

## Gambling

Last Friday evening every gambling house in town shut down business. The apparatus of various kinds was set to one side and covered with shroud of canvass and the dealers are out hunting jobs.

The cause of the spasm is hard to locate. One of the leading managers said to the Republic that a warning was brought to every house in town Friday night. Telephone messages confirmed the friendly advise to close saying that warrants were out for the seizure and destruction of all the gambling tools in town.

As a result gambling has stopped and the devotees of the green cloth think there will be no more sport until July. The Yakima Republic, May 18, 1900

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At the instance of County Attorney W.P. Guthrie all the gambling halls in the city have been closed and the slot machines have ceased to click in exposed places, if they click at all in any place.

The order closing down these places was issued last Saturday and from now on it is the intention of the county authorities to see that they remain closed.

The county attorney says he means business and will enforce the law. He says there is a big sentiment here against the wide-open policy and the decent people of the town have determined to break up gambling.

It was his intention to close the houses in the red light district but the matter was deferred for the present for certain reasons. There are now 32 women of ill fame in the district and it is the intention to make a clean sweep at an early date. There are also 22 macks who will be given a chance to leave the city or go to work. These young men are well known and plans are now under way to swoop down upon them. If they ~~leave~~ do not leave the city or find some other means of employment other than that which they follow the ball and chain will be used.

It is also the intention of the authorities to close the saloons on Sunday and in a very short time they will be notified to close at 12 o'clock at night. Thus it is that North Yakima will be cleansed of its dives and other resorts that tend to establish a lower moral standard for the community—Yakima Herald, May 20, 1902.



Yakima Council--Morals

..The officary of the Good Templars petitioned the council to close all saloons in the city from 11 o'clock Saturday night to 6 a.m. Monday morning and also prayed for the suppression of nickle-in-the-slot machines and all other kindred forms of gambling. Referred to police committee--Yakima Herald, Nov. 23, 1899.

..The mayor inquired of the marshal how many slot machines exhibitors paid their fines to the city treasurer. The marshal replied that there were eight in all. A councilman stated that he knew of eleven machines in operation to say nothing of the upright slot machines.

After some discussion it was ordered that all nickle in the slot machines be closed by the marshal--Yakima Herald, Dec. 21, 1899.

The application of William McIvor and Edward Uthe for a temporary restraining order against alleged owners of the Front street resort known as the Blair hotel was denied by Judge Preble in the superior court this afternoon. He delivered a lengthy opinion in which he set forth his remarks for refusing to grant the relief asked.

The court's chief reason for refusing the writ was the fact that if the allegations of the complaint were true, if the allegations that the defendants were maintaining a disorderly house which was a public nuisance an injunction granted at the final hearing of the case when proof was taken would be as much relief to the complainants as they are entitled to.....Yakima Republic, Nov. 18, 1910.



## Front Street

The application of William McIvor, Edward Uthe and Edward Richie, for a temporary restraining order against the alleged owners of the Front street resorts known as the Blair hotel was taken under submission by Judge Preble in the superior court this afternoon. The judge stated that he would probably render a decision on the question ~~tomorrow~~ tomorrow.

The plaintiffs, who are owners of the property in the immediate neighborhood of the houses of ill fame seek a temporary restraining order against the owners which will prevent the operation of the houses until the matter may be finally adjudicated.

The motion was argued this afternoon as to only a few of the defendants, the others not being ready for argument.

The defendants who appeared this afternoon for argument by their counsel were: Rose Blair, Sam Chong, Sydney Varian and H.C. Brooks, John Needham and wife and Jung Lee being unready to proceed.

The complaints, who are property owners and some of who live in property adjoining the restricted district allege as grounds for the injunction that the buildings are a public nuisance for the reason that they are disorderly and that drunken orgies held in the houses disturb the entire neighborhood.

Liquor is sold in the resorts it is claimed and it is stated that the inmates indulge in foul and vulgar language which can be heard for some distance and brawls between men who frequent the places are of nightly occurrence.

The plaintiffs allege that the inmates of the place expose themselves to public view in indecent costumes and solicit the attention of men passing on the streets, driving away people who come to visit the homes of the complainants.

The houses which it is intended to close are located on Front street and are operated notoriously. The Blair hotel is operated

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Council proceedings--An ordinance was ordered drawn up to prohibit the lewd women of the bowery from "soliciting" on the streets--  
The Yakima Herald, March 18, 1902.

A petition was circulated last week by the respectable people living in the "bowery" district with the view of having the "joints" of that place removed to the lower end of Front street or outside of the city limits if possible.

This petition will be presented to the council at its next meeting and an effort will be made to have that part of First and Front street relieved of the dens of vice that now infest it. If the council does not act it is the purpose of the people who have the matter in charge to bring legal action to enforce such removal--  
The Yakima Herald, March 30 April 1, 1902.



