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## County Officers Object To Mayor's Criticism

### Open Letter to News Intimates That Attempt Is Being Made to Shift Responsibility for Alleged Violations of Liquor Laws

In an open letter to the News, District Attorney F. W. Wilson and Sheriff L. E. Morse reply to the charges recently made by Mayor McDonald that they had been remiss in their duty in enforcing the local option law. They state that no formal complaints of violations of the law have been made to them and say that if the city officials know of these violations it is their duty to report them and to appear against the offenders. The letter is as follows:

To the editor:

Our attention has been called to the following extract from the message of Mayor McDonald, which appeared in the issue of the Glacier of January 20th last:

"There has been some complaint on account of the violation of the prohibition and local option laws. Now, that is a matter that is up to the district attorney, the grand jury and the county sheriff, and they are either delinquent in their duties or else the complaints are unfounded. The only prosecutions had during the year have been where the city marshal has gathered prisoner, and evidence and turned it to them."

We regret that the mayor did not disclose to us the sources of the information which he had, as we are anxious at all times to receive any information or knowledge which will lead to the detection of any violation of the local option laws in Hood River county. While we can not entirely agree with the statement made in Mayor McDonald's message that the matter of the enforcement of the local option laws is entirely up to the district attorney, the grand jury and the county sheriff, yet we are not only willing, but anxious, to do in this regard all that our official obligations call upon us to do. It is our understanding that every peace officer, whether of city or county, should lend all the aid in his power to the enforcement of the liquor laws, for every peace officer is interested and should be concerned in seeing to it that the laws which people have enacted are observed.

As far as we are officially concerned no complaint has been made to either one of us as to the alleged violation of the local option law in Hood River county. It is true that the sheriff has received two or three anonymous letters saying that the law was being violated, but in neither of these letters was there any name or any information in the slightest degree which offered any clue whatever to the person violating the same. We will all agree that anonymous letters do not rise to the dignity of calling for a reply, but as this is a matter in which we are all interested, both officially and as citizens who are desirous of seeing a due and proper observance of all laws, and as we are unable to reply to the writers of these anonymous letters personally, by reason of not knowing their names, we take this opportunity of saying to the law abiding citizens of this community and county, that if at any time we are given the names of those who can and will testify, or who have facts in their possession regarding any violation of the local option law, subpoenas will be promptly issued for their appearance and as far as in our power lies a vigorous prosecution will be made.

It can readily be seen by anyone who will consider the question for a moment, that a duty lies upon the citizens of a community as well as upon the officials, and letters written anonymously, giving no intimation of what witnesses can be secured, written in words of criticism, but offering not the slightest suggestion of assistance, can avail nothing. No official, however eager and earnest he may be in the discharge of his duty, can go on a blind hunt for evidence over an area covering many square miles. This is an utter impossibility as any fair minded person will speedily recognize. But when violations of the local option law do occur and those who are in possession of the facts and who are desirous of seeing the law enforced, will make known the facts to the proper officials, the machinery of the law can be placed in motion and the desired results secured.

Now, in order to show our good faith in this matter and to show that we are not making any ante-election

promises, we hereby state that we will pay a reward of \$25 out of our own pockets to anyone furnishing legal evidence which will lead to the conviction of any person violating the local option law, and we will pay this amount in each case. By legal evidence, of course, is meant such evidence as will be properly admitted in court upon the trial and not hearsay. In many cases private detectives are employed to secure this evidence, because it is well known that whenever an officer appears upon the scene, things are immediately quiet and the violators keep close watch upon the movements of an officer. We are desirous of having the local option law enforced and we take this means to assist its enforcement.

We apologize to the editor for taking so much space in this connection, but we wish to make our position clear. There is a right way and a wrong way of doing things and the right way, as we view it, in instances of this kind, is for the person knowing of any violation of the local option law to make complaint to the sheriff the district attorney or his deputy, giving them the evidence relating to the charge as much as is possible, or an intimation where such evidence can be secured, then it is up to these officials and the juries to do the rest.

We trust that all who read this letter will understand the spirit in which it is written, which is entirely fair upon our part and simply that we may all understand one another and that proper results may be obtained. We shall not in the future trouble you with any further replies to anonymous letters and thank you for your courtesy in giving room in your columns for this communication.

FRED W. WILSON, L. E. MORSE,  
Dist. Attorney, Sheriff.

### Welcomed New Pastor

The annual dinner and reception to Rev. H. A. MacDonald and Mrs. MacDonald which was given at the Unitarian church Monday evening, was attended by 150 members of the church and both were enjoyable affairs.

