

INDIAN SCANDALS IN NEBRASKA

Father Schell Explains Meaning of Bootlegging Convictions---Must Be Followed Up to Produce Good

Rev. Joseph Schell, who stirred up a great deal of excitement as one of the first to expose timber land frauds, and left Oregon under something of a cloud, has reappeared in Nebraska.

To judge from the newspapers there he has secured some convictions for frauds practiced on the Indians. He is now located at Winnebago, Neb.

(From the Omaha Bee.)

The conviction of the Homer saloonkeepers for bootlegging conspiracy after a sensational trial in the United States court last week—the first conviction of the kind on record—is one of the results of the disclosures of corruption on the Winnebago reservation made by Father Schell and the persistent agitation he has carried on to remedy the abuses. The conviction of these saloonkeepers, however, is regarded by Father Schell as of small importance except as a link in the chain and of no lasting benefit unless pursued so that the whole system of Indian spoliation under official protection is rooted out. Summing up the situation, Father Schell explains existing conditions on the reservation in the following vigorous language:

Public Sentiment Only Remedy.

"The situation of the helpless Winnebago Indians is as discouraging as it is revolting and this condition is the outcome of the inefficiency, the indolence and the corruption of the officers. Public sentiment is the only remedy for such cases. During the last 20 years the government was misrepresented and its laws abused by the officers; the public was bluffed by futile efforts and the ruin of the Indians was the natural consequence. Hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent by the government through these indolent officers to preserve the Winnebago Indians from the ravages of whiskey, to protect them and guide them to civilization, and the only result after 20 years is their total ruin, their total degradation and their total demoralization.

"When I raised my voice in defense of these unhappy and helpless Indians, I found myself confronted with an army of scoundrels, consisting of speculators, bootleggers, saloonkeepers, corrupt officials, politicians, agents and representatives of the church and the state—a chain of opposition reaching from Omaha to Washington.

Had an Uphill Fight.

"For a moment I was alone, forsaken and sold by my own, to oppose a body of bloodthirsty and lawdefying individuals, threatening me with ruin, disgrace and even violent death; but the Omaha Bee and the Sioux City Tribune gave me their unsolicited and disinterested help and support and the fair minded public, with other dailies and weeklies, followed their steps.

"In a supreme effort the powerful ring attempted to influence the president of the United States against my efforts to obtain justice for the Indians, but, as could be expected, they were made to understand that he was the president of all, that the Indians must be protected and that the Indian scandals must cease. A few months ago the federal grand jury indicted the Homer saloonkeepers and bootleggers. One of these cases has just been concluded in the United States district court and the defendants were found guilty.

Ring of Heartless Speculators.

"From my study and observation of the much abused Winnebago Indians I dare proclaim that there is at Homer a powerful ring of heartless speculators who are after the Indian lands and the Indian money. To succeed in this they must keep the Indians together and bring them into submission. They have hired saloonkeepers and bootleggers who are operating under the protection of this ring and through the whiskey the Indians became the slaves of the speculators. When I first came to Homer the ringleaders confessed to me that they wanted the Indian business, that they only can bring them, their money and their business to Homer by selling them whiskey; that it costs them a great deal of money to throw official protection around the saloons and the bootleggers and in order to come out even they must charge

the Indians enormous prices for everything they sell to them.

"The justice of the peace and the marshal of Homer make their living from the arrests of drunken Indians. When the justice, with his eyes wide open, finds out that the marshal takes money from the drunken Indians and lets them go he proceeds to the speculators and threatens them with denunciation if he does not get his share out of the Indians. The Indian who is arrested and fined goes to the speculators and borrows the money and signs a note for three to six times the amount that he receives. When the marshal knows that a drunken Indian has no credit with the speculators, who know his income and relationship, he will not arrest the Indian. When the speculators see an Indian drunk and whose credit is good they tell the marshal to arrest him so that they can make the Indian sign a note. If an Indian is slow to buy or sign notes the speculators give him a few dollars for nothing. He gets whisky and when he feels good he is ready to buy out the whole town and to sign all kinds of notes and mortgages. Thus, horses that are not worth the feed are sold for \$400 and \$500, notes are signed and the money collected at the agency.

Lawbreakers Not Caught Napping.

"The local court commissioner, with a deputy marshal, pays a visit to Homer about three or four times a year. They announce their coming to the ringleaders, who inform the saloonkeepers and the bootleggers. The town is cleared of the Indians and the bootleggers go to sleep. The carnival begins again half an hour after the officials have left. The ringleaders have confessed to me that the arrivals of these officers cost them a great deal of money. It has happened that those officers have found on the road a drunken Indian. They took his name, made out a case on the records with fictitious Indian names as witnesses and collected from the government large sums for imaginary cases, witness fees and transportation, etc.

"The speculators are buying the Indian land, and before the deal is approved in Washington the Indian in question has signed notes in favor of the speculator, who gets the land as well as his money again. The agent is but a tool in the hands of the speculators and he does all within his power to keep the Indian land and Indian money within the ring of the speculators.