The red light district has finally come to a head and in a manner that means there will be no more parleying for Mayor A.J. Splawn who is also chief of police, has ordered that the houses in the restricted district close the first of September and the inmates leave the city and stay away.

The Blair hotel and the other houses in the vicinity which make up the so called restricted district have only been allowed to exist by the authorities on good behavior...

When Mayor Splawn met with the Civic League at a dinner given by the YMCA on the evening of May 8 the red Light question was one of the chief topics of discussion. It was decided it had no standing in law...

Speaking of the action he said:

"I do not wish to see this volcano, that might at any time break forth in some unexpected way, stand as a menace to the city and I have ordered it closed up, after giving those interested an opportunity to do so as we demanded they should do, carry on their businesses in an orderly manner. Furthermore I do not wish to continue in the position of seeming to stand behind the business in my official capacity. The position is repugnant to me.,..."

The New Jersey Investment company, incorporated under the laws of the state of Arizona with S.E. Varlan, H.C. Brooks and L. Yen as incorporators own the Blair Hotel property on South Front street. This with the other buildings in the stockade and the smaller houses in the district thereabouts are all included in the closing order. The articles of the company declare that it was formed to buy and sell notes and mortgages, own property and carry on a general business. Its principal office is at Phoenix, Ariz., but it is given the right to establish a branch office at North Yakima. It is incorporated for \$18,000.. The Yakima Herald, August 7, 1912.

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At 3 o'clock this afternoon Chief of Police Tom Storey and Sheriff Joe H. Lancaster were to start out on their rounds through the redlight district closing all houses of ill fame and ordering all the women from the city according to Mayor Armbruster's orders of Tuesday afternoon.

"All scarlet women will be run out of the city and all the talk about protection will have to cease," said the mayor...Yakima Republic, Feb. 11, 1910.



## Yakima

The Martial band made its debut on the streets Monday and the little men captured the hearts of all by storm.

They were attired in blue roundabout jackets , red knee pants, blue caps and leather leggins and marched with a light, confident step and played various tunes.

They have been drilling less than three weeks and their proficiency is due Mr. A.C. Anderson. On Wednesday they left for Ellensburg to Attend the GAR Encampment at that place. The following are members of the band: Fred Haines, Bob Thomas, Jim Thomas, Byron Young, Henry Leach, George Lamping, Everett Lamping, Cliff Lamping, Jesse Lovell and Charley Head--Yakima Herald, May 1, 1890.

## Nickel-in-the slot

The city council in an exhibition of monumental wisdom at its meeting on Monday evening instructed its attorney to frame an ordinance placing a license of ~~\$1000~~ \$1 on every bicycle but promptly sat down on the proposition to impose a tax on nickel-in-the-slot machines.

Whereever a tax is imposed upon bicycles it is for the purpose of building and maintaining a bicycel path and is done with the approval of the owners of the wheels but in this instance the tax is to go into the fund for the maintenance of the streets for which the people are already taxed high enough. There are about 200 bicycles in the city and the tax propose would go a long way toward building a bicycle path---Yakima Herald, April 8, 1897.



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Slot Machines

The nickle in the slot machine has become an important factor in the business of saloons and cigar stores.

In Portland most of the cigar business is done through machines and wholesalers say they have materially assisted in tiding over the hard times for the gambling instincg in man is so strong that where he formerly bought a cigar and paid for it outright he now manipulates the box until he has a pocket full of smokers and generally at an advance on the regul r price.

Competition among the cigar dealers of Tacoma has become so active that some of the dealers offer prizes to players and one venturesome man gives eight nickles for a quarter to all who can put them through his machine. This is in the face of a yearly license of \$20 which Tacoma imposed--Yakima Herald, Dec. 10, 1896.

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The red-light district will be removed from its present location by order of the city council as the result of a resolution introduced by Councilman Armbruster and passed by the council.

The matter of choosing another location for the restricted district will be left in the hands of the public improvement committee according to the resolution although there was a good fight to charge the committee to do this work.

The chief of police will also assist in the selection of the new location for the outlawed section which has stagnated business in a certain portion of the town for a long time.

The agitation of the Herald which has been carried on for some time has been directly responsible for the move for the better. Since the Herald opened fire on the place which has been the cause of making women walk blocks out of their way to reach the business district and which would cause innocent children to pass that way on their route to school, scores of people have taken up the discussion until there became an imperative demand to move to a more isolated spot--The Yakima Herald, July 31, 1907.



## Slot Machines

The local cigar and saloon dealers put their slot machines in working order Tuesday afternoon and the boys are now pumping away at five cents a shot.

