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### HOW PAP DILLON SOLVED THE HELP PROBLEM

An Almost True Story of the Plains, by John S. Sherman, Manager of Hotel Alliance, Alliance, Neb.

The Hotel Rotterdam, with "Pap" Dillon on the job, was the pride of the entire Snake Creek valley. It was the one best bet among the live ones. The tea table talk of the smart set and the solid citizens with money and an untroubled war record voted it the best by all odds in that section. As Pap's nearest competitor was 26 miles distant, across the sand hills, it might occur to the frivolous reader that in the very nature of things it would, as the only one, be the best, but the frivolous among us old sports nor, as far as I can learn, with our old pal, Bradstreet, either; therefore, we will drop the argument before it pulls our whiskers, which would indeed be a sad blow to our dignity.

But Pap's joys and triumphs were not unalloyed with trouble. He knew, of course, that he had the best hotel in town, because he said so himself, but that he couldn't get and keep any good help. His ads for a chef in the Snake Creek Champion invariably brought answers something like this: "Mr. Pap Dillon—kind sur—I red and re-red your ad. I am the sheff you need. I have been sheffing ever since old Spot was a pup and I dearly love to do it. Maybe you have some need for a chamber made & cook, huh. If so, my grandpa is pretty handy as he is nearly if not quite 90 yrs. of old last Friday and very fast on his feet. Address, The Sheff, care P. O.—To Pa Pa Dillon, Prop Damrottensnake Hotel, Worm Creek, Neb."

On receipt of such missives Pap would see blood. He would swell up like a poisoned coyote, stagger to his den and dash off a scathing editorial on the sinful suffering of the soused.

To add to the horror of the situation Pap took to drinking filtered cistern water and eating olives. It was a pitiful sight, indeed, to see Pop—big, strong, athletic Pop—dining on olives and rainwater.

At about this stage of the game Pop got a hunch that his help problem was solvable and decided to investigate and ascertain, if possible, what was biting it in his old pal, Landlord Boggs, of the Dickeyville Palace hotel, and requested him to write a nice, breezy letter and explain briefly how he stood on the matter. He did so as follows: "Pop Dillon—Der Sur—Damfknow—Boggs."

P. S.—Damfdoether.—Mrs. Boggs. That was all. Just the old cold, almost brutal word. Even omitted the courtesy of a "yours truly," and from his old pal, Boggs, too!

That was the last straw and Pop shuddered whenever happened to think about it. He felt that he was stung, but where?—that was the question. Was it to the quick? Ha! Stung to the quick! Sure, Mike! But had he not sworn by the great and near-great horned toads of Cherry county that he would solve the help problem or die with some clothes on trying? You bet he had! And he now realized the time was ripe to begin making history.

He did not advertise his proposed chesty and try to block off. Not he! democrat, was a gentleman still.

Pop died—just naturally, with no blare of trumpets, skyrocketed nor tainted campaign fund—he just took sick and passed on.

Need I add that he fulfilled his promise? Hardly. Yet I hesitate to recommend this system, clever though it be, except in extreme cases. I have never really tried it, although I am not feeling very well. There are other and more cheerful ways, I am sure, and if any discouraged hotel keeper with some thoughts to spare on the subject will write me his ideas, enclosing a red stamp that isn't or hasn't been worn, I will cheerfully work his ideas over into classical literature (my land, listen) and expose them through the press.

JOHN S. SHERMAN. The above article, from the Mid-West Hotel Reporter, of Omaha, by John S. Sherman, Manager of Hotel Alliance, of this city will be interesting to all local people. Snake Creek is located in Box Butte County and runs south of Alliance.

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE HERALD PUBLISHING COMPANY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, B. M. Thomas, Lloyd C. Thomas, John W. Thomas and F. A. Pierson, citizens of the United States, and residing in the state of Nebraska, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of forming and becoming a corporation in the state of Nebraska, for the purpose of the transacting of the business hereinafter described.

Article I. The name of this corporation shall be the HERALD PUBLISHING COMPANY.

Article II. (a) The principal place of transacting its business shall be at Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska.

(b) Branch offices may be maintained at such other places in the state of Nebraska as the Board of Directors may determine, where meetings of incorporators, stockholders and directors may be held and all business transacted.