"But who will blame the agent and the officers when the commissioner of Indian affairs in Washington—Jones, who lately resigned—has done all within his power to favor the Homer ring and has sent a personal order to the agent requesting him to O. K. all the grafters' fraudulent notes. No wonder that the agent says: 'If I light the money power I'll lose my place.' An Indian will pay \$1,000 cash rather than to lose his mortgaged ponies, worth \$40, and the speculators know it, and always see that they hold a mortgage on the Indian's ponies. I have seen notes that were collected three times with threats of taking away the mortgaged ponies.

"Through the influence of the agent and the county judge these ringleaders have been appointed the guardians of minor Indians, and the shameless robberies that took place in this line would be a revelation to the world.

"Jim Davis, an Indian, is in the penitentiary. His afflicted mother signed a note of \$1,000 to one of the speculators, who promised her that he would get him out. He got him out on parole lately and made him work and eat his winter wood. This Indian woman was made to sell her heirship land and this same speculator bought it. He then returned the Indian to the penitentiary again with a promise to get him out again if his mother would sign another note to balance with the price he gave for her land.

"Indians who are unwilling to give up their government checks are kept prisoners in the agency buildings until they are willing to hand them over.

"What effect, then, has the arrest and the conviction of saloonkeepers and bootleggers—what good does it do? Little at all. They are the tools of the ring. This ring will and must get

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others. If the officers were sincere and had their work at heart they would study the Indian situation, analyze the disease and apply the proper remedy.

"I made a thorough study regarding these Indians and their situation, and it seems strange that in the prosecution of these saloonkeepers' cases my evidence was not needed. It seems that the head of the viper was not wanted; they only wanted to cut off a piece of the tail that would grow on again—the bootleggers. Volumes could be written about these Indians and their scandalous abuses, but I feel satisfied that President Roosevelt and the new Indian commissioner, F. E. Leupp, will see that all scandals cease and that the officials will earn their salaries and there will be no room for speculators, saloonkeepers and bootleggers.

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National Consumers' League.

Philadelphia, March 7.—The National Consumers' League, which has for its object the abolishment of the sweat shop system and the amelioration of the condition of factory workers, particularly women and children, held its annual meeting in this city today. The reports of the national officers show that the organization now has branches in 25 states. The reports show also that the last year has seen the steady development of the movement in behalf of proper child labor organization and the existence of the use of the label of the league.

At an open meeting tonight Professor John Graham Brooks of Harvard, Mrs. Florence Kelley and other prominent workers of the league will deliver addresses.

Grant Permits.

Teachers' certificates and diplomas were granted yesterday to the following applicants by the state board of education:

- State certificates (upon examination)—Carrie A. R. Byerlee, Hood River; Bella Baird, Rickrealt; William Gregory Ziegler, Marien; Jesse Wilson, Athens.
- State diploma (upon examination)—Mary C. Quick, Falls City.
- State life diploma—Lewis R. Ablerman, McMinnville, graduate State University.

Louisiana Odd Fellows.

Baton Rouge, La., March 7.—Members of the three-link fraternity are much in evidence here today, the occasion being the annual session of the Louisiana grand lodge of Odd Fellows. The business sessions are to continue through tomorrow. Elaborate entertainment has been provided for the visitors, who are here from all parts of the state.

SHEET STRANGLES SUICIDE.

Mrs. J. W. Harmon Hangs Herself to Window Bar at Insane Asylum.

Mrs. J. W. Harmon, of Selma, Josephine county, committed suicide in her room at the insane asylum yesterday morning, by hanging herself to a window bar with her bed sheet.

The patient was about 37 years old, and had only been confined in the institution one day, having been brought from her home in Selma Saturday night, and her death was a great surprise, it not being suspected that her mania was of a suicidal trend.

She was confined in the ward in which are kept the periodical insane, and when she retired Sunday night she appeared to be in full possession of her right mind, and seemed to be quite content with her confinement. Nothing more was seen of her until early Friday morning, when she was found by an attendant, hanging by a sheet from the top bar of the window, and directly over the bed of another patient who shared her room. From appearances she must have stood upon the head of her room mate's bed, and launched herself into eternity.

The suicide must have taken place near the middle of the night, for the body was quite cold when discovered. The death was not from a broken neck, but from strangulation.

The remains were sent to Selma last night, where the funeral will be held tomorrow.

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Portland Comment.

Mr. Graham was the soloist, and he played on his violin an eloquent and almost prayerful paraphrase of "Parsifal" from an arrangement by Wagner-Wilhelmy. This was the gem of the concert, and Mr. Graham never played better. He gave the music entirely from memory, a circumstance which added to the fine interpretation. The swelling, pulsing tones of that violin solo will gratefully linger in the memories of those present.—Oregonian.

At the Grand Friday night, March 10th. Seats \$1.00, 75c, 50c and 35c.

Car Struck Switch.

Chicago, March 7.—Twelve people were injured, one probably fatally by the derailling of a car on the Chicago & Oak Park elevated road, at Market street, at 5 o'clock this morning. The car struck an open switch, and narrowly escaped being precipitated into the street.

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