the commission it showed a wrong spirit. I am told again, how-

ever, that they simply left the police officers to do as they pleased in the matter. I want to say that if the commission have elected to permit the police to retaliate on the council they do not know their place. It is not a question of right or wrong, but the spirit manifested by the officers of the city in this matter. Any police commissioner that is worthy of his position would at once discharge every man on the force who tried to show such a disposition of spite against the council. Officers who show such a spirit are not worthy of even the salaries they are getting today. If this council cannot meet here and perform its duty and do what it thinks is right, without the officers of the city taking them to task, it is time for the council and the citizens to see that no one occupies a position that he is not worthy of holding."

THE STATE TAXES. County Judges Meet the Board in Salem and Ask to Hold Money.

Salem, Or., March 19.--County Judges Norhup of Multnomah, Gray of Clatsop, Potter of Lane, Martin of Umatilla today appeared before the governor, secretary of state and treasurer, comprising the state tax levy board, and presented arguments in favor of leaving the state taxes now due in the hands of the county officials until the legislature convene and passes the appropriation bill.

There is due from these several counties over \$572,000. It was insisted that if paid it would lie idle in the state treasury, while many counties are paying interest on indebtedness. The last legislature failed to make appropriations, and as the secretary refuses to issue warrants except for small amounts, the board was asked to name the amount the state would need, and allow the remainder to remain with the counties until needed. While no action will be taken by the board as a body, the secretary of state, whose duty it is to superintend the state's fiscal affairs, is inclined to be lenient. He said: "I am not disposed to be in a hurry. I don't think reasonable time should make any difference under the circumstances. If, when the legislature meets, it should pass a relief bill for the county treasurers, they would be all right. If it should fail I would have to bring suit."

DUN'S REVIEW. Business Is Steadily Improving, and Commercial Loans Show Increase.

New York, March 19.--Dun's Weekly Review tomorrow will say: Though the steadily increasing business is much below its volume in former years of prosperity, and many express disappointment, yet there is some gain every week, and with more hands at work, and more mills in operation, larger purchases for consumption cannot be long delayed. In some branches it is felt already; there is a larger distribution of finished products and the demand for commercial loans has sharply increased, especially in the dry goods and iron and steel branches.

THEY WILL BE EXECUTED.

Frankfort, Ky., March 19.--The riot alarm sounded calling the militia together at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and before them the governor gave his final refusal to interfere in the Jackson and Walling cases. The soldiers left at 3 o'clock, carrying with them the decision of the governor, which said in so many words that the execution must go on tomorrow.

Printed velvets are very much used for fancy bodices.

Green and violet seem never to lose their popularity in the world of millinery.

There are now made special little trunks to contain only the waists in my lady's wardrobe.

You cannot wear anything so unique in the way of neck fixing that it will be deemed outlandish.

The scent of violet clinging to feminine belongings always suggests a refined taste--patchouli does not.

Unless a woman lets grief make a freight of her she gets no credit for bearing a heavy burden of sorrow.

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THE TARIFF BILL NOW IN HOUSE

Bailey Will Present the Minority Report On Next Monday.

DEBATE IS TO BEGIN MONDAY

Night Sessions Will Be Held Till March 25th When Five Minute Rule Applies--Appropriations Passed.

Washington, March 19.--The tariff bill was reported to the house today. Bailey will present the minority report next Monday. Dalsell from the committee on rules presented the special rules under which the house is to operate the tariff debate. The rules provide that the general debate shall begin on Monday, at 10 o'clock, and shall continue to and including Thursday, March 25, with night sessions, after which the bill will be open for amendment under the five minute rule. Committee amendments are to have precedence until March 31, when a vote is to be taken.

After a stormy session the house tonight passed two of the regular appropriation bills, which failed to become laws at the last session. They were the sundry civil bill and the general deficiency bill. The two others which failed last session will be passed tomorrow.

FOR SENATOR CORBETT.

Washington, March 19.--In the senate today Senator Chandler presented a memorial from Governor W. P. Lord and the secretary of state of Oregon, detailing the circumstances of the recent failure of the legislature of that state to organize and elect a senator. The document stated that as a result of this failure no session of the Oregon legislature had been held since February, 1895. The purpose of the memorial was to establish the right of the governor to appoint a senator. The memorial was referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

MR FITZ HAS RETIRED.

Carson, Nev., March 19.--Fitzsimmons left for San Francisco tonight. Fitz today reiterated his intention of leaving the ring. In San Francisco he will appear at the Mechanics' Pavilion tomorrow night, and that will be his last appearance in public. He has notified Corbett, Goddard, Choyndak, Sullivan, Sharkey and Maher of his retirement, and will not even give boxing or sparring exhibitions in the future.

MYSTERIOUS BILLY IN JAIL.

Carson, March 19.--Mysterious Billy Smith is now reposing in the county jail in Carson. He got on a train this evening to go to San Francisco, and walking up behind a detective with whom he had had trouble, he commenced to strike him in the neck. Pistols were drawn, but before anything was accomplished the officers had Mysterious Billy in tow and were leading him down to jail.

THE MARKETS.

San Francisco, March 19.--Hops--9 and 11c. New York, March 19.--Hops--Easy. London, March 19.--43 15s. Liverpool, March 19.--Wheat--Spot, steady; No. 2 red spring, 6s 3/4d; No. 1 California, 6s 3 1/4d. Portland, March 19.--Wheat--Valley, 7s; Walla Walla, 7s and 7c.



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