Article III. The purposes for which said corporation is to be formed are as follows:

(a) To engage in the printing and publishing business; to own, operate, publish, issue, sell or buy newspapers, magazines, or other periodicals; to buy, sell, own and use all manner of office supplies.

(b) To own, operate, sell or buy printing plants and printing machinery of any kind or nature.

(c) To take, lease, purchase,

hire or otherwise acquire and to hold, use, sell, lease, exchange, mortgage, improve and develop real estate, real property and any interest or right therein, and to construct or have constructed such houses and buildings, as is necessary for carrying on and conducting said business; and to buy, sell, own, use, manage, operate and lease the same or similar structures.

(d) To borrow money, with or without security, and for the repayment of the same, to give the obligations of this corporation with any necessary or required security, and to lend money, with or without security, and to do anything whatsoever necessary, useful, desirable, convenient, or auxiliary to any of the purposes of this corporation.

Article IV. (a) The authorized capital stock of this corporation shall be Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), divided into one thousand (1,000) shares of the par value of ten dollars (\$10.00) each.

(b) The amount of capital stock with which said corporation will begin business is four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00).

(c) At such time as the Board of Directors may by resolution direct, said capital stock shall be paid into this corporation, either in cash or by the sale and transfer to it of real or personal property, contracts, services, or any other valuable right or thing for the use and purposes of said corporation, in payment for which shares of the capital stock of said corporation may be issued shall thereupon become and be fully paid the same as though paid for in cash at par, and shall be non-assessable forever, and the judgment of the directors as to the value of any property, right or thing acquired in exchange for capital stock shall be conclusive.

Article V. The existence of this corporation shall commence on the second day of January, 1911, and continue for a period of fifty (50) years thereafter, unless sooner dissolved by a vote of two-thirds of the stock thereof.

Article VI. The highest amount of indebtedness to which said corporation may at any time subject itself shall not exceed two-thirds of the capital stock.

Article VII. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this corporation shall be held on the first Monday in January in each year, at which meeting the Directors of the Company shall be elected, and such other lawful business done as the stockholders shall deem necessary and proper.

Article VIII. (a) The officers of said corporation shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the office of President and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The officers shall be chosen by the Board of Directors, and shall hold their office for the period of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. The business of said corporation shall be conducted by a Board of Directors to be elected annually from among the stockholders.

(b) The Directors for the first year or until their successors are chosen shall be B. M. Thomas, Lloyd C. Thomas, John W. Thomas and F. A. Pierson.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 29th day of December, 1910.

B. M. THOMAS  
LLOYD C. THOMAS  
JOHN W. THOMAS

5th day of January, 1911.

F. A. PIERSON

STATE OF NEBRASKA ) ss.  
County of Box Butte )  
Before me, EUGENE BURTON, a Notary Public in and for said County, and State, on this day personally appeared B. M. Thomas, Lloyd C. Thomas and John W. Thomas, to me known to be the persons who subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 10th day of January, A. D., 1911.

My commission expires July 7th, 1912.

EUGENE BURTON,  
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

STATE OF NEBRASKA ) ss.  
County of Kearney )

Before me, WM. A. JOHNSON, a Notary Public in and for said County, and State, on this day personally appeared F. A. Pierson, to me known to be the person who subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 5th day of January, A. D., 1911.

My commission expires March 16, 1914.

WM. A. JOHNSON,  
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

NOTICE TO WATER USERS

Water taxes are due January 1, 1911, and should be paid at my office in the city hall. The water will be turned off of all services not settled by January 20, 1911, and one dollar extra is charged before the service will be turned on.

J. H. CARLSON, Water Comm.  
5-21-456

MRS. SCHOTT VERY ILL

Mrs. P. F. Schott was operated on in the Mercy Hospital at Council Bluffs a week ago last Thursday. She is very ill at the present time. Her many friends will hope for her early recovery.

The little child of G. M. Burns, seventh grade teacher in Central school, has been very sick this week with indigestion and pneumonia.

### W. C. T. U. Department

Mrs. J. J. Vance, Press Supt.

