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## Anti-Saloon League.

This column is contracted for at our regular advertising rates and edited by the Alliance Anti-Saloon League.

Some facts concerning the town of Gordon, Nebraska, under no license.

The following statement of facts made by the business men of Gordon, Nebraska, is sufficient to convince any thinking man that the saloon is not the only unnecessary to draw and hold the trade for a town; but is a positive detriment to the financial as well as the moral and social welfare of the community:

Gordon, Nebr., March 10, 1908.

This is to certify that we, the undersigned business men of Gordon, Nebraska, desire to express our entire satisfaction with the results obtained by the removal of the saloons from our town, and further declare that the moral, social and financial effects of the removal of the saloons has been most beneficial and gratifying.

Respectfully,

Frank Coats, harness and implements,

Geo. M. Anderson, blacksmith and wheelwright,

Jas. A. Miller, photographer.

F. C. Duerfeldt, lumber yard,

J. W. Winters, blacksmith and wheelwright,

R. W. Stratton, painter and paper-hanger,

C. H. Sallor, machinery and hardware,

R. A. Swigert, druggist,

J. Q. Elmore, physician,

J. H. Crowder, retiring postmaster.

Ulla Powell, general merchandise,

E. A. Waterman, jeweler,

L. Schmitt, general merchandise,

P. H. O'Rourke, attorney-at-law,

W. C. Wilhite, former proprietor of Commercial Hotel,

J. H. Davis, general merchandise,

Otto Pfeiffer, hardware,

C. R. Nenow, hardware,

D. H. Griswold, cashier First National bank,

W. E. Mitchell, assistant cashier First National bank,

W. E. Brown, assistant cashier First National bank,

C. C. Parker, butcher and grocer,

Jordan Hardware Co., hardware,

Margrave & Duerfeldt, lumber,

F. P. Mills, general merchandise.

E. C. Wigert, general merchandise.

Bruce H. Hewett, cashier Gordon State bank,

Charles B. Selbig, men's clothing and furnishings,

C. L. Russell, produce and creamery agent,

Lynn Thompson, druggist,

Edward H. Dwyer, physician,

Newton S. Gates, general merchandise.

Wm. M. Green, restaurant,

Z. M. Webb, barber,

Field Bros., proprietors Commercial Hotel,

A. F. Howlett, jeweler,

Trueblood Bros., livery,

H. G. Lyon, new postmaster,

W. H. Barton, general merchandise.

J. G. Douglas, barber,

D. W. Moffett, ex-merchant,

C. A. Hetzel, real estate agent,

W. L. Mills, merchant,

C. L. Sanders, contractor and builder.

T. O. Williams & Son, editors and props. Gordon Journal,

Rebeck & Johnson, billiard hall,

W. E. Young, contractor,

F. B. Lindley, real estate,

M. D. Smith, station agent and operator,

D. C. Parker, operator,

Ward Mosher, real estate,

Hummel & Finkey, pool hall,

S. S. Jolice,

F. A. Hoyt, miller,

Gordon Mill Co., by Tom Moore,

R. E. Boyles, proprietor Club Restaurant.

Only three business men of Gordon refused to sign the above statement.

The statement is often made that a town must have saloons to run the schools. Note what the Gordon school board says:

Gordon, Nebr., March 10, 1908.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that the undersigned compose the duly elected and qualified members of the school board of Gordon, Nebraska, and we hereby declare it to be out honest conviction that the removal of the saloons has in no way embarrassed the financial interests of the schools, and that the condition of our school at the present time is very gratifying.

D. H. GRISWOLD, Chairman.

C. H. SAILOR, Secretary.

C. C. PARKER, Treasurer,

H. G. LYON,

FRANK COATS,

F. P. MILLS,

Members of School Board.

The following is a statement of the school treasury of Gordon, Nebraska. (The saloons were closed out May 1, 1903.)

