

RADICAL CHANGES

License Bylaw is Much Amended

Bill Has Had Its First Reading and Will Probably be Passed at Next Meeting.

In the amendment to the license by-law that was introduced at the council meeting Monday evening and which received its first reading, are a number of alterations that will meet with the hearty approbation of the majority of those who are engaged in a business for the conducting of which a license is required by the city. Chief among the changes is that which provides for the nature and period of existence of a license. Under the city charter the fiscal year ends on December 31 and all licenses are made to expire on that date. The old bylaw provides for the issuance of licenses at so much per annum according to the schedule agreed upon, but the full fee was charged no matter what month in the year the license was taken out. If a licensee took out his license in January he had the benefit of the full year, but if another did not begin in business until July he was compelled to pay the same fee though he received but six months' use of his privilege. In the same manner one who opened up business in November had but two months in which to receive the benefits of his license though he was compelled to pay the same fee as he who had been conducting operations since the first of the year. In the amendment to the bill a sliding scale is provided and the cost of a license will depend upon the season of the year in which it is applied for. Such may be issued covering the entire year if applied for during the first three months of the year. Later they will be issued for three-quarters of the year at the same pro rata; then for half a year and for one-quarter of a year, all expiring on December 31. In considering these changes, however, it should be borne in mind that the bill so far has received only its first reading and may be subject to still further alterations before it is put upon its final passage.

The cigar stores and billiard parlors which in some instances had in addition connected therewith a room in which poker and black jack was played, and in other cases were but blinds for houses of ill fame conducted mostly by French women, are gotten after by a wide sweeping amendment which is added to that which provides for the liability of agents. The amendment is as follows: "No person licensed under this by-law to keep a bowling alley, billiard, pool or bagatelle table, or a cigar, cigarette or tobacco store or shop shall permit any disreputable person or habitual drunkard or anyone who keeps or resides in any house of ill fame, or any prostitute or woman of ill fame to resort in or frequent his house or premises; and no person so licensed shall keep, or suffer or permit to be kept in his house or premises any faro bank, rouge et noir, roulette table or any device for gambling or gaming, or suffer or permit any tipping or gambling of any kind to be carried on therein or thereupon."

The license for water carts has been reduced to \$50 for each cart regardless of whether they are drawn by one or two horses. The fee was formerly \$100 for a two-horse cart and \$50 if such were drawn by one horse. Scavengers will hereafter be taxed at so much for each cart employed. Formerly they paid \$200 for one or two carts and \$300 for three or more. Hereafter they will pay \$50 for each cart.

Theatre licenses of \$100 per annum have been amended so that exemptions are made only in case of those which are devoted to amateur performances exclusively.

Cab and carriage licenses were formerly \$50 for each two horse vehicle and \$25 for those drawn by one horse. This is amended by making the license \$25 for every such cab, carriage or other conveyance that is let out for hire.

Boothblack stands on the street were formerly taxed \$50, those indoors being exempt. This has been changed by taxing all stands no matter where they may be located. The fee will probably be reduced, though the figures have not yet been decided upon.

Newstands and tobacco stands on the street are to be abolished. They formerly paid a license of \$100. The sub-section that provided for such has been stricken out entirely and the following substituted:

"For a license to carry on the business of a victualling house ordinary, or house where fruit, oysters or victuals are sold to be eaten therein, other than a licensed tavern or hotel, an annual fee of \$50."

The bill will probably come up for its second reading at the next meeting and should there be no further amendments offered it may be put upon its final passage.

POLICEMAN HAS THE LAST WORD

Do the Pirates hold the center of the stage— Are they the only pebbles on the beach? In matters operatical or amateur dramatical, Are they the only prophets who may preach?

Has she who "Stooped to Conquer" climbed so high, That a poet (save the meak) bursts into song; In verses analytical, and somewhat supercritical, And dares to intimate that 'ought is wrong—

No, she who stoops to conquer, still will stoop; The public yet will see a decent show; Spite of verses ungrammatical by pessimists piratical, Who stumble in where angels fear to go.

