FORMER WEBSTER COUNTY MAN'S REPORT ON CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE

I went to the Citizenship Conference as a self appointed delegate from a very wet town in industrial New England. My expenses were paid by a committee of drys, which provided liberally for everything I would need on the trip and told me to hurry back.

A very unusual situation developed upon our arrival in Washington. The chap I was travelling with was a fraternity man, and the first thing he did was to trot me over to the local chapter of his lodge and get us both put up for the three days of our stay. On no consideration would these splendid men of the fraternity accept a cent of my hotel money, and I at once faced the apalling possibility of having to carry home a surplus of cash on hand. It was only by conscientious hammering that I was able to reduce this unhealthy condition, but I did it, and by the time we got home my state was the happy and normal one of being broke.

The conference was presided over by Fred B. Smith, a lusty old general who has for years been an irrepressible leader in gurrila warfare against present day powers of darkness. It was this man who has largely been responsible for the calling of the citizenship conference

Bishop McDowell Washington, gave us a belligerent address of welcome, thundering so that one involuntarily pictured this white haired old patriot as standing in the habiliments of Patrick Henry or John Audams. "We have seen that the liquor element has always adopted a criminal attitude toward any law which interferred with their nefarious trade. Shall this lawless minority any longer defy the government by the people? If we banish the saloon from our front door, shall we allow it to return by the back door or through the cellar Having banished it from the upper world forever, shall it be allowed to return through the underworld No. Ten thousand times—NO!" he said.

After this bugle call, the conference rolled up its sleeves and pitched into the business of finding out the facts of the situation. Commissioner Roy . Haynes of Ohio, head of the Federal Enforcemnt Department was hailed before this body of seven hundred determined inquisitors.

"Give us the facts, whether good or bad" they said. We want the truth".

"Fifteen hundred and twenty two men are all you have given me to guard warhouses, issue permits, patrol the Canadian border, the Mexican border, the Atlantic coast, the Pacific coast and to ferret out the sources of supply in the interior" answered Haynes. "Yet we have not failed. We are centralizing bonded liquor into 28 warehouses. We have reduced issuance of permits to a million and one half gallons a year. Smuggled liquor cannot be more than one and one half per cent of pre-prohibition consumption, and we are driving the bootlegger out of society and outlawing the whole traffic. We ask you to help us by seeing that your own police attend to local violations and to have us free for the work of drying up the sources of supply"

We learned another thing from Haynes: a thing which he didn't tell us. We learned that Haynes, whole-hearted and sincere as he is, is not big enough for the job he holds. Governor Pinchot's Sunday speech demanding that the President himself assume charge of enforcement voiced the sentiment of the majority of the conference on this matter.

The fact finding commission of the federal council of churches in their report did not agree with the Commission in all things. On the whole they were a little more pessimistic, pointing out that enforcement is very lax in some portions of the country, and insisting that there has been a general loosening during the past year. That prohibition is a failure was emphatically denied.

Corruption in high places was charged by Charles Zehnter, executive secretary of the federation of church of Pittsburgh. The brewers get 18 a barrel for beer, it costs about $2 for transportation, yet the saloon keeper of Pittsburgh pays $50 a barrel for it. "Where is that other $30 a barrel going" he asked, and charged that Commissioner Blair of Washington could give an answer to this question, and could also explain several other incidents where there had been an obstruction of justice in cases which had been carried to the national capital. A man from Youngstown, Ohio, which happens to be Blair's home city, confirmed this estimate of the official, saying that Blair had always been a notorious wet and that every one who knows him believes that prohibition has been betrayed in the house of its friends by his appointment. Such statements make lively listening just at this time.

We attended church Sunday morning in Ex-President Wilson's church, heard a rather ordinary sermon, and failed to see Wilson. Sunday afternoon were persent when Governor Pinchot exploded his bombshell which has caused great glee among the drys. Carter Glass of Virginia and Rabbi Wise of New York had whetted our appetite for concussions by pelting Congressman Bell of Maryland and the Solicitor General of the United States, and then Pinchot treated us to a real explosion which threatens to upset the whole enforcement organization of the government. He declared that contempt of law has grown until it constitutes a national emergency threatening the very existance of democratic government and therefore the President is bound by his oath of office to assume charge of enforcement till law and order are established. Because Pinchot is doing as well as talking, his words carried the conviction that was right, and we cheered him to the echo.

