

SPIRIT OF JUSTICE
IS ORATION THEME

"The Spirit of Justice" was the theme of an oration of James Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Johnson, who is a student of the law department at the University of Oregon. The oration was delivered at an intercollegiate contest recently at Menmouth. He was given fifth place among nine competitors. His address was highly lauded by judges. The oration follows.

On a cold December day the Pilgrim Fathers landed at Plymouth. They were not a mighty host, glittering with arms, nor proud carriers of new land; rather were they a small body; poor, humble men, loving justice, and seeking a place where it might be found. Their strength lay in this spirit which demanded justice. Armed with this spirit they endured cheerfully through the bitter winter months, withstood the attacks of the Indians, and fashioned from the bare and bleak Atlantic shore a land where they might respect the law.

This spirit was inherited by their sons. Washington and his valiant patriots struggled through a cruel winter at Valley Forge. They were weakened from lack of food, but the icy winds knew no mercy. True, they were beaten in body, but like patient Job, the bitterest trials could not still that demand in every suffering heart, the demand for justice. Later, news came to them from home; their own beautiful Cherokee valley was rising in flames; and amid the darkening smoke and angry flames their wives, sweethearts and daughters were falling before the tomahawk of the Indian. All of this for justice. In 1890 Lincoln breathed the same spirit when he said: "A house divided against itself cannot stand." A nation must have but one law, and that law must be enforced. Inspired by this spirit the mighty leader led the Union through its darkest hour. The Pilgrims of Justice had grown into Champions of Justice, proclaiming equality, law and order.

Today the very spirit which has built our nation seems to be lost to its people. The Pilgrims founded a new land because they demanded a law which they might respect. Washington and the patriots sacrificed all for justice. The Union forged the supreme law, for the people realized that the nation's very existence depended upon that law. But we are content with many laws, and lax enforcement. What is the reason? Has our spirit changed? Facts indicate that it has. An eminent American while traveling in Italy was confronted by an excited Italian, who, handing him a clipping from a newspaper, asked in an earnest voice: "Can this be true of America?" He looked at the article. It was a report of the American Bar Association: Two billion dollars of stock frauds in 1924; 125 million dollars of embezzlements; 125 million dollars of stolen goods; 10,000 murdered in one year. The American remained silent. He might have told the whole truth. He might have pictured millions of dollars worth of opium and drugs being smuggled across our borders. He might have pictured a southern lynching party. He might have attempted to describe the horror of the Frank's murder. He might have shown our nation gutted by the ravages of the run-runners. It would have been a picture sad to believe, but true. America is today enduring a state of lawlessness which menaces her very existence. Ah, but some say, this is the same condition. This is the same condition. In all England and Wales in 1921 there were but 131 robberies. In the United States in Chicago alone, there were 2,417. In London in 1922 there were 17 murders. In New York there were 280. Our homicide rate is eight times that of lovely Spain, nine times that of Norway, and 25 times that of England and Wales. Fellow citizens, we realize that the stability of our nation depends upon the feat of lawlessness. How can the Gordian knot be cut?

Today we are too content to shift the responsibility for lawlessness upon our officers. Our country has become a great industrial nation, and in our crowded, feverish, business life we seem to have lost that community interest in government. We look upon the government as something apart from the people. When the elected officers we return to our own work, feeling that our part of law enforcement is accomplished. Ladies and gentlemen, with such an attitude we will never have effective law enforcement! Today the federal government appropriates 10 million dollars annually, for the enforcement of the 18th amendment. The states employ 250,000, the national government 1,500 prohibition agents. We multiply our police force, line our shores with revenue ships, link our borders with federal officers, clad our mail cars with the toughest steel—but all of no avail. Lawlessness not only continues but increases. We cannot expect the officers, without our support, to enforce the law. Take the case of prohibition. Instead of the officers and the citizens cooperating against the bootlegger, we more often have the bootlegger, his customers, and their friends, leagued against the officers. The odds are hopeless. When and only when we stand behind our representatives, realizing that we are all guardians of the law; then can law be enforced.

