

G. SPRINGER TO J. W. FERGUSON

COUNTY JUDGE AFTER
RICHARDSON

Says His Report on County Affairs is
Prejudiced, Unfair, and a Number
of Other Things—Ball Hired On
High Recommendations!

In a somewhat belated communication Judge Springer has said many unkind things about the report of John Y. Richardson, of the insurance commissioner's office, on county affairs sent out last month. So far as the insurance commissioner is concerned he does not intend to make any reply by reason of the fact that he feels that no good can come from any controversy between his department and county officials.

In one paragraph of the judge's letter he suggests that some of the so-called irregularities noted in Ball's report, which the judge defends, are agreed to be such by the county attorney and the assistant attorney. The Bulletin has made an effort to learn just what these "irregularities" are but as yet has been unable to do so. Elsewhere in this paper certain questions relating to the matter are addressed to the judge which if answered, will throw much light on the letter.

The letter in full is as follows:
Prineville, Oregon,
April 10, 1914.

Hon. J. W. Ferguson,
State Insurance Commissioner,
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—
I hope you will pardon my delay in writing to you regarding errors, misstatements and generally unsatisfactory work of your representative, Mr. John G. Richardson, as evidenced in his report, viz: "Report as to controversy over county affairs as based on a report made by certain accountants employed by the county."

First misrepresentation. The meeting of tax payers which he denominates "a certain fraction" was not a fraction but representatives of every industry of political faith, or former affiliations, a mass meeting of about one hundred who by their delegations and petitions represented a total of not less than four hundred.

Second misrepresentation. (See report.)

"The accountants took their oils and locked them up." The Sheriff, the abstractors or any one else who had any business with the rolls had access to them at all times and it was only after the sheriff had entered the

YOUR BIRTH- DAY PARTY

The Ladies of the Presbyterian Church will be pleased to meet you at the Church Parlors, Friday Evening, April 24, 1914, at 8 o'clock. This birthday party is given to you. 'Tis something novel, 'tis something new; We send to each this little sack. Please either send or bring it back With as many cents as you are old; We promise the number shall ne'er be told. Kind friends will bring us good things to eat And ladies will furnish a musical treat. The ladies with greetings, fraternal and hearty, Feel sure you will come to your own birthday party.
Bend, Oregon.

room after office hours and taken the rolls, that a night lock was put on the door.

Third, He criticises Ball in a way calculated to convey the idea that Ball's statements were generally untrue.

(See report.) "It was stated by accountants that some of the officials were transacting the business of their departments illegally." Is it legal to allow tax rolls to become outlaid one after another? Then why attempt to excuse an officer who permits it. Does not the law require the property of delinquents after a certain time be sold for taxes. Then why excuse officials who are responsible for past neglect in the matter.

True, Mr. Ferguson, since examining the report of your representative I doubted if I had read the law cor-

rectly relative to the duties of your office. But from a close re-examination of the statute I fail to discover anything in either the letter or spirit of the law which indicates that you are to use liberally of soft soap and whitewash.

There are other irregularities noted in Mr. Ball's report, which are regarded as such, by our county attorney, in which yourself or Mr. Richardson dare not take issue; then why in the name of good government (which your office is supposed to establish) did not your representative Mr. Richardson, commend the work and report of A. McE. Ball & Co. where the same was unquestionably correct and beneficial, notwithstanding the fact that he, Mr. Richardson, is an avowed enemy of Ball's. The firm of A. McE. Ball & Co.

was employed of the strength of recommendations pronounced by the foremost business men in our county to be first class, also they are commended by some of the most reliable firms of Portland, backed up by past officials of the State of Illinois, whence they formerly did such service. What concern then is it to the taxpayers of Crook county whether Mr. Richardson as he says, "don't go a dam on Ball," or otherwise.

I, as judge of the county, didn't consider it any part of my business to inquire if the applicant was a sweet heart of the insurance office. I simply sought one firm able and willing to do what this county is greatly in need of, viz: get rid of the extravagances and irregularities which are responsible for the high taxes, also to line up to some extent for the uniform system which your office is supposed to establish. But when I find as I discover from Richardson's report a disposition to furnish municipal whitewash to bury the glaring irregularities so convincingly portrayed in Ball & Co's report, I conclude you have either selected an incompetent representative or your office is to be of little value as an inaugurator of better service.

Yours very truly,
G. SPRINGER.

MANY AUTO TRUCKS IN USE

Wenandy Company Has New Machine
And Others are Coming.

By the addition of new trucks to the equipment of lines running out of Bend the matter of freight transportation to interior points is in better condition than ever before. The longest auto truck lines in the country operate from here, and with the increasing settlement of the Interior, business is growing at a rapid rate.

The latest company to put a truck in service is the Wenandy Livery Co. The company's new two ton Mack arrived in town Friday and left at once with a load of freight for Silver Lake. A truck which has seen service here in the past is that of W. P. Wray who has a one ton Federal. It was run between Bend and Burns last summer and is now on the road again, Mr. Wray having returned to town with it a short time ago.

In addition to these are the lines operated by Furst Brothers and H. G. Ferris while others are understood to be planning the purchase of still more for the Interior business.

PATHFINDERS FOR SOLDIERS BACK FROM 1000 MILE TRIP

Rhodes and Coble Map Out Route
From The Dalles and Eugene—
Find Valley Roads Very Poor

J. C. Rhodes and Ward H. Coble returned Monday evening after an auto trip of close to 1000 miles, made to secure accurate data in connection with the proposed march of the regiment of U. S. Regulars from either The Dalles or Eugene to Bend this summer.

The results of the trip, according to Mr. Rhodes, was entirely satisfactory. Good camping places with water were located at proper intervals and transportation for the regiment's commissary and baggage is readily arranged by railroad, if desired. A detailed report goes to Adjutant General Finzer.

Leaving here April 9, the pathfinders, in Rhodes' Ford car, reached The Dalles on the 11th, going via Shauko, Maupin, Tygh Valley and Dufur. Thence they went to Portland by boat, and from Portland to Eugene via Salem. As far east as they could get on the McKenzie route was McKenzie Bridge, where the roads are still impassable with snow. The trip back to Portland from Eugene was made through Independence and Corvallis. From The Dalles

to Bend was negotiated in one day. "If anyone thinks Central Oregon roads are bad he should try the Willamette Valley at this season," says Mr. Rhodes. "I never saw worse going; mud is hub deep. In comparison, our roads are dreams."

FRANK S. GRANT HERE.

Frank S. Grant, formerly city attorney of Portland and now a candidate for the Republican nomination for attorney general, was in town yesterday in the interests of his candidacy. Mr. Grant spoke enthusiastically of the country. Referring to local irrigation matters he said that while not now sufficiently familiar with local questions to state why his attitude on them would be elected he was ready to give assurance that his policy would be not to sit on the Desert Land Board and quarrel but to get out into the country and study the situation on the ground.

NEW TRIAL FOR McDANIEL.

SALEM, April 21.—The Supreme Court has handed down a decision reversing the decision of the Circuit Court reached at Prineville last May in the case of the State vs. Gaylord McDaniel, then found guilty of murder in the second degree of his step father. The reversal was based on the erroneous admission of evidence in the declarations of Fannie Poch, mother of McDaniel and wife of the murdered man. This necessitates a re-trial of the case next September.

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