SALOONS.

An Exhaustive Report by the Grand Jury To-Day.

Eighty Per Cent. of Crime and Pauperism Traced to Them; High License Recommended; Number of Saloons Limited; Stringent Enforcement of the Law.

Post Dispatch, Jan. 25.

Just before the noon adjournment of the Criminal Court the grand jury filed in and asked to make a report on one question and made a request for information on another. Mr. H. M. Blossom, the foreman, then handed Judge Van Wagoner the report below given. Mr. Blossom also stated that the grand jury had before them a man named Thomas Brennan, an important witness in the case of John Nelson, who is indicted for murder. They feared that he would not be in attendance at the trial and asked what they could do to positively secure his presence. Mr. McDonald said that he would attend to the matter suggested by the grand jury. The following is the

SPECIAL REPORT ON DRAMSHOPS:

To the Honorable Garrett S. Van Wagoner, Judge of St. Louis Criminal Court:

Sir—The grand jury now sitting desire to submit a special report upon one subject referred to them in your charge, to-wit: The city dramshops. We have taken a large amount of testimony in regard to the relation of these institutions, both to the expenditures and to the revenue of this city The witnesses summoned were those who by their actual and necessary identification with these matters would give us the most indisputable facts and intelligent opinions thereunto concerning, as far removed as possible from mere assumption or prejudice. The concurrence of all the witnesses in the main features of the testimony so taken has been equally surprising and convincing. It would be manifestly improper and would serve no useful purpose to quote the details of the testimony, but it has been abundantly shown us by incontestible proofs that

AT LEAST EIGHTY PER CENT. OF THE CRIME AND PAUPERISM

of this city comes directly from the saloons, as effect follows cause; that in some cases the line of separation between the proprietors of these establishments and the desperate characters who infest them is so faint as to be almost unrecognized; that to them as to their most congenial haunts come the drones and leeches of society; that in many of them the hoodlum gangs concoct schemes by which idle youths, not yet criminals, are initiated into the ways of vice; that from some of the worst sally forth on their marauding mission the midnight bummers and burglars, who return in the small hours of the night, often with their booty, to the still open saloon, where they find a certain welcome and no inconsiderable measure of protection; that

THE COST OF MERELY POLICING

the lower grade of these dens is manifold greater than the revenue derived from them in any shape, and this apart from their immensely preponderating contribution to the dire catalogue of crime and misery with which the social compact in St. Louis is burdened and afflicted. This, too, in a city whose real prosperity and whose business enterprises are taxed almost beyond endurance to provide a revenue which is, in a large degree, rendered so conspicuously insufficient by the causes to which we have referred. The members of the grand jury would be unfaithful to their deliberate judgment, to their oaths, and, with their present light, to their duty as citizens, if they did not at this time declare their unbiased conviction that in this city there is to-day no subject which so immediately and imperatively demands the earnest consideration and action of the responsible, tax-paying community, as does this one now under consideration. To reduce to reasonable proportions the enormous expenditure involved in our complicated machinery for the arrest and punishment of criminals, by simply reducing many of the notorious birth places and agencies of crime, is surely only a measure of business prudence. To provide at once a most needful increase of revenue by larger demands upon those sources of revenue, which, with no oppression of any lawful interest, will most easily bear them, is surely only a measure of ordinary business sagacity. We therefore recommend for this city what is elsewhere beneficially in operation and known as

"HIGH LICENSE,"

and we indicate as suitable a minimum city license fee of ($1,000) one thousand dollars for each liquor saloon and of five hundred dollars ($500) for each saloon where only wine and beer are sold, with the abolition of all minor fees and privileges.

We do not deem it important to adduce arguments in favor of the foregoing recommendation. With any impartial endeavor to reach the whole truth we believe all right-thinking citizens will be convinced, as we are, of the practical wisdom of such a measure.

