

Page 1 "DeWetts" DeWetts State Hospital
March 16th Placer County California
To Dr. C R Jackson, MD. In Charge

Dear Sir,

March 1954

It is my duty to again Report to your office (sic) the progress of the "Spiritualist Criterium(?)" I formerly Reported to Dr. Tipton MD. The Morphinism had its Origin in Ventura County. As to the cause of establishing of it as it purports in the "Voice of One in Coming to be of the "Baptist Synod" of Los Angeles. By name Thomas Cole chairman of the synod. and that the cause of the "Morphinism disturbance" was the Condition then presented in Ventura County. The Conit_____ "local option" "Prohibition of Liquors" which "at once" had to do with the enforcing. Then it transpired that Regarding Enforcement" It was necessary to enforce agents. The "Ministers Christian Temperance Union." Then as fated during the time of trying out this proposed 18th Consitutional Amendment in P--- trials. The :proposed amendment" meant that it was State Wide "the" duration of the trial it being Federal. "The selection of the Agents was left to Thomas Burke Pastor of Emmanuals Baptist Church East Vernon St. Los Angeles." Regarding Burkes Appointment "it" was a mistake. Burke was a man of an Ignorant way --pired with a self sufficient way of knowing himself. "before the Amendment was on" in the Federated States. [empty space] that Frank Kerr an ignorant "man" had --- morphinism to Burke in "order to familiarize him" with the result of the "Ventura Election" as a Prohibition County. The only Prohibition county in California. Then Burke made it specially to go to Ventura County and pose as "Cha--- Prohibition Experiment." Burke lectured to "all Congregations" of Methodist Baptist. Presbyterian Churches in Ventura County. Then "Tom Burke" E----- to do Morphinism to Bishop Michaels of the Anglican Communion." together with "Frank Kerr" and "James Fair an Ignorant Testament Preacher fellow from Mid Missouri."

Page 2

...of Filmore. The object of the exponents was a call on the bishop to investigate Louis Lee Barnes "as" a "Morphineism Violator." It transpired that they were called on as "Insisible Empire" Exponents. "In their way "of" knowing it." "To Aprehend [sic] all criminal people."

The Charge that they had against Barnes was that he was a "thinking man" and when "intoxicated" would cause trouble. It now is the duty of Thomas Cole Sr. "to make Barnes" familiar with the "real cause of their animosity to him." It is "as follows." That Barnes "was not" of their Church Denominational, "Christian Ideology." And That "after" being Converted at a "Camp meeting." That Barnes turned "Backslider" at once. At this point Rev. Thomas Cole turnes over to Louis L Barnes the Filmore establishment. [small tear to paper] "Order that if he can do so"— To make clear the cause of the above mentioned "Ofences [sic] to them" of being falce [sic] to the "Faith."— At this point Barnes Communes as follows, "Rearding [regarding] the "Camp meeting" Conviction and Conversion affair.— While in Filmore visiting my sister. I went with my sister Fany [sic] and Dr. John Powal [sic] Hinckley, "my sisters husband" to a "joint Camp meeting Methodist and Baptist." During the service a friendly acquaintance acting as Exhorter among the People. "By name Willis Burson" a "good fellow [sic] wanted me to "come to God."— and was "insistant" about it. After turning it over in my mind during his exhortation, In order to please Burson and put a perment end [permanent end?] to his persistance in

the future— and for “all time to come,” Also if it was “to do a service.” If in Bursons way knowing of it “as in” Example to others “to do” “as I were doing.” So I went “Up Front” and Turned in my Testimony in keeping with the “10 Commandments”— “The Lords Prayer.”—”The General Confession”— that pertains to the Declaration [then subscribed above, “and absolution of the remaining...”] of sins—which folows [sic] “ The General Confession.” I do not call to mind that way example was folowed [sic] by anyone to the best of my “rememberance” It was of no “service.” It all ended as Mr. Cole has above mentioned—culminating in “the exponents knowing of Mr. Barnes as a Backslider.” Thomas Cole resumes (?) That Regarding Barnes and his being in any way Culpable. That nothing on Earth could be of a more Tolerant and Kindly way during the long “Physic Morphineism” that one is understanding ignorance involved him in. While there is yet time to save his life.

