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IT IS VETOED BY THE MAYOR

Celebrated Gambling Ordinance Turned Down As a Bad Measure.

WHAT SOME PEOPLE SAID

When They Heard the News and Read the Mayor's Message "Clean the Whole City Now, Bawdy Houses and All."

Yesterday Mayor F. J. Taylor returned to the city council the celebrated gambling ordinance with his veto, giving the following reasons therefor:

"Astoria, Or., April 13, 1897.

"To the Common Council: I herewith return, without my approval, an ordinance which passed the council April 2, entitled 'An ordinance providing for the licensing, taxing, regulating and restraining gaming and gambling houses.'"

"I have given the subject careful consideration, and have reached the conclusion that this ordinance would not be advantageous to the city, either from a moral, a business, or a financial standpoint. My objections to the ordinance are as follows:

"1. The licensing of gambling will legalize it, and will say to the world that we believe it to be a legitimate business, and one in which it is respectable to engage. It will legalize the occupation of the steered for the gambling house, so that he may ply his vocation openly. It will say to the youth, 'While you are under the age of 21 years you have no discretion; but when you reach 21 years of age, it will be entirely legitimate and respectable for you to gamble.'"

"The law is to a certain extent, educational, and it should be the purpose of the law to educate the young to the belief that the vice of gambling, which probably causes more sorrow than all other vices combined, is wrong, and should not be indulged in. The purpose of legislation should be to suppress vice, as well as crime; but I am of the opinion that it would not have that effect.

"2. The licensing of gambling will be injurious to the city from a business standpoint. A business man, if he have a family, would hesitate before locating in a city where his boys and girls would be met at every turn with the sign, 'Gambling House,' and a business man without a family would hesitate to invest permanently in business in a city where his employees will be educated in the belief that it is respectable to stake their earnings, at the end of each week or month, as the case may be, at the gambling table.

"3. It has been urged that the effect of this ordinance would be to increase the revenues of the city. I feel confident that such would not be the case. I think the effect would be to concentrate the gambling and saloon business in two or three large gambling houses, and that the receipts from gambling licenses would be more than offset by the loss in receipts from liquor licenses.

"FRANK J. TAYLOR, Mayor."

WHAT THEY SAID

The announcement yesterday afternoon that Mayor Taylor had vetoed the gambling ordinance caused a ripple of excitement through the entire city. Nothing else was talked of in the clubs, hotels and other public places. The members of the police department were jubilant, and the Bowery went wild, with the exception of a few resorts where the ordinance was favored. Some of the remarks made about the streets are given below--business men, officials, saloon keepers, gamblers, lawyers and loafers:

"The mayor didn't do a thing to 'em, did he?"

"My job is gone, and now I will have to rustle for a living."

"I am not a gambler and never have been, but I would have bet that the mayor would have signed that ordinance. If left to his own heart, and his sense of morality, I know he would not have done it; but under the peculiar circumstances of the case--the attack of the police department on one side and the support of a dirty blackmailing newspaper on the other, playing to get into the good graces of the decent people, with whom, and all others, it had forfeited all rights of any kind of tolerance, I felt confident he would sign the bill. I say now for the police department to continue its moral wave. Give them plenty of work to do. They have singled out the gamblers; make them enforce the other equally as strong ordinances.

Why not close up the crib, dance halls, keep women out of barrooms, close up the side entrances to saloons for families and women--make a good clean town of it, while you are about it. I am a taxpayer; why should not my wife be able to walk down Astor street as well as Exchange? As to the moral side of the matter, this is a seaport, and I believe there are irrepressible evils which have to be regulated, but don't single out one for spite work and let far worse ones exist. Is it worse for a young man or boy to see a gambling house on the street than it is to be invited into a den by a white-faced, paint-bearded courtesan every time he walks through a certain district? Clean up the whole business now."

