

WRETCHED STATE OF AFFAIRS

Revealed by Washington Law Against Pimping

How the City of Seattle Shares in the Profits of Prostitution

Among the laws enacted by the legislature of 1903, is one to prevent husbands from conniving at the prostitution of their wives and to punish also those who live off or accept the earnings of prostitutes. The title of the act sounds like a slander upon married men, but the intent of the law was to reach and punish that class of vicious idlers who live directly off the earnings of prostitutes. To guard against their evading a law directly applicable to them alone by marrying the particular prostitute off whose earnings they lived, and permitting her to continue in the business, a section was included prohibiting husbands from doing the same thing. Here is that part which refers to the men who live on such an income:

"Any male person who lives with, or who lives off of, in whole or in part, or accept any of the earnings of a prostitute, * * * shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction thereof shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary, not less than one year nor more than five years, and fined in any sum not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars."

From the severity of the punishment fixed for this offense, it is evident that the legislators deemed the offense a heinous one. The question in our minds is, did they not build wiser than they knew?

The municipal government of Seattle has been for several years, and is now, accepting in the form of monthly fines in lieu of license money the earnings of prostitutes, and from these earnings so accepted it proceeds to pay a portion of its living expenses monthly. That is precisely the attitude of the men at whom this law is intended to strike. They accept from a prostitute a part of her earnings and from the money so accepted pay at least part of their monthly living expenses. The question now arises, is it any worse for an individual to accept such earnings than it is for an aggregation of individuals to accept them? It will be urged in answer that the city is not criminal in this matter, because the part of the earnings that it accepts is taken in the nature of fines, as a punishment for the offense. The pimp might as well use the same argument. If the woman is not a prostitute he would not be living off her earnings. But there is another reason why the city may not palliate its offense by the use of such an excuse.

The city has no law permitting it to license prostitution. But in harmony with the statutes of the state it has an ordinance prohibiting prostitution and fixing punishment by means of fines the maximum of which if adjudged against every such offense committed would drive every prostitute out of the city or out of business. It is evident from the fact that our police court is working under instructions from the mayor to levy only the minimum fine of five dollars, when these women come before him, and that the police are instructed by the

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same power not to cause these women to be brought in for fineing oftener than once a month, that the law cannot be used as an excuse or an answer to this accusation of the law.

The City of Seattle through its official policy is clearly guilty of the offense created by this act of the legislature.

The municipal government of Seattle is guilty of another offense under this same section, a part of which reads as follows:

"Any male person who convives in or solicits or attempts to solicit any male person or persons to * * * cohabit with a prostitute or who shall invite, direct, or solicit any person to go to a house of ill-fame for any immoral purpose, * * * shall be deemed guilty of a felony," etc.

By its policy of permitting these houses of ill-fame to exist within the city limits it convives in the act prohibited by this law, and becomes a violator thereof.

The excuse so often urged by these apologists for crime, that these houses are a means of protecting virtuous women from vicious men, only adds strength to this accusation because it makes it plain if they be sincere that these houses are permitted as an invitation to such alleged vicious men to go there rather than disturb the community elsewhere.

Citizens of Seattle, you can easily recognize the felonious position of the individual who does these prohibited things. How do you hope to evade your responsibility as an aggregate of individuals? Is the commission of an offense by an individual any worse than the commission of the same offense by an organization of individuals? If so, why?

JACKSON SCHOOL BONDS

Another Block Bought by the State School Land Board

The state land board has purchased another block of school district bonds. This time it is District No. 1, of Jackson county, that borrowed \$8500 from the board and gave its bonds bearing 5 per cent interest. The securities are in denominations of \$500 and \$1000, seven of the former and five of the latter, and they mature beginning with a \$500 bond on August 27, 1905, and ending with a \$1000 note August 27, 1916, interest payable semi-annually, on August 27th and February 27th of each year until maturity of the respective bonds. This class of securities is considered the very best obtainable in which to invest the irreducible school fund, and as the legislature, at its last session, authorized the investment of the school funds in district bonds at 5 per cent per annum and made it obligatory on district boards to offer their bonds to the state land board before placing them in the open market, it is believed that large sums of the state school funds will in time be invested in school bonds, giving the state a good and safe investment at a minimum of expense and trouble.

School Land Funds.

During the month of August just closed the state land board collected, on account of the several funds in its hands, the sum of \$30,036.11, and that amount was last evening transferred to the state treasury by Chief Clerk Brown of the land office. The money so collected was paid on account of the several funds collected by the board.

Salem Mills Grind.

The Salem Flouring Mills have started on an order of 8000 sacks of "Steamer" brand of flour for export to the Orient, to be ground out of new wheat. The flour will be shipped as soon as the order is completed, which will take several days, as the mill is only running 12 hours per day.

Indian Band Returned.

The Chehaw Indian band has returned from Newport, where the boys made sweet music for the visitors at that popular summer resort during the past three weeks. They also attended the Pacific Coast Indian Institute held in Newport, and furnished the musical program.