Let the pirates do their pirating on the stage, And take this little warning to their heart; In terms the most emphatical, we say in things theatrical, There's room for vast improvement on their part.

POLICEMAN.

BOXING LESSONS

For the Boys Too Old For Hockey

Specially Dedicated to Younger Members of the Athletic Association.

Now that the Athletic Association is slowly growing to be an athletic club, and not a mere public skating rink, and now that the leading citizens of the town who are members are beginning to put on the gloves with each other and show the youngsters what they learnt when they were at school, there will possibly be more interest taken in the gym generally, and a few will be generous enough to aid in having it fitted up with proper appliances. But in regard to boxing, there is certain, after the enjoyable performances of Saturday evening, to be a revival of interest in this, and those still in their salad days may enjoy reading the following on the "noble art," by Tommy Sullivan, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is said to know all the tricks of the ring and also to be particularly clever as a teacher of the science. Speaking of his methods as a teacher, Tommy says:

"The first few lessons in boxing are always the hardest and also the most dangerous from an instructor's point of view. The first thing I show a man to do is how to stand. Of course, the natural position of most people is with their right hand and right leg out, mainly because those limbs are the strongest. But they must learn to stand with their left hand and leg slightly extended. I explain that if they had their right hand out they would have nothing with which to follow up an advantage, as there is not generally nearly as much strength in your left arm as in your right, so that your right hand is always in reserve and your left hand is used to jab with and your right to guard with. The right glove should be held on a level with your shoulder, so that it can either be brought up to protect the face or let fall to protect the stomach. In the first lesson I always do my best to try to teach the pupil to forget that he even has a right hand and make him try to use the left. He is sorely tempted to rush in just for the chance of swinging that right hand once. I know that, and when we are boxing he usually lets go all his might. I get inside the swing or side-step and do not hit him, but explain how I could, which is just as good and does not make the pupil lose confidence in you or himself.

"Then I have practice leading with his left. That is the hardest of all. He is most likely in the habit of swinging, and as soon as the bout is on for a few minutes he starts swinging his right again. I keep after the left lead, however, and finally get him so he can jab without having to make up his mind before doing so, but do it naturally. Then I teach him how to block and get inside the usual swings, or to step back when he knows the game a little better and hit his opponent when he goes by. This acquired, the boxer is nearly developed. The rest is easy. Any man can go in and exchange punch for punch, but they can not make a proper lead. I show my pupil how to protect himself in the break-away and teach him the tricks of the game which are hardly necessary except in the prize ring."

Speed, footwork and staying power depend upon the adaptability of the learner, although I show him how to obtain these and help them all I can, but that is all I can do along that line. Most necessary for the instructor is coolness and good nature. When my pupils land a hard one on my face or body, although I generally succeed in blocking them, I do not get angry and watch my chance to get even. If I did the boys would soon lose confidence in me. By that I do not mean that I stand up and merely act as a human punching bag, for after the boys learn how to box I may hit them, but not severely, and block their blows. A man who does not know how to block blows to perfection should not undertake to teach

that time he only used his left hand to jaw and kept his right to guard himself. Now he is as good a two-handed fighter as any one, and does not bear a single scar from his many fights. Looking at him on the street, not one in a hundred would take him to be a pugilist. In manner he is quiet and well spoken. There is not a bone broken in either of his hands, and they are much smaller than the average man's, as he says he does not swing on a person's head to break bones, but is content to win on sense alone.

WIERD EXHIBITS

Uncanny Mementoes of Famous Criminal Trials.

In the possession of the police department and located in a handsome cabinet in Major Cuthbert's private office is what timid persons might designate as a diminutive chamber of horrors. Certain it is that the cabinet contains articles sufficiently gruesome to satisfy the most blood-thirsty. The contents consist entirely of "exhibits" used in criminal cases of consequence during the past two or three years, and there is a bit of history attached to everything exhibited from a bullet or a rusty nail to a rifle or a section of the famous '3744' boat used by Fournier and La Belle.

