

PUTS GAMBLING UNDER THE BAN

Letter from District Attorney Outlines Illegal Practice, Fixes Responsibility.

District Attorney Evans is bringing the influence of his office to bear upon the custom of card playing, so prevalent everywhere, for tokens of value. The pastime of playing card games for anything of value is clearly a violation of the law, even in the smallest degree, and has a penalty attached for every violation. The town of Gresham is not exempt from the custom and complaints have been made to Justice of the Peace Rollins, who wrote the district attorney for information as to his powers and authority in the matter of suppressing the games which are reported to be flourishing here in several places, including the saloons and some confectionery stores. Justice Rollins received a prompt reply to his inquiry, which reply would indicate that he is only the magistrate to try offenders who may be brought before him, but that it is the duty of the police to inform against and prosecute all persons who are found violating the law.

Following is the district attorney's letter in full:

"Opinion from district attorney's office in regard to playing 'games with cards.'

"Section 2105, Lord's Oregon Laws, governs the cases which you call to our attention. Such games or the playing of them, constitutes a misdemeanor according to this section, and is punishable by fine or not more than \$500.00.

"The section referred to reads in part as follows, 'Each and every person who shall play or carry on any game played with cards, dice or any other device, whether the same be played for money, checks, credits, or any other representative of value, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00.

"Section 2107 declares it to be the especial duty of each district attorney, constable or town marshal to inform against and to prosecute any and all persons whom they have reasonable cause to believe guilty of violating this act, and

"Any officer who shall refuse or neglect to so inform against and prosecute offenders against this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, under penalty of not less than \$50.00 and removal from office mandatory."

This matter has been presented to the Outlook before and is now brought to the attention of every one in an official way as a warning that violators of the statutes concerning games of chance will be proceeded against.

It is sometimes hard to get direct information that card games are being conducted for profit, or that they are being played for anything of value. Even where it is known that such games are being carried on the evidence is not always sufficient to convict and the games continue without interruption. It will be seen that the law is not entirely directed against the proprietors of the places where card playing is allowed, but that every player is liable and that it is the duty of the city marshal to get full information and lead in the prosecution.

Those who remember Governor West's crusades in Huntington and Redmond last year against this very form of vice will realize that Gresham has some need for a similar crusade, and it may be forthcoming unless a reform is brought about by those most interested.

Justice Rollins is ready to listen to any complaint that may be made, but he is not expected to go out single-handed and gather evidence. His duties in such cases are judicial.

The Merchants' National Bank of Portland has just sent out its forth financial review for last year which embraces reports on practically everything and every industry in the United States. It is a valuable compendium of the financial situation of the country and tells a tale of prosperity that is nothing short of astonishing. The Review will be sent to anyone upon request and should be had by everyone who is interested in the knowledge of our national industries.

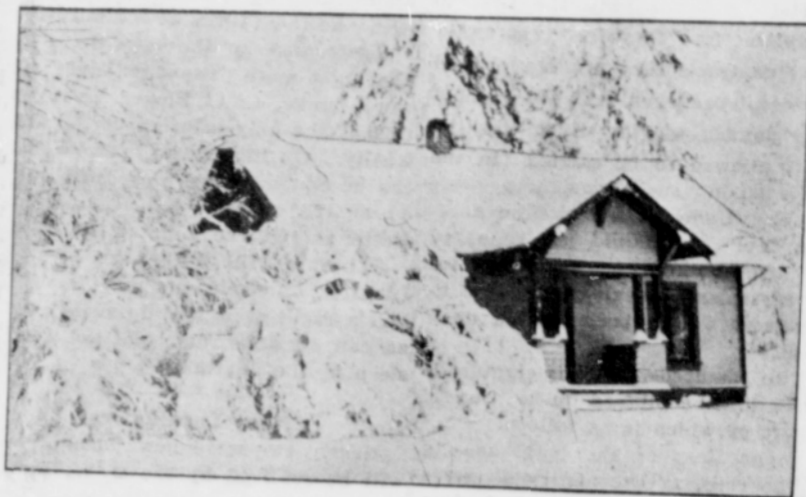
TWO FINE RESIDENCES OF GRESHAM IN THEIR SETTING OF WHITE DURING RECENT SNOWFALL



NEW RESIDENCE OF DR. A. THOMPSON.