"I voted for the ordinance on moral grounds alone, and still believe that there will be less gambling houses and less gambling under license than no license system. You license saloons; why not gambling houses, the lesser evil of the two?"

"I don't believe the mayor's reasons for his veto are good. He is all right on the money question; we surely will not get as much revenue under a gambling license as the present method, but on moral grounds the license system is better. The sign 'Gambling House' would be like a danger signal to a railroad engineer rushing to destruction."

"Now for an all-around clean town--force the last resolution of the council to clean up everything and give the police something to do."

"The mayor made a mistake. Gambling would be reduced under license, and to force off vice in a corner by itself always is better than to have it carried on secretly in the most respectable sections of the city. Europe and our own large cities have tried it, by license or a well-regulated unlicensed system."

"Close up the back doors and side entrances now, clean out the dance halls and bawdy houses, and make a real clean report."

"The mayor in his reasons for vetoing the ordinance lays stress on the assumed fact that it would be a 'legalization' of gambling. He is away off on this proposition. The levy of a license in connection with the enforcement of police regulations is merely incidental. The government or municipality cannot regulate any traffic, or any other transactions among its subjects without the levy of a stipend, or tax, as an incident to its enforcement. Merchants pay municipal licenses everywhere. Often the sums so collected are merely nominal, but they serve their purpose as the ground work upon which the system of regulation depends for its uniformity and expense. No one will contend that the payment, or non-payment, of a tax on merchandise has anything to do with the legitimacy or illegitimacy of the business. The amount of the tax exacted from the business of liquor-selling may admit of question from a moral standpoint, as is witnessed by the difference of opinion in favor of high or low license where the moral regulation, known as 'local option' is in force. It is a fact, however, that in the advanced and progressive sections of the east where this method of dealing with the liquor traffic is in vogue the consensus of opinion, after years of experience, is in favor of an extraordinarily high license instead of a low one. The high license conducing to more effective regulation by limiting the number of sellers and curtailing the evil extent of the traffic. The levy of a license on evil off-colored occupations doesn't legalize them--it merely recognizes their existence, which must be endured, but the evil effects of which can be best minimized by regulation and the collection of more or less heavy penalties for their prosecution."

OUR BIG GUNS.

Major F. M. Cox, United States paymaster, and his clerk, E. A. Palmer, visited Fort Canby yesterday. The major said that few people have any idea of the magnitude of modern gunneries.

"The forts at the mouth of the Columbia river will be models of modern science. It is different now from the days when earthworks were used, as foundations for the guns of those days. Now the big guns are forced against force, and the heaviest cement and concrete work is necessary for the foundations for the big batteries. At Scarborough Head there will be batteries of mortars, and I think the same kind of batteries will be placed at Canby; at any rate, extensive improvements will soon be commenced there. Neither place will have large garrisons. The main garrison will be at Fort Stevens, where the big rifled guns will be mounted. The work is stupendous, and, like all luxuries, costs large sums of money, but we must have them. Our government is just waking up to the fact that this Northwest coast is unprotected, and both the Columbia and the Sound will soon have ample protection. Much has been done and wonderful progress made in the past five years."

MORE RAILROAD CONSOLIDATIONS

O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line To Be Under One Management.

THE U. P. REGAINS CONTROL

Probably Part Of The Bill and Deutsche Bank Scheme--Trunk Line Traffic Association Again.

Omaha, April 13.--There is a story current in Omaha railroad circles to the effect that the Oregon Short Line and the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company lines are to be consolidated under one management. No one cares to assume the responsibility for the report, but all higher officials asked about the matter say it is within the range of possibilities.

According to the best accepted version, Edwin McNeill, at present at the head of the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, is to be removed and W. H. Bancroft, general manager of the Oregon Short Line, will be put in charge of the system. Samuel Carr, president of the Short Line, will remain in that place. A practical consolidation of the two lines and their co-operation with the Union Pacific will in effect establish the overland on much the same basis as before the receivers were appointed and the segregation took place.

