

BAN MAY BE PUT ON THEATERS, CARDS

City Council Last Night Considered Ordinances and Deferred Them.

DICE THROWING AND GAMES OF CHANCE INCLUDED

Ordinance Passed Making Misdemeanor of Minors Loitering in Resorts.

That under the present administration Albany is fast becoming a city of serene virtue in nearly every particular, is indicated by the passage of numerous ordinances during the year and by the passage of one and the consideration of two others by the city council last night.

After the first of the year, or within 10 days of the passage, as the case may be, there may not be any more moving picture shows on Sundays and there may not ever be any more dice throwing, playing of cards or any other games of chance played in public places of Albany. These restrictions are intended by virtue of the two ordinances which were considered and referred because of undesirable features. The third ordinance made it a misdemeanor for proprietors of pool and billiard halls or any other similar resort to permit minors to loiter therein and to the minor found guilty thereof would also be deemed guilty of a similar offense. This ordinance was passed and becomes effective immediately.

Minor Ordinance Passed.
The ordinance was introduced by Councilman Henry Lyons and is in part as follows:

An ordinance to amend Section 1 of ordinance 324, entitled "An ordinance to license, tax and regulate billiard rooms and pool rooms. That section 1 shall read as follows: If any person duly licensed to engage in keeping a billiard or pool room in the city, shall allow or permit any minor to visit, loiter around frequent his place of business, shall upon conviction thereof before the recorder's court, be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty dollars, or by imprisonment in the city jail for not less nor more than ten days. Identically the same punishment will be imposed upon a minor upon conviction of loitering in such a resort.

Non-Dice Throwing Measure.
The non-dice throwing ordinance was introduced by Councilman E. A. Johnson and is in part as follows:

An ordinance making it unlawful to permit card playing dice throwing or other games of chance in any public place in the City of Albany and making it unlawful for any person to play cards, etc. in a public place and providing what shall be deemed card playing and providing a penalty for violation.

If any proprietor shall permit any person to indulge in games of chance or card playing in his place of business, characterized as cigar stores, pool and billiard rooms and confectionery stores, will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$25 or imprisonment in the city jail between 2 to 10 days.

Any person guilty of such misdemeanor will upon conviction be subjected to identically the same punishment.

The handling of a deck of cards or a portion of a deck by any person within a public place, which deck of cards is not in the original package, shall be sufficient evidence to sustain a conviction for playing cards or for permitting card playing in a public place.

Lyons Interposes Objections.
Councilman Lyons interposed a strong objection to it, which was sustained and the ordinance was deferred for final action at the next meeting.

"I believe I am just as good a church goer as any of you," stated Mr. Lyons, "but I don't believe that we would be exactly right in passing this ordinance with the provision stipulating the act of card playing stated so vaguely."

Theatre Closing Ordinance.
A brief sketch of the ordinance introduced by Councilman M. J. Cameron relating to the closing of theatres on Sunday, is as follows:

An ordinance to provide for the regulating of theatre and moving picture shows on the first day of the week commonly called Sunday. Every person, firm, company or corporation owning, conducting or managing any theatre or moving picture show within the city shall close at the hour of midnight Saturday night and keep the same closed until midnight of the Sunday following.

Section 2 of this ordinance provides that for violation of any provision of this ordinance the person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction before the recorder's court shall be fined not less than \$5 nor more than \$25 or imprisonment in the city jail not more than twelve days.

Lyons Opposition Sustained.
This ordinance was likewise opposed by Councilman Lyons, who again reiterated his statement as being a good church goer, and asked if there was really anything objectionable in regard to the operation of picture shows on Sunday. He asked that the ordinance be deferred on the grounds that he believed the conditions didn't en-

ALPHA OMEGA BALL WILL BE ONE OF BRILLIANCY

Annual Event Given Tomorrow Night at Armory; Hendershotts Orchestra.

Never before in the history of Albany's formal social world will a ball be characterized with such elaborate and artistic decorations as those gracing the interior of the Armory hall for the annual Alpha Omega dance to be given tomorrow night.

