

BRIBERY OF OFFICIALS IS OPENLY CHARGED Gamblers Pay for Toleration in Seattle According to One of Their Number.

STARTLING STORY FROM INSIDE Showing How Enormous are the Profits of the Gambling Houses and How They Divide.

"You have no idea of the excessive monthly profits of the gambling houses in Seattle," remarked a well known sporting man to a Star reporter this morning. "I can tell you something in that line that will make you open your eyes. Take the Standard, for instance. I am familiar with the games there, and the figures that I am about to give will not be disputed by the proprietors. Last August, after all expenses had been paid, there remained \$15,000 in gold in the safe of the establishment representing clear profits. From this sum \$20,000 was afterwards reserved for 'cut up.' John Conditine, the king-pin gambler, holds a 20 per cent interest in the games, and his share of the August profits amounted to \$2,000. The remaining \$5,000 was divided up between the other partners. "During the following month (September), the profits increased to nearly \$50,000 over and above running expenses. You see interest in the games has not fever heat. Conditine's share in September amounted to \$10,000, quite a comfortable sum in comparison to the profits that other men make. "Several days ago I overheard a conversation between Dave Argyle, one of the proprietors of the White House, in which he stated that the Seattle gamblers 'cut up' \$50,000 in their last monthly settlement, and if permitted to run until April, would clear between \$200,000 and \$300,000 above all expenses, including 'bush money.' Who gets the bush money? Well, it is divided up between city and county officials, who are in on the deal. Ciancy's house takes care of county officials, while the Standard and White House contribute to the support of city officials. Last Thursday night five members of the city council visited the Standard in a body, and were apparently much interested in the games which they saw in progress. Chief of Police Reed is very kind towards the gamblers, and receives much valuable advice from John Conditine. "I heard Conditine make the following remark to a city official several weeks ago: 'There is no chance for you to get one cent only through me, and there is no use kicking.' "I believe that I have given you a great many of the inside facts in regard to the gambling situation here, which show conclusively the control which Conditine exercises over the authorities of the city."

NAVY SHORT OF SURGEONS

An Increase in the Medical Corps Is Urged.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 30.—The strongest recommendation in the annual report of Surgeon General van Reypen, recently made public, is that relating to an increase of the medical corps in the navy. He points out that while there has been a steady increase in the enlisted force of the navy for the past two years, and while the marine corps has been swelled by the addition of 3,000 men, there has been no suitable provision made for a corresponding increase in the medical corps, which is charged with the care of the health of these men. Every surgeon who is not sick is said to be on duty, and the department has been unable to supply surgeons for needed recruiting and other duties. Therefore, the surgeon general recommends that the corps be increased five surgeons and twenty assistant surgeons and that the volunteer surgeons who served in the war and are now in the service be transferred to the regular rolls and the age limitation be reversed in their cases. There are eighteen of these men, and in some cases they are over 30 years of age. It is also earnestly urged that the naval assistant surgeons be placed on an equality with those of the army in pay and rank. At present the army can get all of the medical service it needs, while the navy can get scarcely any surgeons to serve.

ECHOES OF BATTLE.

Mock fights are common in English schools where troops are taught how to march, charge, retreat, form in line of battle, and do all the things which are likely to be required in actual warfare, except to kill the supposed enemy. The soldiers take great delight in it. A French officer, Capt. Girard, has invented an army bicycle, which promises to do good work. It folds. At the word of command the soldier riding the bicycle dismounts, folds the machine in two, whips out the handle bars, attaches two broad straps, slings it over his back and walks off with no more inconvenience than if he is carrying his pack. English officers make fun of it. All the European navies are practicing shooting. Our soldiers taught them the necessity for good shooting in the Spanish war. The French government has added two ships to the instruction fleet in order to save the wear and tear of battleships for mere instruction purposes.

Curious Landmarks in Wales

A curious barren mound is to be seen in Montgomery churchyard. Whatever the cause, there is plainly to be seen a strip of sterility in the form of a cross in a mass of verdure. With the mound a melancholy legend is connected. It is called "Robert's Grave," and the story is that beneath this barren hillock lie the remains of an innocent man who was hanged on mistaken evidence. It is said that while the man stood on the gallows, with the rope round his neck, he solemnly declared, as a proof of his innocence, that grass should never grow on his grave. And even so it was and is. Anyone who attempts to frustrate the fulfillment of this prophecy by sowing grass on the spot pays the penalty with his life. Instances are given of individuals who have been made enough to do so, and have not their bones found growing.