TRAFFIC ASSOCIATIONS.

New York, April 13.--A conference of the board of control and a number of the managers of the joint traffic association were present and gave their opinion, after going over the ground carefully, as to the legality of the association. All were agreed that the association is legal and ought to win its case before the supreme court.

After adjournment it was announced that the board, acting on the advice of counsel, had adopted resolutions agreeing to maintain and carry out the provisions of the articles of organization of the Joint Traffic Association, pending final decision by the supreme court.

HONORS TO VOORHEES.

Indianapolis, April 13.--On account of a wreck on the Pennsylvania railroad, it was necessary to transfer the remains of Senator Voorhees, and they arrived here an hour after the schedule. They were placed in the rotunda of the capitol, under a military guard of honor. Governor Mount, the state officials, the judges of the supreme court and appellate court, the federal officers and city officials, first filed by the coffin, and afterwards came the citizens, passing in single file on each side of the body. There was a chant by the choir boys at the capitol after the body arrived. The body was taken to Terre Haute at 3 o'clock in charge of W. R. McKean and John E. Lamb, representing the citizens of Terre Haute.

THE OREGON GROUNDED.

Washington, April 13.--Word reached the navy department today from Commander Whiting, in charge of the Fugate Sound naval station, that the battleship Oregon had grounded while approaching the dock into which she was about to go to have her bottom scraped and painted. The dispatch added that the vessel had bent her frames, or ribs, and the bottom plating in the vicinity of the forward turret, but did not in any other way indicate whether the damage sustained had been serious. This will be determined by a thorough investigation.

HOPE FOR THE SAMARIA.

Port Townsend, April 13.--Shipping men here do not concede the loss of the ship Samaria, which sailed from Seattle, coal laden for San Francisco, 25 days ago. They say she will yet doubtless appear at her destination in good shape; that she has been put out of her usual course by rough weather.

TRIED TO SUICIDE.

Oakland, April 13.--W. C. Grube, a maniac, jabbed a hat pin down his throat at noon today, while being examined for insanity in the courtroom of Judge Ogden. It was thought for a time that he had succeeded in killing himself, but it is now believed that he will recover.

THE FIGHT FOR KENTUCKY.

Frankfort, Ky., April 13.--The gold democrats, at a caucus held tonight, decided to break no more quorums in the balloting for United States senator. They admit that Hunter is liable to be elected now, but they say that the Blackburn men who refuse to support Martin will be responsible for the

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HUNGRY "BIG MUDDY."

Terrible Flood at Omaha Destroying Much Property.

Omaha, April 13.--Piling and boards and bags of sand, old hay and stones are being fed to the hungry maw of the Big Muddy at Omaha in an effort to restrain the manifest intention of that erratic stream to resume the channel abandoned 20 years ago. As nightfall it looked like the effort might succeed, but all hope is hedged about with provision.

East Omaha and North Omaha are flooded by the waters that are rushing from the overfull Missouri river. The residents fleeing for their lives, leaving their possessions behind. Houses are standing in the flood, submerged in water from one to five feet deep. Fields of grain and fences disappear beneath the surface of the water, and trees no longer show any trunks. The flood is pouring in upon the lowlands of the east Omaha bottoms in a stream that is estimated to be 2000 feet in width. It is sweeping southeast and pours into Florence lake and then over the fields into Cutoff lake. In the last 24 hours Cutoff lake has risen almost two feet. If this rate continues it is anticipated that by morning the lake will overflow its southern bank and the entire southern portion of East Omaha would be threatened with a most disastrous flood.

SERIOUS TROUBLE.

On the Lower Mississippi Where More Levees Are Going Out.

Memphis, April 13.--The river continues to rise south of Vicksburg, and the swift current is throwing water all over the levees with tremendous force. The water is washing over the levee at that point, however, and a break may occur at any hour. Many people have left the island with their most valuable effects and stock. Several weak spots have been developed in the southern levee, and people in that section are making heroic struggles to save their property.

