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SHERIFF M. SWORDS ON PROHIBITION

Compares Conditions Here With Those in Oklahoma, Which Proves Law A Failure.

FAVORS REGULATION PLAN

An Interesting Letter from St. Landry's Sheriff Incident Upon His Trip to Oklahoma.

Opelousas, La., Jan. 24, 1910. Editor of the Clarion—On January 5th, I left Opelousas for Guthrie, Oklahoma, with requisition papers for Jim Brady, wanted in St. Landry Parish for stealing bales of cotton from gin houses.

I arrived in Guthrie Thursday night between twelve and one o'clock and registered at the Lone Hotel. I asked if Governor Haskell was in the city, and was told that he was, and that if I would ring up his number at the Royal Hotel that he would be likely to answer, as he was a hard worker, and not given much to sleep. I went to my room and phoned and arranged to meet him at 8:30 o'clock Friday morning.

I had a desire to meet the man who had grated so hard on "Teddy's" nerves, and I was thoroughly convinced, after having been with him four days and hearing his speech at a banquet of the Press Association, that he is quite capable of taking care of himself.

He seems full of energy, and his friends unite in giving him the place of the first citizen of Oklahoma. His speech was to the point, and if no one else understood him, his political enemies certainly will have no great mental strain to catch his meaning.

The Governor fixed the hearing of the requisition papers at 2:30 p. m., Saturday, but sometime before that hour sent for me and showed me a telegram from Brady's attorney, stating that he had missed the train at Sapulpa, consequently he refixed the hearing for Monday, the 10th.

The Press Association of the State were to leave with the Governor at 3:30 p. m., the 8th, and the Governor and Secretary of State, Bill Cross, gave me a cordial invitation to go with them on a special. I accepted, and we were soon speeding on our way to Pawhuska, the county seat of the Onages, the wealthiest tribe of Indians on earth. Pawhuska has a population of from four to six thousand, has handsome buildings, and a people that would do credit to any place.

We arrived at about nine o'clock, and some went in carriages and others walked, as the crowd was too large for all to ride. We went to the Knights of Pythias Hall. After the speaking there was a large banquet, at which five hundred men sat. A large number of ladies were present.

Honorable J. J. Quarles, a banker to whom Oklahoma owes much, and Honorable T. J. Leahy, one of the sterling Democrats and now a candidate for attorney general, presided. The last named gentleman and his friend, the Honorable Jonh F. Palmer, are the most noted Indian lawyers in the world, and either can have the highest places in the gift of their countrymen. Able in their profession and in oratory seldom equalled, they are destined to fill a high niche in fame.

The Governor's speech was the principal feature. He talked of the Aldrich postal savings Bank scheme which he compares to a milking machine contrived to suck from the little institutions of the country, the earnings of the people, to be spilled into the buckets of the financial centers of the earth which great combinations of interest control. He compared the Oklahoma Bank guaranty law with the National Banking system, and declared the latter was a relic of barbarism.

The applause which greeted some of his sallies attested to the fact that he is on the top in Pawhuska.

Mrs. Haskell and Mrs. Leo Meyer, the wife of the next secretary of the State of Oklahoma, and several other ladies, were with the party.

Guthrie, the State capital, is a splendid city of about twenty thousand inhabitants, with good buildings and splendidly paved streets, a large city park, and some of the finest men I have ever met.

Bill Cross, (every one calls him Bill) sits in his office, across the glass door of which is inscribed, "Bill Cross, Secretary of State," and it is a place which everybody seems to think he must enter just to have a word with the interesting figure who seems to let everyone preside, whilst he recounts the various scenes of the lost cause and the rapid advancement of Oklahoma since her admission into the sisterhood of States. Everyone gives this sterling old confederate the proud distinction of being one of the ablest of all those to whom Oklahoma owes so much.

Honorable Lec. Meyer, his able assistant, with all the affability of a Chesterfield, is bound to succeed him, as the Constitution forbids the secretary to succeed himself.

