

WARM DEBATE ON GAMBLING STIRS COUNCIL

Inasmuch as gambling was the chief topic of discussion, it might not be inappropriate to describe last night's session of the city council as a warm session that ended in a jackpot. Colvin opened but found when it came to a showdown that he'd miscalculated his hand and was shy a pair. In other words he introduced the anti-gambling ordinance prepared by the city attorney as per instructions last week—but his colleagues balked at its drastic provisions and no one would second it on first reading.

According to all rules of the game the ordinance was dead. Colvin's countenance went into deep mourning, and it looked as if the morsel which had collapsed. (Having sat at several "steamed rolled" legislative sessions and seen the tribunes of the people flattened out, the reporter craves permission here to interject a word of praise as to the smoothness of the program for pigeon-holing the ordinance, and incidentally to pay tribute to Mr. Colvin's sincerity.)

But the cat came back, unexpectedly. With the annoying document apparently dead, and everybody happy but Colvin, the council proceeded to other business. Finally proceeding reached a point, an hour or so after the obsequies described, where the mayor called upon members of the audience to be heard, if aught to say they had.

Whereupon William F. Kay, secretary of the local labor council rose in the back of the hall, and asked to be heard as a delegate of one thousand union workmen, whose message he said he carried in the form of a resolution.

Kay tossed the fireworks and spilled the beans. The resolution, passed last night by the labor council, declared the laboring men of the community unalterably opposed to the continuation of rakes-off gambling and wide-open conditions, and called upon the council to use every influence for a clean-up.

Before going further it would be well to consider the ordinance introduced. If there is a stronger adjective than "drastic" it is needed in the description. If not "drastic" must serve.

It provided for the suppression of all card and dice games in public places—everywhere except in private homes—for money, milk, marbles or anything else whatsoever.

It provided for the removal of all card tables, chairs, lounges and all seating equipment from pool rooms and public gathering places.

It prohibited loafing, or the gathering of agitators, gamblers and undesirable in pool rooms, or other public resorts, and made them amenable upon conviction to its penalties.

And finally its penalty was 25 to 50 days jail sentence, without alternative of fine.

Kay started gently with a plea for chairs. He said he did not believe that it was necessary to remove the chairs to stop gambling any more than it would be necessary for a surgeon to remove a healthy leg to cure a corn. He warmed up to his subject. He point-blank declared his belief that a "sure-thing, tinhorn or rakeoff gambler was the lowest form of humanity," comparing unfavorably with a procurer. He said that he was there to ask that the council use its authority to prevent such birds of prey from battenning on the members of the laboring class.

But he declared that harm was being done the business community. Ten men, for instance, might gamble, he said, with a professional card sharp. The outcome is certain. In due course of time ten men have lost the wherewithal to buy necessary commodities. Merchants lose the patronage of ten men, who wear clothing, buy food, some of whom rent houses, all of whom rent rooms, etc. One man has the money. His patronage, if he bestows it at all, is naturally one-tenth as great, and he is the type that is here today and gone tomorrow, and money that would otherwise be spent and circulated, with him.

RETAIL FOOD PRICES STILL ASCENDING

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Retail food prices continue to show "a steady increase," according to a survey of the food budget for June made public today by the department of labor. The increase since the first of the year is 9 per cent and the increase from May 15 to June 15, 2 per cent.

SHAMROCK WINS SECOND RACE

RANDY HOOK, July 20.—The Shamrock III today won another race from the American defender. Resolute, and needs only one more victory to win America's cup. It was a neck and neck race with the result resting almost on seconds.

The Resolute had about a minute and 20 seconds to make up on the last 10 mile stretch and for a time it appeared she would be able to do so. Her chances, however, began to dwindle, with the wind showing signs of flattening out when the Lipton craft was within three miles of the finishing mark.

The Shamrock finished at 5:37:58 and the Resolute at 5:49:59, unofficial time.

"Regardless of differences in viewing other matters," said the labor secretary, "I think that we have a point in common with the legitimate business interests of the community here, and if they understood the extent of this evil as well as I do, I believe they would be here now to support labor's stand. (They weren't there, however.)"

C. E. Bristow, of the carpenter's union, spoke next and for mainly demand for a clean home atmosphere in which to bring up a family, for a plea for the reasonable protection for the young men and boys of the community, his speech was a classic. He said that San Francisco in its palmy days, and he claimed close acquaintance with the period, was not as bad as Klamath Falls is now, in percentage of population.

