THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TERRILL RECALL

PETITION SIGNERS GIVE AFFIDAVITS SHOWING THEY WERE TOLD FALSEHOODS

Several Taxpayers Who Signed Recall Because Told Sheriff Terrill Aided Bootleggers and Had Named Dud Wolgamott Deputy, Ask Names Be Stricken From Petition and Condemn Recall—Sentiment Against Recall of Terrill Growing.

In the securing of the petitions calling for Sheriff Terrill's recall the worst campaign of slander ever started in a community was inaugurated. The ones who had the petitions did not let the people judge for themselves, but resorted to every possible means to get names. We give here a few affidavits out of hundreds we have secured to show what the people who signed the recall say about the false pretenses used to secure their signatures. It is up to the real Americans in the county to smash this thing and smash it hard.

STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF JACKSON, SS:

I, J. A. Miller, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I signed the petition now on file for the recall of Sheriff Terrill. I did not sign it because of anything stated in the petition, but upon the following representation made to me by the person who circulated the petition, to-wit:

They represented to me that he had not done his duty in catching of the various bootleggers in Jackson county and said that they could prove the same assertion.

J. A. MILLER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of July, 1922.

H. E. CAMPBELL,
Notary Public for Oregon.

My commission expires June 8, 1924.

STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF JACKSON, SS:

I, W. E. Butler, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I signed the petition now on file for the recall of Sheriff Terrill. I did not sign it because of anything stated in the petition, but upon the following representation made to me by the person who circulated the petition, to-wit:

That Terrill was favoring bootleggers and not doing his duty. Some he favored and some he prosecuted and that he had appointed Wolgamott, the leading bootlegger, as a deputy sheriff, and was two-faced and a friend of every bootlegger. W. E. BUTLER,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July, 1922.

E. D. BRIGGS,
Notary Public for Oregon.

STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF JACKSON, SS:

I, W. C. Daley, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I signed the petition now on file for the recall of Sheriff Terrill. I did not sign it because of anything stated in the petition, but upon the following representation made to me by the person who circulated the petition, to-wit:

That C. E. Terrill was drunk at Talent and that the grand jury had found he did not do his duty and condemned him.

W. C. DALEY,

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July, 1922.

E. D. BRIGGS,
Notary Public for Oregon.

No Evidence Against Sheriff.

As to the appointment of Dud Wolgamott as deputy sheriff, this can be ascertained to be utterly false by an inspection of the records of the sheriff's office. That the sheriff sells bootleg whiskey is but another link in the chain of gossip and slander that would be almost too puerile to notice, if it was not for the assiduous manner in which the tale is being circulated. Under the control of the county court is a corps of law enforcement officers, the chief of whom is one of the active workers seeking the recall. Why have they no evidence of such actions on the part for the sheriff? For the simple reason that the sheriff has never given the slightest reason to any one to even be suspected of breaking the law. To say that he refuses to perform the duties of his office can be easily refuted by a reference to the reports and letters of the auditor of the state of Oregon complimenting Sheriff Terrill year after year on the splendid manner in which his accounts are kept and his work performed. Last year Jackson county was one of the low counties of the state in the matter of uncollected taxes. Taking each charge made by itself and examining it carefully, you will find is unsupported by a scintilla of evidence.

THE RECALL WAS STARTED AND IS NOW CONDUCTED BY THE KU KLUX KLAN.

Some months ago an effort was made to get Terrill to become a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He refused to join. From that time on he has been subjected to every manner of vilification. It was then decided by the klan in open lodge that the sheriff must be recalled. An effort was made to get some other organization to sponser the recall so that the klan could not be blamed, but every step in the matter shows that they are the moving spirit, the power behind the scenes and the active agency in the movement. Look at some of the facts in the matter. Practically every affidavit made in regard to the recall of the sheriff is being made by members of the klan. When the petition was circulated, the most active workers securing names were the kleagles of the klan and the leading members. The man secured to run against the sheriff is one of the leaders of the Medford klan. The men who watched the checking of the names at the courthouse were members of the klan; the men who swore to Lowe's pe-

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Klamath Falls Is Told Ku Klux Worse Than 2 Courthouses

Medford business men of high standing here yesterday said the Ku Klux Klan fight in Medford has divided the town into factions engendering a bitterness such as was never known in Klamath's courthouse controversy. Even a fraternal order of highest standing was threatened with dissolution, they said. They express the hope that Klamath would not permit the virus of the hooded order to spread in this community.—Klamath Herald.

