

ORGAN OF CROOKS
WAXES VIRTUOUS

Admits That There Are Twenty Five Gambling Games

UNDER THE "AMERICAN" BUILT

**"News" Expose of Saturday Night
Forces it to Take An-**

Defender of George Sheets Now Arises And Says Burbidge is to Blame

The expose made by the "News" on Saturday evening of the many gambling joints in operation in this city has been widely and favorably commented upon by citizens of all parties and creeds. It also had the effect of stirring up the police department to action in suppressing the evil, and resulted in a raid on one of the places named by the "News."

The rattle of chips and the shuffle of cards in a room at the rear of the Luxur bar on State street attracted the attention of Officers Hinton and Malloy at 12:30 Sunday morning, and they found that followed developed the fact that a game of roulette was being played.

that a game was in progress. Seated around the table which was strewn with chips, money and cards, were four men. The men, chips and money were nabbed by the officers and taken to police headquarters, where the prisoners were charged with gambling. Of course the men gave fictitious names, such as John Doe and Richard Roe, but were compelled to deposit with the

The expose by the "News" also had the expected effect of stirring up the crooks to a state of frantic rage. Unable to make the usual denial it did its customary "stunt" of frenzied abuse, and for once fell into line and went even stronger than the "News"—for political reasons.

“The sheet stated it believed that not less than 100 professional gamblers” were in Salt Lake and that “fully 25 games were permitted to run.”

over the subject and lays all the blame on Captain of Police John Burbridge. The organ of the crooks unblushingly declares that gambling was stamped out under the rule of Ezra Thompson and "Honest George Sheets" when it knows full well that the statement is false. The records of the court will show that arrests

LEST WE FORGET.

He does not call that gambling, although it did not on several occasions, but to admit that now would be to admit that under Thompson and "Honest George" Sheets gambling did flourish and that the city was infested with blacklegs and tin horns. There are no claims that the particular game in mention was gambling in the ordinary sense.

It was apparently simply a case of pre-meditated robbery and the evidence in the case indicates that the then chief of police and others associated were connected with it.

When the details of the affair were made public the organ of the crooks tried to get from under by blaming it on Captain Burbidge. The sheet named Burbidge but later crawled in to its hole.

Now that more incompetency of American rule is made known it tries to crawl from under again, and again

James the whole thing on to Captain Burbidge.

THE REAL REASON.

And why?

Because Chief Pitt and Burbidge have not shown a disposition to come to heel as far as the Salt Lake Tribune is concerned. (Then, naturally, the

concerned. They apparently show too much disposition to "gang their own game."

Hence it looks as though the split in the "American" party is widening into a rent.

The "News" carries no brief for Capt. Burbridge. But as one man said this morning:

"The sheet has been forced to admit that there is gambling in Salt Lake. It has been forced to admit it before

ut makes the lame excuse that Burbridge is to blame. If he is to blame, then Chief Pitt is mote to blame and he mayor and party he represents are more to blame than either."

The sheet asks: "If Burbridge has given orders to permit gambling, and is not responsible for it himself, the more culpable of all."

Burbidge has not been given orders to permit gambling nor has he given orders himself to permit it, at least so say his friends.

Chief Pitt said this morning: "These people who are jumping on us forget the fact that we have made several arrests for gambling. We were un-

The organ has been forced to confess that gambling does exist in Salt Lake under "American" party rule. To escape responsibility it throws the blame on others.

Neither Chief Pitt nor Captain Burdige cared to discuss the matter today. Burdige had nothing to say whatever, and Chief Pitt merely

MAYOR BRANSFORD COGNIZANT.
Mayor Bransford said this morning at he is aware that gambling is going on in the city, and that he is opposed to it. He declares that the police force is doing everything it can to cope with the situation and will continue to do so.

due to do so. He says there will be more men added to the department, and that when that is done there will be a force sufficient to take care of the situation and will then put a stop to gambling in all unlawful forms.