The Rev. C. F. Trimble, Frank Robinson of the Warren Hunt hospital pharmacy, and F. R. Soule, city editor of the Herald, spoke in behalf of cleaner conditions.

For the first time in months, applause rang in the council chamber as each of the speakers laid his indictment against conditions as they asserted they existed under this city administration.

During the discussion instances were adduced which speakers claimed were not heresay, of the wide open conditions. One citation was of a notorious capper from Reno who arrived here five weeks ago broke and now carries a \$1700 roll and boasts it is "rake-off" money. The case of one logger who came in to celebrate the Fourth and was trimmed for \$1100 on July 5, was mentioned. An alleged case of a Seattle man who lost \$400 and got a broken jaw when he protested, was brought out, and a case yesterday of a man who nearly lost an eye in a gambling row was mentioned, all alleged by the speakers to be facts.

To show the evil that follows in the train of gambling, a case that never reached the police records, was never reached that last Sunday night, a recent arrival from Reno, attacked a watchman in one of the lumber yards. The girl's brother, it is stated, rounded up the assailant, gave him a thorough beating, took him halfway to Weed in a car and dumped him out with a warning to keep headed south.

When all the argument was in Colvin, who had brightened visibly on discovering that he was not the only moral crusader in the house, called up his ordinance for reconsideration. He stripped it of the sections prohibiting chairs in pool rooms and other resorts and of the sections on loafing, which he said the section on loafing, which he said the sections prohibiting card med to the sections prohibiting card playing or dice shaking in public places, and prohibiting the keeping of cards or dice or other implements

CONFERENCE ON ROAD DISPUTE

William A. Duncan, district attorney, left this morning for Salem, incidentally to say "hello" to the other Brother Bills, but chiefly to confer with J. M. Deevers, assistant attorney general and attorney for the state highway commission, in regard to pending litigation over rights of way for the Klamath Falls-Mallin section of the highway.

Among different angles to be gone into is the preparation of an answer to the injunction proceeding recently instituted in the circuit court by Mrs. Sophia S. Henley, who seeks to prevent alleged trespass upon her property by the builders of the highway and asks damages of \$1000 for alleged destruction of ditches, fences, etc.

Despite the litigation the road has been built through many of the ranches, whose owners oppose the route taken and against whom condemnation proceedings are pending. It is said that the only exception is the ranch of Robert Cheyne. Cheyne is reported to have nailed a warning on his fence, advising all and sundry that any entrance upon the premises was at the risk of the entrant, and the road crew went around.

There are six or seven ranches in the valley whose owners oppose the building of the road through their farms. Suits are pending against all of them, but all are awaiting the outcome of the Henley injunction action.

It is expected a ruling will be secured at an early date. Application has been made to the supreme court for appointment of an outside judge to hear the injunction suit, Judge Kuykendall being absent on his annual vacation.

OREGON—Tonight and Wednesday, unsettled; probably thunder storms in mountains.

of gambling in such places, it went to vote.

Councilman Brandenburg voted "no," Upp refused to vote and Lavelle and Colvin voted "yes." The mayor declared the ordinance carried to second reading and an argument arose over the decision. The mayor stood on Roberts Rules of Order and declared that Upp in refusing to vote, although present, must be counted with the majority. Upp said the city ordinance governed the point and required a vote of the majority of the council, and under his construction the non-voter did not count with the majority. The matter ended in adjournment.

Brandenburg declared he was opposed to gambling and explained his vote by saying that he believed the men who seek recreation in pool rooms are entitled to play a sociable game of cards. He was against arbitrarily taking away the privilege, he said. He believed that the police were able to enforce the law.

Upp explained his failure to vote by saying he wanted more time for consideration. His explanation did not explain to the satisfaction of Colvin, who at one point where some personal attack nettled him, threw at Upp the implication that the latter was "straddling."

"I've got backbone enough to vote for what I think is right" asserted Colvin and drew a burst of hand-clapping from the crowd.

Upp asserted that his spinal column was all right but he didn't want to be stampeded. He stated after the meeting that he was opposed to gambling, knew it existed here, but not to the extent described at the meeting. He would investigate, he said, and if he found things as pictured would vote for the ordinance as introduced—if no better were available—next Monday night.

A substitute ordinance, leaving the chairs and card tables, but taking away chips and putting in a clause for revocation of the license of any pool room proprietor who tolerated gambling on his premises, was mentioned as an alternative. This would leave the cards and tables for sociable games, and it was thought would put the burden on the pool room keepers to prevent gambling or lose their license in fashion that would make the enforcement of the law feasible.