Mr. Anthony, private secretary to the Governor. Mr. Paul Nesbit, who succeeds Mr. Anthony, who has to represent his county in special sessions of the General Assembly that the Governor will soon call. Judge Speed is a Republican, and a splendid and entertaining gentleman, O. T.

Smith, Judge Thomas Doyle, State Auditor Trapp, Labor Com. Chas. Daugherty, Chas. Barret of the State Board of Agriculture, Corporation Com. A. C. Watson, J. M. Brooks, mine host of the Royal, and Governor Price, whom President Cleveland appointed Governor of Alaska, the latter affable and entertaining, is always doing his utmost to please others, and is just now taking his first lessons in the light fantastic, and is given up to be the best two stepper in Guthrie. He says he had to make this departure to please the ladies, of whom there are a goodly number at the Royal. Colonel Watkins, of the railroad commission, a most enterprising gentleman, and who has a strong predilection for Louisiana syrup, is another strong factor in the upbuilding of this splendid young State. Mr. J. M. Brooks, owner of the Royal, and his two sons, showed me over Guthrie in an auto.

I went to Oklahoma City in company with Mr. W. O. Flemming, another promoter, and we went over the city in an auto, and the building up of that city is phenomenal. Eighteen years ago it was a grass plot, and it has risen to be a city of sixty-five thousand. The limits have been extended to ten miles, and it is being seweraged and paved as fast as machinery and man can make it. It is destined to be a city of perhaps two hundred thousand at no far distant date.

Oklmulgee, the place where I got my bird, has about four thousand inhabitants, and is showing all the push and energy in good buildings and street paving.

Sapulpa is a large and thriving town near the oil fields of Keiffer. These fields are the largest that I have ever seen. Oil and gas seems to be in untold quantities nearly all over this favored section, and these are destined to make Oklahoma one of the richest States in the Union. The school system and the churches are certainly keeping abreast of the times. All the school houses that I saw were very large, commodious and elegant two story brick buildings, and the State having now over forty millions of dollars and much more to come when the lands are all sold to the settlers, I am told has on foot the building of one every three miles. The pay for teachers ranges from seventy-five to one hundred and twenty-five dollars. This does not include the principals.

The churches are elegant, and are in evidence everywhere. Oklahoma City alone has thirty-two.

Another thing that is noticeable is prohibition as it is and its effects. The State is so-called prohibition. The prohibition politician and the bootlegger seem to be in cahoots. Liquor houses outside the State, I am told, will ship a car load of beer, which is distributed, and when the booze is largely disposed of, the balance is generally seized and sold, portions of the money going for expenses and the residue disposed of by the authorities. I am told that outside the State the liquor dealer generally has his man to purchase and ship back. Budweiser sells for .25c per pint, or twice as much as it can be had for in the States not prohibition. Other liquors in about the same proportion.

I was informed that the Dispensary system prevails, and if I understand it aright, is much after the way we carry on the local option elections here. If a majority votes for a Dispensary, they have it, but the dispensary gets ten per cent of the profits. The liquor, I am told, is sold on prescription. This was what I was told, but as this is written for a local paper and not for Oklahoma, it can do no harm. I do know that we have much the same conditions here, and when we come to contemplate the condition of affairs here, it does seem appalling. In comparison, our own law makes it prima facie evidence that if you have an Internal Revenue License, you can be indicted, and although you will hear the Judges from the bench charge the juries that the burden of proof is upon the State to show the guilt of the accused, and unless the State makes out its case, the accused goes free. Now the exception is made in liquor cases, and the accused has to prove his innocence. That is, the burden is shifted from the State to prove guilt, to the accused proving his innocence. Rather an incongruous proposition. So much for prima facie evidence. Now on the other hand, if you walk into a place with plenty of liquors of all kinds, you have to get the proof that the stuff was sold, and I have never been informed of any law to convict unless a sale is made. If you wish to search, you have to get out a search warrant, naming the party, the house and the articles to be searched for.

