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## Prohibition Election Is Center of Attraction in Clovis

### BIG MASS MEETING AT LYCEUM SUNDAY NIGHT

"Saloons Must Go," The Campaign Slogan, and Demon Rum Comes in for Severe Grilling. Other demonstrations soon. Good speakers for the occasion. About \$400.00 raised with which to help Paralyze the Liquor Traffic in Clovis.

A Prohibition rally was held at the Lyceum Theatre Sunday night, which the promoters claim was a complete success from every point of view.

Addresses were made by Prof. J. M. Bickley, Attorney A. W. Hockenull, Rev. W. W. Taylor, of Texico, Rev. J. H. Messer, Rev. Milton Reece, Rev. C. W. Lambert and others. Mr. Hockenull made a most effective appeal on the subject "How to Win the Election." Rev. Taylor adopted as his subject "A Voice from Texico." Rev. Reece had charge of the campaign contributions, which amounted to about \$400.00.

Johnson's Chamber of Commerce Band furnished music for the occasion and the building was crowded. Since the management of the Lyceum has barred both sides from future demonstrations in that building, the next rally will be held elsewhere.

#### Attention Ladies

A mass meeting of the ladies of this city will be held at the Methodist church, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Talks will be made by several prominent citizens. Miss Henderson, State Pres. of the W. C. T. U. will be there and personally conduct the meeting. Every lady is urged to be present.

#### You Must Register

In order to vote in the coming prohibition election in Clovis, you must be registered. Not only that but you must give your street number, and where you reside. The registration books will be open 20 days before election and remain open for 10 days, then closed for 6 days and then open again for 3 days.

#### Arrested For Murder

W. E. High was taken into custody by Sheriff Moye Monday charged with a murder alleged to have been committed in Stroud, Oklahoma, 15 years ago. He has been returned to the scene of the crime, in charge of Sheriff Standefer, who came after him. He was in jail on another charge at the time of his arrest.

#### Forger Arrested

A man giving the name of Maul, but who is said to be named Craig, was arrested here Monday on the charge of forgery alleged to have been committed at Cleburn, Texas. He returned with the sheriff of that County, Tuesday.

#### Messer Child Dies

The invalid child of Rev. J. H. Messer died Tuesday at the family home on North Gidding street. The child had been an invalid since infancy. Interment was at Portales Wednesday.

#### Mrs. Johnson Given Birthday Party

An agreeable surprise was given Mrs. A. W. Johnson on the occasion of her birthday by the teachers of the Junior Department of the Baptist church. The teachers and guests were driven in cars to the beautiful new country home of Mrs. T. E. Slaton, three miles from the city. Mrs. Johnson was presented with a handsome cut glass bowl by the teachers of the department. Appetizing refreshments were served and the entertainment throughout the evening was a most enjoyable one. Mrs. Slaton proved an ideal hostess.

#### New Bank Chartered

The directors of the new bank to be known as the "Citizens Bank" received notice this week that their charter to establish a bank here would be issued soon and to proceed with their arrangements accordingly. The Capital Stock of the new institution will be \$25 000 subscribed by some of our most influential business men whose names we gave in a recent issue. It will be a state bank and will occupy the building now occupied by Walkers Market.

Mr. Jones will be the active officer in charge of the bank affairs, but just what position he will occupy is not yet determined. He has had a number of years experience in banking business in this section, and is one of the oldest bankers in Curry County.

#### McMurtry-Brooks

While it was generally expected, it was nevertheless, a surprise to their many friends, when it became known that Mr. Sam C. McMurtry and Miss Anna Fay Brooks were married. The ceremony took place Thursday evening at the residence of Chess Worrell. The words uniting this happy young twain were spoken by Rev. C. W. Lambert, pastor of the Christian church.

After the ceremony the newlyweds and party repaired to the Elks' home, where they were the guests and entertained with dancing for several hours, by Mesdames E. M. Chapman and W. B. Mersfelder.

Everybody knows the bride as "Fay" and like her. The groom holds a responsible position with Walkers and is one of our most popular young men.

#### Shumate-Waits

A pretty wedding occurred in Farwell Saturday, when Miss Winnie Waits and Kay Shumate of this city were united in marriage by Rev. Morton. Mr. and Mrs. Shumate will reside in Clovis. The News extends congratulations.

