

TO SUPPRESS GAMBLING

Changes to be Made in Alaska

United States Judge Delivers a Severe Lecture—Conditions to be Improved.

Sitka, September 29.—The gambling question and the social evil, furnished Judge Brown's text in his charge to the grand jury yesterday, the delivery of which created something of a sensation among the members of the bar and others who were present in the court room.

"We are a peculiar people in some ways—we are peculiarly situated. Men have come into this country, so far away from the older states from which most of us hail, that we find around us new and peculiar conditions. As a liberty-loving people, we sometimes carry our love of liberty to a license for wrong-doing.

"Many of you are anxious to see a territorial government here. You feel that you are born to larger liberties and broader rights than are given you under our present form of government. Let me ask you this question: If you allow gambling to go on publicly in your midst without any restraint when the law forbids it, if you allow the Sunday laws to be violated from day to day, Sunday after Sunday, month in and month out without the slightest regard and without any effort to enforce the law as to those matters, if you allow prostitution to be flaunted in the faces of decent people as they walk along your streets, and the law is violated in this way and no attention is paid to it by grand juries or the better citizens of your community, how do you think the congress of the United States will value your petitions for territorial government or broader liberties than you have, when you fail to enforce the laws that you already have? If you want broader privileges and greater rights, live up to the laws as you have them. Gain the confidence of those in power in your government, and they will gladly give you any rights or privileges that they can entrust to you with.

"I am not one of those who believe that every man who happens to trip and fall is guilty of some enormous offense. I don't believe I am 'straight-laced' at all, as we speak of men generally; but the law makes it my duty as long as I remain here as your judge, to see that the laws that have been enacted by congress are enforced.

"I say those things to you, gentlemen of the jury, because term after term we have had grand juries gathered in this district, they have sworn to examine all offenses that have been committed against the law, and yet they have come together and adjourned, over and over again, where offenses that were so plain and open that there could not have been a single man on the grand jury that wasn't advised of them being committed, and yet notwithstanding the oaths they had taken to investigate these offenses and return indictments where the evidence was sufficient for that purpose, they have passed these offenses by without a word and without doing their duty. I think, gentlemen, the time has come when we should improve a little on past conditions and should try to do a little better. We are no longer in a mining camp. They say that mining camps are very liberal towards all sorts of ordinary offenses, and I think perhaps they are. And yet I have never found in any community anywhere men who were more prone to enforce the law when it was violated, than men who were here in the mines who seek to suppress these inconveniences we see around us. It can be brought to the drop of the business man much closer than it can be to the miner or to any mining community.

"It is said that business men are afraid to indict these enemies, because they will meet their trade; that some man will lose five cents because he votes an indictment against somebody who has been sinning against the laws of humanity the laws divine, and those enacted by the

congress of the United States, that these business men are afraid to vote an indictment because they will lose a five-cent piece! If there are any such men on this grand jury, I wish to God, gentlemen, you would ask to be excused immediately! I trust there are not any of that kind!"

Terrible Oath
St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 11.—Amazing revelations of how nineteen members of the upper branch of the Municipal Assembly, bound together by a death penalty oath, robbed and looted all who sought franchise favors from St. Louis were made to the grand jury by J. K. Murrell, who returned from Mexico, prepared to tell all he knows of the terrible story of corruption. Murrell's revelations are the climax of months of investigation of corruption in the Municipal Assembly. Murrell served as a member of the house of delegates in 1899 and 1900, during which years the oathbound nineteen were implicated in two transactions. One was the Suburban Railway "grab," and the other was the so-called "lighting bill."

Although both measures were passed in 1900, it was not until early this year that any of the corrupt transactions came to public knowledge. The first revelation came in the discovery of \$75,000 in a safe deposit box of the Lincoln Trust Company, placed there by a representative of the St. Louis & Suburban Railway Company to secure a blanket franchise to operate its cars over the streets of the city. The ordinance had passed both branches of the Municipal Assembly, but was nullified by the courts through the efforts of citizens. The Suburban representatives and the gang then disagreed as to the payment of the money. The street railway men objected to paying anything, since they had received no benefit by the legislation, but the delegates declared that as they had fulfilled their part of the contract they were entitled to their reward. The resulting squabbling led to investigation by the grand jury and wholesale indictments. The grand jury found that the Suburban Company had contributed \$135,000 as a corruption fund to influence legislation in favor of the ordinance.