Smallpox at Benton Harbor

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Oct. 30.—For two weeks a strange disease has been baffling the doctors of this city. The symptoms of the disease have in every case somewhat resembled smallpox in a mild form, and last night the health officers pronounced the disease smallpox. The disease is confined to five houses. Further spread of the disease is now thought to be checked.

Chehalis Store Robbed.

CHEHALIS, Oct. 30.—The clothing store of Joseph Goodman was broken into Monday night, and about \$150 worth of goods were taken. The burglars broke a window and loosened a window fastening. Apparently three complete suits, with overcoats, and a large quantity of silk handkerchiefs and other small articles and a gold watch, were taken. Hoboes are supposed to have done the job.

Census Word "Family."

There are some queer features in regard to the census use of the word "family." It means practically all those who eat at the same table. A hotel is a family. The Memorial Hall Dining Association at Cambridge is a family, so is the Danvers lunatic asylum. A stray man who keeps a bachelor's hall is a family. The necessity for this use of the term came with the question of enumerating domestic servants. It was found absolutely impossible to attach them to their own families, scattered as they were. They had to go with the family they were living with. This led to a great deal of trouble, and with the result mentioned. As it works out, the census family differs from the actual family in size only by a small fraction of one person.

IN THE WORLD'S EYE

Joseph Chamberlain watches over the English issues in the Anglo-African controversy. He is 63 years old, but looks much younger. He began life as a merchant and manufacturer. He has been mayor of Birmingham three times. He has been married three times, the present Mrs. Chamberlain being our fellow countrywoman the daughter of an ex-governor of the principality. He was first a Gladstone supporter, then an imperialist and then a unionist. He is famous for his coolness and cutting sarcasm, and in debate these two attributes have made him, possibly, the most feared in the house of commons. Oom Paul. For the other side Oom Paul, or Stephanus Johannes Paul Kruger, to give him all his names, has been called the "Slumbering Lion." Oom means chief, president or one in authority. He is six feet tall and with abnormal long legs, huge hands, feet and ears, fast mouth and chin. In manner he is very stolid. He once outran a horse for one hundred yards. In his youth he was a wonderful horseman, his feats of equestrianism almost equaled those of a circus rider. It is said of him that when young he could stand on his head on a galloping horse, holding on by the stirrup straps. He is intensely religious, and curiously as it may seem, an American missionary confirmed him. He knows the Bible from cover to cover and has a text for every day and every occasion. He is a constant and excessive smoker. Oom Paul left Cape Town as a boy with the Great Trek of 1845, and his whole life since—a brave one it has been, too—has been a struggle for independence. South Africa. "Boer" means farmer, but is a name applied to almost any person of Dutch descent living in the Transvaal, of European descent who are habitually the broken Dutch (Afrikaans) spoken in South Africa. Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension day and Whit Monday—all religious holidays in the Transvaal. Diamonds were first discovered in Kimberly, the center of the great African industry, in 1867, but the big rush didn't begin until three years later. It is now a town of 30,000 inhabitants, with electric railways and a complete water supply. Its deep level shafts make it famous; one is 1200 feet deep. Joubert is commandant-general for the Boers and Sir Redvers Buller for the English in the present unpleasantness. Sir Redvers Buller has the largest English staff since the Crimean war. Miners, the few who will remain, are now getting \$5 a day and their food. A great deal of the meat for the British army has been ordered from Louisville, Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis. It is predicted that this will raise the price of our meat. The Boers have a very strong admixture of religion in their character, their religion being not unlike the faith of our early Puritans. The State church of the Boers is the Dutch Reformed. It is divided into factions, the Doppers and the Radicals. The last named sing hymns, which is much against the consciences of the Doppers, who consider this practice very worldly. Happy Fakers. A young married woman, whose home is in that vague region known as uptown, startled some of her relatives greatly the other day by quite an unexpected humorous onslaught. She is an impetuous young woman and she was just ready to go out, down town, presumably, when she suddenly turned back and rushed into the family sitting room. Several members of the family were there and she exclaimed: "Did you hear about those New York fakirs?" "What about them?" cried somebody. "Why, they're just earning loads of money selling canned meat from the log of the Olympia! He, ha, ha!" And she rushed from the house to catch the car. All the listeners laughed save one. "I don't see," said the exception, "how they could spare it. The fakirs?" "Spare what?" queried one of the laughers. "That log." "Do you know what a log is?" The exception smiled in a superior manner. Hadn't she just been up the lake? "Why, its one of those timbers," she said, "that they hang over the side of the boat to keep other boats from bumping into it." This time the laughers roared.