The subjects of temperance and prohibition have become questions of the hour, and everyone who wishes to keep informed upon the leading issues can no longer say, "I am not interested in the subject." Leading periodicals are giving much space to articles which deal with these important topics.

Henry Smith Williams, M. D., in a recent article in the Century tells an experience of his own which furnishes proof that the public wishes to be informed concerning the question of total abstinence. He says: "Not long ago I wrote for McClure's magazine an article setting forth in clear terms, but without sentimentality or bias, the recently discovered scientific facts as to the deleterious effects of alcohol on the working and thinking capacity of man, even when taken in small quantities."

"Immediately on publication, and for weeks thereafter, requests to reproduce the article wholly or in part poured in upon editor and writer, until fully one thousand such requests had been received, a very large proportion of those coming from railroad officials, factory owners and other employers of men."

As to articles about prohibition, there is a constant demand for statistics showing financial, moral and business conditions in prohibition localities.

And again the present trend of public sentiment is shown by the attitude of many leading magazines and daily newspapers in eliminating liquor advertisements from their columns. Newspaper men are quick to note the desires and opinions of their readers.

The old cry that prohibition injures business does not seem to apply to Georgia and Alabama. The Industrial Index of those two states in a recent issue says that during the preceding week twenty-four business enterprises applied for charters in the two states, their combined capital stock amounting to \$358,200.

Birmingham, Alabama, is inviting bids for the construction of \$200,000 of sewers. Monroe County, Georgia, has voted \$80,000 for building a new court house. The contract has been let at Atlanta, Georgia, for the erection of a \$70,000 lodge building. A fertilizer factory is located at Decatur, Alabama. Several new churches are being built. A railroad is building an extension to make a short route between Atlanta, Georgia, and Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Augusta, Georgia, is making extensive improvements on the street railway system. \$20,000 is being used to remodel a lodge building at Montgomery, Alabama. Oil fields are being developed in Alabama, and large turpentine deals are reported from Georgia. There has been an increase in new buildings in Atlanta of nearly \$2,000,000 in the past nine months.

### How Saloons Help Business.

There is a good harbor at Bremerton, Washington, on Puget Sound. The government established a navy yard at that place. The town council granted licenses wholesale to saloons along Front Street, the main street leading to the navy yard. Gambling houses also flourished. This soon had a demoralizing effect upon the sailors, and the Secretary of the Navy requested the city authorities to remove these places of temptation. This was not done, and the yard was transferred to a more healthful location. The government did not wish to have its sailors influenced by such surroundings. Mass meetings were held and protests made by the citizens, but the navy department refused to alter its decision, and thus Bremerton lost business in six months amounting to a quarter of a million dollars.

The Evening Express, of Portland, Maine, in its issue of December 29, under the heading—"Maine's splendid record of 1910," says, "The people of Maine, when they cast about in these last days of the year, will find themselves financially on the upward path, exactly as the state, as a whole, finds itself, gaining at a more rapid rate than it has ever gained before. It is not too much to say in this connection that much of the growth in material wealth which we have shown from year to year, culminating in this the best year in our history, is due to the fact that the state of Maine declines to legalize the poverty making grog shop, and by the force of its example tends to wage upon its citizens lives of sobriety and thrift."

John B. Lennon, treasurer of the American Federation of Labor, says that "the saloon keeps more people out of work all the time than prohibition would throw out of work a few days until they got other positions."

Rev. J. F. Dickey, founder and pastor emeritus of the American church in Berlin, says that beer drinking is decreasing in Germany. The Kaiser is waging a vigorous campaign against immoderate use of malt beverages. He has advocated total abstinence to the midshipmen. He has also urged students at Berlin university to adopt American athletics instead of spending their leisure hours consuming beer in the cafes. The sale of beer has been forbidden on the floors of factories and workshops, which was the custom twenty years ago.

August Wilhelm, fourth son of the German Kaiser, has been boycotted by his fellow students at Bonn university because he will not get drunk and join in their carousals.

When Thomas A. Edison was asked why he was a total abstainer from the use of intoxicating drinks, he replied, "I think it was because I always felt I had a better use for my head."

The man who has a license a saloon ought not to object if any one of his own boys falls into the saloon trap which his own ballot helped to set.

Four women are members of the Legislature in Colorado.