Many of the articles, including the double-bit-ed axe, pertain to the O'Brien case. There are the guns and mask used by Brophy and Tomelin, the gun used by the Hunker highwayman and many other mementoes equally as famous. The latest addition to the museum are the nooses which strangled the lives of Fournier and La Belle. There is also Jimmy Slorah's pistol with which he was convicted of slaying his mistress and in now serving a life sentence, and a choice and varied assortment of razors, knives and revolvers, the weapons of suicides-and would-be self-destructors.

Major Cuthbert is having Detective Welsh arrange a catalogue with corresponding numbers so that the identity of each object can be quickly told. The articles of such uncanny interest number about 50. If the collection could only be exhibited to would-be holdups and general bad men the lesson could not be otherwise than salutary in its effect, showing as it does the thoroughness and effectiveness of the N.W.M.P. and the utter futility of any attempt at escape after a crime has once been committed.

ASKS FOR TIME.

Wanted Two Months to Earn His Time and Costs.

One lonely drunk "was" in police court this morning and he was contrite in the extreme. His name was Win. Davidson and he said the present was his debut before the police court though he had been inside continuously since '98.

Constable Mapley stated the particulars. At 7:45 this morning he had found the accused stretched out on the floor at the Aurora, utterly helpless and, incapable of making a move. The constable secured a sled and hauled him to the barracks.

Davidson pleaded guilty to the charge and was let off with a fine of \$1 and costs. He had no money and begged that his honor give him a couple of months in which to earn the amount. He appeared perfectly sincere and with a smile of compassion from the bench he was told to go out and if he could not riggle it up amount his friends, if he couldn't he was to come back and then he would be given time.

Big Toe Frozen

Jim Nelson, of 48 below on "Hunkley," is liable to be the first to donate something of himself to the proposed Carnegie Museum of Klondike freaks. He was at the St. Mary's hospital this afternoon with a frozen big toe that he had no use for, so the doctors cut it off.

Reilly's Condition

It was reported this afternoon that Mr. Joseph Reilly, who has been for some time in the St. Mary's hospital, was still alive but that there were small hopes of his recovery.

"I have a book here," said the caller, "that I would like to have examined by you with a view to its publication."

"Um!" replied the head of the publishing firm. "What's it about?"

"It is a work on 'How to Raise Boys.'"

"Have you ever raised any?"

"Well, no—that is—you see, I am a bachelor, and—"

"Oh, that's all right. We'll give your book careful consideration. I wouldn't be surprised if it contained a lot of good advice. Men who have raised boys are generally too much exhausted to give any pointers on the subject that would help the inexperienced."—Chicago Record-Herald.

See Mrs. P. R. Ritchie as "Mabel" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

Strange things in the human catalogue.

With little trouble may be found. Many a man ties up his dog. And lets his children run around.

Auditorium—"A Black Sheep."

RESIDENCE DESTROYED

F. M. Shepard the Unfortunate Victim

His Home Was One of the First Frame Cottages To Be Built in Dawson.

A rather disastrous fire, small in its extent though large to the unfortunate loser, broke out this morning in the residence of Mr. F. M. Shepard, court reporter, living on Church street nearly opposite the Methodist church, and before it could be extinguished the interior had been gutted, ruining one of the most and neatly furnished houses in the city.

Mr. Shepard's family being on the outside he has been living alone all winter. This morning he arose at his usual hour, about 8 o'clock, slipped a dressing gown on, turned on the fire in the heater in the front room adjoining his bedroom, then passed out to the kitchen to begin the preparation of his breakfast. He had been there less than ten minutes when he detected the odor of smoke coming from the front part of the house. Opening the door leading to the dining room, the drawing room, adjoining was seen to be all ablaze and so quickly and with such rapidity did the flames spread that Mr. Shepard had no opportunity to save even his clothes.

An alarm was turned in from box 32 on the corner of Church and Fifth avenue and the department made a quick run. The chemical was soon at work and a line of hose was also laid from No. 2 engine. In a short time the flames were subdued, but all that was left of the pretty little home was a mere shell with a blackened and charred interior. One or two articles of furniture were saved, but the fittings and furnishings for the most part are a total loss. What was not destroyed by fire was ruined by the heat and water, among the articles being a fine cabinet organ whose keys were burned off and the case charred to an ember.

