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LIBEL CHARGE BEEN BROUGHT

Against the Late Editors of Cit- izens Call

HAD A HEARING AT PRINEVILLE

Bound Over to Grand Jury In the Sum of \$250 Individually

The following is taken from the Prineville Journal of the 8th: J. A. Hoffman, G. T. Morehead, L. D. Wiest, R. V. Constable, Ben Gotter, E. A. Hunt and Earl Benton, committee on publication of the Citizens' Good Government League and editors of the Citizens' Call, are made defendants in a sensational action for criminal libel begun in the justice court at Prineville on Monday. The defendants were served with warrants and are now nominally under arrest. The casus belli is a statement

alleged to have been printed in the Citizens' Call in its issue of November 29, which statement, the complaint avers, constitutes criminal libel under the Oregon statutes. The alleged libelous matter is directed against Sheriff Frank Elkins and William Combs, and read as follows:

"After an effective demonstration by the Law and Order people, comprised of Prineville's best citizens, indictments were returned against the two leading politicians. One was Sheriff Elkins, who, it seems, when occasion demands it, makes it his business to vote at both Madras and Prineville. The other was Bill Combs, who can, when occasion requires, acquire a legal residence within sixty days. Yet, shielded by the protecting arm of Brother John, he manages always to keep out of trouble."

The paper containing the article is dated November 29 on the first page and October 29, which is the true date, on page 2. At that time the Call was not a newspaper, being merely campaign literature. Since then, however, Hoffman, the man in charge, has applied for its admission to the mails as second-class matter, it thereby becoming a real newspaper. The Call has no property of its own, the mechanical work being done at the office of the Oregon Hub, at Redmond.

The defendants are widely scattered. L. D. Wiest lives at Bend, Hoffman, Gotter, Hunt and Benton live at or near Redmond, R. V. Constable is a Prineville resident, while G. T. More-

head, who is a minister of the Gospel, until recently resided at Madras. He is now residing somewhere in Sherman county—Moro, it is thought.

Service on each of the defendants was made by wire, and all but Wiest offered to come whenever the day set for the hearing is made known. Wiest objected strenuously to the whole business, until Deputy Sheriff Van devert found it necessary to take him into custody.

The date for the hearing has not at this writing—Tuesday—been set, but it will probably not be earlier than Saturday, so as to allow time for all the defendants to reach Prineville. They are at liberty on their recognizance at present.

The penalty for libel is any where from one month's imprisonment in the county jail upward, and finable also.

The defendants waived examination yesterday afternoon before Justice Bernier who placed them under bonds of \$250 each to appear before the grand jury at the May term of the circuit court.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Davies have taken charge of the Home Restaurant and Bakery of this city, and after making a number of improvements in the place will open this popular eating house about the 20th of the month. They will sell all kinds of bake goods, and patrons of the house may be assured of getting the best the market affords.

Spokesman for job printing.

COUNCIL CONSIDERS LIQUOR QUESTION

At the regular council meeting Tuesday night the time was occupied in considering the model license liquor law, as recommended by the Greater Oregon Home Rule Association. The council committee made a number of recommendations and suggestions, to be incorporated into a new liquor license ordinance to take the place of Ordinance No. 3 now in effect.

Some of the recommendations were that the number of saloons in Redmond be limited at the present time to three, with a license of \$800 and a bond of \$1000. Increase number of saloons for each additional 350 population after January 1911. Closing of saloons on Sunday. Prohibiting all kinds of gambling in saloons, except shaking dice or playing cards for drinks or cigars.

Under head of Good and Welfare of the city several suggestions were made. J. A. Wilcox asked that an ordinance be drawn prohibiting stock from running at large, the matter of cleaning up the alleys was mentioned, and a complaint for excessive charge of digging ditches for laying of water pipe were made.

A new booth has been put in at the local telephone exchange for the convenience of patrons of the line who want to use the long distance service.

AN OLD TIMER PASSES AWAY

John Sisemore of Bend, Goes to Great Beyond

ONE OF THE EARLY SETTLERS OF COUNTY

His Life Story Reads Like a Romance--Was Well Known

A dispatch from Grants Pass dated Dec. 1, says:

John Sisemore of Bend died at the hospital here last Saturday. Burial was at Myrtle Creek, in a grave beside that of his late wife, on Monday. His daughter, Mrs. W. B. Johnson of Roseburg, and son, L. C. Sisemore of Fort Klamath, were with him at the end. He was conscious to the last and hours before he died he asked if all hospital expenses were paid and nurses settled with. He had all the care that doctors and trained nurses could give.