The dinner which was provided and served by the Woman's Alliance of the church was indeed sumptuous. It was followed by an eloquent and hearty address of welcome to the new pastor and his wife by Hon. E. L. Smith, supplemented with an address by Mr. Frank Chandler. To these Mr. MacDonald responded in a very pleasant and earnest way. Mrs. B. F. Shoemaker welcomed the church's new pastor in behalf of the Woman's Alliance, which was fittingly responded to by Mrs. MacDonald. In honor of the occasion the church was handsomely decorated.

### A Pleasant Time for You

The Ladies and young people of the Christian church have planned to give the people of Hood River a very pleasant afternoon and evening on Friday of this week. The ladies will entertain from 2 o'clock to 5 p. m. at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Adams, corner Eugene and 9th streets. A program will be rendered and tea will be served cafeteria style. Ladies are asked to bring their needlework. Gentlemen will be cordially welcome to tea. The young people will have charge of the evening festivities in the parlors of the church. Beginning at 7:30 a program will be given and later in the evening lunch will be served. Come and enjoy the social feature. All will be heartily welcome.

### Attend K. of P. Convention

Thirty members of Waucoma lodge, K. of P., attended the convention of that order held at The Dalles recently.

Grand Chancellor Frank Menefee was master of ceremonies and toastmaster at the banquet. Judge W. L. Bradshaw delivered the address of welcome. Other speakers were Vice-Chancellor D. E. Yoran of Eugene, Grand Keeper of Records and Seals J. R. Stinson of Salem, V. C. Brock of Hood River, C. J. Bright of Wasco, Judge Grant B. Dimick of Oregon City, W. H. Taft of Hood River, J. F. Hendrix of Cascade Locks and R. H. McKean of Wasco.

## Hood River Colony Gains Fame In Sunny California

Long Beach, Calif., Jan. 26, 1910

Dear News:—Yesterday was a red letter day for past and present Hood Riverites at Long Beach. Mr. Castner and I secured permission from the city authorities to use the sun parlor at the end of the pier for our birthday party, which proved the pleasantest of the very many pleasant events during our sojourn in the sunny south this winter. Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Castner and Mrs. Charles Castner, in company with Mrs. Stone of Los Angeles, who is a cousin of Mrs. Castner, joined the party. Mrs. Castner and Mrs. Stone had not met for 25 years. Then we were honored with the company of Mrs. Dr. Barrett, a former pioneer of Hood River Valley. After lunch was served, which proved a bountiful spread, G. R. Castner was elected toastmaster, and many reminiscences were told by such history makers of Hood River and White Salmon as Mrs. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Jewett, Geo. P. Crowell, G. R. Castner, Geo. T. Prather, Mrs. Roswell Shelley and a brief but fitting speech by Mrs. Stone of Los Angeles, interspersed with a little hot air by the writer.

During the responses at the call of the toastmaster, at times we all laughed, while during the recitals of pioneer experiences by Mrs. Barrett and others present who well know the difference between old friends and new ones, there were eyes dimmed with tears. The impromptu program was closed by singing that old, old song, "Should old acquaintance be forgot," suggested and led by Mrs. Chas. Castner. So ended a happy event which was suggested and worked out by Mrs. Jewett of White Salmon, aided by the ladies of the party. Mrs. Jewett was instructed to write the matter up for the benefit of some absent Hood River pioneers. About February 17, wife and I expect to turn our faces homeward.

ROSSELL SHELLEY.

Referring to the Hood River colony at Long Beach the Telegram of that city says: "That the Hood River valley, in Oregon, not only produces wonderfully good apples, but also is the home of progressive men and bright, vivacious women, all imbued with a vast amount of patriotism for their town, county and valley, was demonstrated at a picnic held today in the sun parlor at the end of the pier, where there were brought together not only present day residents of Hood River but several who lived there in early days, one of them, a resident of Los Angeles, who has not returned to her former home in Oregon for forty years."

"Two birthdays were celebrated at today's reunion, that of Mrs. Chas. Chandler, who, with Mr. Chandler, has purchased a farm near Fresno which they will develop, and that of Mrs. Marie McGuire, 78 years old, who crossed the plains to Oregon in 1852. A splendid repast was served at the sun parlor and the luncheon hour was made merry by reminiscences of life in what they declare is the original Garden of Eden or a duplicate thereof. The picnic party took in the sights of the Pike and otherwise enjoyed themselves during the day, one of the features of their pleasure being an ocean boat ride."

