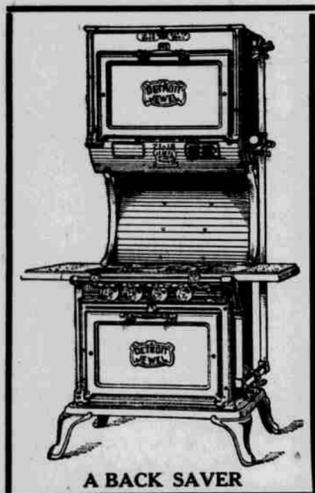


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Advice That Should Be Carefully Scanned

I WANT TO SELL my property at 1721-1725 K street; sixteen rooms, double house, modern except heat; because I want to leave city on account of bad experience with Lincoln law. Gottlieb Wessel, 1721 K street.

This unique advertisement appearing in a recent issue of the Journal made Lincoln people sit up and take notice.

"Yes, I want to sell out and leave Lincoln," declared Mr. Wessel to a reporter, "for the reason given in the advertisement. I like the city as a place of residence and regret to move elsewhere, but during my four years stay here I have gotten a bigger dose of bad law than I can stand."

"I am a retired farmer and moved to this city from Waverly about four years ago. I bought the place which I am now offering for sale intending to make it my home and that of my family as long as I lived. I had no business pursuits to occupy my time and settled down to enjoy the fruits of long years of toil and privation."

"I had scarcely moved into my new home before I was involved in litigation with my neighbor on the east, James F. Lansing, over the lot line. I had my ground surveyed and found that Lansing had appropriated three feet of it. He had placed a fence on it and refused to remove the obstruction."

"I consulted a lawyer, and right here is where my troubles began that have distressed me and my family ever since we moved into the community. He advised me to tear down the fence and take possession of the three feet that belonged to me. I did so, and then the fireworks were set off."

"In the fight that followed, after the attempt was made to tear down that fence, my wife was injured and we were subjected to the humiliation of being brought into police court. The public is familiar with what followed. I learned later that the legal advice given me was wrong and Lansing was entitled to the three feet because he had had undisputed possession of the ground for twenty years. You see I did not know that, but it was the business of the lawyer whom I consulted to know it. That is why I consulted one that I might not commit an unlawful act."

"Besides causing much worry and humiliation, the litigation that followed the tearing down of that line fence cost me nearly a thousand dollars. Another thing that has induced me to seek a residence in another community is the excessively high taxes that one is forced to pay here. My personal tax is \$100 a year and it is entirely too high. I think that I shall move to Omaha."

Wessel was a juror in the Routzahn case, and expressed some resentment over the fact that he had been criticized, and expressed some resentment

taxpayer, has a right to his opinion and only did as he thought was right.—Lincoln Evening News.

The conclusion of the above is a little mixed, but it appears verbatim. The story, however, affords an opportunity to point a few morals, adorn a few tales, and, incidentally to make a quotation or two from accepted proverbs.

There is that old Bible quotation, "He that ruleth his spirit is greater than he who taketh a city." And there is another one, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." And still another, "Physician, heal thyself."

The Evening News, which has constituted itself guardian extraordinary and preserver plenipotentiary of the people's rights—saying only their rights to decent treatment from the Traction Co.—did not tell all of the story. Indeed, it left out some of the most interesting portions. This, perhaps, was an oversight—and then again, perhaps it was not.

In order to get a clear knowledge of Mr. Wessel's troubles it is necessary to ascertain who the lawyer was who gave him the bad advice. It so happens that Mr. Wessel's lawyer was John S. Bishop, a member of the city council. A very little investigation surely would have revealed the fact that Mr. Lansing had held the property for more than ten years, thus becoming the owner by right of adverse possession—if that is the proper legal phrase. Every schoolboy knows that undisputed possession of property for ten years gives the possessor title. Either Mr. Bishop did not know it, or he thought the attorneys on the other side and Mr. Lansing were feeble-minded.

