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FOR SAKE OF LIMELIGHT

One step always leads to another.

This truism accounts for most of the advances of Science. But it also is responsible for mounting acts of attrition and of reform.

What happens in Portland, it must be admitted, affects cities and communities outside of Portland, whether it be a gimlet-eyed pursuit of the dastardly slot-machine, the determined juggling of Pacific Standard Time or any of a number of other activities.

Living in close proximity to Big Town and with many of our neighbors employed there, we look thereto for leadership in some matters and can but follow along in others.

Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee took firm, aggressive steps, shortly upon her election, to dig out the evil roots of a slot-machine organization which was becoming bolder and bolder. Of course, by so doing, she stilled the wheels of numerous machines that were going a long ways toward building charity funds, paying off building loans and otherwise bringing in funds that strengthened or prolonged the solvency of various fraternal groups.

Shortly after Mayor Lee charged forth with the sharp lances of her official power, most all the counties of the state fell in line and instituted a "heat's on" attitude toward all mechanisms of chance. Even in places where a city had collected license fees, was the sharp reverse in practice instituted. State law, to a marked degree, was enforced in regard to slots.

The heat now seems to be slackening off. In mounting instances, slot machines of one kind or another have carefully edged out of hiding and are running more or less openly, as circumstances permit.

Punchboards fell under the evil eye in the purity campaign—up to the point beyond which there were no holds barred in fighting off further retreat. But, having the momentum of her anti-slot drive to move her along, the lady mayor says with characteristic determination that all gambling devices—including all punchboards—must vanish from the fair confines of her city.

Not questioning the sincerity of either the proponents or the opponents of such an edict, some of the claims put forth have a familiar sound. And some of them, it must be admitted, are logical.

A pastor includes punchboards among the things that make "for unhappiness in the home or destruction of social responsibility." A retired educator blames punchboards and slot machines as "getting many children off on the wrong foot" and "immoral if not immoral."

Another minister discounts the possibility that a ban on punchboards might result in small cigar stores, restaurants or taverns going broke by saying that at least ten families will have better food and living conditions to every one family that goes broke because of it.

Perhaps if one is not aware of the close line between solvency and bankruptcy that complicates the worrying of many small businessmen, the contributions to a monthly business return of punchboards might not be considered of much moment. But there are a number of instances, in Portland and outside of Portland, where net profit is not great and every boost to income is gratefully welcomed to help pay off high fixed costs of rent and other overhead.

For every such small businessman forced to the wall, there would be employees who would be jobless, not to note the cumulative effect which supplying firms would feel in their business and their employment volume. In time of mounting unemployment, as statistically established by the state unemployment figures, it would seem eminently advisable to encourage small business and the employment it provides for others.

If this were purely a moral issue, perhaps believers in punchboard leniency would be without a leg to support them. But neither in Portland nor elsewhere does the population live in a moral vacuum, regardless of how much pious good might be proposed.

Does the mayor of Portland or the council of ministers raise sharp, aggressive voices at horse racing and dog racing? Noble sports they are, indeed, enjoying high pop-

ularity, we might as well admit, because of the chance to wager on the results.

The list of benefactors from these two out-and-out gambling fields is long and impressive. Does the city of Portland talk a different language on the morality of accepting kickbacks from the parimutuel windows and thus dignify the process as revenue "in lieu of taxes"?

The main contention in the purity campaign seems to be that state law prohibits gambling and that's what must rule. There was another situation which had a law—Prohibition—but it did nothing to counteract the evil which caused its enactment. It aggravated, rather than corrected the use of liquor and disregard of the law.

Certainly, we in no wise favor the unbridled flourish of gambling and corruption. We do not endorse the nurturing of long tenacles of lawlessness, of gambling syndicates, of profligate criminals. But a degree of tolerance might be more wholesome than to drive a human instinct underground or into the careful backrooms of more daring operators.

Gambling is gambling and the element of chance is part of everyone's instinct, whether it be expressed in a game of bingo, a chance on a raffle or a series of evenings spent urging the dogs to victory.

Somewhat alarming is the prospect of Portland's anti-gambling crusade continuing to pave the way for imitative action outside Portland. It begins to smack of steps for the sake of limelight.