TERRILL O. K'ED BY MEDFORD EXPERT

E. M. Wilson, Certified Public Accountant, After Examination of Sheriff's Office February, 1922, Highly Commended Methods of Handling County Taxes.

The Citizens' Committee is frankly surprised. We supposed the recall forces had something up their sleeve, some evidence against Sheriff Terrill so damaging and sensational, that all question of the propriety of such drastic action would in the light of convincing evidence be removed.

But here it is two days before the election and absolutely nothing new has been presented. We believe we are correct in saying that every charge against the sheriff, excepting the charges based on the Antle episode,—charges which are denied under oath by both Mr. and Mrs. Antle whose reputations for veracity the recall workers have publicly upheld,—have been brought before the regular grand juries and have been dismissed as unworthy of serious action or serious consideration.

We haven't the space or the inclination to go into these charges in detail, most of them are too undignified and peurile to even consider, but the most serious ones, those of drunkenness and giving aid to bootleggers, may be taken as fair examples.

Three or four affidavits are presented to support the charge that the sheriff was drunk at a certain Kingsbury Springs dance. Read them over. He was smoking a cigarette, his face was flushed, his breath smelled of liquor, etc., etc. And Sheriff Terrill has as many affidavits from people at the dance who will swear that he was perfectly sober.

What would you do if you were called on a jury to consider such a charge? You would probably throw all the affidavits out, both for and against, and you would try to find out from impartial sources whether or not Charley Terrill has a reputation for drunkenness or sobriety, what the people who have lived near him for thirty or forty years have to say.

And you would find there is not a person in Jackson county who has known Charley Terrill intimately for any length of time who will not go on the stand and swear, that he is not a drinking man, never has been a drinking man, and never has to their knowledge been under the influence of liquor.

Now how about the evidence that Sheriff Terrill has been aiding the bootleggers. Take the Antle incident again. Does anyone charge Antle with being a bootlegger? The recall forces themselves give him a good character. Then how can anything the sheriff may or may not have said to Antle prove that he is working in with the bootleggers? That Antle frame-up would be thrown out of any court in two minutes.

And the only other evidence is that Terrill was seen walking arm in arm with Shine Edwards somewhere, once upon a time in California, and he also once upon a time appointed Dud Wolgamott his deputy.

Oh, Piffle. In all seriousness, and all partisanship aside, isn't this sort of thing enough to turn an ostrich's stomach? Charley Terrill may have walked with Shine arm in arm, who knows and who cares! Charley is that kind. He is a genial, smiling good fellow, who would treat the worst criminal or the best church member, in very much the same way. But because of this amiability, is there any evidence to show that Sheriff Terrill has been derelict in his duty toward Wolgamott or Edwards or anyone else charged with crime. Heaven only knows how many times he has arrested and jailed both these men, and if they are not in jail now, that is not the sheriff's fault. Look at the official record on file in the county court regarding this question. Read Judge Colvig's letter in this issue and see what the records show regarding arrests for bootlegging.

And just one word more. The charge has been made that the sheriff is extravagant. Do you know how they get that startling sum. By adding the expense of the special dry enforcement officers, five thousand dollars a year or more to the expenses of the sheriff's office. And so on and so forth ad nauseam.

