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CONGRESSMAN A. W. LAFFERTY A MASHER?

Wrote Letter to High School Girl Wanting to Meet Her—He Explains.

Portland, Aug. 7.—Admitting the authorship of a letter to a young high school graduate in Washington, D. C., in which he solicited an introduction, A. W. Lafferty, representative in congress from the Second congressional district, in a 2000-word word telegram to the Oregonian yesterday, declares that his communication to the girl was without improper motive.

The fact that Mr. Lafferty wrote such a letter has been known in Washington for more than two months, but it was not until within the last week, that it was confirmed by admissions by the girl's father, chief clerk of the bureau of geological survey. The young woman to whom Mr. Lafferty addressed the letter was Mr. Kubel's daughter, Florence, 19 years old, according to dispatches from Washington.

Class Picture Attracts.

Early in May a Washington paper printed a picture of the graduating class of the Eastern High school, of which Miss Kubel was a member. On the day following the publication of the class picture, Miss Kubel received a letter from Mr. Lafferty, enclosing tickets to the family gallery in the house of representatives, and expressing a desire on the part of Mr. Lafferty to meet the young woman. Enclosed with the letter was the likeness of Miss Kubel, cut from the newspaper, and pasted on a sheet of Lafferty's official house stationery. Beneath the picture clipping was written: "This looks good to me."

Lafferty, in his telegram to The Oregonian, does not include the text of the letter to Miss Kubel, but, according to news dispatches from Washington, the letter read substantially as follows:

Miss Florence Kubel, 1000 East Capitol street, City

My Dear Miss Kubel: Being impressed with your picture in The Times, I am writing to see whether meeting cannot be arranged for some time. I am enclosing tickets to the family gallery. I hope you will use them, should you ever have occasion to visit the house. I hope you will excuse the unconventionality of this letter. I am a bachelor, 36, and have no family.

Very sincerely,
A. W. LAFFERTY.

Father Reported Indignant.

After showing the letter and clipping to some of her girl classmates, Miss Kubel gave it to her father, who is said to have gone immediately to Mr. Lafferty's offices, intent on giving the Oregon representative a drubbing. Although Lafferty at first disclaimed all knowledge of the communication, the story was told that he afterwards accompanied the indignant parent into the corridors of the house building and apologized for writing the missive. He followed this, the account said, by writing letters of apology to both the father and the daughter. In these letters Mr. Lafferty declared this was the first occurrence of the kind, and promised in the future not to impose attentions on Miss Kubel.

In his telegraphic explanation of the letter, Mr. Lafferty declares the incident has been magnified by political enemies for political purposes. He asserts that when the interview between himself and Mr. Kubel, the girl's father, closed, the parent left his office entirely satisfied with the explanation offered.

Lafferty says he received from Kubel later a threatening letter, written on stationery, which upon examination, proved to have the water mark of a quality of paper manufactured exclusively for a Portland stationery firm. From this Mr. Lafferty infers that the letter was inspired by unfriendly Portland persons or their representatives, and was designed to injure his standing at Washington, if possible.

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The cones should be examined to see that they are full of seed as only seed-bearing cones will be received.

These cones bring 60 cents for a gunny sack full, and they should be delivered to Carl H. Young, forest ranger, Florence, Oregon.

These cones may be collected from government land and a good place to find them is along the new forest service trail from Florence to the Alsea river.

Auto News and Notes

The entry list for the Dead Horse climb of Worcester, Mass., next Saturday is a record one.

Governor Bass of New Hampshire is taking a verbal interest in road improvement throughout that state, and has expressed himself as strongly in favor of the improvement and extension of the New Hampshire highways.

The hope of the automobile world, which is now watching the work of the Promien ocean-to-ocean trail blazers, is a great automobile highway between New York and San Francisco by 1915. There are thousands of tourists in all parts of the country who would like to attend the Frisco Panama exposition in 1915 in their own cars.

The efforts of the Touring Club of America toward improving the highways in the popular motoring localities of the country have already achieved considerable success. Through their influence several bad roads in the neighborhood of Poughkeepsie, New York, along the route to Albany, have been repaired and are declared to be in excellent condition.

Sign posting on a big scale will shortly be undertaken by the New Jersey Automobile and Motor Club, which organization last year erected signs on most of the roads of northern and central New Jersey. The members of the road committee having this work in charge have been in consultation with the Automobile club of America officials and have studied the excellent system of posting employed by that organization.

Never before have the popular touring routes through New England been in such excellent condition as they are at the present time. In many districts dustless roads are attracting thousands of tourists. The Connecticut state highway commissioners are giving especial attention to eliminating the the dust nuisance, and thus far this season over one million gallons have been spread upon the more important Connecticut highways with the prospect that ober three millions will be used before the end of the season. It requires 2500 gallons to oil a mile satisfactorily, and the expense of laying it is 10 cents a gallon.

Chairman Diehl of the national good roads board declared that the matter of most urgent concern to the motorist just now is good roads and systematic maintenance. Just at present Michigan and Nebraska seem to be the two A. A. A. states where auto clubs and good roads associations seem to be accomplishing the most good in this direction. In Nebraska it is expected that before the end of the year, practically every part of the state will boast a county organization.

In future the Lozier car will only be entered in competitions which have regular automobile speedways or guarded roads, therefore Ralph Mulford, will not be one of the drivers in the 24-hour race to be held at Irvington beach. Mulford holds the 24-hour world record for stock cars. He has never been given to match races, preferring to try conclusions with other drivers in the big races and among large fields of starters.

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BIG STRIKE AT DES MOINES ENDS QUICKLY

Streetcar Service Resumed on Sunday Afternoon— Court Intervenes.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 7.—Promptly at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon streetcar traffic was resumed in Des Moines, and the 40-hour strike which began at 1 o'clock Saturday morning, was terminated.

The mandate issued by Judge Lawrence Degraff, of the district court, last night has restored, temporarily, at least, nearly 500 conductors and motormen to their original positions.

N. T. Guernsey, attorney for the street car company, today said his clients were not satisfied that the court was within its jurisdiction in issuing the mandatory injunction, but for the present they were willing to abide by it, leaving to a later date the trial of the case on its merits.

Union Gains Point.

Fred Fay, international board member of the Amalgamated Association of Secret and Electric Railway Employes of America, who conducted the brief strike, said that while the members of the executive committee had preferred that the strike continue until a new agreement was signed, the intervention of the court was acceptable, because it gave to the union exactly what was asked. This was the reinstatement of Conductor Hiatt, whose recent discharge without an investigation led to the trouble, and the order that arbitration must decide whether he is to remain with the company.

The suit in equity which terminated the strike was brought by the city of Des Moines upon the order of the city council late last night. A hearing to determine whether the injunction shall be made permanent, probably will be had tomorrow.

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