This action on the part of the dealers' is due to the recent decision of Judge Bell in Seattle when he decided that playing the machine for merchandise was not felonious but came under the head of a misdemeanor. The court intimated in his decision that if the operation of a slot machine made its location a gambling resort it might come under the general gambling law making all games of chance a felony--The Yakima Herald, July 15, 1903.

## Elections. Yakima.

wet and dry

By a margin of 203 votes out of a total of 4,769 cast the wets won the local option election yesterday . .

This is a correction on the first semi-official total .

Total registration 6,049 for ordinance 2,282; against 2,486.

In the local option held on December 31, 1909, North Yakima went wet by 271, license carrying in every ward.

There were six wards of three precincts each in yesterday's election--  
Yakima Herald, Dec. 25, 1912.



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The license of Thos. Lund to conduct a saloon in the Bartholet hotel was renewed. The matter of granting a license to Frank D. Cook to open a saloon in the Mikado building on Second street was taken up. ...Councilman Reed said that the protesting people (petition of 600) had overlooked the fact that more school children pass up and down Yakima Avenue than by the Mikado. He said "that as long as six saloons are permitted upon the most prominent thoroughfare I will vote for a saloon anywhere except near a church or school." -  
The Yakima Republic, May 11, 1900.

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At the meeting of the council Monday evening a resolution was passed to close all the saloons at midnight.

8 Every member voted in favor of the resolution excepting Councilman John <sup>R</sup>eed, who opposed it by voice vote. It was suggested that it would require an ordinance to enforce this movement, but Mayor Weed thought if the saloon men were notified by the marshal of the action of the council, it would be sufficient.

One saloon was closed promptly at midnight, but as there was nothing in the resolution regarding the time for reopening it w s again running in full blast a few minutes later.

Yakima Herald, November 19, 1891.



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One of the greatest games of faro that has probably taken place on the Pacific coast for many years occurred in the Coeur d'Alene club rooms on Wednesday night of last week. It is estimated that over \$100,000 changed hands back and forth in the long sitting which lasted from 9 o'clock p m until 11 the next morning.

The high rollers were S.S. Bailey and R.E. Brown, two mining men of wealth and the dealer was the well known Jacob Goetz or Dutch Jake.

There was no limit to the game and occasionally as high as \$2,000 was wagered on a single turn. The mining men were heavier losers at first but when the game closed they were \$6,000 ahead. The news of the big play spread rapidly through the town and all the sports who could get into the big gambling hall were present. Twenty dollar chips were the smallest money on the table and the rubber necks never had such a feast--~~YAK~~ Spokesman-Review, May, 1897.

## Fashions

The Herald's readers of the gentle sex should know that yellow in all of the shades of the nasturtium and every tint between cream and gold is in favor this season for collars and vests of dark wool gowns--Yakima Herald, Jan. 30, 1896.

The latest whim of fashion is that hips should be padded. This is in order that the Louise Seize costumes may look correct.

A padded roll fits over the hips, lending support to the full skirt and holding out the skirt of the bodice. This gives the result of immense hips and a very tapering waist which is the correct form at the present. These pads are not particularly noticeably but really add to the comfort of the wearer as they relieve the weight of the skirt.

The padding improves a slender figure giving it symmetry and to the woman inclined to be stout, it adds graceful lines. The pads are as light as a feather and are stuffed with curled hair. It is very apparent that they are necessary to obtain the whole good effect of a toilet--Yakima Herald, Feb. 20, 1896.



## Culture Music

North Yakima does not retain her musical element long enough to have a permanent organization.

There is plenty of talent. Why can it not be focused? A musical department connected with the Woman's Club, admitting talent from outside, might be one means of interesting the musically inclined.

Some fifteen years ago we might have heard the rehearsals of the pianforte with Mrs. Holton as Josephine or Queen Esther, with Mr. Ed Whitson as Haaman and Mrs. Morrison director. Later on Mr. C.S. Read, a cornetist of considerable fame, made Yakima his home. About four years ago a musical society under the efficient leadership of Mr. George Vance and last winter a ladies' double quartet under the direction of Mrs. J.M. Gilbert, all are now of the past. Even our home orchestra players are striking for the Klondike.

At a recent concert Rossini's Charity chorus from Stabat Mater was successfully rendered by twelve voices accompanied by piano, organs and violins--Yakima Herald, Feb. 17, 1898.

## Cultural

Upwards of thirty vocalists met in Bailey's music store Tuesday evening and formed a choral society.

W.B. Dudley was elected president, Henry Teal treasurer and Miss Annie Matton secretary.

Much enthusiasm was evinced and it was decided to secure music at once and begin rehearsing--Yakima Herald, March 19, 1903.