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**URGES PRESS TO ACTION**

**Sheriff of Morrow County  
 Condemns Abuse of the  
 Pardoning Power.**

The following letter appeared in the Oregonian, written by the Sheriff of Morrow county, which is interesting, for it gives some idea of what the people in Eastern Oregon think of Governor Chamberlain in pardoning Hembree:

I have been impressed lately with the Oregonian's editorial criticisms of the courts of our land, and of the causes and conditions which are producing crime at such an alarming rate. The editorial in last Saturday's Oregonian, under the caption "More Slaughter," is a gem, and should be read and pondered over by every citizen of the country. Let us have more of that kind. They are sure to bear good fruit.

If every daily and weekly newspaper of Oregon would come out courageously and demand better law enforcement and better conditions of affairs socially and morally, it would not be long until crime would diminish, and the residents of the great commonwealth could once more be able to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

What the Governor, the Legislators, the Supreme and Circuit Judges, the District Attorneys, the grand juries, the trial juries, the Sheriffs and the municipal authorities fear most of all is publicity and criticism in the public press of their wrongful official acts. If the newspapers would come out and severely roast every official, every law-making and law-enforcing body—high or low—that is guilty of perpetrating a travesty on public justice, wouldn't there soon be a mighty change in things legal and political? The press of the land can wield a mighty power for wholesome, needful reform and unless some such concerted move is made to check the tide of crime that is sweeping so recklessly over our fair land we shall as a nation soon take our proper place alongside of Russia and Turkey.

Just now there is more urgent need of reform at the top than at the bottom of our social life. It is extremely discouraging to those newspapers, those officials and those individuals who have been preaching and practicing law and order, and trying to impel a greater respect and reverence for law, to be jarred clear off the roost only too frequently by the outrageous decisions of the Governor and the courts of justice. Take, for example, the recent pardon by the Governor of Oregon of Hembree, the man convicted of the murder of his wife and daughter, under the most disgusting and revolting circumstances, after the inhuman fiend had served but one year out of a lifetime sentence. Take for another example the actions of the Oregon Supreme Court, in relieving Blodgett, confessed murderer of his female companion, on the grounds that the District Attorney had referred briefly to other red-handed murders in his argument to the jury. Many other cases of equal seriousness could be cited.

The effects of 10 years' preaching on law observance by the press and by individuals can be crushed by one official act such as those just mentioned. When this kind of outrageous leniency and maudlin sentiment is shown the cold-blooded and savage murderers of our country by those who stand at the very head of our legal system, and to whom we look for inspiration of law and justice, what can we reasonably expect from the common herd of humanity—an astonishing proportion of whom are natural born criminals? Such cases of leniency and the triumph of hair-splitting technicalities over common justice has a strong tendency to Russinize this country.

The low-browed irresponsible degenerate cannot possibly do more to bring on a state of red-handed anarchy in this country than do acts of the above character committed by those in supreme authority. The criminal element is the first to notice and profit by these travesties on justice, and of course there is nothing surprising about the cheap estimate now placed upon human life in Oregon and throughout all America. In proportion to the population three times more murders are committed in America today than in any other country on earth. Is it hard to trace the cause? The outrages committed by our courts of justice and by the pardoning proclivities of the Governor breed contempt and irreverence for law, and encourage mob

violence. We as a nation are ruled too much by impulse and passion and not enough by calm, deliberate judgment. However, can we blame the honest, hard-working, liberty-loving people for taking the law in their own hands after the courts of justice have repeatedly and persistently failed to do their plain duty in meting out justice to law offenders?

I have always been decidedly opposed to mob law and am yet, and both as newspaper editor and Sheriff of the county, I have for many years made a vigorous, open fight for the enforcement of all laws on the statute books, good or bad. The quickest and best way to get rid of the bad laws is to rigidly enforce them a while; but in advocating this policy the hardest struggle of the whole battle is the coming in contact with the extreme tenderness with which the Governor and courts deal with the vicious, law-breaking element.

We need not look further than Morrow County to see the work of gubernatorial delinquency. For instance, about three years ago Morrow County spent \$1500 of the tax-payers' hard earned money to convict two horse-thieves, who were sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. In 11 months they were pardoned out by the Governor—just after election.

Another evidence that the law and courts are being played with is the recent "lapse of memory" of the Governor when he failed to notify the courts that he would allow three judicial days to slip by, thus throwing all pending litigation throughout the state of Oregon into a bad mix-up. This playful little trick will cost Morrow County alone hundreds of dollars for holding prisoners for five months until the next regular term of Circuit Court, besides causing endless loss and inconvenience to attorneys, officials and individuals. What a "non-partisan" lapse that was, anyway. No one of sound sense, of course, believes that this was due to an oversight.

The interests and welfare of society in general are of vastly more importance than is the welfare of any one individual or set of individuals, and if our Governor and our judges and our juries would quit temporizing and sympathizing with criminals, and would try as hard to convict and duly punish the evildoer as they now do to find a loophole through which he may escape justice, the alarming growth of anarchy and disrespect and contempt for law would soon be checked in this country, and we would soon join the ranks of Canada, Australia and the other law respecting countries of the earth.

Newspaper men of Oregon, a great opportunity confronts you. Open up your powerful batteries of publicity and turn them onto those high in authority every time they deserve it. The Oregonian has set a splendid pace and let all follow it until our country is redeemed from the fate which awaits it if the present trend of affairs is permitted to continue.

