

In The Mail-box:

JUST WHO IS THE GOAT?

Editor, Pilot:

In answer to Mr. E. A. Clausen's "scapegoat" column in the paper, I first want to state that I, at no time, gave him permission to go over the road which the Putnam Logging Co. and I had constructed on my property. I told him he would have to arrange this permission from the Putnam Logging Co., which concern was doing the logging for the West Coast Veneer Co., who had purchased the timber and had three years to build a road and do the logging as they saw fit, without interference.

This, Clausen failed to do.

Why? Simply because Waterfield (the man from whom Clausen purchased some timber) told Clausen that he had a right-of-way through my property.

Did he have a right-of-way? No. About seven years ago the late Mr. Ware had a road dozed through his place, expecting at some time to build on the cliff overlooking the ocean. According to his daughter he intended to buy the Close property but he passed away and I purchased the property. No one traveled this road for two years after I had bought it and one one had occasion to travel over it as no one lived on the Ware property. In regard to Clausen having an agreement on file in Gold Beach which he says came with the timber on the old Ware property; if there is such an agreement for easement it came from Waterfield, and not from me.

I did give Waterfield a permit to build a new road about 90 days ago but he still insists on using my road. If they had an agreement from me, why did they not produce it in court?

Waterfield and Clausen were asked to produce it. The only paper they produced was an agreement signed by Clausen and Waterfield to Earl Gilmore that they would stand all costs that might incur against him (Earl Gilmore) if he should smash down the gate on my road. This he

did at nine o'clock one night with Waterfield and Clausen having ring-side seats. Why did they do this at night?

Why should they indulge in ganster tactics? We have courts in Curry county. Why did Waterfield meet in Gold Beach last Wednesday along with me, attorneys and the commission, and what decision was decided upon? Arbitration. I chose one man to arbitrate the matter. Waterfield chose another man, and these two chose a third man as they saw fit. We agreed to abide by the decision. The arbitrators came down to the property and looked over the ground, spending several hours.

They came to an agreement that Waterfield should pay me \$200 for hauling out around about six million feet of logs. It was also agreed by the arbitrators that Waterfield should put in cattle guards and in return I was to grant him an easement to his property over my property. Waterfield refused to go along with the decision. So it is now his next move.

I further want to state to Mr. Clausen that I had nothing to do with the putting the previous article in the paper. I told the editor where he could get the facts. Ask him, he will tell you, if he hasn't already. I regret this publicity but I am a taxpayer in Curry county and have invested a good deal of money here. I intend to spend my remaining years in Curry county.

At one time I used to pay about \$30 a year in taxes; the county now collects approximately \$500 per year in taxes on this same property.

I belong to the Brookings chamber of Commerce, the Lily Growers Association and other organizations for the betterment of Curry county. I have supported every bond issue for better and more schools in Brookings. I demand justice and fair dealing and I will go to the limit to get it.—R. E. Simmons.

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