All this naturally calls attention to Mr. Bishop and his activities as a member of the city council. The allied printing trades have good reason to remember Mr. Bishop for the reason that he is the gentleman who grew so humorous and sarcastic in his opposition to the label ordinance asked for by the printing trades. Mr. Bishop, it so happens, has been introducing a number of ordinances aimed at the Gas company. We haven't any defense to make of the Gas company. Experience has taught us that the public utility corporations are fairly well able to take care of themselves. With the very best of advice and counsel

the city will always have all it can do to hold its own with the utility corporations. For this reason The Wage-worker would call attention to a few facts concerning the present struggle with the Gas company. Mr. Bishop has, perhaps, been playing to the galleries in all of this gas controversy. He it was who introduced the gas testing ordinance, and he it was who introduced the dollar gas ordinance. It is Mr. Bishop, too, who has taken such an active interest in fighting the Gas company. We will cheerfully give credit to Mr. Bishop for being honest in his motives and desirous only of contributing to the city's good. We have heard it hinted that he had an ulterior motive; that he was ambitious to become city attorney, or at least assistant city attorney. But that is neither here nor there. That is a matter yet to be decided. What is of timely interest, however, is whether the gentleman who gave Mr. Wessel such poor advice is the proper man to advise the city in a question so large and so momentous as this present one with the Gas company.

The Wage-worker will insist now, as it always has, that the public utility corporation deal justly with the city. On the other hand, it will insist that the city deal justly with the public utility corporations.

Mr. Wessel had a decided advantage over any public utility corporation. His investment in Lincoln was such that at any time when he became dissatisfied with conditions he could pull out. It is different with a corporation like the Gas company or the Traction company. Mr. Wessel invested perhaps \$5,000, and he pulls out with a loss of \$1,100 after a year of it, a thousand dollars of which he attributes to the bad advice of the gentleman who is just now declaring himself to be the possessor of all wisdom on the gas question. If the Gas company should happen to be the victim of the bad advice Mr. Bishop gives the city it can not imitate the example of Mr. Wessel and sell out and move. And if the city is the victim of the kind of advice Mr. Bishop gave Mr. Wessel, according to Mr. Wessel's statement, it can not sell out and go away. On the contrary, it will have to stay right here, and the individual taxpayers will have to foot the bills of any costly municipal mistakes.

We are not denying that the Gas company should furnish better gas and furnish it more cheaply. The solution of that question depends altogether upon conditions, and those conditions

should be fully and fairly investigated. It will not do to let the city rush into a lawsuit that may cost a whole lot more money than it cost Mr. Wessel to follow the advice of the gentleman who is just now advising the city to do thus and so with the Gas company. The Wage-worker owns no stock in the Gas company. Neither does it own any stock in the Traction company. It can therefore approach consideration of both corporations with a free and unbiased mind. It insists that the Traction company shall give the people better service because it knows full well that the company owes it to the city. It is willing to admit that the Gas company should give better service, and perhaps a lower rate. It is not, however, willing to admit that Mr. Bishop is competent to decide what the Gas company should do, nor that he is the right man to advise the city as to its duty towards the Gas company. If the city follows his advice and the city suffers proportionately as Mr. Wessel suffered, it will cost the municipality enough to put in two or three very adequate and up-to-date gas plants.

We want more information on the subject. Perhaps it would be well for the city council to confer with Mr. Wessel before accepting the advice and counsel of Mr. Bishop, who is wonderfully active just now, with a spring election in sight, in baiting the Gas company. We are not caring a hang what becomes of the Gas company. Trust it to look out for itself. What we are interested in is the conservation of the people's rights and the protection of their interests.

FLASHES WHISKY IN CHURCH.

President of Hastings College Shows Sunday Purchases Made.

Strong evidence that whisky is being sold in Hastings contrary to law was given at the services at the Congregational church. At the conclusion of the regular services Rev. Mr. Harrison, the pastor, who is also president of the ministerial association, introduced Rev. Mr. Wight, president of Hastings college, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who had come in during the services and whom the pastor said, had a few important statements to make.

