

WIDE-OPEN TOWN APPEALS TO WEST

Copperfield Citizens Assert City Was Incorporated by Saloonmen and Gamblers.

55 SIGNERS TO PETITION

Charge is Made That Mayor Sells Drinks at Saturday Night Carousals and Fire Also is Blamed to Liquor Clique.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Chargers that there is little semblance to law and order in the city, that the saloon element is in control of the municipal government, and that the lives of themselves and their families are in constant danger...

It is alleged that the city officials for several years have been chosen from a "certain clique, which dominates the governmental affairs of the town." The following is an excerpt from the petition:

"That because of this state of affairs the town has become disrupted and an undesirable place to live; our families, we feel, are unsafe, and that our property is in constant danger of destruction by incendiary fires and possible loss of life; that the situation is deplorable and serious and we appeal to your excellency for relief, and pray that you may take whatever action you deem necessary to relieve the distressed community of the deplorable state of affairs.

Liquor Element in Control. "We most respectfully invite an inspection of the official conditions of the present administration of the town by the state authorities."

Alleging that the Mayor, H. A. Stewart, and three Councilmen are engaged in the saloon business, one of the signers of the petition, in a letter to the Governor, says:

"The Mayor lives in an old abandoned house with an old saloon in connection. He gives Saturday night dances and takes liquor in his sitting room; sells it out to men and boys attending the dances and gives away liquor to minors; runs open Sundays; sells liquor to habitual drunkards after their wives have served written notices on him to stop."

"The trouble has got in our school. I have a wife and six children—three boys growing into manhood; liquor is constantly before them, and I ask in behalf of the citizens of Copperfield to have the saloons closed."

Boys Given Liquor. Two affidavits by boys who said Stewart and William Weigand, owner of the Ox Bow saloon, had given and sold them beer, were sent to the Governor by signers of the petition.

A letter accompanying the petition gave the information that the city had been incorporated by gamblers and saloonmen for the purpose of opening saloons. The writer said that Bert Gore, a night policeman, was convicted of operating a saloon without having a license one year ago, and that the City Recorder, who is ex-officio judge, is in sympathy with the saloon element. It is further alleged in the letter that Stewart has a one-half interest in the "S. V. Saloon," and that Tony Warner, a Councilman, owns the other half. Weigand, it is alleged, owns the Ox Bow saloon. He is a Councilman. The writer says that the Mayor recently ordered the Marshal to allow the saloons to remain open until 2 o'clock Sunday mornings. It is further alleged that an attempt was made recently to burn a saloon, and that saloon men know that if the fire breaks out of the fire than anyone else. The District Attorney, it is said, has been appealed to, but has declined to act.

SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTED

President of Lewiston Normal Says Financial Outlook is Good.

SPUDS, GROW IN ORCHARD

Wahkiacus Now Produces Big Tubers Between Young Trees.

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TABLE SHOWING HOW THE ASSESSED VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN PORTLAND AND REVENUES RAISED BY TAXATION HAVE INCREASED SINCE 1906.

Wahkiacus, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special).—Thomas Focier, one of the partners of a Butteville, Or., nursery, has cleared 40 acres and planted the land to an orchard, mostly of commercial apples. This year Mr. Focier planted some potatoes on the new soil between the rows of trees.

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