Amount in treasury Sept. 14,

1903. . . . . \$254.99

Amount in treasury Sept. 1,

1904. . . . . 1,280.97

Amount in treasury Sept. 1,

1905. . . . . 1,644.16

Amount in treasury Sept. 1,

1906. . . . . 1,753.34

Amount in treasury March 25,

1907. . . . . 1,245.29

Amount in treasury March 1,

1908. . . . . 1,300.00

During the year 1907, \$1,500.00 was paid out for a new heating plant and other repairs for the school building, and during the present year about \$290 has been spent in laboratory equipments for the school.

C. C. PARKER,

Treasurer Gordon School Board.

Statement of the Village Treasurer.

Gordon, Nebr., March 12, 1908.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that the books of the treasurer of the Village of Gordon, Nebraska, show the following data:

Amount in village treasury May 1, 1901, \$1,971.71, levy 17 mills.

Amount in village treasury May 1, 1902, \$1,440.37, levy 17 mills.

Amount in village treasury May 1, 1903, \$1,375.41, levy 15 mills.

The above figures were under the license term.

Amount in village treasury May 1, 1904, \$1,940.65, levy 15 mills.

Amount in village treasury May 1, 1905, \$1,495.49, levy 13 mills.

Amount in village treasury May 1, 1906, \$1,750.01, levy 13 mills.

Amount in village treasury May 1, 1907, \$1,551.89, levy 13 mills.

Amount in village treasury, Mch. 1, 1908, \$1,482.86, levy 13 mills.

W. E. MITCHELL,

Village Treasurer.

Gordon, Nebr., March 10, 1908.

To whom it may concern:

As village clerk for six years with a high license administration, then three years with no saloon in the village, I can state that during the term of saloons that our village warrants often had to be registered and not paid for want of funds with our tax levy up to the limit, but since we have no saloons our warrants are always paid in cash and more permanent improvements done in the town than ever before, such as cement crossings, gasoline engine for our pumping station, etc., etc.

As county assessor I will state that in 1905, after two years dry, I made a comparative table of taxes paid on the taxable property of the village between the license and no-license property owners, and the statement shows three-fourths of the taxes paid by the no-license owners and one-fourth by license owners. This table shows very plainly that our substantial business interests do not desire saloons in the town, and also that the saloon element are not large property owners.

Another fact that I find is, that in 1903, at the time of closing our saloons, that men who frequented saloons and did not have any property to assess now own their own comfortable homes pretty well paid for.

C. H. SAILOR,

Implement and hardware dealer.

Gordon, Nebr., March 10, 1908.

Rev. C. E. Connell

Dear Sir—You ask me what effect making Gordon a dry town had upon our business and perhaps I can best answer you by giving you some figures. May 1, 1902, when Gordon abolished the saloons he had deposits of \$80,868.10; March 7, 1908, we had deposits of \$277,876.18. We think we have the best little town in north-west Nebraska; collections are better without the saloon and the business men generally vote against it. From a business standpoint I have been forced to the conclusion that the saloon, at least in all small towns is a nuisance. Very truly yours,

D. H. GRISWOLD,

Cashier, First National Bank.

Gordon, Nebr., March 10, 1908.

This is to certify that I, the undersigned have been a resident merchant in the town of Gordon, Nebraska, for the past twenty years and have always been in favor of licensing saloons, feeling that they were a business necessity in order to draw trade to our town, but after five years experience in a dry town I am thoroughly convinced that the saloon is a detriment to the financial and business interests of any town and under no circumstances would I be willing to vote for or sign a petition to admit a saloon at Gordon.

L. SCHMITT,

General Merchandise.

Gordon, Nebr., March 10, 1908.

This is to certify that I have been a resident merchant in the town of Gordon for more than ten years and that I have always been in favor of the licensed saloon until the past five years' business in a dry town has convinced me that the moral and financial welfare of the town is not increased by the presence of saloons but on the contrary they are a great detriment.

I am first, last and always for a dry town hereafter.

J. H. DAVIS,

General Merchandise.

Gordon, Nebr., March 10, 1908.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that we have been in the mens' wear business here four years; during that time our business has averaged \$12,500 per annum.

During this time we have contracted less than \$100 in bad accounts and more than three-fourths of these are by persons addicted to the use of liquor.

From a business standpoint we consider a saloon a detriment to the financial interests of a town. We are not only opposed to saloons but will use our best efforts to prevent one coming into our midst.