The party included G. R. Castner, the fruit inspector for Hood River county, and Mrs. Castner; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jewett, Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Shelley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry McGuire, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Prather, editor of the first Hood River newspaper; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Crowell, Mrs. Charles Castner, Mrs. P. G. Barrett, who came from Los Angeles to join the party; Mrs. Marie McGuire, Mrs. Charles Chandler, Mrs. Laura Baldwin, Miss Georgia Prather, Miss Lula Prather, Miss Nellie Hennings, Leslie McGuire, George R. Castner, Jr., Mrs. Stone, Clinton Wood, Mrs. Matilda Wood, Irene Fisher, Ephraim and Lynn Wluans, Miss Winans and Henry Bushkirk.

## Heavy Movement In Orchard Lands

### Heilbronner Twenty Sells for \$30,000.00, George Eaton Orchard Goes at Like Figure and Willow Flat Property Sells Well

Land sales during the past week show an unprecedented activity at this season of the year. An unusual number of buyers have been here during the past ten days and several sales indicate that the demand is bringing an increase in values.

One of the sales that has attracted a large amount of attention was the disposal by J. H. Heilbronner of his fine twenty acre tract on the west side near town, to Capt. McCan, who last week purchased the old Filsinger place. Mr. McCan paid \$30,000 for the Heilbronner place. On one side

it adjoins the tract he had previously bought, giving him altogether 33 acres in what is practically one tract.

Another important sale was the purchase by J. H. Day of Portland of the George and Wyman Eaton orchard, on the east side, consisting of 21 acres which was sold for \$30,000. The place is planted to young trees, two-thirds of which are in bearing and are seven years old. The orchard was planted by B. E. Duncan, under whose care it was brought into bearing. The sale was made through the agency of Devlin & Freibaugh.

G. Y. Edwards & Co. report still another sale of interest at a good figure, consisting of 16½ acres in Willow Flat district belonging to D. L. Davidson. This was bought by W. A. Melville, a native of Edinburg, Scotland. It is partly set to orchard, the balance being unenclosed which will be improved as soon as possible. Mr. Melville is now attending the winter horticultural course at the Oregon Agricultural College.

Several other sales of interest are reported as being closed up the details of which it is expected to announce next week.

## WILL DEBATE SATURDAY EV'NG

The Hood River high school debating team will engage in what is expected to be an interesting debate Saturday evening with the team from Park Place high school. The question is "Resolved that life imprisonment with unrestricted power of pardon should be substituted for capital punishment in Oregon." The debate will be held in the opera house. The admission will be 25 cents and it is expected that a large audience will be present to encourage the home team which meets one of the strongest high school teams in the state.

## Normal School Meeting Votes to Locate It Here

### Resolution Instructs Club To Endeavor To Secure School If There Is to Be But One In Oregon--Paper Mill Project Discussed

By a decisive vote the meeting which was held last Friday evening at the opera house to consider the Normal school question decided in favor of securing the institution for Hood River. The meeting was not as largely attended as was expected but those who were there took an active interest and many spoke on the subject. Opinion was shown through these talks to be largely in favor of locating the school here. A few presented some arguments against the idea and one or two were disposed to be against it. The preponderance of the argument, however, caused the adoption of a resolution introduced by E. O. Blanchard, to the effect that the state should have but one Normal school, and that it should be located at Hood River. The adoption of the resolution carried with it instruction to the Commercial Club, under whose auspices the meeting was held, to place the matter before the voters of the state through the initiative and referendum.

Previous to the opening of the meeting the Hood River band played several selections. The gathering was called to order by President Chas. Hall of the Commercial Club, who called upon Attorney E. C. Smith to outline the work of the committee and to state the object of the meeting. At the conclusion of Mr. Smith's talk the matter was opened for discussion and a number gave their views, among them Prof. E. E. Coad, C. D. Nickelsen, E. H. Hartwig, J. L. Carter, E. H. Shepard, Prof. L. B. Gibson, Truman Butler, F. A. Cram, Chas. T. Early, A. I. Mason, V. C. Brock, Rev. T. B. Ford, Rev. W. C. Gilmore, Rev. Mr. Hargreaves and D. J. Trielber.