The following history of the life of Mr. Sisemore is taken from the Bend Bulletin of Dec. 7th:

John Sisemore was one of the best known citizens of Central Oregon. He came to the Deschutes in 1881 and from that time occupied the ranch on the river a mile south of Bend until 1905, when he sold it to Dr. Nichol. Since that time he has lived in Bend, where he owned considerable property.

Mr. Sisemore was born in Kentucky in 1835. In 1853 he concluded to move west. He spent that winter in Utah and then moved on to California, where he located at Placerville. He always had a keen interest in the sporting end of the horse business and in Utah he supported horseracing so enthusiastically (losing \$3,700 in gold on one race) that he "went broke," to use his own expression. After some time spent in Placerville, Sisemore came north to Yreka, where lived a man named Felix Roadin, who owed him for handling a bunch of stock in Utah. Roadin paid the debt and Sisemore gave the money to his brother and himself went to work for Roadin. A short time after this Sisemore had an opportunity to purchase for \$100 a half interest in a placer claim on South Humbug creek. Roadin advised him to buy and supplied part of the necessary money. Sisemore bought and began washing for gold. The first day he cleaned up \$375 in dust, besides four large nuggets. Before this became known Sisemore bought the other half of the mine for another \$100. Then he settled down to mining.

For two years Sisemore stuck to his placer. It was a marvelous producer. Never did he take out less than \$50 and frequently as high as \$1000 a day, clear. But the cost of living in the mines was very high in those days, and Sisemore never was content with much less than the best. Where the gold came so easily it went freely. Many a time did he throw out to a French restaurateur an ounce of gold (\$16) for each person in a congenial supper party. And \$10 for a breakfast of brains and eggs at Yreka was quite the usual thing.

On the first day of July, 1857, Sisemore, who was then thought to be dying of consumption, left the mines with \$32,000 in gold

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"The Head to Foot Clothier." Redmond, Or.

dust. On French Prairie, in Marion county, Oregon, he gathered a bunch of 400 steers before the end of the month and drove them south to the mines, where he sold them at a profit of \$16000. From this start he went more extensively into the livestock business, which he continued the remainder of his life, though for the past few years his holdings have been confined to a few horses on the range in Crook county. He grazed his bands through the Klamath country, Goose Lake Valley and Stein's mountain, making his general headquarters in Jackson county. In the fertile Sam's valley there he at one time owned several extensive farms that are now worth over \$2,000,000, according to an estimate made by Mr. Sisemore last summer.

But there came a hard winter in the Klamath country and Sisemore lost 600 head of cattle and 300 head of horses. Then he came to the Deschutes, bought the relinquishment of John Todd, who had settled on a homestead at Farewell Bend, entered the claim himself in 1881 and lived most of the remainder of his life there. In 1905 he sold the ranch for \$6,500. Since then he bought considerable property in Bend and vicinity, materially increasing the value of his possessions.

In 1884 Felix Roadin, the benefactor of Sisemore on South Humbug back in 1854, struck the Sisemore ranch at Farewell Bend and asked for a nights lodging. He was then 78 years old, broken in health and fortune, with all his earthly possessions on a pack mule, on his way to seek fortune anew in the Black Hills of Dakota, which were occupying much attention. Roadin was given the

best the Sisemore ranch afforded and urged to tarry there. But he would not. He resumed the trail and, for all that is known here, reached the Black Hills and got rich again. But the chances were vastly against it.

Mr. Sisemore married a Mrs. Pelto, which union resulted in in-harmony after two children had been born November 27, 1908, he married Mrs. Susan Brewer, whose health was frail and she died a few months later.

For a long time Mr. Sisemore had serious organic heart trouble, which it is presumed, finally produced death. He left Bend in August with the expectation of going to Mexico for the winter. After visiting some weeks with his daughter in Roseburg he proceeded to Grants Pass to receive treatment from an eye specialist and there became so feeble that he could not continue and death overtook him after confinement in the hospital for six weeks.

Hit in the Eye With Cable

E. Wagoner of this city, one of the firm of the Central Oregon Well Co., suffered an accident last week that has been bothering him and causing much trouble. He was pulling a casing in the well at Culver with a cable last Tuesday, when the cable which was sprung, flew up and hit him in the eye. The part of the cable that struck him was frayed and some of the strands struck the left eye, making a puncture. He came to Redmond and consulted Dr. Hosch, and there are hopes of saving the eye, though the eyesight may be somewhat dim for a time.

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