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SUPERINTENDENT

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January 18, 1919.

Hon. George L. Baker,
Mayor,
City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our conversation of recent date relative to Ringler's Dance Hall and the conditions prevailing there, will say that the information relative to liquor and immorality was given me by the former Dance Inspector, James Tackaberry. Mr. Tackaberry states that he is ready to give you further information on this subject. The particular girls involved in this report are Alva and Rose Pavola, 521 Couch St. One of these girls is said to be a minor.

Yours respectfully,

Grace B. Pickerson

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Portland, Ore. 2/4/19.

Mr. N. F. Johnson,
Chief of Police,
City.

My dear Mr. Johnson:

As per your request, Mrs. Cosgriff, a friend and myself, visited the Oregon Grill Saturday night between 11 and 12:30.

I am sorry to report that the dancing was the most vulgar I have seen since being in Portland. At least half a dozen couples were dancing with their bodies and faces so close together that it would have been impossible to have slipped a sheet of the thinnest paper between them. There were many couples dancing with their bodies close together and with the women's arms around the man's neck, but their faces did not touch.

One woman, especially, who was dressed in grey velvet and with her face painted and eye brows penciled something awful, dancing so close to her partner and in a position such that her knee was between his legs so far that it protruded out at the back.

Many of these couples, I noticed, went four and five times around the room in exactly the same position.

There was some changing of tables, but not a great deal.

I saw one boy in the grill about seventeen years old who had a pint flask of whiskey in his hip pocket. His coat, instead of covering it, had slipped up over it. He walked down one half the length of the grill and was given the laugh by many who saw him.

I saw three people who showed very distinctly that they were under the influence of liquor.

I do not think Mr. Meyers was in the grill any of the time that we were there. The floor manager was there but I failed to see him make any corrections. The place was terribly crowded, and, of course, I realize it is hard to manage so many, still I failed to see any excuse for those mentioned, dancing four times around the room in exactly the same position, it certainly looked as though they had not been spoken to..

Most respectfully yours,

A. Frankel

Supt.

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