G. E. Harmon, pastor of the Church of God, is recovering from an attack of fever.

#### Corporation Commission Meeting Here

December 30, 1915. Clovis News:

This Commission now has under consideration the question of readjustment of class rates locally within the State of New Mexico, and it has been decided to arrange for conferences at certain points in this state for the purpose of discussing the situation with jobbers, dealers, and others interested, in order to enable this Commission to secure full information in connection with the proposed rates as affecting certain communities, and conferences have accordingly been arranged as follows:

- Santa Fe, Tues., January 18th.
- Albuquerque, Wed., " 19th.
- Deming, Thursday, " 20th.
- Silver City, Friday, " 21st.
- Las Cruces, Mon., " 24th.
- Las Vegas, Thurs., " 27th.
- Raton, Friday, " 28th.
- Las Alamos, Saturday, " 29th.
- Tucuman, Mon., " 31st.
- Clovis, Tues., February 1st.
- Roswell, Wednesday " 2nd.
- Thursday " 3rd.
- Carlsbad, Friday, " 4th.

Dates for Alamogordo and Gallup to be announced later. These meetings will be informal, and it is desirous of having as large an attendance as possible. An invitation is therefore extended to you to be present at the nearest point at which the meeting will be held, if you are interested and find it convenient to attend on the date indicated.

Yours very truly,  
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION,  
By M. S. Groves, Chairman.

#### Another New Store

W. T. Jackman, who recently came from Oklahoma, but who has resided in Clovis for some time, representing a wholesale house, has leased the Osborne and Wright store room in the Jackson building and the News learns intends to put in a new stock of furnishings, notions and dry goods. Mrs. Osborne and Wright will move into the building occupied by the Harry Springfield pool hall adjoining the Southwestern Drug Store.

### WILL PROHIBITION PROHIBIT THE QUESTION

Taxpayer in Communication to News says that it Will Not and Urges Voters to Investigate Conditions in other places that have tried it. Says Texico Saloons and Bootlegging will be a constant menace if Prohibition is Adopted.

The fight is on in earnest this week, with Prohibition or Anti Prohibition the issue.

The writer, who has resided in Clovis since coming from Prohibition territory, believes that he can truthfully say that he has seen more drunkenness in pro territory than he has ever seen in Clovis during his four years residence here. While we are a property owner and a tax payer here we admit, but we firmly believe that if the town goes "Dry" that property values will decrease at least 25 per cent. We will see a repetition in Clovis of what occurred in Artesia, where most anybody will tell you that just as soon as Prohibition became effective, the town soon took on a "dead" appearance. If prohibition was the best for Roswell, why did they vote it "Wet" again at the next opportunity?

I do not care for reasons best known to myself, to mix up in this controversy, but I want to drive home this fact; with Texico full of saloons nine miles away, and with several jitney lines in operation between the towns, PROHIBITION in Clovis won't Prohibit. It will only build up Texico with money that should be spent here. This will be the mecca for bootleggers, and the cost of prosecuting them (if they are caught), will fall upon the taxpayers of Clovis—not the County of Curry or state but upon the citizens who pay to keep up the city officers.

Clovis is a good town now, where the saloons close at 12 o'clock and are regulated under proper police protection. Lets keep it that way and don't kill it by depriving us of the revenue that we now receive to properly

conduct it. Make the issue County wide or Texico will practically "kill" Clovis.  
A Tax Payer.

#### Drunkness Took Jump In October

POLICE HAD TO MAKE MANY ARRESTS DURING YEAR THAT CLOSED ON SATURDAY.

Wichita had the heaviest amount of Police Court business in 1915 in five years, as indicated by the report of Police Judge H. T. Derrick filed with the city clerk.

Fines and forfeitures paid into the city's coffers for the year exceed any other year since December 31, 1910, by \$406, and is \$2,375 more than in 1914. A total of \$9,698 fines and forfeitures have been paid, \$8,270 under the present administration and \$1,545 during the first part of the year.

Intoxication cases have increased steadily during the year beginning with 59 in January reaching 196, the climax, in October. The year's total of intoxication cases will exceed 1,450. The drunkenness cases jumped into the hundreds in June, climbing from 84 to 149 in one month and has not fallen below that number since. Until April, the intoxication cases had averaged 56.—Wichita Beacon, Jan. 3, 1916. Adv.

#### Whose Town are You For?

A vote for prohibition means vacant houses in Clovis, more trade for Texico and less trade for Clovis, more deposits for the Farwell Bank and less deposits for Clovis Banks—which Town are you interested in Clovis or Texico? Advertisement.

## MANY THANKS

Again it is our very great pleasure to extend our sincere thanks to the generous hearted people of this community for the increased patronage with which we have been favored in 1915, as well as in former years.

Our gratitude goes out to you in unstinted measure, and with it the hope that all this world of ours may be kind and generous to you in the many years we trust are still before you.

We express the hope that you will remember us in the future as you have done in the past, and we assure you our constant endeavor will be to meet your wishes in an acceptable manner in every case.

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