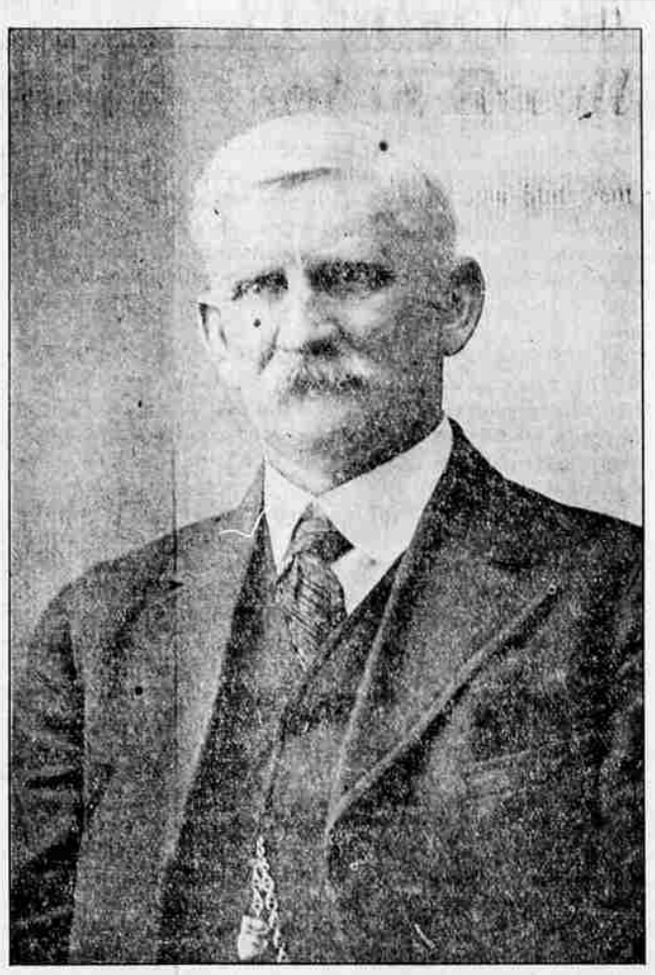
But E. M. Wilson, the certified accountant, of this city, who certainly can't be accused of any particular bias in this matter, after a complete audit of Sheriff Terrill's books in his official report, Feb. 23, 1922, commended the sheriff's methods highly and had this to say about his handling of taxes:

"Accuracy of the work of the sheriff in the Tax Department in the collection of taxes totalling $1,163,996.78, is commendable."

Why keep up the farce? The truth must be evident to any fair-minded person. This recall would never have been started if it had not been for the Ku Klux Klan, which sensing the general unpopularity of the county officials, and desiring to secure control themselves, picked out Terrill as the best bet and politically the weakest man.

Beat this recall! Squash this nonsense! Don't humiliate and disgrace a perfectly innocent man! The play is played out!

Sheriff Charley Terrill



EX-SHERIFF OF MULTNOMAH CO. PRAISES TERRILL

T. M. Word, ex-sheriff of Multnomah county, Oregon, at the present time special agent of the department of justice of the government of the United States, in an interview made the following statements in regard to the efficiency of Sheriff Charles E. Terrill. He said that in his work for the government he comes in contact with practically all of the sheriffs throughout the state of Oregon and many sheriffs in other states. That he had been in this county on many occasions in cases of white slavery, theft of automobiles and many other cases of different nature. That Charles Terrill has always given him all of the assistance possible. That he had gone with him in the night, through rain storms in the winter and had shown himself to be efficient in every way and to be a hard worker and an energetic officer. That in all the trips he has ever made with Sheriff Terrill he has never known him to take a single drink of intoxicating liquor. That had had always found him a very busy man in the pursuit of bootleggers and other criminals.

That on one occasion in February, 1921, Sheriff Terrill went with him as special agent for the government after a man who had transported a woman from California to the state of Oregon, the woman leaving her husband and two small children. That they drove into the hills as far as possible in a machine and then walked many miles into the mountains, arrested the people and returned them to Jacksonvile. They were afterwards removed to Portland, the man convicted of the crime and the woman returned to her husband and Children in Oakland, California. That this was one of the hardest and most disagreeable trips that he had ever made with any sheriff throughout the country, and that he considers Sheriff Terrill as good an officer as any officer in the state of Oregon, or any other state.