Electric lights and effects, flowers, rugs, ribbons, elaborate cozy corners, lattice work, greens and over 1000 artificial chrysanthemums and other things will compose the decorations.

The young ladies of the sorority have been working industriously since Friday transforming the hall into a most wonderful scene. Now the work is fairly completed and everything will be in readiness by tomorrow afternoon, when the finishing touches will be placed. A special feature has been arranged as one of the numbers of the ball. It is expected that it will be attended by a record crowd, including scores of out of town guests. Patrons and patronesses will act as hostesses for the young ladies.

Hendershotts' orchestra of Eugene, probably one of the best musical organizations of its kind in this section of the state, will furnish the music.

SIX CALL MEN FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTED

Election to Be Held Next Monday to Choose Chief and Assistant.

Under the provisions of the fire department reorganization ordinance passed some time ago, the city council last night appointed six call men constituting a portion of Albany's paid department.

Under the provisions of the ordinance these men are to hold an election next Monday for the purpose of electing a chief and assistant. The council made the appointment of the six men upon applications filed.

Those appointed are as follows: Daniel Zeh, William Wood, Corbett Wilbur, J. R. Pennington, Otto Swinson and Merle Moench.

The auto driver and the engine are to serve until the first of the year. It will fall to the lot of the council to appoint their successors. They will have a vote in the election to be held Monday.

Will Be at Home—Dr. and Mrs. Geselbracht will be at home in the social rooms of the First Presbyterian church Friday evening, January 2nd, 7.30 to 10 to members and friends in church and congregation.

This Man Was Generous
A man so drunk he couldn't tell whether it was day or night was put off the northbound afternoon train yesterday at Main street. He waved his hand generously to the waiting world at large and invited everybody to have a drink at the bar—the bar of the river, presumably. When Officer King sought to bring him to the bar of justice, however, he betook himself to the woods.

Library Report Filed—A detailed report from H. H. Hewitt, president of the board of trustees of the Albany Public Library, in behalf of the rest of the members of the board, was read last night before the city council and ordered filed.

EIGHT PERISH IN NEW YORK TENEMENT FIRE

Fire Escapes Blocked and Panic Conditions Prevail Until Firemen Arrive.

(By United Press Association.)
New York, Dec. 31.—Eight perished early this morning in a fire of incendiary origin which destroyed a five-story brick tenement house on the east side. Seven were seriously burned and the lives of scores were endangered when the stairway burned away.

The fire escape were blocked when the firemen reached the scene and it was impossible for them to enter the building. The wildest panic ensued. The terror-stricken men and women choked the windows and fire escapes.

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LOCAL UNEMPLOYED TO BE ASSISTED

City Council Last Night Considered Plan to Help Those Out of Work.

IF CONDITIONS WARRANT, WORK TO BE DIVIDED

Committee Appointed to Investigate Conditions at An Early Date.

Like a ray of sunshine out of a cloudy sky, Councilman E. A. Johnson just prior to the adjournment of the meeting, suggested the plan after speaking at length. It was immediately taken up by the other members of the council.

To Assist Local People.
The plan, however, is merely to assist local unemployed. It is believed that there are numbers of men residing here with families who are out of work and are up against it. It is declared that the condition exists more or less every year.

During the discussion that ensued it was brought out that numerous applications by deserving citizens have from time to time been made at various places for work.

It was conceded that at present there is no available city work but it was agreed that the city authorities could plan up some sort of notice.

Much Work to Be Done.
Speaking relative to this, Councilman Lyons said that in his opinion there was all kinds of work to do, such as grading of streets, getting them proper drainage and eliminating muddy sections in streets and the clearing of newly laid out streets of stumps and other obstructions.

After a lengthy discussion on motion of Councilman Johnson, a committee was appointed to investigate conditions as alleged. Mayor Gilbert appointed Councilmen Johnson, Cameron, Simpson and Blount.

Will Investigate Conditions.
This committee is to proceed immediately and ascertain the conditions and make a report and in the event the circumstances warrant, the city will, without delay, plan out municipal work for the unemployed.