Taking advantage of a snowstorm to illustrate Dr. A. Thompson's new residence on South Roberts avenue, is a conceit that should be pardonable because it is done without his knowledge. While the picture which is herewith presented is a neat work of art it fails to do full justice to this magnificent home which has just been completed at a cost of about \$7000, but the snowstorm and the surroundings of "beautiful snow" furnished the excuse for its reproduction here.

Dr. Thompson has established the record for costly homes in Gresham, which is in keeping with his enterprise in developing the growth of the city. During the past six years he has done more than any other individual or firm in building new houses and locating others on available sites and is still doing praiseworthy work in building up his home town and its surrounding neighborhood.



NEW RESIDENCE OF CARROL S. SMITH.

Embowered in the cosy shelter of a small grove in Zenith addition, facing Hood avenue, is the beautiful home of Carrol S. Smith. The snow that mantles the ground and trees and all but hides the natural surroundings of the place has been the incentive for the picture that is remarkable for its clear cut beauty and fidelity to nature in its covering of fleecy white.

Mr. Smith is a prominent real estate agent, a member of the Commercial Club and other organizations of Gresham and has been identified with its prosperity for several years. He went to the Minneapolis land show in charge of the Multnomah county exhibit and gave a good account of his stewardship. His office is in Portland but his home and heart are in Gresham.

The above pictures were taken by J. E. Metzger.

BILLIE'S DAWGS BAG BIG GAME

WELCHES, Jan. 19—Welches is almost snowbound. There being 32 inches of snow here on the level. The snow is very light, except about eight inches of old snow on the bottom, which makes traveling very hard. The mail has been carried by horseback the last two days. Saturday the mail carrier from Sandy did not arrive here until 7:30 p. m., almost three hours behind time, but we consider ourselves lucky to get the mail at all under existing conditions.

Billie and his 'houn' dawgs bagged two coons and one large bobcat last week. Billie got tired of staying around the house so went across the river with his dogs to air a "leettle", he said, but the dogs supposed he meant business and hunted around until they found some coon tracks. The two old veteran hound dogs immediately started on the trail as it was a warm one, with Billie and the small dog Buster following them as rapidly as possible. Within a short time they had the coons treed in a hollow cedar tree, the tree was hollow for a short distance above the ground with a good opening at the ground, but the dogs couldn't reach the coons and the hole wasn't large enough for Billie to get in and pull the coons down, and about this time Buster got excited. There was just room for one large dog and one small one that was Buster and Drummer. Buster jumped on Drummer's back, then jumping up from there he grabbed a coon, then things did happen. All three dogs and the coon were in one grand whirl, with Billie side stepping around the outside until finally Buster got Mr. Coon by the throat and the other dogs stretched Mr. Coon out and quickly finished him. About this time out came the other coon, and Billie and the dogs took in after it. Billie being rear guard. The dogs caught the coon before it could get up a tree and quickly finished it. Billie did not have a gun so it was up to his dogs to make good. Billie killed the wild cat out in his pasture, not a half mile from the hotel. He says its lots more rfun chasing coons and bobcats than to hunt bear or have bear hunt him.

Messrs. Tawneys are hauling hay from the Odell place below Brightwood. They are using a sleigh and haul good loads.

Albon Meinig was up from Sandy today shoveling snow off some of his flat sheds.

Frank Anderson and Jack Fahle spent a few days last week at Welches.

There are not even enough federal offices in Oregon for the men who voted for Taft.

A "pure shoe" bill has been introduced in congress. Next will be a "pure clothes" law.

Be sure to read the want ads. on page 2.

HEAVY FALL OF SNOW DOES MUCH DAMAGE

Nearly Ten Inches of Snow Is Beautiful Sight but Is Not Welcomed. Trees Bent to the Ground Under the Heavy Weight and Telephone Wires Fall.

