

EDITOR MOORE HEARD FROM

Former Medford Tribune Manager Writes Viriolic Letter to a Medford Friend.

A. F. Moore, former editor of the Medford Tribune, who went on a fishing trip last summer and failed to return, has written a letter to a friend in Medford. The letter follows:

"Friend ———: I am enclosing keys to safe deposit box in the Medford bank. The number, I think, is one.

"Doc was the real man in the bunch of those interested in the Daily Toboggan, and you and I know it. I stayed by him until Sitting Bull began to negotiate me out of it, when I 'called' and passed the buck up to them.

I paid my debt I owed in M—— and have the receipts, Bliton et al. to the contrary notwithstanding.

"If these molycoddles had devoted one-half the energy to the support of their enterprise that they have exerted in vain mouthings over me, whom they dared not attack face to face, it might have succeeded.

"I hear I left Medford with a 'wad.' Great heavens! Will some of the soothsayers tell me whence it came? It took all of the income of the business and the salary paid to me besides to pay the help. My successor can enlighten you on that point. The fare to Klamath Falls and \$10 was the sum total of my possessions. But for my own resources I would have been as flat as the Medford treasury.

"If those people of that city of the unburied dead expected me to devote my time and energy to an effort to resuscitate a business they refused to permit to live, they have realized their mistake. It takes money to put a daily paper on a paying basis, and more than that, it requires the loyal support of the community it calls home.

"I did not have the pleasure of seeing it, but I hear Bliton spewed out his long pent-up nastiness, which he feared to do while I was there. His proceeding is characteristic of the polecat, with which I refrain from classing him only out of regard for the skunk, who cannot be blamed for his detestable characteristics.

"I trust the paper will be a success, but its present appearance does not warrant the assurance, and unless the business men of Medford give it a more cordial support, the zenith city of the knockers' belt of the Rogue river valley will be forced to rely upon Bliton's mongrel sheet for information of the size of Perkins' pears and the health of Thompson's colt.

"As for me, I am off for the east this evening. With best wishes for your success and hoping Putnam will win out as he deserves, I am, as I have been, Yours,

"A. F. MOORE."

Late Legal Decisions.

Synopses of land and mineral decisions, furnished the Post by Woodford D. Harlan, Land Attorney, Washington, D. C.

COAL LANDS—The declaratory statements and affidavit must be made by the applicant himself; subsequently certain proofs and acts may be made by an agent; where the declaration was improperly made by an agent, in the absence of adverse filing or conflict, it may be made nunc pro tunc.

CONTEST—During the pendency of a contest, in which each party alleges

priority of settlement, both are bound to comply with the law; and if the successful party fails so to do, such failure is properly the subject of inquiry on behalf of the losing party.

FINAL PROOF—Taken outside of office hours may be considered, when so taken because the witnesses could not attend at any other time, and their testimony was submitted with due opportunity for cross-examination by the adverse claimant.

HOMESTEAD ENTRY—Illegal possession of land will not defeat the right of another to enter the same under the homestead law.

MINERAL OR AGRICULTURAL—On proof of the mineral character of a tract and allowance of mineral entry thereof the burden of proof is upon one who asserts the non mineral character of the tract, even though it was returned as an agricultural claimant for land returned for mineral.

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