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Gambling Prohibited

Here we have a tempest in a teapot for real. The teapot may be small, but there is no denying that the tempest is a fierce one, and there is going to be all kinds of trouble, if any sort of reliance can be placed in the weather signs. The little town of Princeton, in Mercer county Missouri, is the storm center, and so far the victims number 32, with the returns just beginning to come in. It is all on account of card playing. One Benjamin Franklin Kesterson is prosecuting attorney of the county, and a fearless prosecutor he must be, judging from the way in which he is going after the society folks. Under section 2212 of the revised statutes of Missouri it is unlawful to play cards or dice or any other game of chance for money or any thing of value. Benjamin Franklin Kesterson has discovered that law, and, fired doubtless by the example of Jerome of New York, he started out on the trail of the social criminals who violated the statute. He claims to have so far discovered that 32 ladies, the best people of Princeton, all church members and of the highest social standing, have been playing progressive eucher for prizes, and he has had them arrested. Other arrests are in prospect. In turn these card players say that if they are prosecuted they will institute proceedings against the people in whose houses they played these social games, on the charge of keeping gambling house, and following that they will take action against every preacher in the county whose church has at any time participated in the benefits of any of these little card playing affairs. Altogether this daring young prosecutor has stirred up a veritable hornets nest, and bids fair to achieve more fame than the youth who fired the Ephesian dome.

Liquor Men to Fight for Highwood

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 11.—Keepers of the grogeries and ginmills at Highwood which are patronized by the soldiers at Fort Sheridan, are reported to be taking active steps to oppose the passage of the Lawrence bill, prohibiting the sale of intoxicants within four miles of an army post or a soldiers home.

Rumors are current in Springfield that the owners of the places that would be wiped out by the passage of the measure are making up a fund to finance a campaign, and that furthermore they contemplate sending a lobby to the statehouse to work in conjunction with the elements that are opposing the local option bill.

Temperance reformers were agitated today over the tidings, and the prospective fight over the local option grew larger when additional rumors were set afloat to the effect that all the elements that are struck by any one of the numerous temperance measures are talking of pooling interests to put up a united front against all such legislation.

The Sunday closing bills are expected to draw a

heavy fire from the United societies, an organization that embraces over a hundred clubs and brotherhoods that march under the "personal liberty" banner and are opposed to any curtailment of the privilege of drinking on any of the seven days of the week. If the fight takes the direction now looked for by the cold water men, the United societies will ally themselves with the Liquor Dealers' Protective association, the resort-keepers at Highwood will come in as additional re-enforcement and the three elements will put up an energetic battle against local option, the Sunday closing bill and the four-mile limit measure.

The bill comes up before the house judiciary committee this coming week.

There Is No Postal Deficit

The third Assistant Postmaster General, the book keeper of the department, discusses the postal deficit in his annual report. He shows that the deficiency for the fiscal year ended June 30 last was nearly \$13,000,000, instead of about \$11,000,000, as previously estimated. This result is reached by including in the expenditures the cost of maintaining the executive force and the bureau of the auditor of the department. Then the Third Assistant points out that when you get down to bed-rock there is really no deficit in view of the fact that the mail originating in the executive departments and in Congress is carried on free.

"Last year," he says, "it was estimated that if a charge were made for this free postal service the revenue would have been increased by approximately \$20,000,000."

River and Harbor Bill

Col. "Pate" Hepburn of Iowa, makes a biennial speech against the river and harbor bill. He thinks that too much money has been spent for rivers and harbors, and that the great waterways of the country can not be made available for commercial highways. "I voted for the Hennepin canal," he said, "but that was at a time when I was more timid than now. Men sometimes fear to express their honest convictions." He went on to explain that the Hennepin canal would have been useless compared to a double-track railway. Much more he said in opposition to the project for a greater Mississippi, and for a waterway from the lakes to the Mississippi. But he knew all the time that he could not defeat the bill.

Liked to be Humbugged

A man who answered advertisements in cheap "story papers" has had some interesting experiences, says an exchange:

He learned that by sending one dollar to a Yankee he could get a cure for drunkenness. Sure enough he did. It was to "take the pledge and keep it." Later on he sent fifty two-cent stamps to find out how to raise turnips successfully. He found out—"Just take hold of the tops and pull." Being young, he wished to marry, and sent thirty-four one-cent stamps to a Chicago firm for information as to how to make an impression. When the answer came it read, "Sit down on a pan of dough." It was a little rough, but he was a patient man and thought he would yet succeed. The next advertisement he answered read, "How to double your money in six months." He was to convert his money into bills, "fold them" and he would see his money doubled. Next he sent for twelve useful household articles and he got a package of needles. He was slow to learn, so he sent one dollar to "find out how to get rich."

"Work all the time and never spend a cent." And that stopped him, but his brother wrote to find out how to write a letter without pen or ink. He was told to "use a lead pencil." He paid one dollar to learn how to live without work, and was told on a postal card to "fish for suckers as we do."

League Elects Officers

A meeting of the Lake County Law and Order League was held at the home of Mr. I. P. Rumsey, Saturday evening last. The object of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The only change from last year in the officers was that of Mr. George Findlay in place of Mr. E. P. Russell. The officers are:

President, F. D. Everett, Highland Park.
Field Secretary, Rev. Thomas Quayle, Lake Forest.

Secretary, E. P. Sedgwick, Highland Park.
Vice President, I. P. Rumsey, Lake Forest.
Treasury, George Findlay, Lake Forest.

The meeting was a harmonious one and the reports show a great work accomplished since the league was organized a year ago.

Scott Becomes Superintendent

General construction Supt. Fredericks, the man who has had charge of the construction work of the Chicago and Milwaukee Electric railroad in this section for a few years past, has resigned his position and is soon to leave for Kansas City where he has accepted a similar position with a large electric line.

John Scott, for a long time overhead construction superintendent, has been appointed to Mr. Fredericks' place and is now in charge of the work in that department.

Mr. Fredericks is one of the best known builders of electric roads in the country and had charge of building the line to Racine from this city, and has also put in the double tracks to the south between here and Evanston.

Mr. Scott is also a man of wide experience in building electric railroads and is a worthy successor to Mr. Fredericks.

Now, is the time to have your sewing done. Mrs. Bartlett maker of ladies and children's clothes. 117 Bloom St., Highland Park. One block east of Moraine station.

WANTED:—To rent good warm barn for two horses. Inquire at this office. tf.

WANTED:—By a prominent monthly magazine, with large, high-class circulation, local representative to look after renewals and increase subscription list in Highland Park and vicinity, on a salary basis, with a continuing interest from year to year in the business created. Experience desirable, but not essential. Good opportunity for the right person. Address Publisher, box 59, Station O, New York. B-825

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