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THE BILLIARD HALL QUESTION

A few complaints have been lodged with the Bend city council against allowing the presence of minors in the billiard halls, and also against allowing the halls the privilege of keeping open on Sunday In respect to the presence of minors in these places of amusement, must be borne in mind that the council has no jurisdiction over the matter under existing laws. There is no statute prohibiting the presence of minors in billiard and pool halls when liquor is not sold in connection therewith Hence, the council can not act, and the question resolves itself into a matter for parents to handle.

If parents object to their boys spending their time in the halls then they should see to it that the boys do not frequent those places. There is altogether too much inclination on the part of parents at the present day to slide onto the shoulders of the law the task of raising to manhood and womanhood the children of the land. By the time a boy is old enough to play billiards he should have enough respect for his parents' wishes and orders to leave the billiard and pool tables alone if his parents so desire. On the other hand, there are parents who see no harm in a quiet game of billiards or pool, and some of them—of good standing—have recently been seen playing with their young sons in the Bend halls.

In The Bulletin's opinion some parents of the town are very careless and negligent in their duty. A billiard hall is no place for a youngster ranging in age from eight to 15 years, for the simple reason that a boy of that age should be at home and not roaming the streets at night. The boy who has the freedom of the streets at all hours of the day and night—and especially of the night—invariably acquires habits that do him no good, but often much harm. The best place for such youngsters after 6 o'clock p. m. is in or around their home. Assuredly, they should not be seen on the streets of the town as regular as night comes. When parents have been so careless, they have no one to blame but themselves if their boys grow up into wild and sometimes worthless young men. Personally The Bulletin is opposed to allowing minors—and by all means boys below 15 years of age—the run of the billiard halls, but it is a matter for parents to attend to.

As regards closing the halls on Sunday, The Bulletin thinks that would be all wrong. Men must and will have some place of amusement. If they can not find it in one way, they will in another, and this paper sees no wrong done when a man walks into a billiard hall and engages in a quiet game in a quiet place; and Bend's halls at the present time are so conducted. The man with a home and with domestic habits may not care for such amusements, but to the man who has no home, who boards at a hotel, or who spends six days of the week at hard manual labor—to such a man the closing on Sunday of all forms of amusement that appeal to him would only cause him to think of Sunday as a long and tiresome day. And nine times out of ten the closing of a really innocent amusement will turn men to some sort of a pastime a hundred times worse than the one closed.

There is a happy medium between the extreme of lawlessness and the extreme of Puritanical rigidness. Let us choose neither the one nor the other, but instead keep as near the happy medium as it is possible to do. You can not ram goodness down a man's throat with a poker.

AN ILLOGICAL STAND.

It is generally conceded that President Roosevelt, if he were running for re-election, would easily win with a tremendous majority. There are some men who say they have unbounded faith in the president and would gladly vote for his re election, yet they are suspicious of Taft and say they will not support him. They evidently do not perceive how illogical that stand is.

President Roosevelt is working with great earnestness for the election of Taft. He says that Taft, if elected, will make our greatest president, next to Washington and Lincoln; that he will continue to work out the policies that Roosevelt has fought for; that he will be more successful with congress in securing needed legislation than Roosevelt, himself, has been; and that all the high ideals and reform measures Roosevelt has stood for will be championed by the present republican candidate. In short, Taft is a man after Roosevelt's own heart and is Roosevelt's choice for the presidency. How then can the man who says he has unbounded faith in Roosevelt's judgment and sincerity, and who would vote for his re-election, refuse to support Taft, when Taft is by long odds the first choice of the president?

President Roosevelt says: "There is but one way to preserve and perpetuate the great reforms which have marked the management of the affairs of the national government during the last seven years, and that is by electing Mr. Taft." Isn't it very, very illogical for a professed Roosevelt supporter to refuse to vote for Taft under such conditions? Better think it over.

Bryan says he did not know that Haskel was a rascal. There are those in Oklahoma who say that he did know it. F. W. Jacobs, a practicing attorney at Kingfisher and formerly chairmen of the People's Party organization in Oklahoma, says: "Now Bryan knew all this of Haskel, for I myself have informed him and especially in my open letters to Bryan, given to the public BEFORE THE DENVER CONVENTION." So Bryan did know, after all. And furthermore, Haskel's rascality has been a matter of court record for years.

Greatly Admires Oregon Fir.

The Portland Commercial Club finished its new building with Oregon or Douglas fir, and in addition to this used this same exquisitely grained wood in making some high class permanent furniture for its main parlor Nine out of ten visitors admire it more than they do mahogany. During the visit of Mr. E. H. Harriman he requested that samples be sent him for the consideration of his architects who are now building his country home, which will probably be the finest residence in America. Last Saturday President B. L. Winchell of the Rock Island system made a visit to the Club and particularly admired this same wood. He gave notice to an official of the Harriman lines who was present that if they didn't hurry the Rock Island would have the first dining car or sleeper finished in the chief wood of the Pacific Northwest—of which there is sufficient yet left to turn out more and richer millionaires than has the iron and steel district of which Pittsburgh is the center.