Murrell swore today that the nineteen members of the gang were bound by the following oath: "I do solemnly swear before the Almighty God that in associating myself and in becoming a member of this combine I will vote and act with the combine whenever and wherever I may be so ordered to do. And I further solemnly swear that I will not at any place or time reveal the fact that there is a combine, and that I will not communicate to any person or persons anything that may take place at any meeting of the combine.

HERE AND THERE
According to Mr. John Hays Hammond mining on a large scale on the Rand is not likely to last much more than a quarter of a century.

It is reported that the government of Newfoundland will extend the modus vivendi with France regarding the fishery shore for another year.

Mr. Chamberlain announces that he is unable to accept numerous invitations to visit the colonies.

An order in council has been passed on the recommendation of the chief veterinary inspector, authorizing the destruction of all horses suffering from glanders.

An order in council has been passed extending to Dominion homestead lands in the railway belt in British Columbia the privilege of second homestead entries.

Miss Kate Livingstone, a cousin of the famous African explorer, Dr. Livingstone, reached the phenomenal age of 107 years on August 27. She is living in the remote village of Fishish, in the Isle of Mull, where she is tenderly cared for by Mrs. Fletcher of Glenaross, in whose household she was for years a trusted and privileged servant.

Under the heavy burden of her years Miss Livingstone's faculties are fast giving way, and she is in a very feeble condition. Her hearing, which was not good seven years ago, has now completely gone, while her memory is also failing.

Dr. Livingstone, who was born eighteen years after his cousin, and whom she has now survived by 29 years, paid an occasional visit to Fishish. Once he presented Miss Kate Livingstone with a handsome silver brooch, inscribed with her name, by which she set great store.

Of late years she often expressed fear that through failing memory she might put this keepsake into some receptacle and forget its whereabouts. Therefore she has now formally handed it over to her benevolent Mrs. Fletcher.

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AROUND THE SPRING

It stood on the side of the wagon road, a plain frame building, unpainted save by the weather that had colored it to a soft-toned gray. The dark shadows of the pines fell upon it and their needles dropped dreamily about it. All the week it stood there, this little Methodist church, locked in the unutterable repose of its forest home.

"A spring," she explained, dryly. "Are you thirsty?" he asked, quickly. "No!" Her tone expressed indignation.

"I beg your pardon, I understood you to say that the path led to a spring."

"So I did, but—"

"Yes?" he encouraged.

"Don't you see they are paired off before they get half-way down the hill?" She flushed a little over the explanation and he let his eyes drift lazily toward the slow-moving couples.

"Does this thing go on Sunday after Sunday?" he asked, presently.

"Oh, yes. Most of the matches in the neighborhood have been made at that spring."

He smiled at her wholesome manner of disposing of the subject and switched at the scant grass with a touch of hesitation in his manner.

"Excuse me, but will you please tell me how under heaven you happen to be in this crowd? Of course, they are very pleasant, hospitable people and as honest as the day is long, but you are not one of them."

"Why, I think I have tried to be hospitable and honest with you," she protested.

"So you have, and I cannot begin to thank you enough for it, but still you know what I mean."

"I am teaching the public school out here," she explained, the friendly laugh again leaping into her eyes.

"Ah, yes. Thank you. Your mission is rather braver than mine. I am nursing a fit of the sulks."

"I fear you will find it a difficult thing to do among these glad-hearted pines," she commented.

"Yes," he answered, "I am beginning to find it so already. I see they are moving toward the church. Do we have another session this afternoon?"

"Why, yes. At half-past one."

