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Owing to the indisposition of the editor, he was indebted last week to the pens of others
itorial page. Had he been on
duty, it is possible that some the articles would not liare ap pearel, or that their style and language would hare passed under editorial revision. One article, headed "In Memoriam," has occasioned, we are told, some se vere comment, and several of our
friends, who were members of the club at its demise, or have been members at some former time, have assured us that the fact which have come under thei personal knowledge respecting the nature and management of
this club do not justify the severe and sweeping denunciations that deny that gambling of the charrevelry described ever transpirel in its rooms. While admitted, and small stakes fo no money piled up, no "rattling dice;" nor did large sums change hands within its walls.
would not willingly do injustie to any one, and would regret that, even in the absence of the editor any picture too highly colore should be presented through the columus of the Advocate re-
specting any supposed or existing evil in our midst ; and, therefore give to these gentlemen the full
benefit of this ever been careful in our assaults on the popular evils and vices of the day to deal with actual facts; painting from the life, and not
rehashing mere rumors that may be floating through the varions
eircles of social or moral life. circles of social or moral life. It
is possible the writer of that article basel his statements on rumor, and did not speak from
actual knowledge. If this be so the rale by which the Advocate is controlled, as well as our sense
of justice, demands for the club of justice, demands for the clmb
the full benefit of the disclaimer the full benefit of the discl.
its members have enterel.
While we render frankly what these gentlemen claim to be
simply an act of justice, we do not compromise in the slightest degree the right of the ADvo-
cate to arraign this or any other institution which we may be sat-
isfied is prodnctive of moral damage to individuals or society. We respect individual rights. We hold sacred the privacies of life; but we claim that it is as
much the right and the duty of the press to point out moral evils in society as it is to report the san. tary condition of the streets or poisoning the atmosphere the passers by must breathe. cass to permit his houses to breed dis.
ease and death in the community. Society claims the right of selfprotection. The powder magazine the business center because it endangers property and life; benzine and other inflammableoils or gases which may occesion
flagrations, are put under strictions to lessen the dangers which attend their transportation may realize in it a blessing or or storage. No mau will consent curse. Possibly the gentlemen that a slaughter-house or a soap- who have been connected with
factory shall send out their ef- the Gulf City Clab, while resentfactory shall send out their ef- the Gulf City Clab, while resent-
flavia from an adjoining lot to ing very naturally what they may offend the nostrils of his family have considered an unfair and during the hots days of July. obtrusive record of its history These questions are settled
promptly, and no man find that a faithfui review
demurs of the jovial scenes their rooms promptly, and no man demurs of the jorial scenes their rooms
from the action taken. Moral have witnessed 'would not yield any of the mare damag. any of the makerial agencies we property or endangers health; the
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## standard they lose sight of inter ests of far greater importance

 their race. Measuring the ques.tions that interest society by a moral standard, regarding maerial interests as mere accidents in human life, while the moral
and the spiritual involve those interests which alone are sub
stantial, we not only esteem it our right to point out all mora evils that endanger the indi vidual or corrupt society, but
would hold ourself unfaith ful to the call of duty, were auy personal consideration to
arrest our pen or silence ou tongue. No man has the right in seeking his own pleasure to dis hood, much less to endanger the health or lives of other men, no has he the moral right to indulge
in any enjoyment, even though paid for with his own mone
when indulgence imperils the moral purity and safety of othe
men.
Club-rooms may possibly made places of innocent recre
tion, but the fact that their his tory in every city has caused ings deeper and purer than mere pon lusbands' time and so iety; and that mothers often fol apprehension in connection with their sons, are facts pate
to all familiar with city life. While the club named ma not have permitted the excess in the Advocate, it may be its members whether the moral tendencies of such institutions amaging results. There may man of gencrousemetive to a young parkling wine relry; but the mong gentlemen of acknowldged social standing reveals and with his scruples silenced tions, a habit may be fastened him as with hooks of steel. Can convivial association, be sure appetite has not been fostered member, until a life of bitter
truggle is entailed victim, and possibly a life long his wife? No gambling may alone adds spice to the excitement may not startle one who is enter the thorongfares of life; yet the formed, amid such scenes lead to a career from which may lead to a career from which every
true-hearted man recoils, Wealth ustly prial intluence are gifts men session weighty responsibilities
ponders well each act, not only as it affects his own enjoyment,
but as it impresses itself on the lives and characters of others We lose our personal property in
each deed performed. Society appropriates it ; others society none brings ruin and desolation The fine suppers, free liquors ang cigars, furnished in well-lighted richly carpeted chambers, temp many a youth from the fruga board at home. He sees the
well dressed proprietor well dressel proprietor dispensing hospitality lavishly, and pictures of wealth flit before his inexperi the supper room into other rooms watches the play, and stakes trifle on some game. Generally his first effort is a successful one and thus lured on he continues, extending his play over many nights, untii at last he finds him
self broken in character, fortua and health. The picture of the ained gambler has been drawn often that it is a waste of space
paint it now. This city has crimes all traceable to gambling.
The city authorities may smile at
our effiorts to put it down; but
we do not doutb our suceess.
The story of "The Gamblers The story of "The Gambler
Wife," so forcibly penned by th poet Bates, will bear a reprin agonizing tale is fresh :

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The lheart of this community
beats right. As soon as the pub.
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society is being nightly perpetrated in our midst, and that the fault of not "suppressing" it
rests with the Mayor and Com-
mon Conncil, the public will mon comen,
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men who disregars their obliga-
tions; and select gool men and tions; and select goon men and
true, who, once they take an ob-
ligation, will keep, it and enforce the law. The mothers of Galreston, who have taught their
sons the Lord's Prayer, and re-
member that clanse of it, "lead ns not into temptation," will give
us their intiuence. us their intluence. They do not
wish to see their sons become thieves; nor do they desire them
to waste precious hours in gamb-
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tanght is the acquisition of money

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Out into the great world the

## to meet destiny and to carre out for himself the name and fame o

 which he has spent days and nights in dreaming. Dreaming! Alas! how many of us dream andallow the golden hours to go by unimproved, unemployed! But
out into the world the young man goes, and with him he seldom fails to take his store of "wild
oats." These he scatters by the way-side as he idlles away an
hour or two in gay company He little cares where they fall, sprout and grow np, and in whe time produce a harvest of sor rows, in which his old age will be
spent in a ceaseless labor of re grets.
A fev grains are too oftel
scattered about bar-rooms; but as there is always a hurryin crowd passing in and out of such
establishments, it is thought that
they will they will be crushed, and that no harvest will ever come from out
their well-bruisel germs. But by and by they sprout out, and
with the maturity of with the maturity of manhood
our "promising young man" find himself an habitual attendan
upon bibulous feasts; and, worse apon buill, he finds that he has acquired
still an appetite for strong drink that an appetite for strong drink that
requires him to take "something for his stomach's sake." Just a lit-
tle harvest, it is true; no harm,say some, can come of an occasional
glass,or a social drink; but by by the back door is sought,and at
frequent intervals and unseemly hours the little grain of oats that fell in the bar-room calls the
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