SALMON PACK IS SHORT

That of Alaska Will be About up to Average

Estimated That the Pack will Fall Short of Last Year One Million Cases

It is declared in fishing and canning circles that the season has now arrived when a pretty fair estimate of the total salmon pack from all sources can be made. Said a prominent Alaska packer:

"Reports from all Alaska are now in hand. The final reports show something of a gain over previous reports, and it is conceded the Alaska pack will about equal that of last year. Not all the Alaska fishing stations have had the usual luck. Bristol bay for one is in the same boat with Puget Sound. The run was light and is all over. Nevertheless, the run has been so excessive in other places, the total for Alaska is estimated as last year. Taking all the fisheries and canneries of this coast, it is estimated from the returns already made that the pack for the season of 1903 will fall short of last year 1,000,000 cases. This means a falling off of 1,750,000 cases since the year before last."

"Orders are now coming in from all parts of the world, and are not being filled, for the senders of the orders are slow to accept the inevitable, and include a sharp advance in price in their orders. I refused yesterday for our people an order for 10,000 cases of the cheaper Alaska product for the same reason, that though the customer concedes an advance, it is not such as tempts the solid ranks of the fish dealers. The canners north and south of us are making few if any concessions, but holding for the market to advance, which one and all believe is inevitable under the circum-

stances. Naturally there is considerable excitement in the market on this coast, for the mails and the electric wires are heavy with orders which are being refused as quickly as received. The orders from Europe would show all accumulated stocks of previous seasons to have been moved and probably consumed. The middlemen are unable to fill orders from their accumulated stocks, for the stocks have gone, in many cases the middlemen being worse off than nothing, having sold more than they possess. Before marking down their losses on their ledgers, these men are making heroic efforts to buy at prices which will leave them whole."

A Few Pointers.

The recent statistics of the number of deaths show that the large majority die with consumption. This disease may commence with an apparently harmless cough which can be cured instantly by Kemp's Balsam for the throat and lungs, which is guaranteed to cure and relieve all cases. Price 25c and 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

It requires the best sort of medical education to be an osteopath, and school standards are deservedly high among osteopathic colleges. Drs. Schoettle, Barr & Barr, Osteopaths, Grand Opera House, Salem, Or.

JOURNAL X-RAYS.

Enterprising Albany has adopted a modern fire alarm system.

How to get her money back out of that \$100-seaside complexion is what troubles the summer girl.

There was an element of retribution in the reported case of a nagging wife who broke her jaw.

The X-Ray man is fifty years old today. He counts the Fourth of July and his wedding day as additional birthdays.

The Republicans of Linn county won't thank Dr. Barrin for rescuing that old Democratic warhorse, Judge J. J. Whitney, from the grave.

The best state fair Oregon has ever had will open in Salem in two weeks. The people of Linn county should make every effort to attend and have an exhibit there that will not only attract attention, but one that will win premiums. We have the products and should exhibit them.—Albany Herald.

Lewis and Clark Ladies.

Mrs. C. P. Bishop, president of the Ladies' Lewis and Clark club, has called that organization to meet at the city hall at 2:30 p. m., Thursday, when business of importance will be brought up for consideration. All the members of the club are earnestly invited to be in attendance at the hour named.

ROSEBURG MILITARY WEDDING

Loving Young Couple Elope to Washington

The Young Man Accompanies Sheriff Parrott Back to Roseburg

The Roseburg Plaindealer of Monday evening has this graphic account of a local society event:

Last Friday Sheriff Parrott left for Olympia, Wash., where he went to bring back John Perdue, on extradition papers issued by Governor Chamberlain and honored by Governor McBride, of Washington. Perdue was located at Leavenworth and arrested last Tuesday, and has been in durance vile ever since. He is about 21 years old and fell desperately in love with Miss Ada Zachary, of Perdue, who is about 16 years old. Some time ago Perdue wanted to marry the girl, and the old folks objected, and the young man then left and went to Washington and started to get a home. The girl came to Roseburg on a visit and instead of returning to Perdue took the train for Leavenworth, Wash., and the parents learning that the girl was there, caused a warrant to be issued for Perdue charging him with kidnapping the girl and enticing her away from her home. Now the old man has made a mistake, he ought to have quietly gone up to Leavenworth and obtained a marriage license and called on the young folks with a minister of the gospel or justice of the peace, and given them his paternal blessing. The young man will return to Roseburg, accompanied by Sheriff Parrott this afternoon or on the morning train. And before anything serious happens we advise the old man not to make too great a military display; but give the young man a chance to marry the girl. We old folks often, too often, fail to remember how we used to "hot foot" to see the latest fad of embroidery on a calico dress. We extend compliments in advance and hope that as their path has had a few briars in it that the briars will produce a bountiful growth.

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Militia Orders.

Armory Co. M, Third Regiment Oregon National Guard, Salem, Oregon, August 30, 1903.

Company Order No. 2.—Headquarters Co. M, Third Infantry, O. N. G. In compliance with general order No. 3, headquarters Third Infantry, O. N. G., the officers and enlisted men of Company M, Third Infantry, O. N. G., are hereby ordered to report in the armory fully armed and equipped Thursday, September 3, 1903, at 6 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of leaving for camp at Gearhart park.

Each man will provide himself with sufficient toilet articles to insure comfort and cleanliness, a change of underwear and two pair of socks.

An extra pair of stout black shoes may be taken, in case shoes issued by war department have not been worn a sufficient length of time to be easy on the feet.

Men will not be excused from attendance at camp, except in case of sickness or urgent necessity, and then only at the discretion of the commanding officer.

Excuses must be presented to commanding officer at the armory on or before September 2d to be of any use to men presenting them.

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