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### MAYOR HARTWIG'S REPLY TO CRITICS

To the News and the Citizens of Hood River:

Inasmuch as an attempt is being made by the Glacier to throw discredit on my action as mayor in regard to the appointment of a city attorney, I consider it a public duty to state my position in its true light, officially, legally and from the standpoint of a fellow taxpayer.

Notwithstanding the statement of the Glacier as to the fitness of Mr. Derby for the position of city attorney, it must be admitted that the city's legal affairs are far from being in a satisfactory condition. It will not be necessary for me to cite the instances. They are with us, and I believe the time has come for a halt and a straightening up of the city's affairs. I am not laying all these ills at the door of Mr. Derby; far from it. Nevertheless, he is the instrument through which a continuance of the illegal policy of the city's affairs is apparently sought by what is termed the "majority of the council," and whose co-operation is so frequently mentioned in the recent Glacier editorial. I am of the opinion, however, that Mr. Derby has not, as an attorney, given his approval to some of the transactions of the "majority of the council." If he has, silence is required from the point of professional etiquette.

But, to get down to the facts, there is no authority whatsoever for the appointment of a city attorney by the common council—by ordinance or otherwise. Both the city charter and the state code make this point clear. Therefore it is unnecessary to go into this matter any further. The "majority of the council" is not supreme to the statutes or the charter of the city, although the Glacier apparently thinks that it is. It is the privilege of the council to refuse to confirm the mayor's appointments, for proper reasons, and he can then present the name of another appointee if he desires to do so.

It is stated by the Glacier that I have "blocked the progress of the council's action at every turn by an unfavorable stand on the 'Derby' ordinance." This statement is not only untrue, but ridiculous. I have opposed the ordinance, as my prerogative to do so, with the authority of the law, and because I believe I am right for obvious reasons. If the fact that the failure to secure a certain person for city attorney can stop the city's progress, we are certainly in a bad way. Wise men tell us that no one is indispensable, but that great and good reflector of public opinion, the Glacier, assumes the contrary.

The transactions in regard to the passage of the "Derby" ordinance, and its discussion, are immaterial. In an effort to avoid friction, I have tried to give the councilmen every consideration properly due them in this matter, open and above board and in direct contrast to the star chamber proceedings held in the office of the late city attorney, where it was not necessary to keep records, and they would not, therefore, have to be "struck out or obliterated."

Contrary to the Glacier, the mayor does not concede that the ordinance will be successful ultimately. No ordinance can be successful that is contrary to the statutes, and it will not, therefore, have my approval; and I trust that no more time will be wasted on its procedure. There are too many things of a more important nature demanding the attention of the "majority of the council."

The Glacier is very much in favor of close cooperation with the city council—so close that the editor is deriving a fat income from the people advertising illegal assessments on their property. These people now have a bond against their property for the editor's fees and other expenses, yet so close was the cooperation between the city attorney, the Glacier and the "majority of the council" that they failed to discover the illegality.

I have been criticised by an anonymous contributor to the Glacier, for refusing to sign city warrants when there are no funds in the city treasury. There have been no warrants presented to me for my signature, but if there were, I would certainly refuse to sign them, as I would be performing an act that was void and illegal. There are now outstanding some \$500 of these warrants issued in excess of the city's legal indebtedness. They are in no way secured and payment on them can be enjoined by any taxpayer. The city is already paying \$60 a month in interest on account of these illegally issued warrants. Therefore, until the city's indebtedness is properly taken care of, I shall refuse to sign them. In doing so I am actuated by what I believe to be for the best interests of the taxpayers. It is my earnest wish that the financial affairs of the city will be straightened out as soon as is consistently possible; that harmony will ensue, and that the citizens of Hood River will

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### DEADLOCK IN CITY ADMINISTRATION

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Hoyle—be removed, the latter acquiescing in the decree.

A report received from the fire and water committee, recommending that the Farmers' Irrigating Company be allowed another year to remove its ditch from the city limits, was laid on the table. The street committee reported that the supplemental assessment had been made in accordance with the ordinance, and A. J. Derby, who was appointed by resolution to defend the city in the injunction suit, informed the council that the suit would be heard before Judge Bradshaw at Hood River this week. The petition asking for the annexation of a section on the heights was ordered returned to the petitioners as defective. The health

committee recommended that a chute be placed near the post house which would carry refuse to the bottom land along the Columbia.

A petition from J. T. Holman for the use of B street, near his premises, for a month, was granted, and one to allow the bakery shop on the corner of Fourth and State streets to be raised, was referred to the fire and water committee.

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### BASKET BALL SEASON ENDS IN TROUBLE

The Goldendale basket ball team, which won the Columbia River League high school pennant at Stevenson last Friday comes in for a severe roasting at the hands of the Skamania Pioneer, this paper claiming that the Goldendale boys stole the game. The score was 22 to 9. Although beating Stevenson out of the game, according to the Stevenson Pioneer, the Stevenson boys buried the hatchet and invited the Goldendale aggregation into the assembly room of the high school, where a sumptuous repast was spread, and the high school boys and girls assembled and feasted and made merry the rest of the evening.

"Among the decorations of the banquet hall," says the Pioneer "were a number of pennants which had been won at various times by different classes of the school, and these were tucked up around the hall. After the thing was over and all had gone home to bed this precious Goldendale bunch snaked back to the school, broke into the building and stole these pennants from the wall and carried them off. They did not remove them gently, either, but jerked them down by main strength, so that all were torn and some ruined."

"When Prof. Martin discovered the open window and the loss of the pennants the next morning he got a search warrant, and City Marshal Lindsay and Sheriff Knox examined the baggage of the Goldendalites at the depot while they were waiting for the train. The pennants were not found amongst the baggage belonging to the boys, but they had proved their cowardice by turning their plunder over to a girl in their party and there the 11 missing pennants were found by the officers, and when they were discovered the young lady wept copiously."

"Prosecuting Attorney O'Brien was there and had the party put up a \$25 cash bond to appear before the justice of the peace on Thursday. All this shows that stealing of one kind leads to other kinds of stealing. First it is stealing a game of basket ball, then it is stealing the pennants, then house breaking, and this is preparing them for a life of crime."

"Goldendale," says the Pioneer, "has won the pennant. Now let them take it, with all the glory and all the odium that is attached to it. Sure it is that we would seriously object to our boys taking the pennant under such circumstances."

### Ministers Discuss Divorce

The ministerial association of the city met in the parlors of the Congregational church Monday morning. Rev. E. A. Harris discussed the question of "The Ministerial Attitude Toward Divorce."

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