It is probable that under a high license law, properly enforced, one-half of the 1,800 saloons in the city would disappear; but enough would remain to conveniently accommodate those of our citizens who are bibulously inclined. Most of

THE LOW DOGGERIES AND HOODLUM DENS

would be obliterated, and the respectability of the saloon-keepers obtaining license would disclose a higher average.

The present revenue from the saloons is about $200,000 per annum. It is idle to speculate upon possibilities under such a law as is proposed; but it is evident that, with effective high license, as is recommended, the number of saloons now running may be reduced two-thirds and the city still secure nearly or quite double the amount of income that is at present obtained from this source.

A further increase of revenue might be gained undoubtedly by fixing the minimum license as before suggested, and then, under all the restrictions that are requisite in any case, offering the privilege to competition. If this is done the number of saloons should be limited to two on a block, where the block contains a hotel of the first-class, to wit: A hotel accommodating at least one hundred guests in separate rooms, to one on a block elsewhere.

It may not detract from the force of our recommendations to say that some of the most reputable saloon keepers and a considerable number of liquor dealers are themselves in favor of a much higher license, and in some instances put the figures they would be glad to see adopted above those suggested in this report.

As a result of our comprehensive inquiry we also further recommend, first, that petitions by the residents of a block for the granting of any license shall be made only on uniform blanks furnished by the city; that the date of signature with his residence address be affixed by each petitioner; that to this requirement be added in like form the consent of a majority of the residents occupying the front of the block opposite the location of the proposed saloon; that the term "resident" be limited to those who are householders in the block at the time of application to the collector for license and who have been such for three months next preceding that date

2 That all applications for license, with the accompanying petition, be referred to the police commissioners for approval.

3.—That licenses terminate at fixed dates, the figures being printed with large type in the license blanks, such blanks to be of uniform size, and the proprietor required to post his license in a conspicuous place in his saloon.

4. That all saloons be closed between the hours of midnight and 5 o'clock a. m.

5 That the penalty for the violation of any statutory or police regulation concerning dramshops be for each offence absolute forfeiture of the license held by the offender.

6. That it be made the duty of the police to close every saloon know to be running without a license, and to arrest the proprietor or any employe who is found thus unlawfully engaged in the business.

7. That it be made the duty of the Collector to enforce in all particulars all laws and ordinances relating to dramshops; that he have power to call to his aid any agencies provided by the city for the arrest, prosecution and punishment of malefactors; that his refusal or neglect to do this when his attention is directed to any violation of the law by any citizen or officer should subject him to trial in the civil courts malfeance in office, for the costs of which trial, if conviction follows, he shall be individually liable under his bond, and also to a futher penalty in a fine of not less than $100 in each case.

WE BELIEVE

that the recommendation we have made, although pointing to somewhat more rigorous enactments for the regulation of dramshops than those now in force, are not in advance of the prevailing opinion of thoughtful citizens upon the subject. They may be possibly in advance of the readiness of the community to press forward in the use of more vigorous measures for the much needed arrest of great and growing evils. We have merely sought to exhibit the most salient features of this vital matter in the interest of a true political economy.

H. M. Blossom, O. L. Whitlaw,
F O. Sawyer, J. F. Brooks,
Wm. C. Wilson, Chas. R. Lewis,
John D. Rankin, Joseph Franklin,
Wm. C. Lange, Theodore G. Meier,
John S. Cavender, Byron H. Newell.

The grand jury will not make its final report for some time.

LANGTRY ON ST. LOUIS.

From Advance Sheets of Her Forthcoming Book—"Impressions of America."

New York Journal.

MONDAY.

St. Louis pleases me very much; there is such a tone of chivalry in its people. Its enterprise is quite equal to that of Chicago. You would scarcely believe it, but all the hotels and private houses are supplied with soup, through pipes, in the same manner that water is supplied in other cities. I was very much surprised when I went to the water tap to find that it ran bouillon. How far ahead these Americans are of Europeans!