Billy Bryan and Allen of Kansas spoke at the meeting attended by the President. Each of them said one remarkable thing. Hear Bryan: "The Democratic party will now have to do something constructive, since booze can no longer absorb all the time of the conventions."

Allen: "The other day I passed the old Kelley Cure Institute in Illinois, and saw that its doors were barred and its windows were boarded up. It closed for want of business."

Other great men spoke. Congressman Upshaw got so vehemnt that he displaced his store teeth and ended several biting statements versus wet by exclaiming "Ub" accompanying this enigmatic monosyllable with a retrieving motion of his head. Senator Borah, calm, shrewd and fearless in a masterly address maintained that not only the eighteenth amendment but also the first and the fifth and all the rest must be impartially upheld by rich and poor alike. "The banker who receives the bootlegger and buys his product, thus violating the eighteenth amendment, can have no real case against the associate of that bootlegger who enters the bank and robs it, thus violating the fifth amendment.' He made us see that there must be a Renaissance of respect for constituted authority or America is doomed.

The total effect of the Citizenship Conference can be summed up by saying that it gave an emphatic shove on the pendulum of public opinion, of the eighteenth amendment and associated legislation. The best citizens of the nation, weary of the open flaunting of this law and a little frightened at the undermining of respect for all law which violation of this law has caused are beginning to say with heat "Repeal or Enforce".

HAROLD E. FEY, R. C. H. S. '16

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BUCKSHOT

Now that summer is over the girls can put their furs into cold storage.

You can tell good corn by the size of the ears, but this is not true of men.

Women should make better fliers than men. They go up in the air so much easier.

Common sense will settle any question that comes up if you have sense enough to use it.

A Lincoln restaurant always gives the biggest pieces of pie to patrons who sit next to the windows.

I know a battery man who sells a battery for $16.50 and makes $18 profit on it. The profit is in the repairs.

Many people would be a whole lot better off if it were impossible to buy anything on the payment plan.

It has got so that holidays that are set aside for patriotic purposes are really only additional days for loafing.

I find lots of fault with The Boss but I don't know what I would do with her if she were different from what she is.

My choice for President is Everett True. To my mind he has all the necessary qualifications for a first class official.

So many auto accidents happed on Sunday that Ace Wood is afraid to go to church for fear he will be killed on the way.

The person who is always laying down rules of conduct for others always gets mad when his own shortcomings are exposed.

It is wrong to be envious but when I see a country editor who has nothing to do but look after his own paper I can't help it.

I wish the girl across the street would make her beau quit driving a Ford or send him home before 2 o'clock in the morning.

Shaving could be done much more conveniently if a fellow could take his nose off and lay it aside while engaged in the operation.

Once there was a printer who tried to follow the injunction of the sunshine distributors and whistle at his work. His funeral was poorly attended.

One editor remarks that you can run your business without advertising, just like you can run your car without gas, and that is down hill.

Someone remarks that you can't force a $20,000 education upon a $20 boy. In other words, lots of good section lands have been ruined by a college education.

Greedy people are always trying to get more than their share. But patient, decent folks usually fare about as well in the long run and have more friends.

Those people who pretend to want equal rewards for everyone really mean that they want to prosper at the expense of those who are industrious and thrifty.

I've got a lazy streak in me which is always planning how I can get along without work but I am never really satisfied unless I can at least pretend to be busy.

If Big Business would spend less money for press agents and publicity departments and more for legitimate advertising it would be better understood and have more friends.

I am such an ordinary old plug that it is much more pleasant for me to have a friend who is as ordinary as I am and a handy liar in the bargain than it is to have a friend who is high minded and brutally frank.

I am neither a Catholic nor a Mason, and never expect to be, but it is difficult for me to believe that Catholics are not loyal to the government or that Masons help their comrades avoid the consequences of crime.