The anonymous author of "Beautiful Snow" was not a resident of Oregon. He lived away back east somewhere in the days before the most of us were born, and it's a safe bet that he was hived up in a warm room with his heels on the stove and had the rheumatism whenever he looked out of the window. But he had poetry in his soul for he wrote—

"Flying to kiss a fair lady's cheek; Clinging to lips in a frolicsome freak, Beautiful snow, from the heavens above,

Pure as an angel and fickle as love." Had he lived in western Oregon he would have been none the less a poet, but he would have seen the snow with different eyes. Here, where the snow is almost an affliction, he would have ordered another cord of wood and kept himself out of sight until the snow had passed away. Poets may love the beautiful and rave over the sentimental things that find lodgment in their brains; they may even tear out their hair in sudden gushes of temperamental affliction, like a hired mourner at a Chinese funeral, but they can't appreciate a Webfoot snowstorm any more than a cat can appreciate sour milk.

The snow on Saturday morning was an unwelcome surprise to everyone who went to bed early the night before. Ten inches of the "beautiful" has its drawbacks to those who are not used to it, and few of us are, in this latitude, although we get a dose of it every few winters. When it comes down so gently it looks pretty for awhile, but when it is only fit for snowballs we are all of us ready to discount it about 95 per cent for another installment of the regular old-fashioned Oregon mist.

All of this may be a noise like "knocking" the beautiful snow, but it isn't. We realize that even snow has its uses, foremost of which is its use for the manufacture of snowballs. It is also valuable for making snow forts and snow men and for giving employment to a few persons who make their living out of the miseries of their fellow creatures. It is also a good thing for the boys to use to wash the girls' faces with, and it has been the agent for causing runaway teams and broken windows. It is also useful in small towns as an easer of making the mayor and some of his councilmen better acquainted. They are usually good mixers on any occasion, but in a snowballing fest they learn to know each other better than ever before, and the police doesn't interfere.

The damage caused by ten inches of snow is of no consequence. It only demoralizes the telephone systems for a few weeks and raises the price of hay as an offset. It

sells great stacks of rubber shoes for the merchant to the family that needed the money for the picture shows, and it makes the man who is short of wood remember something he couldn't think of.

Friday night's storm left us ten inches of snow, and in the language of the unnamed poet it came "dancing, flirting, skimming along,

Over the housetops, over the street, Over the heads of the people you meet."

and every line of business was demoralized except that of the rural letter carriers, and they wouldn't have cared if their business had been demoralized, too. Telephone lines went down all over the country so fast that neighborhood gossip was suspended entirely; but next day was Saturday, there was no school and the kids had all the fun while father and mother paid all the bills.

During the prevalence of the snow storm on Friday night, and as long as was necessary, the O. W. P. kept cars running over its lines thus averting a possible blockade. Only occasionally were any of the cars late and traffic was not seriously interrupted at any time.

All but six of the local telephone circuits went "out" before Saturday morning, many poles being down and numerous wires being broken. The work of putting the line in order was begun at once and many of the circuits have again been put in commission. It will take all of this week to repair the damage and the cost will be several hundred dollars.

At Estacada the switchboard of the telephone office burned out and a fire was narrowly averted. The company estimates its damages at \$500, while the cost to the P. R. L. & P. lines is about \$100.

The snow was much deeper farther eastward, increasing gradually toward the Cascades. At Sandy it was about two feet deep.

A few fruit trees were broken down by the weight of the snow and a few sheds collapsed under the extra strain. Business was almost at a stand-still and most people stayed at home on Saturday unless urgent calls brought them out. On Sunday the snow had begun to melt and yesterday it was warmer, while today the prospect looks good for a rapid disappearance of the snow. Winter came too late to last long.

The dairymen of eastern Multnomah and several other sections are resting in fancied security that they will be treated well hereafter by the Portland combine. Just wait until prices tumble again, and then bear the howl that will go up. The golden opportunity went by, but there is yet a good chance left if the milkmen would assert their independence.

EQUITY UNIONS ARE INCREASING

The Farmers' Society of Equity is making vast progress in the northwest this winter. Besides the Multnomah County Union which was organized from four local unions last January, there is now a county union in Clackamas county representing about four times the strength of the Multnomah county union. This union held a rousing meeting a week ago last Saturday and is making plans to do big things in the future. Washington county is now nearly as thoroughly organized as Clackamas and is taking the first steps toward the organization of a county union. There are a lot of big boosters there who are willing to put both time and money into the work. Several prominent farmers there will engage in active work during the next few weeks.