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Pleasant Ridge Items.

PLEASANT RIDGE, Oct. 1.—Everybody is now busy harvesting, and we know a great many fields are damaged by the recent frosts insomuch as to make light grain.

J. A. Vosberg was employed with his harvester helping G. W. Hall to harvest his crop of wheat.

Misses Dolly and Fern Hall are contemplating attending high school at Bend the coming winter.

Miss Clara Wood has been assisting at her uncle Jack's in caring for the threshing crew the past week.

Henry Hewins has been engaged by the school board of District No. 65, the Pleasant Ridge district, as teacher for this winter.

E. H. Lockyear has now improved so much that he is now able to make a full hand in the harvest field, which we are glad to note.

Prof. J. A. Thompson has received a letter from Percy Benjamin of Flushing, Mich. Percy states that everything is prosperous in his native state, but still he has not quite given up the thought of making Oregon his future home. Percy will probably bring a housekeeper the next time he ventures into Central Oregon, as he fully understands the inconveniences of heretofore.

Mrs. Elsie R. Riley and Mrs. M. J. Morrison of Bend Sundayed with the former's daughter, Mrs. R. A. Sherwood, and to pay their respects to the wonderful grandson, Francis.

Word was just received last week that Chad Irvin's brother, Don, who went to southern Colorado a short time ago for improvement of his health, is now deceased. The remains were taken to Ohio for interment. Mrs. Irvin will probably soon join Chad at his farm in this vicinity. We will all be very well pleased to welcome Mrs. Irvin back again and we extend our heartfelt sympathy during these days of sad bereavement.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen—Last Saturday Sherwood Bros. had a cow and calf stray away. Sunday morning Fred started in search of them. He found the calf Sunday evening at Redmond and stayed with "it" until "it" reached home safely, but failed in his search to find the cow. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the cow please notify Fred.

Redmond Items.

REDMOND, Sept. 27.—Redmoners still continue to come back. It's just the same as the birds flying south for the winter. Besides those mentioned last week we have the Browns, who got back yesterday; Spencers, who have been back for a week or more; and Chappells, who came back some time ago. Mr. Ehlers, cashier of the local bank, also went out to Shaniko for his wife and little ones.

Harvey Muller and Mary Northrup, both of Cline Falls, were married there on Friday, Justice Jones performing the operation. J. P. is getting to be a specialist in this line.

Friends of Don Irvin will be sorry to hear of his death, which took place at Pueblo, Col., on the 15th instant after an unusually severe hemorrhage, which greatly exhausted him. His mother accompanied the remains to Dayton, Ohio, and will probably return here.

O. H. Long has left us for a time but your reporter did not learn his destination.

Ladies' Aid Social Oct. 9. Come out and have a good time.

A. E. Anderson has completed the deal on his land north of Tetherow Butte and has gone with the boys back to Oakland.

R. C. PARK.

New subscribers added to The Bulletin list each week. You're next

Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, Sept. 29.—The beautiful fall weather is with us again.

G. W. Updike and son Earl ate dinner at Tumalo Monday. Mr. Updike is tending the C. S. I. Co. headgate but reports that he will soon move to his homestead on the Matoles and take up farming.

C. R. Allen of the Meadows stopped here last night on his return from the Valley, where he took Mrs. Allen and daughter. They will reside at Corvallis this winter where Miss Ethel will attend school.

L. H. Root started to Shaniko one day last week after freight for G. W. Horner of Laidlaw.

Four bands of sheep belonging to R. R. Hinton of Bakeoven passed through here this week returning from the national forest where they have been during the summer.

J. H. Edwards and daughter passed through here Saturday going to Bend.

Mrs. Scoggins and Mrs. J. D Gibson stopped over night at Tumalo Saturday night, returning from Bend. As it was dark their team shied out of the road and ran into a stump, breaking the tongue and singletree, but luckily they held the horses and averted a bad runaway.

W. D. Clark has just finished putting up his hay crop on the Palmer place

G. W. Wimer & Sons are contemplating seeding about 80 acres of ground this fall to Scotch Fife winter wheat. They will purchase the clean seed from Jess Wisdom at Culver. They have raised this variety of wheat here before and have always got a good return in hay and grain from it.

Inklings at Gist.

GIST, Sept. 28.—Mr. McCauley of Washington arrived here a few days ago to look after his interests in these parts. Mr. McCauley has a desert claim near Gist.

Chas. Willey and wife spent last week in the Haystack country visiting with friends and relatives.

Postmaster Gist and wife went to Prineville last week on business. They stopped over at Redmond Saturday to take in the social hop. There was quite a crowd out and all seemed to have a jolly good time

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carson spent Sunday at Gist.

Mr. Burkhardt and Henry Shumaker went to Prineville today as a witness for Mr. McCauley on his desert claim.

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