After the Normal school question was disposed of the meeting listened to the proposition to establish a paper mill at Hood River, advocated by W. J. Goodnough. Mr. Goodnough, who has had some experience in the manufacture of paper in Minnesota, stated that a company known as the Mount Hood Paper Company had been organized with a capital stock of \$500,000, half of the stock of which had been subscribed. The mill which it was proposed to erect at Hood River would employ in the neighborhood of 150 people at the start with a substantial payroll

and it is claimed by Mr. Goodnough that once in operation its success would be unquestioned as it would have no competition on the coast in the manufacture of the quality of paper it is expected to produce. He believed, he said, that the project offered the best opportunity for a manufacturing plant that would result in a big success for Hood River, and told about a plant that was established in the same way in Minnesota it was now sought to establish the one here and which was now capitalized at \$5,000,000. One of the essential things for the plant said Mr. Goodnough, was efficient and cheap power, which he thought was a strong card in favor of the proposition here.

The result of Mr. Goodnough's talk was the appointment of a committee to investigate and report to the club.

## NEGRO PRISONER IS PARDONED

R. E. Brooks, the colored Pullman porter, who shot the Illinois Central railroad officials at Shaniko several months ago, has been pardoned by Governor Benson.

The negro was indicted by the grand jury at the November term of circuit court on the charge of assault with a dangerous weapon and pleaded guilty before Judge W. L. Bradshaw, being sentenced to pay a fine of \$500. Brooks was unable to pay the amount so was remanded to the county jail for 250 days.

The petition asking for the pardon of Brooks which was sent to the governor was signed by Judge Bradshaw and District Attorney Fred W. Wilson. Brooks was given his freedom by Sheriff Levi Christman.—The Dalles Chronicle.

### Neighbor Club Meets Again

The "Get Acquainted with Your Neighbor Trust" had a happy meeting last Friday night at the residence of R. E. Harbison, which was a marvel in good fellowship. The hearty welcome of the family warmed the hearts of the neighbors—even the face of Robble, Jr., beamed a welcome. He is the boss, but his reign will be happy, as the sceptre of love will rule. Miss Blanch quietly pulled the strings for the program, after her father started the proceedings, and her performance at the piano revealed high class proficiency with delicate but sureness of touch. Her first selection was the "Shepherd Boy's Echo Song" that was excellent, and being recalled, played something that made me think of Chickamauga or Look-out Mountain—have since learned it was the "Battle of Manilla Bay." Mr. Canning then outlined the object of the meeting, stating that the Neighbor society also contained the ability to give a good entertainment every night in the year, composed, as it is, of professors, doctors, lawyers, ministers, teachers and all young.

He closed with a short selection from Oliver Wendell Holmes—ode to the 40th anniversary to his Harvard class. Little Miss Campbell recited a couple of pieces with such distinctness of utterance and spirit that she showed cultivation and perhaps inherited faculty. Beth and Grace Edgington sang a couple of songs that were loudly applauded. Miss Helen Howe played a couple of selections on the guitar that showed good talent for the short time she has practiced. Mrs. Campbell, who must be a professional, gave two fine recitations. Miss Blanch Harbison, by request, sang "Happy Songs" and then followed a medley of songs in which many joined, including Dr. Edgington and Prof. Gibson.

An abundant lunch was served that filled up the 40 guests, and at a very late hour they left with hearty expressions of pleasure.

The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey.

Rev. A. J. Adams, pastor of the Christian church, announces a series of evangelistic services which will be given at the Christian church commencing Sunday evening, February 6th, to which he extends a cordial invitation to all to attend.

## WOODMEN HAVE BIG TIME AT THE DALLES

A big delegation from the local lodge, W. O. W.'s, visited The Dalles last Tuesday night to be present at the installation of a new camp in that city. The Chronicle says that almost every camp within a radius of 150 miles was represented at the demonstration. There were 91 candidates initiated, 30 of whom were residents of that city, which makes the local lodge 215 strong.

Judge A. E. Lake was the master of ceremonies and presided at the meeting. The following persons spoke to the members of the order: Head Banker P. E. Snodgrass, of Eugene, General Organizer F. B. Tichenor, T. Clinton Veale, Chief of Police A. N. Cox, City Organizer J. O. Wilson, all of Portland; Consul Commander A. H. Wheel, of Condon; Consul Commander W. E. Walbridge, of Heppner; Consul Commander B. L. Barrett, of Hood River; Consul Commander G. L. McClelland, of Wasco; Past Consul Commander W. L. Vanderpool, of Dufur and District Organizer A. E. Williams.

The Dufur camp was the one that made the record attendance, that lodge having a membership of 90, 77 of whom were present, together with 26 candidates for initiation.

The excellent rank work was done by the uniform rank company of 24 men under the leadership of Captain J. C. Jones of the Multnomah camp, number 77, of Portland. The drills and maneuvers executed by this company were the best ever seen by the local people.

Candidates for initiation were present from Dufur, Hood River, White Salmon, Wasco, Arlington, Condon and Heppner.