During the meeting Councilman Johnson suggested that the city tax levy be lowered 3 mills, making it 10 instead of 13, giving as his reasons that the state tax was nearly twice as much as heretofore and citing the county tax of 15 mills. Nothing, however, could be done in regard to the matter as it is now too late.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONAL MENTION FROM FAYETTEVILLE

Mrs. Sheridan and daughters left on the noon train Sunday for Portland and Seattle.

Mrs. Messman and son returned home after spending Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Mulled and family of Peoria.

John and Albert Bayne went to Portland with their uncle, John Johnson to spend their vacation.

May Eda Workinger of Corvallis spent Christmas with the home folks.

Mrs. Eria Heinze and daughter Mildred are visiting at the home of C. J. Lawson.

Bert Millard made a business trip to Albany Monday.

Miss Ethel McCormick visited Mildred Heinze Monday afternoon at C. J. Lawson's.

Miss Pitts of Portland spent Christmas at the Muller home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schultz and daughter of Plainview, returned home Monday after visiting with Mr. Ed. Nitzel and family.

Master Edward Barton with his mother went to Albany Monday to have an operation performed.

More relatives arrived in Fayetteville Monday night.

Miss Grace Miller is spending her vacation with her grandparents at Oakville.

H. E. Van Ness of Eugene was a business visitor in Albany yesterday.

Dr. C. A. Smith of Brownsville is a guest at the St. Francis Hotel.

CITY COUNCIL HELD BIG SPECIAL MEETING

Half Burned Shacks to Be Removed—Fire Chiefs Report Received—Bids.

Meeting last night in special session the city council transacted a volume of business and adjourned to meet again next Monday night. All of the councilmen were present including the various other officials with the exception of the building inspector, who was unavoidably detained.

The report of Fire Chief Horsky for the month of December as required by the fire ordinance was read and placed on file. It contained reports of two fires as follows: December 19, at L. A. Kraschel, corner Third and Washington streets, cause, matches, damage, \$15; and another on December 27, at Albany Shingle Mill, cause unknown, damage, \$4,000.

Two bids for the purchase of bonds were opened. One was from the Warren Construction Company for \$14,000, bidding on par and accrued interest; and the other from Sweetland and Company of Denver, bidding par and premium. The former was accepted and the latter rejected, because the bid was not entered for par and accrued interest.

The committee on printing and supplies was instructed to have the bonds printed at an early date.

W. L. Jones, a merchant of Jefferson, was in Albany yesterday afternoon on business.

BIRTHDAY OBSERVED ON WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Munkers Have Been Married Nineteen Years Today.

Congratulated by a number of friends, Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Munkers today observed the nineteenth anniversary of their wedding. Today also is the eighteenth birthday anniversary of Miss A. Enne Munkers, their daughter. That she was born on the first wedding anniversary of her parents forms a coincidence.

No particular celebration will mark the observance of the double event. The Munkers are well and favorably known in Albany and Linn County and have made their home here for years. At one time Mr. Munkers was a representative in the legislature from Linn and later served as chief of Police of the Albany department.

Returns from Portland—Dr. F. W. Emerson of the First Christian church, was in Portland yesterday to attend the Pacific Northwest Parliament of the Disciples of Christ. The gathering embraces representatives of the Christian church from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and the Western Canadian Provinces. Dr. Emerson read a paper before the Parliament yesterday on "The Educational Opportunity."

Help Is Acknowledged—The Social Hygiene Committee wishes to acknowledge the services of the Oregon Power Company, The Democrat, The Herald, The Bligh Theatre Co., the Dreamland Theatre, The Rolfe Theatre, The Hamilton Store, A. H. Banks of S. E. Young Store, and the Albany library, in connection with the presentation of the exhibit during the week.

MURDERER CLAIMS TO BE ALBANY MAN

Ed. E. Mitchell, Held in Portland As Man Slayer, Unknown in Hub City.

DESCRIBED AS HAVING ONE LEG AMPUTATED

Police Report Similar Character, Who Has Been Regarded with Suspicion.

Word was received this morning in Albany from Portland that a man giving the name of Ed. E. Mitchell, claiming to be a resident of Albany, had committed murder there late last night. Mitchell, according to the report, is described as having only one leg, medium height and about middle aged.