Comparing this place and Oklahoma, I am constrained to believe that we are about at par. There are more whiskey men drinking whiskey in Opelousas than prohibitionists, because there are more whiskey men or anti-prohibitionists, but when both the prohibitionist and anti-prohibitionist comes in from the country, then the scene changes and the prohibitionists have the innings. The logical conclusion is that if the prohibitionists would practice what they preach, we would have by much more than half, much less drinking. My experience here is that the prohibitionists can and do beat us all hollow in putting down liquor.

The officers can do little in suppressing the trade unless the District Attorney, the Grand Jury, and the Sheriff work together. When a Gov-

ernment contemplates a spotter, or when those in authority do so, they instill in the minds of those who only do this for money, the instinct that makes liars and thieves of men, women and boys, and builds up a class that is a much graver menace to the commonwealth than all the blind tigers in Christendom. The way to build up a country is to teach the mind and heart by commingling with the people; be an optimist ever and always; put your drinking houses under strict surveillance, the pure food law, no chairs, tables or any devices whatsoever, good and solvent bond, and forfeiture of license, and you will have things in much better shape than now, when you are paying much higher prices for much meaner stuff. You don't want your license too high, for then you will have the country fighting the towns, which was the only reason for the parish going prohibition.

These are my candid thoughts, and I have as much right to express them as has the most rabid prohibitionist on the earth.

In conclusion, Mr. Editor, if those who write me anonymous letters and send the papers communications would only have the courage of their convictions and make affidavits, I will promptly do the arresting. I am simply an executive officer, and not a spotter. My candid opinion is that many would prefer to agitate and nightly pray that the question be kept before the people for political purposes. Yours respectfully,
M. L. SWORDS.

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Treasurer's salary	100.00
Clerk's salary	20.00
Assessor's salary	15.00
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Moved by Joseph, seconded by E. G. Richard, that ordinance No. 111 be passed.

ORDINANCE NO. 111.

An ordinance prohibiting the sale of fruit, soda water, ice cream, or any kind of soft drinks, or other articles allowable on sale on Sunday, in the same building where a general merchandise or grocery business is conducted.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Town of Melville, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana,

That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, corporation or corporations or otherwise to sell or offer for sale on Sunday in or from the same building wherein they are conducting a general merchandise or grocery store any fruit or vegetables, soda water or any kind of soft drinks, ice cream, sherberts, etc., or other articles allowable on sale on Sunday under the statute of the State of Louisiana.

Be it further ordained, etc., That any person or persons, corporation or corporations or otherwise who shall violate the foregoing provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00) or more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and all cost of court; and in default of payment of fine and cost shall be imprisoned for a term or worked on the streets within the discretion of the Mayor; or shall suffer fine and imprisonment or worked on the streets as the Court may deem proper.

Be it further ordained, etc., That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, and this ordinance shall take effect from and after the 1st day of February, 1910.

Thus done, read and passed in regular session convened on this 4th day of January, A. D. 1910, at Melville, St. Landry Parish, Louisiana.

WILLIAMS, M. D., Mayor.
Attest: E. J. LESLANS, Clerk.

ORDINANCE NO. 112.

An ordinance regulating the license of fire insurance companies operating in the town of Melville, La.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and the Board of Trustees of the Town of Melville, La.,

That all agent or agents, person or persons writing or soliciting fire insurance in the town of Melville, La., shall pay an annual license of \$5.00 for each and every company he represents.

Be it further ordained, etc., That any agent or agents, person or persons who shall violate the foregoing provision of this ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00) or more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and all cost of court; and in default of payment of fine and cost, shall be imprisoned for a term or worked on the streets within the discretion of the Mayor.

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WILLIAMS, M. D., Mayor.
Attest: E. J. LESLANS, Clerk.



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