### The Local Rural Parcels Post Bill

A good deal of interest has been taken in the bill before congress, known as the Local Rural Parcels Post bill. While the retail mail order houses of the large cities are making desperate efforts to secure a parcels post system in the United States for their special benefit, there are also some powerful influences opposing such a system.

The federal census just completed shows that the drift of population in this country is away from the country and small towns and to the large cities. By the student of political economy this is recognized as a very unfavorable condition, and an occasion for alarm to those who are interested in the welfare of the country as a whole. The worst thing we see about the proposed parcels post system is that, if adopted, it will tend to demoralize business in the villages and smaller cities, the population of which may be classed, practically, as a part of the rural population, and at the same time increase the congested population in the large cities that have the mail order houses.

We have a circular from the American League of Associations of St. Louis, giving some of the reasons why persons in the country and smaller towns should write their congressmen and United States senators, protesting against the passage of the above named bill. We would like to print the article in full, but as it is too long for that, we give the following extract from it:

The people of this country are laboring under the influence of several fallacies in regard to the Parcels Post question. Only one side has ever been presented to the consuming public, owing to the fact that the mail order publications are interested in getting the Local Parcels Post bill through to build up the mail order houses, as naturally the more the farmers order by mail the more the mail order interests feel justified in spending for advertising in farm papers, and so the system grows by what it feeds on.

The idea has become prevalent that there is very little opposition to the Parcels Post, and while to a certain extent that is a fact, nevertheless, there are more than a million and a half mercantile concerns in this country that are opposed to it.

The bill that is now before Congress asks for a Local Rural Parcels Post system. That is, the government is being asked to transport packages of about eleven pounds in weight along the rural routes, but this package must start, if Uncle Sam is going to carry it, at the local rural free delivery central station; which, in short, is asking a subsidy to help the retail mail order houses of the country develop at the expense of the small towns.

The census returns indicate that the large towns are increasing in population while the small towns of the country are barely holding their own or decreasing, so that it is evident that the drift of population is toward the large cities. Population always follows trade. Too much centralization, either in government or in cities, is a bad thing. Village life and the citizenship developed by it constitute the only hope for the perpetuity of the free institutions of this country. The most grave and serious dangers that now menace our future result from the overgrowth of the large cities and the consequent degeneration of the average citizenship of the nation. In the place of the plain people, whose country environment has made them stable, steady-headed, self-reliant and independent in thought and character, we would have the volatile city multitude—a floating population anchored to nothing, owning no real estate or property, and blown about by every breeze of popular prejudice or passion—ready for any rash experiment, social or political.

If the Local Rural Parcels Post bill were passed the advantages to the farmer would only be temporary, because this bill would give a monopoly of the trade to the one or two great retail mail order houses that are equipped to handle it, and it would not be long before this mail order trust had its hand at the consumer's throat, choking greater profit from him, without any compensating return.

The small town, with its stores, is an absolute necessity for the proper development of this country at large. It is a great educational influence in itself with its wares of all descriptions displayed to the eye. The mental interest is awakened and stimulated by the opportunity to see with one's own eyes the things that will best supply the need. The social side of human nature is developed by the personal contact involved in such intercourse, and the trip to town or village to make a purchase is oftentimes one of the most agreeable breaks in the monotony of farm life. They meet in this social center a whole circle of friends. Blot this out of the farmer's life by sending the business of the town to the retail mail order houses and you take something that is as human and social value not to be measured by money.

The demand for a parcels post comes hardly without exception from those who expect to profit in one way or another from the enormous increase in the mail order business.

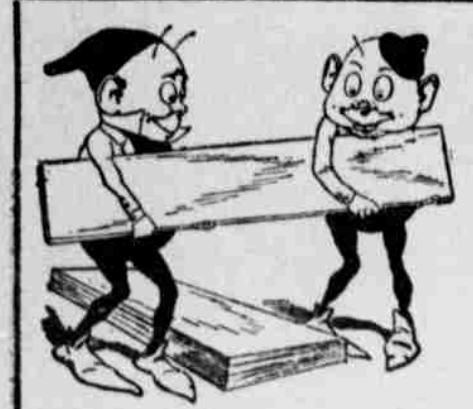
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