We are horrified at the corruption exposed in our government. Tea-pot dome scandals startle the country. What can we expect? Our officers are merely representatives of the moral fibre of their people. Like a concave mirror, they reflect in an enlarged form the results of our own moral weakness; but instead of facing the truth we stand against and exclaim: "The government is corrupt; no wonder our laws are not enforced."

As a result of this common feeling that the government is something apart from the people, we have arising a so-called doctrine of personal rights. Under this doctrine "equal rights" is misinterpreted to mean "personal rights." For instance, one man feels that the income tax is unjust and seeks to evade it. As a result only the honest man pays the tax. Another person feels that it is his right to use drugs. As a result of this feeling we have such cases as Seattle reports: "Six drug addicts found in the public schools. We have all met another man who says: 'I want my beer and no law is going to keep me from having it.' The miserable results of defying the prohibition law we all know; insipidness, immorality, blindness, and death—all occurring throughout the country from the use of poisonous bootleg whiskey. And further we find that every college and university is con-

fronted with a serious drinking evil. Ladies and gentlemen, let us face the truth. Our Democracy cannot exist if we accept this doctrine of personal rights. The doctrine is not in itself wrong, but it is wrong when it is applied by great numbers of men. Its resulting law violations are manifestations of disrespect for law in its most deadly form. Scandalously lawless law violations give rise to a spirit of lawlessness which has become a state of crime and lawlessness in which no one of us is safe from attack on person and property.

Our forefathers handed down to us a true Democracy; one whose very existence demands that certain personal wants be sacrificed for the general welfare of the people. With this true spirit of justice, for if this spirit can it be maintained. This is no time to rail at the inferiority of our police force. Rather we must get support the one which we do have. It is not for us to shift the blame, but for everyone to assume the responsibility for law enforcement. Nor is it a time to excuse ourselves by a doctrine of personal rights, for if this doctrine continues, every right which we have is menaced. Ah! but some say we need not fear, we are a great nation. True, but what of tomorrow? Must we hide our eyes from the future and hand down to our sons a nation bruised and crushed by lawlessness? What is the fate of our nation? Coolidge, trembling, said: "Disrespect for law is a wedge for defeat. Where law goes, there order goes and peace. Whoever brings the law into disrespect is an enemy to civilization. Men speak of natural rights, but I challenge anyone to show where any rights ever existed, all there was established for their protection, a duly promulgated body of laws."

No liberty can exist without a law. Let us write these words in our hearts. They are a challenge to lawlessness; the battle cry of an awakening America. A committee of 1,000, the minute men of today, have caught the spirit of the words, and are leading the attack. These men are boldly facing the truth; that lawlessness cannot continue if we are to remain a great nation, and that it can be defeated only when every American citizen, realizing the common danger, and inspired by a true spirit of justice, takes upon himself the responsibility for law enforcement.

Friends, the call has been sounded. The leaders have gathered. It remains a duty incumbent upon everyone of us to turn to our own hearts, and to transmit to posterity that spirit of our forefathers, the spirit of justice. It carries a promise of security into every American home and abroad.

LOST LAKE HIGHWAY
TO BE OPEN SOON

The Lost Lake Highway will be opened to traffic by May 15, according to District Supervisor Walters, of the Mount Hood National Forest, here last week following a journey into the lake region. Crews of men began work immediately to open the forest road.

The Lost Lake country, which last season attracted more than 30,000 motor tourists, will be even more popular this year, it is declared. The first rush of motorists will be attracted to the district by the large areas of rhododendrons, which will be in bloom from May 15 on. The beds of the highland tharax, which are in bloom, will give a grand coloring to 100-acre expanses, are just beginning to show pink.

San Placed on Forest Shooting As a fire prevention measure and to protect the thousands of motor tourists who are expected to seek the highland camp grounds along the Mount Hood Loop Highway this summer, the United States Forestry Service will enforce a regulation preventing the shooting of any mammals of firearms along the road or near camp grounds. This was the word brought here last week by Stanley C. Walters, district supervisor of the Mount Hood National Forest. All rangers said Mr. Walters, will be instructed to enforce this regulation rigidly.