Claim Not Substantiated.
No other information was received. Details of the murder could not be learned. However, the report said that Mitchell had killed another man after a quarrel.

Thorough investigation however, has failed to substantiate the claim of Ed. E. Mitchell, that he is a resident of Albany. If he has made his home here, old time residents do not seem to have ever heard of him.

May Have Been Here.
However, the police report that a man appearing to be about 30 years of age, with his left leg amputated near the hip and walking with crutches, has been hanging about the city for the past several days. He has been missed for the last three days. The police believed that he operated a gambling joint over a local restaurant and say he was a frequenter of alleged resorts in the city.

Investigations of records in public offices has failed to reveal Mitchell's name and it does not appear in local directories.

Whether Mitchell is a resident of the county has not been definitely learned, but from investigation conducted in the city it would seem certain that he is not a resident of Albany. The theory is advanced, however, that Mitchell may have made his home here temporarily.

WEST SAYS SECRETARY IS "THERE WITH THE GOODS"

(By United Press Association.)
Salem, Dec. 31.—The methods to be used by Miss Fern Hobbs, private secretary of Governor West, in closing the Copperfield saloons, was not divulged by the Governor.

That she will "be there with the goods" was all the Governor would say when asked for an interview. She did not leave today but will go tomorrow, catching the Copperfield train from Huntington Friday evening.

TENDER TO ENGINE ON S. P. DERAILED, TRAFFIC DELAYED

Accident Happened This Morning Near Millersburg—No One Was Injured.

The tender to the engine of the Southern Pacific Albany and Portland local this morning at 6.50 jumped the track about 1 1/2 miles this side of Millersburg delaying traffic until 10.20. No one was injured.

However, considerable damage was done to the track. The tender was dragged about 350 feet, tearing up the track and ties. It is believed that a weak rail caused the accident. None of the cars, however, left the track.

Bearing a number of Albany people the train left here at 6.30 o'clock. The train was proceeding at a mild rate of speed when overtaken by the accident. According to a report, the people aboard the train didn't know of the wreck until the train was brought to a standstill.

A wrecking crew was quickly dispatched to the scene. The damage was completely repaired and at 10.20 the train proceeded north. Only one train was seriously delayed. That was the Willamette Limited, which was scheduled to leave here for Portland at 8.40 o'clock. This train remained here until the track had been cleared.

PEORIA NEWS NOTES AND PERSONAL MENTION

Peoria, Dec. 31.—(Special to Democrat)—Cato Gibbs was a business visitor to Albany Saturday.

Mrs. Alice Dunn and Mrs. J. S. Bell attended the joint installation of officers of the Masonic and Eastern Star lodges in Shedd Saturday night.

Rev. and Mrs. Delus Higbee and son of Seattle are visiting this week with relatives in and near Peoria.

J. S. Lamar visited on Sunday with the family of Geo. Githens, who are spending the holidays on the farm.

Mrs. M. C. Brown and daughter Thelma, of Tangent, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barcus.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davis and daughter Grace of Salem are visiting Mr. Davis' mother, Mrs. Mary Newman.

Miss Johanna Hintsch of Corvallis spent Sunday with Mrs. J. R. Frady.

Miss Mary Leabo and Miss Hazel Leabo are visiting in Albany this week with Mrs. Ella Price.

Velma Leabo returned Saturday from Junction City where she had gone to spend Christmas with friends.

Misses Lucie and Bessie Barcus, Lester Porter and Charley Davis, spent Christmas week visiting friends in Benton County.

Amos Taylor had business in Albany Wednesday.

Rev. and Mrs. F. M. Canfield returned Monday from a short stay at McFarland.

Work is to be started on the gymnasium this week if the lumber arrives in time.

Mrs. Jewel Brattain was a Monday shonner in Albany.

An interesting program consisting of special songs and recitations was rendered Sunday afternoon by the children of the Free Methodist Sunday school.

F. M. Baker of Myrtle Creek is at the Vandrán.

George T. Pearce returned this noon from McMinnville where he spent Christmas at home and will assume charge of his duties as circulating and advertising manager of the Rural Oregonian.

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