

UNFORTUNATE CONDITIONS.

Heretofore, that is, within a few months ago, the business interests of Heppner have been in harmony in a way that were admirable which added greatly to the foundation of the statement that Heppner was one of the best towns in the state of Oregon. For this we were justly proud. But, in the course of human events, new complications have appeared that have caused too much bad feeling and strife for the good of this community. On every public question the Gazette has been free to express honest opinions.

Today, this town is confronted with a condition that is the cause of much turmoil and agitation, caused by a recent order of the sheriff of Morrow county, in which he says that there must immediately within one week's notice be a radical change, an entire reconstruction of former conditions that have existed at all times during the history of this county.

With all respect to such a good and efficient officer as Sheriff Shutt, the Gazette is of the opinion that the recent order as promulgated by the sheriff is too sweeping and radical to be put into effect or to bring the desired results.

In making this order Mr. Shutt consulted no one. He ignored the city council, the District Attorney and all associated authority, but at the meeting of the council Monday evening he appears, and asks this body to back him up.

Judge Galloway, in the circuit court of Marion county, recently decided that the city authorities have full jurisdiction in regulating all affairs of city government for the reason that they were delegated this authority by act of the legislature when the charters were granted. This decision is to be passed upon by the supreme court, and until this is decided, the responsibility rests upon the members of the city council.

At the meeting of the council Monday evening, only three members out of the six were present, and to take decided action upon the impulse of the moment without a valid ordinance to back them up, the question was put aside for more careful investigation, and an ordinance was ordered drawn for a foundation upon which the council could act.

The writer of this article as a member of the city council believes in careful and conservative action for the best interests of the town. That reforms and changes in the city of Heppner are needed there is no question.

We must have firm, conservative and decisive action in the affairs of city government. Gambling, so far as possible, should be abolished. The selling of liquor to habitual drunkards and to minors should be stopped.

Let the city council quietly and firmly so inform the saloon men. If these rules are violated, for the first offense revoke the license of the man who violates the order.

We are not living in Kansas. We cannot do everything with a summersault. Don't punish the man who is trying to do right, but instead of fines and arrests, strike at the root by shutting off the license of the man who will not conduct an orderly place.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

That will gladden the hearts of the little folks and are light on the purse as well, are here now in abundance. We have just opened up our line of Xmas toys and dolls. Nearly every kind of toy imaginable and dolls galore. We are not going to try to describe them but shall insist on your coming to see them. By the way toys and dolls are not the only things which go to make up the list for the Xmas presents. Allow us to suggest a few only, of the hundreds of things we have for your choosing when you go shopping with your Xmas list in hand.

We just opened up and placed on sale to day a small assortment of most beautiful Medallions which are exact copies of the original hand paintings exhibited in the fine arts building at the St Louis Exposition by some of the most famous French Artists.

Praches Load.

Is a life size painting by a French artist and valued at \$75,000, we have a reproduction of it in a beautifully framed Medallion for \$4.75.

Morning Mist

Another beautiful painting by a French artist and valued at \$2,500, we have an exact copy in both size and color effects in a Medallion for \$3.75.

Rambling

This beautiful painting was also in the French exhibit and valued at \$45,000. Reproduced in this Medallion for \$4.00.

Winter Girl

Looked so natural in the original painting that one felt like tipping his hat to her. Painting valued at \$50,000, copy of it in this beautifully framed Medallion at \$4.50

We could offer nothing that would carry with it more joy and appreciation by the recipient than one of those beautiful imported waist patterns of silk and wool, in all the wanted colors. No two alike, ask for the "Eolian" cloth at, the pattern only.....\$3.25

A fine, beautiful brown, nub broad cloth, skirt waist suit pattern. Would gladden the heart of any lady on Xmas morning. Cost only.....\$9.85

Or what would be nicer than one of those rain proof coats. A fine tailored suit, or nice manish tourist coat with the butcher back.

A rain proof coat for.....\$15 00
A fine tailored suit for..... 14 00
A tourist coat for..... 15 00
A fine skirt for \$5 to..... 13 50

If she is a lady and we know she is, she'd not turn up her nose at a nice wool shirt waist for a Xmas present. We have a beautiful line of these in the better grades and better fitting garments were never made. All wool flannel waist only \$1.35. Better ones in Albetros and French flannels up to \$4.50. Crushed silk velvet ones for \$9.

Xmas Dinner

Gotten up in the best possible taste and as dainty as it is tasty is not the only way to reach a man's heart. For they're not all as blind to dress as they seem. A nice hat or gloves or shoes or overcoat or suit or tie or shirt or even a pair of fine suspenders, anyone of the above articles presented a man who we believe to be a gentleman would feel his heart leap with joy. You come in and get him one of these new shapes for a sky piece like this picture. We have them at



\$3.00 each.

