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Habit of These Resorts is to Make
Fine Promises at First and Then
Throw Off All Restrictions.

MAYOR WILL CLOSE ALL DANCING DIVES.

A campaign of closing up loose dance halls is on in Salt Lake, and it is not at all an end with the shutting down of Utahna park last night, but will go on until every such establishment situated near a saloon or over a saloon or in the city is closed tight.

Mayor Morris said to the "News" this morning when asked why he and the chief of police closed Utahna park. "We closed it, so far as I am concerned, because it was a disreputable place, and I do not think that is the only place that ought to be closed. Personally, I favor closing every such place located in the city, and we are going to do it."

"Have you any specific places in mind which you propose to close in the near future?" was asked him.

"There are three or four places under consideration," was the reply, "but I can't say just what ones will be closed until I talk it over with the chief of police. I am going to see him on the subject today."

Pursuing the policy announced in his statement to the "News" today, Mayor Morris has instructed Chief of Police Lynch to close up the Harmonia dance hall, located above a saloon on State street between Third and Fourth South streets. Similar action will be taken in the matter of other dance halls so situated.

The Utahna park dancing pavilion has had its little fling in Salt Lake. Now it has lost its power, and will no longer rule over the leisure evening hours of the young and unwary as well as the old and unearing. Last night darkness only greeted the freebooters of the streets who wandered that way for an hour on the dance floor, while a "spell" stood outside announcing, "There's no dance tonight, the musicians are sick."

The decision to close the place was yesterday made by the mayor and police on the ground that it is an open gateway to vice. A loose dance hall, frequented by every sort of woman, from the young girl whose mother, perhaps, doesn't know she is out, to the painted denizen of the alley, was not considered necessary by Mayor Morris or Chief Lynch to the welfare of the city. Running under the title of respectability, it was not considered absolutely questionable for a good girl to visit it, and yet once there she met a class of people who could only help her on a downward career. The move to close the place, Mayor Morris and Chief Lynch state, was made directly in the interest of saving young girls from a harmful environment.

KEPT EYE ON IT.

The police have had a watchful eye on the place for some time, waiting for a specific act that would furnish an excuse for closing it down. The reports made by officers have been anything but favorable to the resort, and yesterday the chance to take action came when it was learned from Mayor Morris that its manager had not yet taken out a license for the coming year.

NOTIFIED TO STOP.

Sergeant Roberts was in consequence sent over to instruct Manager Gourley that he would not be allowed to open last night. At first the manager was abstruse, and when he was taken to quarters, held a hostile interview with the chief, in which he declared he would open anyhow, and fight the case in the courts. He was told that if he did open, his ticket seller, his dance hall employees, and his speller would immediately be thrown into jail, and he then left, stating that he would consult his attorney and decide what to do.

CLOSED IT TIGHT.

Later in the evening Sergeant Roberts and Officer Johnson visited the place to inspect, and just before reaching it met Manager Gourley, who assured them it was closed tight. This statement proved true, as the place was found to be in darkness and a spell of silence reigned.

There was a feeling of great satisfaction among parents and respectable citizens today at the action of the mayor and chief of police in closing the den, as it had come to be. The stories that have been coming from the place of late have been of a character that aroused the authorities. The question being asked as to how the resort was permitted to run at all, the mayor says like others it promised to be good; not only that, but to run a hall that could not be questioned from the standpoint of moral character. But in the giddy whirl this idea seems soon to have been forgotten not only the Utahna, but at other places as well. Mayor Morris says that "the dancing hall that will not run respectably cannot run at all. Amusements of this character to which so many young people go, must be good and pure or cease to be. Of course parents can't expect us to do everything, but we will do all we can. Even when we do that there are dangers and pitfalls that we cannot keep the careless and foolish

CITIZEN PRAISES MAYOR AND CHIEF.

