

OFFICE MUNICIPAL COURT  
GEORGE TAZWELL, JUDGE  
PORTLAND, OREGON

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June 14, 1912.

Hon. A. G. Rushlight,

Mayor,

Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

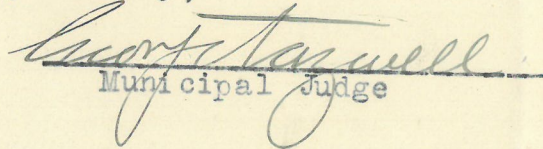
I understand that the Council on Wednesday last by ordinance relieved Ned Stevenson from further penalty passed upon him in the Municipal Court for beating his wife. As that ordinance is now before you, I deem it my duty to advise you briefly of the facts, as sworn to at the trial.

Stevenson was arrested upon complaint of his wife, who charged him with assault and battery. The testimony disclosed that Stevenson was jealous of his wife and had accused her of infidelity; that it was a common thing for him to return home at all hours of the night in a drunken condition and beat his wife and children; that during the snow storm of last winter he drove them all into the street and compelled them to remain there for several hours shivering in the cold. Besides severely beating his wife, for which he was convicted, he on the same evening and on other occasions threatened to kill both her and the children and when arrested a loaded revolver was found on his person. The wife and two children testified against Stevenson, and though many similar cases have come into the Municipal Court, this was the worst I have ever known.

I cannot but think that the Council was imposed upon and that that body would never have passed the ordinance had the facts been presented to it. If the ordinance

is permitted to go into effect and Stevenson allowed his liberty after serving so little of the sentence imposed upon him it would be nothing short of a travesty upon justice.

Very respectfully,

  
Municipal Judge