E. M. SHUTT.

**Doctor Hale on Woman's Work**

In his Monthly Talk in the Woman's Home Companion Dr. Edward Everett Hale says:

"Will you please to remember that the bottom rock of American success is the habit or determination that every place, village, town, neighborhood, or whatever you call it, shall have home rule. If I and Mr. Goodchild want to have a road and a bridge which shall go back to the rhododendron swamp, we build the road and we build the bridge with such help as we can from Mrs. Tucker or from Mr. Champlin, and we do not write to a sub-prefect who writes to a prefect who writes to an assistant Commandant who writes to another Commandant who writes to an Lieutenant who writes to a secretary of engineers who sends word to us from the seat of government whether we may build the bridge and how we may build it. Lift where you stand expresses the foundation principle, the subsoil, the hard pan, the bed rock of American life.

"Now, a very queer thing has developed in the evolution of this principle. It has proved that where the men of the country have been too busy, or have thought they were, to attend to their own affairs, the women have been able to attend to them better than the men do.

"Take this business which I have referred to, of a neighborhood library, feeding a region of not more than 4000 or 5000 people. The affairs of that library, if they are well conducted, are conducted by the women of the neighborhood. They know what their children want, they know what their husbands need. And it is very fortunate for the neighborhood and the library that they can harness the horses and can drive themselves to the meetings of trustees and select the books and tell Miss Durcas how many she may buy."

**Rank Foolishness.**

"When attacked by a cough or a cold, or when your throat is sore, it is rank foolishness to take any other medicine than Dr. King's New Discovery," says C. O. Eldridge, of Empire, Ga. "I and I know it is the best remedy on earth for coughs and colds, croup, and all throat and lung troubles. My children are subject to croup, but New Discovery quickly cures every attack." Known the world over as the King of throat and lung remedies, sold under guarantee at Chas. I. Clough's drug store. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

**A Large Town Goes "Dry."**

Worcester, Massachusetts, has voted the saloons out of existence in this city. It is in point of population the twenty-ninth city in the country, and has a population of 130,000. It has two large breweries and 118 licensed saloons, which will have to go out of business there on May 1 next. It is said to be the largest American community that has gone "dry" under the local option law.

The reason given for this action by newspapers familiar with the situation should be interesting to liquor dealers, especially, throughout the country. The reasons, and the forces that brought about the result are thus stated:

"The brewers and the liquor dealers' interests for years had constituted the ruling political machine. They had made their control seemingly secure by forming an alliance with the corrupt and vicious elements of the community. Naturally, they catered to their allies. Naturally, they gave the city bad government. Their overthrow was not accomplished by the churches. The victorious temperance forces were made up of men of all parties and all creeds. The normal church and prohibition vote supplemented the efforts of the reformers. But the basis of the movement was not primarily Christian or prohibition sentiment."

This upheaval was of like quality with that characterizing similar episodes or steps for ward everywhere. The economic consideration was the prime moving cause, but this was powerfully accentuated and made irresistible by indignant opposition to machine misgovernment, the saloons being in alliance with the machine.

The liquor men complain that they were voted out by patrons of saloons. No doubt; for every where there are men who drink more or less in saloons who are in sympathy with the movement for strict regulation of and accountability by saloons, and even favor the abolition of all saloons.

Commenting on the march of prohibition under the local option law, the Philadelphia North American truthfully says:

"The vulnerable side of the liquor men's case everywhere is that, apart from all other merits and demerits, the saloons have always allied themselves with the first elements in local politics and always have been ready to do the bidding of the machine leaders. The present appeal of the liquor men in all the communities that have been misruled by their aid that 'personal liberty' is being assailed, will fall upon deaf ears. It is a question not of personal, but of civic, liberty. The best among them are paying the penalty of allowing their business to be allied with misgovernment and the corrupt protection of vice and crime."—Oregon Journal.

The 12,000 sailors on the 16 battle ships will have an interesting story to tell of how they looped the loop of the Western Hemisphere.

A few years ago the people were crying for protection from the corporations. Now the corporations are begging for protection from the people.

General Funston's presence in Goldfield will not add much to the bulk of the population, but when trouble comes the miners will find him to be a rich specimen of concentrated quartz.

The air at Denver is so rarefied that it is hard to understand why the town wants to be the birthplace of a Democratic national platform.

The oldest of the 16 battle ships on the way to the Pacific was completed since the war with Spain. Spring and fall styles in navies are expensive, but it is necessary to keep up with the mode.

Great Britain is comparatively a small bit of land, but it mined last year \$500,000,000 worth of coal. The coal wealth of the United States runs into two many billions to look reasonable.

It is predicted that the completion of the Panama Canal will create a great tide of European emigrants to the coast region of the Pacific in North America, Central America and South America. The isthmian water-way will cause many changes that Uncle Sam can not foresee, but he is willing to pay the freight.

**A Cure for Misery.**

"I have found a cure for the misery malaria poison produces," says R. M. James, of Louellen, S.C. "It's called Electric Bitters, and comes in 50 cent bottles. It breaks up a case of chills or a bilious attack in almost no time; and it puts yellow jaundice clean out of commission." This great tonic medicine and blood purifier gives quick relief in all stomach, liver and kidney complaints and the misery of lame back. Sold under guarantee at Chas. I. Clough's drug store.

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**A Higher Health Level.**

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