He'd not be out of sorts should you give him a pair of the patent Leather Binder Cut shoes, we are selling for \$3.50, or any of those \$5.00 ones would be entirely satisfactory to him

A nice Rain Coat or a Tourist Overcoat would soften the hardest heart of a man if presented him Xmas morning in the right spirit. You can get them here in a variety of styles at prices to suit most any purse, a nice one for \$13.00.

MINOR & COMPANY

Swell Dance.

Another "very pretty public dance" was given at the home of Thos. Gilfillan last Friday night, in honor of his first appearance in high society. In his gentle reception of his numerous guests from everywhere, Mr. Gilfillan displayed remarkable skill, kindness and nobility. His debut was a complete success, and received the warm congratulations and other substantial gifts from the distinguished gathering at this "for-all dance." It is now predicted that a grand wedding will soon be in store for "Tom."

The boys and girls and women, too, came from far and near to this pious dance for the purpose of having the usual "good time, lots of fun," and the "bon-bons" of public dances, and their appearance on Saturday morning showed that they all had such to a most remarkable degree.

One of the many attractions at the Gilfillan celebration was the bevy of "young swells" from Jasper, Sand Hill and other towns of culture. For several months tailor architects from Sumpter, Heppner and other centers of fashion have been busy in their efforts to "trim up the boys" for this fashionable dance. So the "boys" had on their "best suits of clothes" and looked fine, for they themselves say so. Still some of the "boys" had a wee disappointment for two of the leading female beauties of Sand Hollow did not accept an invitation to have a ride to the dance in livery rigs hired for the occasion.

It was Advent and the belles stayed at home. Other young ladies of the opinion that public dances often bring moonshine weddings, also stayed at home. Some of the gentlemen expected to attend refrained from doing so on account of their peculiar "foxy" in matters pertaining to the strict observance of the Advent season.

The McCabe Brothers, of Sand Hollow, like other "good Christians," will, it is said, give another Advent dance next Friday night in honor of their first introduction to public notice. So the

public dances continue to grow. But will they pay? Will they make the young more industrious, moral and temperate? Are Christian parents prudent and wise when they prevent their children from attending public dances because the church condemns such and does so for very wise and strong reasons? Dame experience will answer correctly and well. Consult her please and you will learn something profitable.

A GOOD COMPANY.

Keith Stock Company Closed Successful Week in Heppner.

The Keith Stock Company closed a very successful week's engagement at Roberts' opera house Sunday evening. The company handles a good class of plays and the performances were far above the average repertoire companies. Del Lawrence, the manager and leading man, features the leading characters in an easy and natural way that always pleases an audience.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks 1905 Almanac.

The Rev. Irl R. Hicks Almanac for 1905 is now ready, being the finest edition ever issued. This splendid and costly book of 200 pages is a complete study of astronomy and storm and weather for 1905. It is too well known to need comment. See it and you will so decide. The price, post-paid to any address, is 30c. per copy. The Rev. Irl R. Hicks' scientific, religious and family journal, Word and Works, now abreast with the best magazines, is 75c. a year. Both Word and Works and the Almanac \$1.00 per year. No better investment possible for any person or family. Try it and see. Send to Word and Works Pub. Co., 2201 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

County School Superintendent S. I. Stratton, of Ione, was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Frank Natter arrived home from Sumpter Tuesday evening.

Property For Sale Cheap.

I offer for sale at 75 per cent of cost, the stone business building on Main street, which is now occupied by the Belvedere saloon. My residence property, which is above high water mark. I will also sell on same basis.

FRANK ROBERTS.

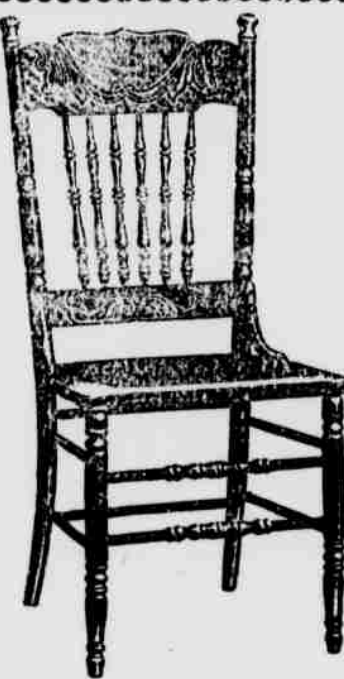
Independent and reliable—The Oregonian.

C. W. Walker, the Ione merchant, was registered at the Palace yesterday.

Notice of Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Heppner at their office on the second Tuesday of January, 1905, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. of said day, for the purpose of electing directors and for the transaction of such other business as may appear.

GEO. CONSER, Cashier.
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