What makes the loss so particularly distressing is that there were so many little articles of inestimable value to the owner that never can be replaced. Mr. Shepard also lost a sum of money he had drawn from the bank only the day before and he has been able to discover no trace of a valuable gold watch. His money was in bills, a portion being in the pockets of his trousers and some in his waistcoat. The latter was burned, but it so happened that the trousers became water soaked before the fire reached them and only the legs were consumed. After the flames had been extinguished, Mr. Shepard recovered \$232 from the pockets of what were left. The money lost in the waistcoat was about the same amount.

The house was one of the first frame cottages to be built in the city, having been erected four years ago. It was put up with the special idea in view of warmth, all the partitions being double with sawdust between the same, as were also the sidewalls. Such made the work of the firemen more unusually difficult, the fire getting in the sawdust and making it necessary to tear off the boards of the partition.

A second alarm was turned in at 11 o'clock, caused by some smouldering embers in the roof again breaking out. A peculiar feature of the fire is that the damage is confined wholly to the interior, there being but few traces of the disaster on the outside.

The splendid new residence of Sheriff Ellibeck had a narrow escape, there being not over a dozen feet intervening between the two residences.

Mr. Shepard expects his family to arrive from New York shortly after the opening of navigation and will at once begin the repairing of his cozy home. How the fire originated is somewhat of a mystery, but it is assumed it caught from the pipe of the heater where it passes through the ceiling. The loss will amount to about \$1500.

It is foolish to try to win a man's good will by convincing him that he doesn't know what he is talking about.

If people could always stop talking at the right time every one might be a victor in the strife.

The difference between a fanatic and a crank is that the latter may listen to reason if properly clubbed.

A woman need not fear that her husband is drifting away as long as she can get him to button her waist down the back.

A poor excuse is worse than none, if it isn't believed.

Jewelry has charms to soothe the womanly breast.

Nothing makes a woman so happy as to see that her dearest friend is getting wrinkled.

See Mrs. W. S. Herbert as "Edith" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

"A Black Sheep"—Auditorium.

Spars Used for Fuel

Burned all of her coal supply and every available piece of wood on the ship for fuel with which to make steam, the Leyland Line steamer Mexican, in command of Captain Parker, and 24 days out from New Orleans bound for London, reached this port late today to obtain a sufficient supply of coal to enable her to reach her destination. Capt. Parker reports that extremely severe weather was encountered in mid-Atlantic, and his vessel's coal bunkers became exhausted four days ago. Since that time a quantity of timber, all the vessel's spars, her derricks and all woodwork which could be spared was burned.

See Mr. H. D. Hulme as "The Pirate King" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

Germans Puzzled

Berlin, Jan. 12.—The Foreign office here is somewhat puzzled by President Castro's last note. He avoids specific acceptance of the powers' stipulations, and seemingly leaves the basis for a settlement as indefinite as in his preceding despatch, agreeing generally to arbitration. The president's reply has really not advanced the matter at all, but it is confidently supposed he has given Minister Bowen full power of attorney.

The state department at Washington has advised the foreign office that Mr. Bowen has sailed from La Guayra. Nothing more will be done from this side until Mr. Bowen shall have reached Washington. It is hoped a full agreement will be attained without arbitration.

The "miserable" of a certain parish was walking one misty night through a street in the village when he fell into a deep hole on the top of the water pipes, which were being repaired.

There was no ladder by which he could make his escape, and he began to shout for help.

A laborer passing heard his cries and, looking down, asked who he was.

The minister told him, whereupon the laborer remarked:

"Well, well, ye needna kick up sic a noise. You'll no' be needed afore Sabbath, an' this is only Thursday night!"

The Flag Has Grown

The flag of the United States has grown since '76—the thirteen stars are now forty-eight. And so has the trade of the Family Grocery grown, because Dunham is always on the lookout for fresh goods. A lot of butter and bacon has just arrived over the ice. He bought it regardless of price. His customers demand the best and they can always depend on getting it.

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