GALLEY & SELBIG.

Gordon, Nebr., March 10, 1908.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that I have been engaged in the mercantile business in different lines in the town of Gordon for the past twenty years, and during that time I have been in a position to note very carefully the effect of saloons on the moral and financial interests of the town, and have no hesitancy in saying that in the past five years my business has been more satisfactory and collections have been made easier than previous to the banishment of the saloon from the town.

Respectfully,

J. C. JORDAN.

Gordon, Nebr., March 10, 1908.

This is to certify that I have been a resident of Sheridan county and have resided near Gordon for the past twenty years and have known the conditions of the town of Gordon while there were saloons in it and for the past five years since it has been dry, and can say that in my judgment the town, morally, socially and financially is so far superior at this present time under no license, that I value my property consisting of 1920 acres lying five miles northwest of Gordon, fifty per cent higher in value than if there were saloons in the town.

A. L. DAVIS,

Farmer and Rancher.

Gordon, Nebr., March 10, 1908.

We, after years of experience, are firmly convinced that a town without a saloon is the better place to do business. There is always a larger per cent of cash trade and collections are more easily made with a smaller per cent of loss from bad accounts.

THE FAIR,

Per F. P. Mills, Secretary.

Gordon, Nebr., March 14, 1908.

To whom it may concern:

The saloon has gone from Gordon and few there are who mourn its departure. Its going marks a new epoch in the social and business affairs of the town. That its exit may be final is the prayer of all sensible men and women. The town is on a higher plane socially and morally, and business has received a fresh impetus. Among the most pronounced anti-saloon men in Gordon today are many ardent supporters of the saloon in the past. A trial under the new regime resulted in a final verdict for the anti-saloon cause.

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### Notice to Creditors.

The State of Nebraska, ss. In the County Court of Box Butte County.

In the matter of the estate of John W. Rodgers, deceased.

To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, That I will sit at the County Court Room in Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska, on the 27th day of August, 1908, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months, from the 27th day of February, A. D. 1908, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 27th day of February, 1908.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, this 25th day of February, 1908.

(SEAL) L. A. BERRY, County Judge.

fp Feb 25-5w

### LEGAL NOTICE.

The State of Nebraska, ss. In the County Court of Box Butte County.

In the matter of the estate of John James Phillips, deceased.

To the creditors of said estate: You are hereby notified, That I will sit at the County Court Room in Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska, on the 14th day of September, 1908, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months, from the 14th day of March, A. D. 1908, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 14th day of March, 1908.

Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, this 8th day of March 1908.

(SEAL) L. A. BERRY, County Judge.

fp Mar 12-5w

### LEGAL NOTICE.

The State of Nebraska, ss. In the County Court of Box Butte County.

In the matter of the estate of Gustaf J. Jensen, deceased.

Whereas, Robert Graham, of said county, has filed in my office an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Gustaf Jensen, late of said county, deceased, and said Robert Graham has filed his petition herein praying to have the same admitted to probate, and for the issuing of letters testamentary, which will relate to personal estate.

I have therefore appointed the 30th day of March, A. D. 1908, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the county court room in said county, as the time and place for hearing said will, at which time and place you and all concerned may appear and contest the allowing of the same.

It is further ordered that said petitioner give notice to all persons interested in said estate of the pendency of this petition, and the time and place set for hearing of the same, by causing a copy of this order to be published in The Alliance Herald, a newspaper printed and published in said county for three weeks successively previous to the day set for the hearing.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 11th day of March, A. D. 1908.

L. A. BERRY, County Judge.

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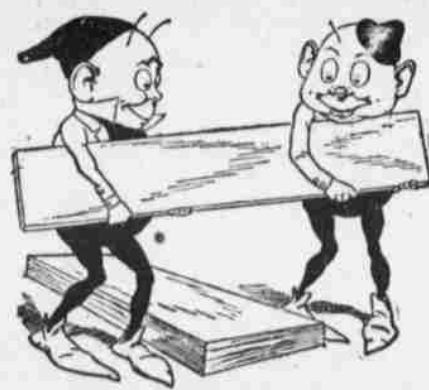
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