Page 3

That it becomes “Thomas Coles duty” to ask the “ones” where they are “held prisoners” in “Solitary Confinement” at “Rump 500” to Unite in a “Clearance as not guilty in any way” “Or Responsible” for “Their present condition”. Also they were “led astray by the “One Where They are”— by name “Frank Kerr” who was apointed [sic] by the Ministers Christian Temperance Union.” To act as an Agent in the enforcement of the Prohibition Cause in Ventura County. Also there is “One” who like Barnes, “not guilty in any way” for being involved in this “Old Established Morphenism” The man is by name, “Frank Atmore”, a Native of Ventura County. “The Morphinism” “was” then in Service as “auxiliary reinforcement” to Compulsory “Christian” Conviction” and Conversion in conformance to an “Old Vagary” still extant among some Sectarian People of an ignorant way.

In the Enforcement those who were Exponents made a mistake. Atmore was at yet an unmarried [sic] man. After the Spanish & United States war was over Atmore returned to Ventura and married [sic] Laura Jenings [sic] of the “Protestant Episcopal Church.” The Exponents, after Atmore had “joined” the Pythian Lodge in Santa Paula. “They called on him” —to be man in charge of the Pythian Lodge, then extant in Santa Paula. —Then Atmore and Mrs. Laura were “called” on to Desert the “Anglican Comunion [sic]”— and join the Baptist. Or the Methodist Churches. Preferably the Baptist. After sometime had lapsed and the “Sectarian Exponents” failed to inspire Mrs. Laura, and they kept up their lick at it, “Mrs. Laura resented it acording [sic] to Atmore” Mrs. Laura got “angry as a cat” at their persistant Pythian Knightly [subscribed “Maltese”] Comunes [sic]. Regardles [sic] of Mrs. Lauras dislike for their

Page 4

Knightly Maltese gibering [??sic].— Atmore communes, “That Laura got so that she would use “profane language,”at last Laura informed Atmore, “that if he dis not stop his knightly Maltese Friends. “Also their, “Maltese Auxilaries.” “That Laura would go to Ventura and that “Atmore could go to Hell in their gilrring [??sic]. Atmore and Laura were living in the Vicinity of Filmore, and to keep the Peace that sometimes “they would atend [sic] the Methodist Church in Filmore.” Atmore Concludes [his - erased] by saying “That there has been a Persistence of it” from “the time that it was first broken” “up to date.” “Atmore resumes Comune [sic] “Regarding — The Misriam” That Mrs. Laura was compelled to bear with from the pleased “self established” “Long Distance Communicants” [sic]. Also Atmore is compeled [sic] to say that in keeping with his “Past Pythian Councilors [sic]” Oath of Office [sic] “and that during the 1 year of

office [sic] as "Pythian in Charge," There was a Continuous "so Called" "Christian Spiritual Transmission" inforcement [sic] on Atmore Comunes "that if he did not incline to folow [sic] "their Ministiries" after having finished his time in office [sic] of One year, as "Pythian in Charge" then 2 years in street misionary [sic] service in Ventura. Or Los Angeles if they were going out of the County to do it. "Atmore "Comunes" that at this "Time He is minded to know." "That it will have been "well" for him to have "remained at home" about his own afairs [sic]. "Atmore Co-munes" That The "One" who always led the friends in "Ventura Street Service—was Frank Kerr." And that when it was "in order" to "put on another Street Orgy" in Los Angeles that the "Little Doctor" would prescribe the day, hour, date, that they would find him "There." And that in the "putting [sic] on" of the good work "he would lead" and "Oficiate [sic] for them." Then in "thise days" Among The Friends [in superscript above "he was known"] , As The DOCTOR, as "Atmore Comunes" Frankie was inspired with the Dignity of it."