TEACHERS MEET AT TACOMA

Favor Change in Course of College Preparation.

TACOMA, Oct. 30.—The semi-annual meeting of the Puget Sound Schoolmasters' club was held in Tacoma Saturday, and there were nearly 60 of the best known educators of Western Washington in attendance. President G. A. Stanley called the club to order in the auditorium of the Central school, and after a discussion of features of the program covering the hours from 7 to 1 o'clock, a luncheon was enjoyed at the Hotel Tacoma, and then the meeting was resumed in parlor A of the hotel. More important, probably, than any other matter which was before the club, was the question of changing the present arrangement of college preparation. The pupil, under the present system, is expected to spend eight years in the graded and grammar schools, and four years in the high school, before entering college. At the meeting of the National Educational association at Los Angeles a committee reported in favor of changing this so as to make it six years in the lower schools and six years in the high schools. The national association, says J. G. Lawrence, of Columbia City, who was working on this problem ever since 1890. The handling of the association committee was in the nature of a symposium, and nearly everyone participated. Opinion was more or less divided. The more prominent speakers were Principal W. E. Wilson, of the State Normal school at Ellensburg, County Superintendent T. B. Dewey, President H. P. Westerman, of the Tacoma High school, Prof. Edwin Twitmyer, superintendent of Seattle's schools; Prof. O. S. Jones, who has been principal of the Denny school at Seattle for 16 years; Assistant Superintendent Babcock, of Seattle; and Prof. H. G. Gault, of Whitworth college, and Prof. Clark N. Young of Tacoma. Eventually a motion was carried authorizing the appointment of a committee to examine into the question fully and report at an adjourned meeting to be held when the State Teachers' association meets in December. Prof. Jones, of Seattle, was named by the chair and given power to select his associates on the committee later. Prof. Edward Twitmyer, of Seattle, was elected president of the club and Prof. J. E. Gould was re-elected secretary. Prof. J. G. Lawrence, of Columbia City, was designated the committeeman to prepare the program for the May meeting.

Not Guilty of Murder.

COLVILLE, Wash., Oct. 30.—Mrs. Nannie Brown, who for a week has been on trial for the murder of her husband, L. J. Brown, at Northport, Stevens county, October 19, was acquitted by the jury Saturday evening.

Steel Rails \$35 a Ton.

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—Sales of steel rails last week, at \$35 a ton, aggregated 547,339 tons. The price now is \$35 a ton. So far this season the steel companies have sold about 1,300,000 tons of rails for delivery in 1900.

Personal Points...

