

M'MAHAN TELLS ABOUT HIS PAST

INJUNCTIONS HAVE BEEN HIS FORTE

Newspaperman-Attorney's Letter to Laidlaw League Expresses Likings For Land of Two-Bit Whiskey, But It Explains But Little.

(Special to The Bulletin)
LAIDLAW, June 24.—The following is the text of a letter received by Fred N. Wallace as secretary of the Laidlaw Development League, from L. H. McMahan, the Salem attorney who is attempting to block the utilization of the Columbia Southern appropriation.

Those settlers who have read it do not seem to entertain any warm regards for the hewer of the communication than formerly, and a sentiment seems general that the "injunction lawyer" gives more consideration to his personal interests and aspirations than to the broad merits of the case.

According to the writer, McMahan has labored long and hard in opposition to grafting officials, but seems to have gone "broke" in the course of his multitudinous efforts. In the letter, which follows, he chronicles some of his legal controversies:

"Fred N. Wallace,

"Laidlaw, Oregon.

"Dear Sir:—I am just in receipt of your courteous letter of June 5 enclosing certain resolutions relative to the suit brought by me against the irrigating project in your county.

"I have been fully advised of the situation there and I deeply sympathize with all who are concerned. In order that you may fully appreciate my viewpoint and understand why I brought the suit I submit the following statement:

"In 1889 I established the Woodburn Independent in this county. At that time the county offices were in control of what was known as the 'court house ring,' a gang of corrupt politicians who plundered the taxpayers in a way that would have made Boss Tweed take notice. The fight I made on that gang is a matter of local history, and I won by forcing legislation which corrected the abuses. In '92 I established in Salem the 'Daily Independent' and for the first time exposed the corruption existing in the office of the State Printer, the Sec. of State, the State Treasurer and the Supt. of the Penitentiary. I also exposed legislative clerk hire and the lien and swamp land frauds. Finally I was boycotted out of business by state officials, who laid down the rule that no merchant who advertised with me could furnish supplies to state institutions. When the daily went under, I started an editorial weekly called 'McMahan's Wasp' and kept up the fight until I stopped many of the abuses of which I had complained.

"After I quit the newspaper business I brought suit against the Supt. of the Penitentiary for converting \$3000 of public property to his own use. Then came the suit against F. I. Dunbar, ex-Sec. of State, against whom I obtained judgment for over \$100,000. Later I enjoined the Crater Lake road and saved the taxpayers \$100,000. All of these cases you will find in Supreme Court reports of this state. I also found that the State Fair managers were giving out annually the 'silk-stocking' brigade about 1500 passes and I stopped that.

"I mention these things to show you that I have earnestly endeavored for more than 25 years to protect the people against the mischievous activities of corrupt politicians and that in this work I have shown no favor. The work is disagreeable and exceedingly expensive, but if no one else will undertake it I will keep it going.

"I believe the bill in which you are vitally interested is violative of the constitution, and will if carried into effect establish a dangerous precedent. I am not opposed to the principle, but to the method employed.

"I direct your attention to a proposed constitutional amendment to be submitted at the next election, which if adopted will allow the state to equitably irrigate all the arid lands. You will find it in the session laws of 1913.

"I sincerely trust that you will not believe I am actuated by other than good motives in this effort to defeat the law. I was born in a chunchgrass country when whiskey was two-bits a drink and a pair of sees was worth all you could get or them before the draw. I have a kindly feeling for it.

"This note, Mr. Wallace, is hastily written and more by way of courtesy than of explanation. My health at present forbids greater effort.

"Should you or any of your friends come to Salem, please call on me, and we will discuss these matters at length and under conditions as pleasant as I can make them to you.

"L. H. McMAHAN,
Salem, June 21."

A LETTER

A while ago I put a "for sale" ad in The Bulletin. I had some cows for sale. I told you to run it twice. Well, the day after the paper was out I had enough applications for those cows to sell them several times over, and I did sell them all right away and had to tell you to stop the ad. These little ads in The Bulletin are read by everyone. They certainly pay.

L. C. Young.

CLASSIFIED ADS COST ONLY ONE CENT A WORD--TRY ONE

COUNTY FAIR SEPTEMBER 23

Free Text Books Voted Down and Street Lights Installed at Prineville

(Special to The Bulletin)
PRINEVILLE, June 23.—The county fair this year will be held September 23 to 27, for while an October date was desired by the management this was found to conflict with dates already arranged by other communities. Secretary Cadie says that he expects this season's fair to be by far the finest ever seen in the county and already merchants, stockmen and others are planning extensive prizes.

The school meeting last week resulted in the unanimous reelection of T. H. Lafollette to the board and J. B. Shipp as clerk. The free text book proposition was voted down

unanimously. On June 6 the district's cash balance was \$2580, and its indebtedness \$2,000.

Twenty arc lights and 20 100-candle-power incandescent electric lights have been installed on the streets here.

DIES FROM HEART FAILURE

Aged Woman Suffers Attack While in Wagon en Route to Homestead.

While about 20 miles out on the road from Bend, on the way with her husband and son to their homestead, Mrs. F. O. Rood, aged 70 years, was stricken with heart failure last Thursday and died suddenly.

Mrs. Rood had been in poor health here but insisted that she be taken out to the homestead. Accordingly, a cot was placed in a wagon and the

start made. She was getting on well, apparently, being able to get out of the wagon and in again without aid. The excitement of the trip, however, proved too much, bringing on the heart attack.

The remains were brought to Bend Friday and taken to Portland Saturday for interment.

PRINEVILLE PASTOR ARRESTED

Rev. Williams Pleads Not Guilty to Cruelty to Animals Charge.

(Special to The Bulletin.)
PRINEVILLE, June 23.—Rev. J. E. Williams, who has been pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of Prineville for the past year, was arrested by officer Wade Huston last

Wednesday on a charge of cruelty to animals. According to the police officer, Rev. Williams was unmercifully beating a horse that he was driving and refused to desist when ordered by the officer.

Marshal Huston thereupon placed Rev. Williams under arrest. He was arraigned before Recorder A. R. Bowman and pleaded not guilty. He then engaged Myers & Wallace, attorneys, to defend him and will carry the matter on writ of review to the Circuit Court and attempt to "bust" the city charter of Prineville before he will pay the fine.

Newcomers should get the habit of going to Innes & Davidson's barber shop.—Adv.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, May 1st, 1913.
Notice is hereby given that John F. Young of Bend, Oregon, who, on May 27th, 1909, made desert entry No. 04915, for SE 1/4 SW 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4, sec. 3 and NE 1/4 SE 1/4, sec. 4, township 17 south, range 12 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Bend, Oregon, on the 28th day of June, 1913.
Claimant names as witnesses: Earl B. Houston, Adelaide L. Alt, William J. Alt, Albert Harryman, all of Bend, Oregon.
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