WHAT A VICTORY OF K. K. WOULD MEAN

There has been considerable information scattered about concerning Charley Terrill, while affidavits from here, there and everywhere are thicker than flies.

But to date there has been absolutely no information regarding his opponent, D. M. Lowe.

This seems hardly fair. The people when they go to the polls are entitled to know just as much about one candidate as the other.

To start the ball rolling we would like to ask Mr. Lowe if he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan, either as a citizen of the Invisible Empire, or as a Knight of the Third Degree.

If he is, hasn't he sworn to the following oath?

"I swear that I will keep secure to myself a secret of a Klansman, when same is committed to me in sacred bond of Klansmanship—the crime of violating this solemn oath, treason against the United States, rape and malicious murder alone excepted."

If he has sworn to that oath which is printed on page 76 of The Modern Ku Klux Klan, by former Kleagle Henry A. Fry, we believe it is nearly as much importance to the people of Jackson county as that Sheriff Terrill's face was flushed at the Kingsbury Springs dance.

For what does that oath mean? It means that a good Kansman sheriff would be honor bound not to proceed against any fellow klansman, who had confessed a crime to him in the sacred bond of Klansmanship, that didn't involve his oath as a Klansman, treason, rape or malicious murder.

There are still some people who think the Ku Klux Klan is a joke. Does any citizen of Jackson county consider that oath a joke when taken by a law enforcing officer of this county? We hardly think so.

Let's hear from Mr. Lowe. Not regarding his views of Mr. Terrill, for everyone knows them, but regarding his alleged membership in the Ku Klux Klan.

And if Mr. Lowe denies any connection with this organization there is one more question.

Why if Mr. Lowe has no use for the Ku Klux Klan, has the Ku Klux Klan so much use for Mr. Lowe? Why if his candidacy has nothing to do with this secret order, did the Kleagles of the local Ku Klux Klan, who are not residents of Jackson county, who own no property or pay no taxes in Jackson county, circulate Mr. Lowe's petitions, and work night and day to get the petition for the recall of Sheriff Terrill properly signed?

1922 Grand Jury Threw Out Drunk Charge Now Being Used in Recall

Prosecuting Attorney Rawles Moore Makes Public Statement Exoneratng Sheriff Terrill Entirely—Kingsbury Springs Episode Thoroughly Investigated and Found Absolutely No Justification for Action Against Sheriff.

A candid statement of the real truth regarding the attempt to recall the sheriff of Jackson county, and an explanation of the motives that have brought about the present situation.

The Medford citizens who have prepared this statement have no interest in the recall election other than that of seeing real justice done to a faithful public servant.

The facts in the proposed recall are as follows: Charles Terrill, the sheriff of Jackson county has served one term and was elected in 1920 to serve an additional term. He received at the 1920 election a majority of over 1300 votes. He was until a short time ago considered by practically everyone in the county as a fearless, efficient and honest official. Some months ago, a campaign of slander and innuendo was started against the sheriff, resulting in the circulation of a recall petition a few weeks ago.

For the purpose of giving every voter a real insight into the animus that started this deliberate attempt to blacken the character of a life-long resident of Jackson county we will furnish evidence to prove that every accusation against Charlie Terrill has been made out of whole cloth, that the recall is being backed by a notorious organization desirous of securing control of the law enforcement body of the county, that the record of Terrill while in office has been highly commendable and that he has now the endorsement of a large number of the thoughtful business men and residents of the entire county.

What are the accusations against the sheriff? First he is accused of malfeasence in office. An indefinite term that gives him no opportunity to reply. But after enough names have been secured on the petition, a new campaign of libel and lies is broadcasted to the voters. They are about as follows: The sheriff tipped off a man by the name of Antle at Lake Creek that he was to be raided; the sheriff threatened to shoot a party by the name of Fleming; the sheriff was drunk at a dance at Kingsbury Springs; the sheriff lent a still to a local club; the sheriff made Dug Wolgamott deputy sheriff; the sheriff is selling bootleg whiskey; the sheriff refuses to perform his work. Some of these statements are made in the form of anonymous circulars. Others are whispered on the street corners and over the back yard fences. Some have been answered and some have not. We will take these accusations one by one and show them to be false in every particular.