President Wight said that it had been his intention to be in Lincoln at that time but on account of certain statements that he had heard made Sunday and see if it was possible to verify the statement that Sunday closing of saloons was not effective. At this juncture the speaker produced two flasks of whisky which had

been concealed upon his person saying: "This we have purchased in the city of Hastings since seven o'clock this evening."

The city administration, according to President Wight's idea, was to be blamed instead of the saloon men and he declared that it was the intention of the ministerial association to see what might be done with the evidence that had been thus secured. It is understood that a petition is to be circulated asking that the law be enforced and the dealer from whom the liquor was purchased be compelled to close his place of business.

HE IS THE SANTA FE ROBBER.

The Lawrence Prisoner Confessed to Being in the Shooting.

A wounded man arrested in Lawrence accused of trying to hold up Santa Fe passenger train No. 17 at Holliday confessed that he was in a shooting on the train, but says he remembers nothing except that fact. He says his name is Charles Green and that he came last from Salida, Colo. He says he knows he was shot, but does not remember shooting anyone else. When asked about the attempted holdup he hesitated and replied: "I don't know what I'm up against. I don't remember trying to hold up a train."

It is believed he will attempt to prove that he was drunk and was not responsible for his act.

Dr. Ball of Kansas City, whose drug store was robbed, identified Green as one of the men who robbed him. An old Mexican coin which Dr. Ball kept in his cash register was found in one of the man's pockets.

GIVEN ANOTHER SHAKING.

Southern California Experiences Severe Shocks.

December 8 San Luis Obispo experienced an earthquake which lasted more than thirty seconds. The shock was from north to south. Half an hour later another one was felt, but was not so pronounced as the first. The earthquake also was felt at Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Cayucos and Cambria. At the latter place articles were shaken from shelves.

Kansas School Teachers.

Kansas employs 12,234 teachers in its schools and 9,614 of these are women. At the normal institutes last summer 11,335 teachers or persons who wanted to become teachers, were enrolled and 9,619 were given certificates.

Kansas School Finances.

In the year ending June 30, 1906, the common schools of the state received \$7,216,768.14 and the total cost of the schools for the year was \$6,309,808.36. The total taxable value of all property in the state listed for school purposes is given at \$388,172,

351 and the average levy made on this property for schools is 12.73 mills. The established value of the school buildings and grounds is \$12,339,944. There are 8,732 district school buildings in Kansas, 192 being erected in the last year.

Close Call for Baroness.

Baroness Speck von Sternburg, wife of the German ambassador had a narrow escape when an electric car on Fourteenth street, Washington, crashed into her automobile, the impact tearing the front of the machine off and breaking the fender of the car. The lady's life was probably saved, an eye-witness stated, by a quick application of the breaks by the motorman. The accident was caused by the chauffeur losing control of the machine while trying to cross the tracks in front of the car.

Verge of Starvation.

Many of the Chippewa Indians at the Portage reservation in Minnesota are on the verge of starvation. The customary allowance of flour and pork from the government has not been received. The following appeal has been written to Major S. W. Campbell, Indian agent at Ashland, Wis.:

"Does the government want us to die? We can not understand how these things can be. We can not understand why we can not sell our pine and we can not understand why we can not have some pork and flour for our old and sick brothers."

Hadley to Kansas Lawyers.

Herbert S. Hadley, attorney general of Missouri, is to be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Kansas Bar association in the supreme courtrooms at Topeka January 30 and 31.

A Capital Hint.

Put a pinch of powdered borax in the water in which you wash your lettuce, and allow the latter to steep for half to three-quarters of an hour in this solution; then either shake them free of moisture in the salad basket or break up the lettuce, and after well rinsing them, wipe each individual leaf clean. Salted water softens and wilts the leaves; but borax, while freeing them from extraneous matter, leaves them quite crisp and fresh.

Coffee Spice Cake.

Put into a pan one cup of sugar, one cup Porto Rico molasses and two-thirds of a cup of butter. Add one cup hot coffee that has been turned over a teaspoonful of soda and stirred until it stopped "purring." Mix well, then add one half-pound seeded raisins, a teaspoonful each of cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg and flour, about three cups or enough to make as stiff as fruit.

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