Editor of the "News":—I desire through the "News" to thank the mayor and the chief of police for the vigorous action they have taken in closing up the notorious dance hall on Main street of this city. It is not a week since a traveling theatrical man, who has been all over the United States, said to the writer that in all his travels he had seen no worse place for youth and no worse scenes enacted than he beheld at this particular place in Salt Lake City. Now, let the mayor and the chief of police go two steps farther and all citizens will feel like praising them more than ever. First, in enforcing the curfew law, and second, in bringing to the gangs of hoodlums that stand on upper Main street each Sunday as the Tabernacle adjourns, puffing tobacco smoke into the faces of people and making coarse remarks about girls and ladies who pass by.

DAIRYMEN ATTENTION.

The Utah Jersey Cattle club will hold its first annual meeting in connection with the Dairymen's convention, in the city and county building, Salt Lake City, Feb. 2 and 3, when subjects of interest to dairymen especially will be discussed, by-law adopted, and a permanent organization effected. Everybody invited. Joseph Barker, Ogden, is president, and B. H. Hollingsworth, Salt Lake City, secretary.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Dose: One or two tablets three or four times a day. E. W. Grove's signature is on box. 2c.

HE KNEW HIS RIGHTS.

Man Charged With Forgery Spurns the Offer of Assistance.

M. H. Barnett, alias W. H. Deming, the man arrested several days ago on the charge of forgery, was arraigned in Judge Dwyer's court this morning before Judge Whitaker.

The man was arraigned on two counts of forgery. The first charged him with uttering and issuing a forged check for \$10 on the Sherwood pharmacy. The second alleged that he forged a check for a similar amount on C. Cowan.

The county attorney asked the court to instruct the defendant as to his rights, before pleading. Barnett replied:

"Oh, that is not necessary; I know my rights, and I waive the reading of the complaints and also the preliminary hearing."

Upon investigation it was learned by the police that Barnett has served several terms in the Utah state prison for various offenses.

MRS. MEECHAM DEAD.

Young Wife at St. George Dies of Heart Failure Today.

(Special to the "News.")

St. George, Utah, Jan. 31.—Elizabeth Woodbury Meecham who resides at the Apex mine, passed away this morning from the effects of heart failure. Deceased was the daughter of the late Orin N. and Alice Clark Woodbury and was born here Sept. 25, 1880. Last summer she married Mr. Elam Meecham here, who was an estimable young lady, beloved by her friends who sympathize with her husband in his great loss.

DANCE HALL BURNED.

Eureka Amusement House Destroyed By Fire Early This Morning.

(Special to the "News.")

Eureka, Utah, Jan. 31.—Flames were discovered issuing from McFate's amusement hall on upper Main street about 4 o'clock this morning. The structure is a large frame and the fire had gained considerable headway before the fire department arrived. The firemen succeeded in confining the flames to the interior of the building and soon had the blaze under control. The estimated loss is about \$600 to building and contents. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

IDAHO POSTAL AFFAIRS.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Russell C. Massey has been appointed postmaster at Grandview, Owyhee county, Idaho, vice Samuel H. Lawrence, resigned. The postoffice at Jenkins, Shoshone county, Idaho, has been ordered discontinued after Feb. 28.

A patent for glass has been issued to Thomas Kinkaid, Rock Springs, Wyo.

Amusements

At the Theater tonight the famous play, "Shoe Avenue," opens an engagement which will run two nights and for a Wednesday matinee.

Charles B. Hanford's engagement at the Theater this week is limited to two performances only. "Shoe Avenue" Thursday afternoon and "Don Caesar De Bazar" Thursday night. The advance sale is now going on.

"Yon Yonson" comes to the Grand Theatre tonight. The lumbermen's quartet still remains a feature.

The advance sale of seats for the Carson recital at the Congregational church next Monday night will take place at the Clayton Music company's.

Constipation, Headache, Biliousness, Heartburn, Indigestion, Dizziness,

Indicate that your liver is out of order. The best medicine to rouse the liver and cure all these ills, is found in

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25 cents. Sold by all medicine dealers.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION.

Representative Harry Joseph In-
troduces a Bill With Object
In View.

AIMED AT CITY AND COUNTY.

To Make Them a Single Body Politic
And to Trim Down Official
Positions.