I lost out on a good dinner recently by not being able to get to the home of Carl Cass on time. Not only was the dinner good but I could have eaten it without a constant stringing growling like I have to put up with at certain other places where I visit

If you are going to be a candidate for office don't waste time and money trying to get free advertising from the papers. Come to me and I'll tell you how to really get your good qualities before the public.

A few years ago women who wanted some work were told how to get rich making cotton flannel gloves, or aprons or enlarging pictures and the cost of an outfit was only a few dollars. Now all the women are urged to buy knitting machines at a high price, and do home knitting.

Kansas Pickups

SMITH COUNTY

Mr. and Mrs. George Rohrer visited at the John Hewson home Tuesday.

Miss Frances Abbott is visiting at the Earl Abbott home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Reihan of Topeka are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. Roy Meyers is having quite a siege with the mumps at this writing.

M. D. Lannigan, living south of Smith Center, is husking corn for his uncle C. R. Lannigan.

Austin Spurrier and family visited in Burr Oak Saturday.

Earl Abbott and wife, Hoyte Lull and family were Sunday visitors at the Newell Marritt home.

Mr. Leo Abbott, son Kenneth and daughter Miss Frances autoed here from Martinsville, Indiana. They have come to reside here. Mrs Abbott is to come thru on the train later. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott left here for Indiana five years ago, but seems like once a resident of Kansas or Nebraska and leave, they usually return.

In the District Court of Webster County, Nebraska.

David Z. Mummert, Plaintiff
vs LEGAL NOTICE.
Charles E. Eddy, Emma B. Eddy, his wife,
Clarence Jones, Lillian R. Jones, his wife,
Clarence Reeve, Kate Reeve, his wife,
First National Bank, Holyoke, Colorado,

Lot Two (2) in Block One (1) in Vance's Second Addition to Guide Rock, Webster County, Nebraska.

The above named defendants and each of them, as well as the unknown claimants to the real estate above described, will take notice that on the 29th day of October 1923, David Z. Mummert, plaintiff herein filed his action in said court against said defendants, the object and prayer of which is to foreclose a certain tax sale certificate issued against said real estate by the County Treasurer of Webster County, Nebraska, on the 4th day of November 1918 and subsequent taxes paid thereunder, now amounting to $122.60 to have the amounts so paid with interest thereon decreed a first lien against said real estate and for a sale of said real estate to satisfy said lien. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 17th day of December 1923

David Z. Mummert, Plaintiff,
By Fred Maurer, His Attorney.

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Located 5 miles from Wheeler, Kas., and 7 Miles from St. Francis The farm is practically level, 85 acres being in cultivation, balance pasture, all fenced. Good well water. 60 acres of corn that will yield 35 to 50 bushels per acre, 20 acres of feed in shock. 40 acres in fall wheat that is up. All new farm machinery, 8 head horses, 3 good milk cows, 2 wagons, 2 sets of work harness, 12 hogs, 50 chickens, and household furniture goes with farm Farm cost $10,000 but owner will take $9,000. Can give time on $2,700. Write Box 19, r. f. d 2, St. Francis, Kans.

Local Union to Meet

HEAR YE! The Red Cloud Farmers Local Union No. 1222 will hold an open meeting at the Odd Fellows hall, Friday evening, Nov. 16, at 7:30. Short program. The address of the evening will be given by Rep. Dan Garber. He will have the entire evening and will discuss the legislative proceedings of the last session of the legislature. It will be well worth your time and trouble to hear Mr. Garber. All other Locals near Red Cloud are urged to attend as well as the people of Red Cloud.—A. B. Peirce, President.

In the County Court of Webster County, Nebraska.

STATE of NEBRASKA, } ss
WEBSTER COUNTY.

In the matter of the estate of Michael Donovan, deceased.

Creditors of Said Estate Will Take Notice, that the time limited for presentation and filing of claims against the same is February 15th, 1924, and for the payment of debts is October 20th, 1924, that I will sit at the county court room in said county on the 16th day of February, 1924, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to receive, examine, hear, allow, or adjust all claims and objections duly filed

Dated this 20th day of October A. D. 1923.

(Seal) A. D. RANNEY,
County Judge.