Marion, Yamhill and Columbia counties are partly organized with some good men at work in each county. There are thirty-three local unions in the western part of Montana and eighteen in the state of Idaho with the work growing all the time. National organizer, H. F. Cutting is planning to invade the territory across the Columbia in the near future. But in addition to all this and right in connection with it, there has been organized a clearing house and warehouse company with a capital stock of \$10,000.00 to be sold to farmers in \$5 shares.

The purpose of this company is to work in conjunction with the local and county unions and handle all kinds of farm produce and merchandise. The main office and warehouse will be located in Portland with branches all over the northwest. It is expected that the capital of this company will be increased very soon to at least \$25,000.00. Canneries and all kinds of equipment necessary to preserve and market fruit and produce will be equipped and a competent manager put in charge of the business.

Offices have been secured at No. 328 Chamber of Commerce from which the warehouse company and the organization work will be conducted.

To see the legislative wheels go around, a number of delegates to the recent Oregon Irrigation congress were passengers on a special train that carried them to Salem for the opening of the session and later they visited the state institutions at Corvallis and Eugene. The Irrigation congress was notable as being the most important gathering of irrigationists ever held in this state, and the visit of the delegates to the capital was full of interest.

Some men think statesmanship, or public service, consist in starting a row.

To produce good fruit prune your trees. Full line of pruning shears and saws at Sterling & Kidder's.

HARD SURFACE ON BASE LINE

One-Half Cost of Improvement to Be Paid for by Assessment on Property.

To have the Base Line road improved with a hard surface and a string of electric lights, from Portland to the Sandy driver, is the dream of the automobile enthusiasts. They have progressed so far that a bill will be introduced in the legislature this week empowering the county court to do the work providing a majority of the property owners along the thoroughfares will pay a portion of the cost.

The proposed improvement has been mentioned in these columns twice before and is not entirely new, but there are new features connected with the work. W. J. Clemens, president of the Portland automobile club, is at the head of the project. The plan is to have the property owners on each side of the road pay one-half, the county to pay the other half out of the road fund.

Mr. Clemens appointed a committee which has made estimates that the cost will be \$10,000 a mile. It is about ten miles from the eastern boundary of Portland to the club grounds at the Sandy, and the work can be completed for \$100,000. To raise the one-half required of the property owners would mean an assessment of about \$100 per front acre on both sides of the road.

Mr. Clemens says that the county court officials and the property owners are enthusiastic over the idea. There is no doubt but that the improvement would increase the value of the property fronting the road, as it will virtually make it city property. But there is going to be some opposition. To the city limits, at Russellville, the city council can assume jurisdiction and compel the improvement under certain conditions, but from that point eastward there will have to be other regulations which the proposed legislative enactment is intended to supply. It will provide for the consent of a majority of the front foot owners along the road. This would be easy if the holdings were small but there are numerous long stretches of frontage that would be burdened with heavy assessments at \$50 per acre—both sides would be taxed the same amount—and some of the property could not afford that sum. Yet the law will not exempt them if a majority so wills it. Such lengthy frontages, for example, would be the Bowman farm with many others of almost equal frontage, and there would be considerable resistance.

However, the plan might be put into operation for part of the way as a starter, but that would hardly satisfy the promoters of the scheme. The subject has been talked about several years and the work will be done some days. It is in line with the encroachment of Portland on eastern Multnomah. The plan might be modified so as to include a small share of the tax on other property a short distance from the Base Line, a sort of district assessment, thus relieving the frontage property of a part of the cost. Inside property, especially on the cross roads, would receive benefits and should be taxed something. If the plan goes through.

The next step would be in line with Mayor Shattuck's suggestion that the road from Gresham should also be improved in the same way. If the greater improvement is made the lesser one will follow in time, for the onward march of improvement is upon us.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Every evening this week at 7:30 p. m. at the BAPTIST CHURCH.

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An earnest invitation is extended to all, to attend the preaching of God's Gospel to men.

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