HIGHWAY CASUALTY LIST

According to the listing of fatal accidents which occurred in the state of Oregon in the year 1948, the most dangerous locations as far as fatalities are concerned were primary state highways and city streets.

Because is its comparatively greater congestion, the city of Portland, last year, accounted for the most deaths within cities, a total of 54. Seventeen were on primary state highways, 4 on secondary state highways and 33 on city streets. Total urban deaths were 98.

In rural areas across the state, casualties were 267 of which 180 happened on primary state highways, 39 on secondary state highways, 47 on county roads and 1 in other locations.

Out of 38 counties in the state, Washington county ranked sixth from the top of the list as to casualties, reporting 14 fatalities and 12 injured during twelve months of traffic. Wheeler county, in the lesser populated center of the state, reported no highway deaths during the entire 12 months.

Washington county's deaths happened in a total of 13 accidents. Seven of the drivers involved were in normal condition, three intoxicated and the remaining three either blinded by oncoming headlights, asleep or ill.

There is a moral in this bundle of rather startling statistics. A moral that refutes a current belief that most traffic accidents are due to the mixture of gasoline and alcohol.

While there can be little argument that intoxication on the public highways is an invitation to disaster, it must also be recognized that under normal conditions a driver is not safe.

Taking the list for Washington county as an example, two pedestrians walked in front of an oncoming vehicle, abstracted with their personal cares. They made the casualty list.

Cars came to grief when passing in face of oncoming traffic, skidding off a curve, swerving to avoid a car, running into a truck which was sanding a highway, running without lites, falling asleep and hitting a power pole, entering highway without looking and speeding.

In effect, the tabulation reads like a record of thoughtlessness and inattention to the dangers that lurk in traffic. Speed, faulty mechanics, defective tires, and human failings, whether in your car or that of another driver invites the tragedy of death, injury and mishap.

Presentation of advice for safe driving sometimes goes without reward. It is only brought to mind by the undeniable shock in reading a highway casualty list.

Fire Turns Old Parsonage Into Total Loss, Sun.

The house at the corner of 3rd and Main, Beaverton, which was at one time used for the Methodist church parsonage, became a total loss by fire, Sunday evening, August 14. Cause of the blaze, according to fire chief Archie Olson, is unknown as it was well underway before the alarm was made.

Tenants of the house were the families of J. Sellar and Mr. Taylor, Olson adds. The fire was discovered about 8 p.m. Owner is Tom Carlberg, 532 S. W. Sherman, Portland.

On Sunday afternoon, the department was called out for a grass fire discovered in the West Hills cemetery.

RELYING ON YOU

When you drive don't rely on the other guy—he may be relying on you.

Training Center Of Jr. Red Cross Convenes Aug. 24

Two from Beaverton are among five high school students elected as delegates to the Junior Red Cross training center to be held at Silver Creek Falls, near Salem, from August 24 to the afternoon of September 3.

The delegates are: Dolores Fine, Banks High School; Harold D. Engelen, Forest Grove High School; Eloise Clarno, Hillsboro High School and Jo Ann Kramer and Bob Speer, both of Beaverton High School.

This training center will accommodate 96 students from Washington and Oregon. Program will include organization and camp function by student leaders; discussion and demonstrations on first aid, water safety and accident prevention; home nursing; Local, National and International

activities; supervision and instruction in swimming; recreation outdoor sports and games; campfire activities.

Students will have the opportunity to complete courses for certification in first aid, water safety and accident prevention. Camp supervision will consist of Area Office personnel from San

Francisco as well as a few from chapter centers, who will be in charge of the various activities.

This is the first time to hold such a meeting in Oregon and the fourth time for Pacific area. There are two other centers this year, one at Astoria, near Pacific Grove, California and the other at Flathead Lake, Polson, Montana.

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BEAR WEAR AND TEAR

To be worth anything, character must be capable of standing firm upon its feet in the world of daily work, temptation, and trial; and able to bear the wear and tear of actual life. —Smiles

TRIFLES FOR GOOD

What sunshine is to flowers, smiles are to humanity. They are but trifles, to be sure; but, scattered along life's pathway, the good they do is inconceivable. —Addison

FRIEND TO GRACE

Cheerfulness is a friend to grace; it puts the heart in tune to praise God, and so honors religion by proclaiming to the world that we serve a good master. —Thomas Watson