Lord Rosebery recently said that when wealth reached a certain point it ceased to give pleasure. A statue of the late Judge W. A. Field is to be erected near the Harvard law school from which Judge Field graduated in 1859. The original of Hall Caine's character, John Storm, of "The Christian," is the Hon. and Rev. James Granville Aderly, of London. The G. A. R. Post at Port Wayne, Ind., has voted to present a sword to Gen. H. W. Lawton, who was at one time a resident of that place. Collis P. Huntington says that the secret of his success is that he has always, from the day he started in life on his own account, lived strictly within his means. Paul Tyner has resigned the editorship of the Arena to enter the lecture field this winter. He has not, however, given up literary labors, and will live in New York. Conyngham Greene, British agent in the Transvaal, is an Irishman. He is a brother of Plunket Greene, the singer, and a nephew of the later Protestant Archbishop of Dublin. King Alfonso of Spain has a new automobile. The Grand Duchess Nicholas Nicolaievitch is a Russian nun. All of the Danish princesses are taught to sew and make their own dresses. Queen Victoria advocates sensible footwear and practices it by wearing felt shoes. The Bishop of London is the busiest man in the world, according to Lord Salisbury. Miss Braddon draws inspiration in writing novels from a gold mounted pen which she has used for many years. The Duchess of Devonshire, the Marchioness of Londonderry and the Countess of Cadogan seldom miss a great race meeting. Reginald d'Hervey is the only holder of a Canadian title. It was granted by Louis XIV in 1709 and confirmed by Queen Victoria in 1830. Lieut. Brumby of the Olympia is said to be the greatest smoker in the navy. Except when on duty he always has a cigar close at hand. A copy of the famous Ethel Yale portrait owned by the authorities of Yale university is to be made by George Albert Thompson for the Graduates' Club. The gift to Admiral Dewey while in Boston of the Massachusetts Daughters of the Revolution was an immense bouquet of 150 American beauty roses standing five and one-half feet high. One of the most prominent lawyers of Oklahoma City is Laura Lykina, a half-blood Shawnee woman, who graduated from the legal department of the Carlisle Indian school in 1893. S. Joseph Vivantho, of Ceylon, a Hindoo of high caste, who has been a student at the University of Calcutta, has entered John Hopkins university as a special student of Oriental languages. Thomas Dunn English has just celebrated his eightieth birthday at his home in New Jersey. He is the eldest living graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Still his fame continues to rest on the shoulders of immortal "Ben Bolt." Emperor William has conferred on the Count von Moltke, secretary of the German ambassador at Paris, the title of prince in recognition of his services as head of the German delegation to the peace conference at The Hague. Mme. Felix Faure, the widow of the former French president, intends making a stay of some weeks in Switzerland to regain the health of which the shock of her husband's death deprived her. She is accompanied by her daughter. Capt. N. Mayo Dyer says he is not of Irish by English descent, the first of his family to come to America being a native of London, Dr. Thomas Dyer, who landed in Rhode Island in the latter part of the seventeenth century. President Roia, of Argentina, wore a uniform costing \$7,500 at his reception in Rio Janeiro. William Margrave has been a justice of the peace at Fort Scott since 1864. He is the oldest office holder in Kansas. Lady Delamere, herself a famous hunter, accompanies her husband on his expedition to Africa in search of big game. Mrs. Robert Witt is the only woman who has taken part in the lectures delivered at the university extension summer meeting at Oxford. Mrs. Delaney Kane has a crown of gems containing 250 stones that is said to be the finest ornament of its kind seen in New York ballrooms. Former United States Senator Philbrick Sawyer, celebrated his eighty-third birthday at Oshkosh last week. He is in perfect health of mind and body. Paul Tyner has resigned the editorship of the Arena to enter the lecture field this winter, although he has not given up his literary labors, and will live in New York. The Rev. Father John P. Chidwick, the late chaplain of the Maine, has accepted the post of chaplain general of the Spanish War Veteran Volunteer Association, to which he was lately elected. Lady Blennerhasset, who recently received the "golden palm" from the French ministry of education, in recognition of her services to French literature, is a doctor of philosophy of Munich university.

Frills of Fashion.

Reversible Scotch suitings have taken the world by storm. A two-toned velvet with white relief is one of the most decided velvet innovations. Bell sleeves of a modified shape appear on a few of the jackets and waists. Startlingly brilliant, red, French flannel shirt waists are very fashionable. Peau de soie the latest stig for separate waists. Taffeta is the second choice. Fringed silk scarfs drape many of the new medium sized velvet hats. Many of the smartest winter garments owe their beauty to ornamental buttons. Pallettes of jet almost cover handsome evening gowns. A gathered back skirt, the latest Parisian notion, is causing quite an excitement. The habit of saddle back skirt is far and away in the lead as the skirt of the season. The rich floral effects in new brocades, for dowagers evening toilettes are particularly noticeable. Much bright neckwear, both for men and women, is on view. Ornamentations of applied band—some straight, some curved, some vandyked, and some pointed, is a feature of the most stylish imported costumes. French flannel and flannelette dressing sacks were never so pretty nor in such infinite variety. The double breasted is undoubtedly the proper winter jacket. The coats of the latest silk poplins are very much larger than last year. The prominent fall suit is a tailor made of dark gray, with a white thread wave in it. The English square or crossover, is still the most popular necktie to wear with the tailor made jacket and skirt. Braids and fibers form the most exclusive designs in head covering. Bloused felt shapies appearing only in the cheaper hats. U. OF W. LOSES A GAME The U. of W. team went down before Fort Townsend by a score of 11 to 7. The game was the fairest test of the teams. The Townsend men had a padded team, Fort Flieger being drawn on for the best talent. The Varsity boys were badly handicapped. Larson and Clunie Hill were out of it. The 11 landed at the Key at 4 p. m. The change of clothes was made aboard the boat, whence the team went direct to the grounds. The Dog Expected It. A New York society dame, who is an ardent upholder of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, owns a little fox terrier of which she is exceedingly fond. A man who had called on her the other day was admiring the dog and asked his mistress how she, with all her humane theories, could have allowed the cruel dog fancier to cut off his tail. "Spare what?" queried one of the laughers. "That log." "Do you know what a log is?" The exception smiled in a superior manner. Hadn't she just been up the lake? "Why, its one of those timbers," she said, "that they hang over the side of the boat to keep other boats from bumping into it." This time the laughers roared.

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