If the bill introduced by Representative Joseph this afternoon becomes law, the qualified electors of this state, at the next general election two years hence, will be called upon to vote for an amendment to the Constitution, bringing Salt Lake city and county under one administrative head. The bill is H. B. 33, entitled, "An act to submit to the qualified electors of the State of Utah, an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Utah, by adding thereto article 25, entitled, 'City and County of Salt Lake.'"

The bill, as its title would imply, provides for the making of a new charter consolidating and rendering a single body politic the 'City and County of Salt Lake.' Under this name the corporation shall have perpetual succession to all property held by both city and county, and shall assume, manage and dispose of all trusts in any way connected therewith.

Under the head, 'Transfer of Government,' the bill provides that on the adoption of this amendment the terms of office of all officers of the city of Salt Lake and of the included municipal cities and of the county of Salt Lake shall terminate; except that, the then mayor, auditor, engineer, council (which shall perform the duties of a board of county commissioners), police magistrates, chief of police and boards of the city of Salt Lake, shall become, respectively, said officers of the city and county of Salt Lake, and the then clerk, recorder, treasurer, assessor, and coronor of the city of Salt Lake, shall become, respectively, said officers of the city and county of Salt Lake.

The bill abolishes the offices of sheriff, city recorder, city and county attorney, and city treasurer. Mr. Joseph, author of the bill, says that this alone will effect an annual saving of at least \$20,000, which, with other reductions necessarily accruing, will mean a total annual saving of from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Among other things the new charter shall provide for municipal ownership of public utilities; civil service in the fire and police departments; a consolidation of the existing school districts, and the granting of franchises by direct vote of the people.

In the bill now pending extending the term of office of municipal officers one year, the proposed amendment will affect none of the present officers, as it extends the term of office of the future officers. The bill provides that the salary of the mayor shall be fixed at \$100 per annum, payable quarterly, and each member of the board shall be required to file a bond in the sum of \$1,000.

The bill also provides for the appointment of a warden of the state prison with an annual salary of \$1,500. He shall give bond in the sum of \$20,000. There shall also be a deputy warden and a physician and surgeon, whose salary shall be \$1,000 per annum. The warden may be removed from office by the board of correction. The bill provides further that the salary of all officers and employees of the state prison, except as otherwise provided by the board, shall be fixed by the state board of correction subject to revision and restriction by the state board of corrections.

BOARD OF CORRECTIONS.

Representative Edward introduced in the house this afternoon a bill amending the present law relating to the state board of corrections. The bill makes the membership of the board three, consisting of the governor, the chief justice of the supreme court, and the chief of police. The term of office of each member shall be four years. The salary is fixed at \$100 per annum, payable quarterly, and each member of the board shall be required to file a bond in the sum of \$1,000.

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House bill No. 92 by Simons is "An act providing for the exemption from payment of license to municipal corporations of the vendors of farm, orchard and garden products who have grown the same." The bill provides that the exemption shall be granted to any farmer, fruit raiser or gardener presenting for sale his products of farm, orchard or garden within the limits of any of the municipal corporations of this state, is exempt from paying license.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The committee on mines and mining recommended the passage of H. B. 37 by majority vote. The committee on agriculture recommended the passage of H. B. 38 by majority vote. The committee on education recommended the passage of H. B. 39 by majority vote.

SENATE KILLING TIME.

In the meantime is planning a junketing trip to California.

Where are the bills of the senate? Of the 40 introduced, most of them are with hardly ever a report upon them. Meanwhile the senate is holding sessions to kill time awaiting the reports of committees that will give it free action on accumulated business.

Falling in having these to give it an excuse for postponing itself.

All eyes are now turned on Los Angeles and the arrowhead route pointing the straightway course to the sunset sea. Senator Bamberger says he is for going, as a legislator, if possible, but as a citizen at any rate, even if he has to pay. The matter has also been discussed in the committee on railroads and it has been informally established that no opposition will develop in case of a desire to take a trip over the new rails just to test them, and ascertain if they are entirely in working order before trusting their con-

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