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Masonic Shades Hotel

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View Street [No. 50], Bendigo. [under Masonic Hall building.] 1874; Harrie Johnson 1888; W. J. Milburn 1911; Closed 18/12/1922

'The Sydney Morning Herald' 16 Oct 1908

ALLEGED ILLEGAL GOLD-SELLING.

CHARGE AGAINST DETECTIVE.

ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The charge against John William Shuttleworth, who is employed by the Mineowners' Association as a detective, of having sold gold at the Masonic Shades Hotel, contrary to the provisions of the Goldbuyers Act, was called on at the Bendigo Court to-day.

The solicitor for the prosecution asked that the case be discharged, and his application was granted. Fowler, the Informant, was ordered to pay Shuttleworth £2 2s costs. Shuttleworth states that he intends to issue writs against all those who brought about, his arrest for malicious prosecution, as well as for having committed an illegal act.

'The Argus' 17May 1910

The license of the Masonic Shades Hotel was on Monday transferred from William

T. Milburn to Mary S. Milburn.

'The Argus' 2 Dec 1911

TRANSFER OF LICENSES.

At the annual Licensing Court the police objected to the granting of the renewal of the licenses of the Five Lions Hotel, the Bendigo Hotel, and the Masonic Shades Hotel, the ground being that the hotels in question had figured in the recent illicit gold-buying cases heard in the Bendigo Court. in the case of the Five Lions and Bendigo Hotels, the husbands of the licensees were convicted; while in the case of the Masonic Shades one of the convicted persons was alleged to have used

the hotel for the purpose of buying gold. Judge Johnston, Messrs. E. N. Moore and, A. Barlow P.M.'s, who presided, granted the applications. Judge Johnston remarked

that the attitude of the Bench towards such cases was that where there was any reasonable suspicion that gold-buying was going on it would be a good case for delicensing the premises

'The Argus' 24 Apr 1915

The death occurred on Friday of Mr. W. T. Milburn, of the Masonic Shades Hotel. Mr. Milburn, who was 46 years of age, for many years managed the Sandhurst Coffee Palace.

'The Argus' 4 Feb 1919

Grace Margaret Glen, licensee of the Masonic Shades Hotel, was fined £2, in the City Court on Monday, on a charge of having permitted persons on her premises during prohibited hours on December 17. Four men found in the hotel were fined £1 each.

'The Argus' 20 Apr 1956

Girls and ghosts

If the ghosts of former patrons, of the one-time Masonic Shades Hotel in Bendigo ever revisited their favorite haunt they would get quite a shock these days.

Because the old bar and cellar now re-echo teenage laughter and the tapping of tireless feet instead of the clink of glasses.

For the studio where Miss Madge Welch trains young girls for the ballet numbers in any of the Bendigo Operatic Society's musical shows was originally part of the ancient hostelry.

The girls rehearse' in the former cellar, which now has a wooden floor, and their dressing-room was once the old bar parlor.