Baldwin drew out his watch. "It is nearly that now. Shall you remain for the afternoon service?"

"Yes, indeed. It is considered very bad form to leave before church is over."

"Do we have form out here?"

"Lots of it." Then with a sudden assumption of gravity, as they neared the door:

"That was a fine sermon that Mr. Leven preached this morning."

"Was it?" he questioned, softly. "I never heard a word of it."

She had recalled the strained look she had noticed on his face while the sermon was being preached, and a touch of sympathy softened her eyes. Baldwin caught at it quickly.

"Will it be good form for me to sit beside you this afternoon?" he asked under his breath.

"No, indeed, it will not," she replied, promptly.

The summer drifted along, and the Sundays repeated themselves with dreary satisfaction. Baldwin felt more and more in the estimation of the neighborhood belles. His intercourse with the teacher was severely limited to a half-hour chat during the noon recess, in plain sight of everybody. He never called at the house where she boarded, and he bought no new clothes. That he did not know how to spark a girl was quite evident. No wonder she just went on wearing a straw hat without any trimming.

The school term drew to a close almost before anyone was aware of it. Even the teacher started a little when Baldwin asked her if the next week was not her last one in the woods.

"Yes," she replied. "Dear me, how quickly the summer has passed."

"Has it?" he asked. She glanced away uneasily at his tone, but he went on with reassuring carelessness.

"Do you know that example is really a wonderful thing? I felt an almost unquenchable desire to put on my dress suit for church this morning."

"Why?" she questioned vaguely.

"For the same reason that the other young fellows do, I suppose. Force of example."

The teacher laughed, but it was not a quite natural laugh.

"Honestly, I have been making a very close study of the subject, their methods appear to be so successful. The more in earnest they become the brighter grows their tie. I bought a cherry-red one to wear today, but I was afraid you might object to such a conspicuous outwardly visible sign of my inward invisible devotion. You can't imagine how hard I have tried to keep from making it uncomfortable for you. The Sundays have seemed so awfully far apart. Honestly, now, don't you think I have been good?"

"I trust you are going to continue being so," she remarked, looking carefully at a yellow wild flower.

"Will you go to the spring with me? We needn't take the regular path—until we get there."

"Do you call this being good?"

"Do you call it being good, torturing a fellow this way? There are 40 pairs of eyes fastened upon the back of my coat. I have to stand here as unconcerned as though I were discussing the weather while—and you won't help me a bit. Please agree to go to the spring with me in imagination."

"In imagination? They are going into church."

"Will you go?"

"Of course."

"Thank you. You are the dearest."

"I meant I was going into the church."

"That wasn't what I meant, and I almost believe you knew it. I caught her hand for an instant as they turned."

"You need not be afraid," he said in a quick undertone. "You have made me the happiest man on earth, but I am going to make the effort of my life to look unconcerned."

A little later they strolled in and took their seats according to form.

Spencer's Trip
London, Sept. 20.—Stanley Spencer the aeronaut who yesterday traveled nearly thirty miles over London in an air ship of his own invention, today furnished interesting details of his flight among the clouds. He said:

"At one time I feared an explosion of the balloon, but the automatic valve prevented a catastrophe. The engine also threatened to ignite the gas of the balloon, but this danger I also overcame."

"I had the machine under perfect control and I could turn in any direction. The people in the London thoroughfares looked like black lines of ants."

"When I alighted the machine came down so lightly that a child might have been under it without being hurt. The distance covered was further than at first reported, being fully thirty miles."

"I dropped balls as I went along. It shows that an army could do with an air ship carrying bombs. My ship differs from Santos-Dumont's in that it is propelled in front. Its speed is seven and one-half miles an hour."

"My present ship is a one-man affair, but I can make one to accommodate any reasonable number of persons."

To Address Congress
Denver, Sept. 29.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railway and of the Northern Securities Company, has written C. E. Wantland, chairman of the executive committee of the national irrigation congress, that he will attend the sessions of the congress to be held in Colorado Springs October 6 and 9, if he can possibly find time.

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