Did the Sheriff Tip Off Antle at Lake Creek?

The affidavit upon which this accusation is based states that Antle is an honest and truthful man. We agree to this and submit the following from Antle and his wife:

"STATE OF OREGON,
"COUNTY OF JACKSON: ss.

"I, J. W. Antle, of Lake Creek, Oregon, being first duly sworn, depose and say that on the third day of July, 1922, S. B. Sandifer, B. L. Moses, R. J. Schrader and J. H. Leggitt called at my place at Lake Creek, Oregon, and stated they came to search my place for intoxicating liquor. They never half searched the place and I do not believe they would have found it. I further depose and say that I made appplication for a permit for a dance hall at Lake Creek and S. B. Sandifer told me in regard to the dance hall permit that it was being held up, but that the county court would do anything he told them to and that if I would pay J. H. Leggitt eight dollars that he, Sandifer, would see that the dance was held and that J. H. Leggitt would appear and be present at the dance. I further state that I paid the said sum of eight dollars to J. H. Leggitt and that on July 4, 1922, J. H. Leggitt did stay at Lake Creek during the dance.

"J. W. ANTLE."

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 1922.

"M. T. EDWARDS,
"Notary Public for Oregon.

"My commission expires Nov. 9, 1923.
(N. P. Seal of M. T. Edwards.)

Leggitt Affidavit False

"STATE OF OREGON,
"COUNTY OF JACKSON: ss.

"I, J. W. Antle, of Lake Creek, Oregon, being first duly sworn, depose and say that I never had any conversation with S. B. Sandifer, B. L. Moses, R. J. Schrader and J. H. Leggitt, sworn to in the affidavit of J. H. Leggitt published in the circular which was distributed about Medford, Oregon, headed 'Going Some,' and that I never told the above parties referred to that Sheriff Terrill tipped me off that my place was going to be searched and I further swear that Sheriff Terrill never tipped me off in regard to said raid, and that the affidavit of J. H. Leggitt is false.

"J. W. ANTLE,

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 1922.

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"STATE OF OREGON,
"COUNTY OF JACKSON: ss.

"I, Edyth M. Antle, being duly sworn, depose and say that I reside at Lake Creek, Oregon, that I am the wife of J. W. Antle, that on July 3rd, 1922, I was present and heard the conversation that took place at the time our home and store was searched, between J. W. Antle and Sandifer, Leggitt, Moses and Jack Schrader, that at no time during said conversation did my husband, J. W. Antle, say that Charles Terrill had tipped him off that his place would be searched. EDYTHE M. ANTLE."

"Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 1922.

"BENJAMIN F. LINDAS,
Notary Public for Oregon.

"Commissison expires Jan. 18, 1925."
(N. P. Seal Benjamin F. Lindas.)

Did the Sheriff Threaten to Shoot E. A. Fleming?

D. R. Hill in his affidavit of June 28th states he heard C. E. Terrill admit and reiterate his threat to shoot E. A. Fleming, a member of the last grand jury.

This is the truth of the situation. Fleming was a member of the grand jury. The grand jury had indicted Elmer Simmons of bootlegging and C. E. Terrill had arrested him in California and brought him back and put him in jail. After this had been done, E. A. Fleming who had been on the grand jury, and D. M. Lowe, the candidate who wants the sheriff's office, came at midnight to bail the bootlegger out. Both signed his bond. In the course of the conversation Terrill told Fleming that he must stop prowling around the jail at night as had been his habit for a long time, that conditions were such that he feared an attempted jail delivery and that if he did not stop this he might get shot. The sheriff was acting fully within his rights. That is all there is to the threat to shoot Fleming.

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