ASK FOR SIXTH STREET REPAIR

E. B. Hall, president of the chamber of commerce, headed a delegation which appeared before the city council last night and asked that the council make repairs to Sixth street. The street was admitted by all to be in deplorable condition, but the council declared it was without funds to make repairs. A number of solutions were discussed and Mr. Hall said that he would be back next week with some definite plan of action. It was suggested that, as the street is a main thoroughfare from the country into the city, the county court might contribute money toward fixing it. Mr. Hall said he thought some of the industries on lower Sixth street might aid.

Leaky mains of the California-Oregon Power company under the street, and heavy loaded trucks driven over it, were given as reasons for its breaking. The power company would be asked to repair its mains, it was decided, and as for the trucks, loading limit and speed limit laws, and regulations regarding width of tires, will be enforced. Empty trucks, traveling fast, are more destructive to pavement than slowly moving loaded trucks, it was said, and steps will be taken to slow up such vehicles when they use city streets as speedways.

Ordinances Considered

An ordinance prohibiting incineration of garbage and rubbish, except in stoves, heaters and furnaces, was passed.

An ordinance codifying all street grades, which repeals scattered grade ordinances, was adopted.

Traffic Ordinance

A new traffic ordinance, to replace the one recently vetoed by the mayor, was introduced and passed first reading. It completely blankets city traffic conditions, regulating speed limit, parking, lights, licenses and all angles of traffic regulation.

Sewer Permit Granted

J. H. Garrett was granted permission to lay a sewer in the alley in block 97, to serve the garage he is erecting on Sixth street, after considerable debate. It appeared that the sewer main would be laid at proper depth in Garrett's property, but on adjoining property it would be close to the surface. Finally, on condition that the installation meet the approval of the city engineer, permission was granted.

KLAMATH FISHING STARTLES VISITORS

"Oh! Paul, George, gosh! hold me or he will tip the boat. I'll lose my line. P-a-u-l, grab him—Oh! he's gone." This is a truthful and verbatim report of what happened at Rocky Point Sunday when Mrs. Paul B. Causley hooked one of the small trout that infest that part of the lake. It probably weighed 12 or 15 pounds, but put up such a hard fight that it really did seem larger. "Paul" is the husband. He was induced to come out to this neck of the woods by George C. Ulrich, an old school chum, on the promise that he and Mrs. Causley would have an opportunity to enjoy the best fishing they ever experienced. And, as in all things, Mr. Ulrich kept his promise and the two visitors are going to return to Alton, Ill., with fish stories that will, to the natives of that benighted section, where a six-inch trout starts a commotion, seem almost unbelievable. Mrs. Causley caught several 10, 12 and 15-pound trout, but she lost five, and these gave her the liveliest fishing experience of her life, as they fought every second they were on the line.

Mr. Causley is editor and principal owner of the Daily Telegraph, the leading paper of Alton, Ill., and is taking a well-earned rest. He will remain here for a short time, visiting the various points of interest, one of which will be Diamond lake where Mrs. Causley will have an opportunity to see what real trout fishing is, as the report from there is that the big ones are raising to the fly and breaking lines and poles right and left.

BLACK PUGLISH IN HANDS OF THE LAW

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 20.—Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion, for eight years a fugitive from United States justice, crossed the international boundary from Lower California this morning and was immediately placed under arrest by a United States deputy marshal.

MANY PRIZES IN ELKS' PARADE

SALEM, Ore., July 20.—Two hundred and seventy-five dollars in cash, two handsome trophies, and a huge mounted Elk head will be distributed in prizes to winning entries of various natures in the Elks' parade here Thursday evening, the first night of the state convention July 22-24. It was announced today.

Scores of elaborately decorated cars and floats will be in the parade. One hundred dollars will go to the car owner whose machine is judged most attractive, and \$50 will be given as second prize. No car will be barred from the line. Other prizes are: Largest uniformed body in line—first prize, mounted Elk head, second, \$50; most unique appearing body—lodge jewels and silk altar flag; most original comic stunt—first prize, \$50, second, \$25; lodge coming greatest distance represented by not less than 20 members, trophy; largest lady registration, a trophy.

GASTRONOMIC TITLE CHANGES

"That guy Underwood sat right where you are now and downed 18 hamburger sandwiches, I'm tellin' you," said F. S. Jones, one of the proprietors of Nickle & Jones' Coffee House on Sixth street.