Page 5

Later on while here at DeWitts while in Comune Frankie introduced himself in a recomendatory [sic] way as a "Doctor of Physic Science." Dr. Stanley of the beaureau of Criminology and Physic research at his "Bench Court" Investigation at Ventura County Hospital. Dr. Stanley called Kerr a "Criminal Imbecile" as it purports from all involved in his "Morphinism" Including Thomas Cole Chairman Baptist Synod of the South — Ex Sherif [sic] R M Clark of Ventura County. Frank Atmore. Paul Taylor. BF Keny [sic]. Geo W Young. Wm Keny [poss. "kerry"] Verne Young. Wm. McDonald. Frank Carigan, Jery [sic] Carigan. John Monger. Albert Burson — Ralph Burson, ~~Thomas Burke~~ and Frank Kerr. who denounces himself as most—and more guilty—than any of the others. In atempting [sic] to put the "Morphineism" and pocesion [sic] of "Morphine" on Louis Lee Barnes—Now the above mentioned friends are "United" on "Clearing Barnes and Atmore" of any complicity or Responsibility" for both of the Origins and Births of the Sentiments," That were prevalent "In those Days." The real object behind the "Sentiments of Those Days." Was "The Advent" of "Local Option" "Prohibition of Liqueurs." All of which—went "Far" in the reinforcing The "Advisable" of a "renaissance [sic] of a recurance [sic]" of a resort to the "Ancient Ana Baptist" "Conviction and Conversion Vagary" Aluded [sic] to by the Rev Thos. Cole which at Once Called for the "Riting [sic on] of "Morphineism" The then popular Expedient to "Hurry Up" a "Conversion." If in "Their way" of "knowing of it." They regarded it as a Vital necessity [sic] in the order that there was to be no future in the Busines [sic] they had in mind that they were going to acomplosh [sic]. And "That which they had in mind" That "They were going to do." Thomas Cole in Comune remarks That as "the Comune Continues" "In his Medi-tations" as "the Past goes

Page 6

before him in Retrospection." That "it is going to end" "Only in Eternity"—at "the lick" that it has "always been going." and "continues unabated." That Thomas Cole has come to the conclu-sion, That he will not again participate in the "making over" of those who are away entirely unfited [sic] to be "made over," and that "only God" knows ultimately what would come of it So it has come to pas [sic] in the Ventura County "Christian Conviction and Conversion, "and the" Final [many words erased - then a composition ruled piece of paper is pasted over a 6 3/8" area and written on] Making [first word on this pasted on piece of paper].

of a Minister of the Convicted and Converted One. Regarding the "Speculative advis-

able” in “making an attempt [sic] of “that way and means.” Some people might revolt and resent the Attempt [sic] as a resort to Heathanism and resort to Multiplicity of Gods in a Heathen Attempt [sic] to accomplish [sic] their purpose in their ignorance by a “Sacriligious [sic] Attempt [sic] to “make clean for a good purpose” and Sanctify it by a Violation of “all Five Senses” of Human Nature by a Resort to the “Foul Fiend Morpheus” also “Sextus in their Acme” of having people “Born again.” Rehabilitated and be One of “their Church” members. Regarding “Their Churches and Ministers, “They are Entitled to their Devotions in their way of going about it. I do not know of any One who would interfere “if even” They were asured [sic] of a Total suces [sic] at it and if they were to be Well Paid for doing it. It has to do with Their “Inherent Constitutional Religious Liberty.”

The Chairman of the Baptist Synod of Los Angeles “Thomas Cole Comunes” that the prevalent conditions, That were on, in Ventura Folowed [sic] by Conditions of the same Origin in the Federated States caused him years of trouble. Robert M Clark, Ex Sherif [sic] of Ventura County concludes the present Comune [sic]. [last word on pasted paper - writer leaves three line blank before continuing on the original substrate/paper].

From [? not sure of word] purports that the Voice purporting to be Thomas Cole Sr. the Chairman of the Baptist Sinod [sic] of Los Angeles. “The Voice” that was “Carying [sic] on” — “as such” in this “long Report yesterday was it, “Now purports to have [then last line scuffed up a bit] Cole irs [?] Voice yesterday is the above [the two illegible words]

Page 7

The Voice of “Thomas Cole Jr.” His Father “in” Advanced years” — “present in “this Comune [sic]” now turns it over to “R L Clark Formerly Sherif [sic]” of “Ventura County” And “That both Father and Son” are “no longer going to participate” “in this Morphineism [sic].” And That going out of this Comune [sic] “that they are no longer of the “Baptist Physic Divinity.” And That is the conclusion of the Whole mater [sic] — And that Robert M Clark will now “TakeOver” from “now on” — as far as he can do “so” — The Ventura County Morphineism disturbance” R M Clark takes over and resumes, That There is “litle [sic] farther [sic] service, at DeWetts [sic] “that” can be done “and that” all that remains to be done” is to return to Ventura County and that before Dr. Homer MD in Charge “to clear All that remaine [sic]” of their Morphineism [sic] disturbance in an open investigation. Also for those in “posesion [sic] of Morphine” to turn it over to R M Clark and that He will turn it over to Dr. Homer.

Robert M. Clark, Former Sherif [sic] of Ventura County concludes His Report to Dr. C R Jackson MD In Charge DeWett [sic] S H

Respectfully [sic]
Robert M Clark
Formerly Sherif [sic]
Ventura County
California.