

There may be some who do not fully understand my order relative to women's attire, hence it may not be amiss at this time, referring to the letter received this morning, to make some explanation.

It probably is not known to the good women of the city, some of whom have adopted various of the "late models" of dress for street attire, that the most of these "late" affairs first find favor in the underworld, where the unfortunates who live there have seized upon them as a means for furthering their illegal business. These women have taken to wearing gauzy costumes, as transparent as glass, underneath which they use "tights." Their object will be apparent to all at first thought.

While it may appear to some that an order to suppress the wearing of scanty attire or suggestive attire on the streets is a rather drastic one, I wish to assure the public and especially the good women of the city that my action was taken purely for the purpose of protecting the innocent and, in particular, the young men and women of Portland, in an effort to uphold the morals of the city.

The matter had gone so far that young boys and men would congregate on the street and make obscene remarks about the dresses worn by some of the women passing.