"What made him such a light eater?" asked Vern F. Anderson, carrier for Harry Richardson's news route. "Was he off his feed that day, or is he always dainty with his victuals like that?"

"Cut the kidding, bo," advised the restaurant man. "I'm tellin' you about a guy that made a world record in a catch as can bout with the bow-wows and biscuits. Yes sir, he sat right there and took the works in four hours and forty minutes."

"I'd thought he'd a got hungry stickin' around so long on such a light diet," averred Vernon. "Now a regular eater like me—"

"You're called right there," said Jones. "Ten dollars and the sandwiches free if you beat the champion. You pay for the sandwiches you eat if you don't."

And the kid wasn't bluffing a bit. In three hours and 20 minutes he had demolished 20 hamburgers, each encased in a bun; drank so many glasses of milk that the count was lost, and stowed away a pint or so of pickles for a relish. He shoved the previous title holder, Walter B. Underwood, into the discard by two sandwiches on capacity, and lessened Underwood's time by more than an hour.

Things looked a little gloomy in the thirteenth round, but nature had its course and Verne returned to the attack and downed the next seven easily.

"I guess that shows up that dyspeptic guy," he said, as he pocketed the \$10. "I'll hike for home now. Gotta get out at five in the morning and scatter my papers." And sure enough, he was on the job at 5 and proved that the previous meal had settled by getting on the outside of a big stack of hotcakes and two cups of coffee.

TRIAL IS STARTED

A suit to recover the sum of \$150 by W. B. Graham against Caroline, Dave and Dan Liskey, is being heard today before Judge N. J. Chapman. The jury was summoned this morning and began hearing the argument at 1 o'clock today.

600 MILLION INCREASE FOR R. R. WORKERS

CHICAGO, July 20.—Six hundred million dollars was added to the pay envelope of the nation's 2,000,000 railroad workers today in the first award handed down by the new United States railway labor board. Rejecting the demands of the organized rail unions for increases totaling approximately 1,000,000,000 dollars, the board decided that approximately 60 per cent of that sum would be a just increase to meet the present living conditions.

An 18 per cent increase of freight rates will be necessary to meet the 21 per cent average increase in the wage award granted railroad employees, E. T. Whiter, representative of the roads in the hearings before the board, announced today. The railroad's plan, it is said, is to file new tariffs with the interstate commerce commission as soon as they can be prepared. Whether the award will stave off the threat of a general railroad strike remains to be seen.

Leaders of virtually all the 16 big railroad unions were present when the decision was handed down today. They left immediately to present the award to the thousand general chairmen who had gathered here to pass on its acceptability.

The board's decision is retroactive to May 1.

ASKS CONFIRMATION OF DRAINAGE DIST.

Petition for the confirmation of all proceedings of the Klamath Drainage district, from its organization March 5, 1915, to date, have been filed in the circuit court by M. Motschenbacher, P. L. Fountain and R. C. Zuckerman, directors.

The proceeding is for the purpose of certifying the regularity and validity of the \$200,000 bond issue, recently authorized for the construction of a drainage system. The bonds were to have been sold Saturday but no bids were received. The directors are now negotiating to secure the construction under a slightly modified plan.

SCREEN STAR AND PARTY ON OUTING

Norma Talmadge and seventeen friends, all noted screen actors, are visitors today at Crater Lake. They came to the park via Medford and whether they expect to come through Klamath Falls on their way out is not known.

The fact that the noted star is so close will no doubt give film fans quite a thrill. Particulars of the party's trip could not be obtained this morning. All that is definitely known, is that reservations were made at the park for today. There were rumors afloat that pictures or certain scenes in pictures would be taken at the Lake, but these are not verified.

POOLE FORMS NEW THEATER COMPANY

Articles of incorporation of the Pelican Theatre corporation have been filed with the county clerk by H. W. Poole, O. D. Burke, C. J. Ferguson and O. D. Williams. The capitalization is \$100,000.

Mr. Poole, manager of the Liberty theatre, was not in town today to give details of the company's plans, and others were loath to discuss them. It was said, however, that the corporation would go ahead with the new theatre building on Main street, excavation for which is practically complete.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT TAKES NOMINATION

Miss Twyla Head, present county school superintendent, has filed her acceptance for the nomination on the Republican ticket of that office, with County Clerk C. R. DeLap. Her name was written in at the recent primary election by the voters as it did not appear on the ballot at that time.