Tonight the backwater in the flooded Mississippi delta is about stationary. The river at Memphis continues to fall slowly.

AT HOTENA THE RIVER IS DECLINING

At Hotena the river is declining at the rate of two-tenths of a foot daily. The refugees are flocking into Hetea by every boat.

FITZSIMMONS WILL FIGHT.

But Not With Kids and Only for a Good Purse.

New York, April 13.--Martin Julian arrived here today. In an interview Julian is credited with saying: "We have never stated that Fitzsimmons retired or that he would not fight. If any new aspirants come forward and a good purse is offered, Fitzsimmons will not shirk a fight. He has never been a shirk. The talk of Kid McCoy challenging him is nonsense. Why, Fitzsimmons taught him all he knows."

GRANNAN WINS.

New York, April 13.--The appellate division of the supreme court handed down a decision in Brooklyn today reversing the decision of the lower court in refusing to continue the temporary injunction obtained by Charles R. Grannan, or Riley Grannan, as he is known on every race course in the country, against the West Chester Racing Association. The opinion says that the rule under which Grannan was excluded from the tracks was without force and utterly void. Grannan was excluded from the race track because he made a present of \$500 to one of the jockeys.

THE MARKETS.

San Francisco, April 13.--Hops--So and 12c. New York, April 13.--Hops--Dull. London, April 13.--Hops--Unchanged. Liverpool, April 13.--Wheat--No. 1 red (Northern spring, firm, 6s 2 1/2d. Portland, April 13.--Wheat--Valley, 77c; Walla Walla, 74c and 75c.

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Athens, April 13.--The next important move which will be heard of will be from the Greek headquarters at Arta, where every preparation possible is being made by the citizens to get out of harm's way before the war begins in earnest.

At Arta a force of about 2,000 men, organized by the Ethnik Hetiria, has either started for the Turkish territory or is making final preparations for so doing. The government has given strict orders to stop the departure of this force of irregulars, but it is semi-officially explained that the Greek commander at Arta, Colonel Vassos, is "unable to spare men to intercept them." Nobody ever expected he would be able to spare men to do so. The Ethnik Hetiria probably counts him among its devoted members, as it does nearly all officers in the Greek army.

The powers are still trying to avert the war with little prospect of success. It is stated that the French ambassador at Constantinople, M. Gombou, has been instructed to draught an autonomous constitution for Crete, allowing the Cretans to choose their own governor, and providing for a simultaneous Greek and Turkish evacuation of the island. It is feared these efforts will turn out to have been made too late.

TURKISH LOSS TRIFLING.

London, April 13.--A special from Constantinople alleges that the Greek plan is to stir up a rebellion in Macedonia, to blockade Salonica and to attack Plevna (the town on the Turkish side of the entrance of the Gulf of Arta), and Smyrna-by-the-Sea, as well as to endeavor to force the passage of the Dardanelles with the torpedo division of the Greek fleet.

Ethim Pasha, the Turkish commander in chief in Macedonia, has reported to his government that the Greek insurgents attacked the Turkish force simultaneously at nine different points. He further says they were completely surrounded, that several prisoners were taken, and that the latter have been sent to Salonica. He concludes with stating that the loss to the insurgents was heavy and that of the Turks trifling.

MORE AMENDMENTS.

Senator Nelson Wants to Doctor the Tariff Bill.

Washington, April 13.--Senator Nelson gave notice today of three amendments to the tariff bill. One of these abrogates, after the lapse of a year, the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty. Another declares trusts or combinations for the restraint of trade, or to enhance the market price of imports or manufactures by two or more persons, either one of whom is an importer, to be "against the public policy, illegal and void," and provides for the punishment of the offense by both imprisonment and fine. A third amendment authorizes the president to suspend by executive order the collection of all duties levied upon any important article, the home product of which is controlled by a trust.

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