I cannot bring myself to take any interest in the violent discussion that rages between this city and Chicago, about the size of ladies' feet. It seems to me that propriety of conduct, and, to quote their great poet, a decent regard for the opinions of mankind, would more appropriately occupy their attention.

TUESDAY.

The opinions of the press are noticeable for their fine insight. The critics see through all disguises. Society is as reserved here as elsewhere in America. Reprimanded a rash young journalist who came down the chimney. Have refused to give up my private correspondence to the press. I suppose I shall suffer for disregarding the customs of the country. But I cannot help it. Had one of the dramatic critics to dinner. He ate and drank everything before him. Poor fellow. He was very hungry. Think of establishing a fund before I go for hungry critics. F. doesn't find any one here of his own station. There is an American actress here, who is trying to advertise herself at my expense as a beauty. Poor thing!

There is a large canal in front of the city. It is very yellow. They tell me it was cut during the revolutionary war. The steam-boats are kept going up and down it all day to stir it up. F. says it is what they make the soup of. F. is getting quite facetious.

WEDNESDAY.

Photographs of my chambers have been solicited by the press. Was very much annoyed by the snoring of the reporter in the hall last night. Resolved not to let my friends fight on my account. The Americans are very pugnacious and I might involve them in another civil war. I must be careful. Wrote to hubby; told him to keep still; everything was prosperous. The press is very kind. I have got up a duel to help my business. I shall never forget its kindness, I am sure. I have not seen the slave-drivers, except the stage managers. Was very much startled by finding out that the laundress is a dramatic critic Took my clothes away from her, but she has made a list of them.

What a pity Henrietta did not come to St. Louis. She thinks she knows something about newspapers.

THURSDAY.

My manager says it is not advisable to get up a riot for advertising purposes, and he ought to know, I'm sure I don't.

One of the papers says this morning that I ought to play "Rosalind" in an ulster. I wonder if that is so. I really thought that Henrietta knew all about the costumes. It would be too bad if there had been a mistake made.

FRIDAY.

My St. Louis experiences have certainly been very eventful. There are now two Freddies in my train. One is what they call here a manager—the other is a confidential adviser. Between the two I get a great deal of management and advice. I call them No. 1 and No. 2. No. 1 insists that to keep up the public interest in Shakespeare, No. 2, ought to insult a reporter or kill an editor. It's very absurd, but it is one of the managerial customs of the Americans. No. 2 says he don't see the fun of it. But I persuaded him to think it over seriously. There is such a constant demand for sensation here that one has to be thinking all the time.

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Schwab insisted upon it that unless there is something done that the houses will run down. We had a consultation to-day and agreed that F. ought to insult somebody.

Have been in a tremor of excitement ever since, for fear he will do something rash. If he should insult the wrong man I should never forgive myself till my dying day.

Schwab has just been up and says he has found the right man to insult. That takes a great load off my mind. S. is very sanguine. But this he says is business and must be attended to, for the papers are growing less and less scandalous and public interest will surely die out.

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Schwab has suggested an original idea, and it is to invite two or three of the newspaper men here to supper, pick out the best one, and then insist on an apology, or something.

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The business has been attended to. There is great excitement. Schwab says we shall have a big house tonight. So glad.

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SATURDAY.

F. has been challenged. Business improving nightly.

The newspaper men insist on fighting Freddy. Imagine anybody wanting to fight Freddy. It's preposterous The challenger insists on a meeting with pistols in the Indian territory. Schwab says the proper thing to do is to accept the challenge, but insists on a change of place. He suggests Terra del Fuego, or Hudson's bay. If Freddy should get shot what a house we'd have at a matinee. My!

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Business is so much improved that Schwab insists that F. should insult somebody else.

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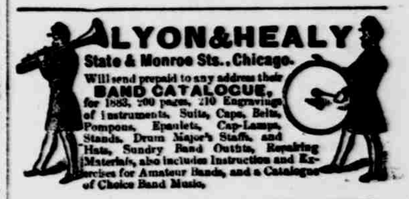

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