No. 1487
Summons
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Hood River County, William B. Fondren, Plaintiff, vs. Wilda Key Fondren, Defendant.
To Wilda Key Fondren, defendant above named:
In the Name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and suit, within six weeks from the 19th day of March, 1925, said date being the first day of the publication of this summons, that is to say on or before the 1st day of May, 1925; and if you fail to so answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for relief demanded in his complaint filed in said Court and cause, for to-wit: A decree of divorce dissolving the marriage contract existing between the plaintiff and defendant above named and for the care and custody of the minor children of said parties, namely: Albert Neal Fondren and Luella Fondren; and for such further relief as to the Court may seem equitable in said cause.

This summons is published and is served upon you by publication by virtue of an order of the Honorable H. L. Hasbrouck, County Judge of Hood River County, State of Oregon, dated the 19th day of March, A. D. 1925, which order provides six weeks and for seven insertions as the time for which this summons shall be published.
Dated and first published at Hood River, Oregon this 19th day of March, 1925. Last publication will be April 30, 1925.
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Attorney for Plaintiff,
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Funeral services were held Monday at the Hartman chapel for Thomas McPherson, aged 77, who died last Friday night at the local hospital. Mr. McPherson, an old bachelor, had been ill for several weeks. For the past 15 years he had been engaged here mowing lawns and doing other household chores. He was fond of children and numbered among his friends the most of the family. He was the soul of honor and through his thrift had amassed a competency. He was a contributor to charity and a supporter of the Red Cross. The services were conducted by Dr. James A. Fraser.

Miss Crummett's Father Passes
Word was received here last week of the death at his home in Seattle of John O. Crummett, father of Miss Ella Crummett, who for two years was a teacher in the junior high school here. Mr. Crummett was 92 years old. Miss Crummett had remained at home the past year to care for her father. Death occurred April 21. Miss Crummett accompanied the body to Detroit, Minn., where burial took place Saturday.

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Notice of Hearing of Final Account
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administratrix of the estate of Hugh Carlton Johnson, deceased, has filed her Final Report and Account as such administratrix with the County Clerk of Hood River County, Oregon, and the County Judge has appointed Saturday, May 23, 1925, at 10 o'clock A. M. as the time for hearing and settling said account, at the County Court room at Hood River, Oregon.
Any objection to said Account and to the settlement thereof, will be heard at that time and place; of which all persons interested will take notice.
Annie O. Johnson,
Administratrix aforesaid.

Notice of Final Settlement
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County.
In the Matter of the Estate of Adaline Kluckner, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the executors of above named estate have filed their final account and final report in above named court, and Friday, the 15th day of May at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, in the court room in the court house in the City of Hood River, Oregon, has been duly designated and fixed by the court, as the time and place for the final hearing and final closing of said estate, at which time and place any person interested in said estate may appear and file exceptions thereto and show cause, if any they have, why said estate should not be finally settled and closed.

Dated at Hood River, this 14th day of April, 1925.
Joseph Carl Kluckner,
Mary Howell, Executors.
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Notice of Sheriff's Sale
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County.
Jennie Ritchie, as Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of G. E. Ritchie, deceased Plaintiff, vs. Alice Merrin, Arthur L. Merrin, H. J. Gardner, E. H. Harper and Annie Harper, Defendants.
By virtue of a writ of execution and order of sale issued out of the above entitled court and cause to me directed and dated the 2nd day of April, 1925, in favor of the plaintiff and against said defendant for the sum of \$300.00 with interest from the 1st day of November, 1920, at the rate of 7% until paid, for \$75.00 as attorney fees and the further sum of \$18.00 cost and the sum of \$0.77 with interest thereon from December 2nd, 1921, cost and disbursements, commanding me to make sale of the following described property in Hood River County, to-wit:
The West Half of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-nine (29), in Township Two (2) North of Range Ten (10) East of the Willamette Meridian, containing 20 acres.
Now therefore, by virtue of the said decree, execution and order of sale and in compliance with the terms of said writ, I will on the 9th day of May, 1925, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the east front door of the court house in Hood River, Hood River County, Oregon, sell at public auction, subject to redemption and confirmation by this court to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title and interest of the defendants in said suit or any part thereof and in the above described real property or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment and accruing cost.

Dated April 9th, 1925.
Wm. H. Edick,
Sheriff of Hood River County, Oregon.
H. L. Hasbrouck, optometrist.

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