

GEO. SANDERS ANSWERS SOME CHARGES MADE

Editor Courier:

I notice an editorial in your paper in reference to a report sent out by the Directors of the Chicago-Rogue River company. I agree with you that the public is not interested in personalities, but the public is vitally interested in the Company's pledges to the Court and to the public, which have been broken, and the merchants are interested in people who try to waltz on just obligations and there is not a real man or woman in town who wants to see a number of poor workmen beat out of their pay.

The Chicago circular you comment on was not mailed to me by the Board of Directors, but I am indebted to the Riggs-Lucas Land company for mailing me a copy with the red slip enclosed so I could quickly tell that I was billed as the "villain" in the business farce now being enacted for the benefit of the personal greed of those dominating the Chicago-Rogue River company at the expense of the Company's innocent stockholders, the businessmen of Grants Pass and the public generally on account of the irrigation question. Messrs Leonard, Phillip, et al made a very good selection of stage managers when they secured the services of the Riggs-Lucas crowd as they were the moving spirits of the defunct railroad deal, and the townsfolk bubble with the illegal lottery embellishment.

In reference to the circular I desire to say that it is just the last of a series of excuses made for not paying just debts and obligations. It did not come unexpected. When I stood with the merchants and others and insisted that the debts should be paid and that the company's pledges to the public should be kept I knew that it would draw an attack on me personally. This is a matter I will later take up with the stockholders on its merits.

The only two things that the public here is really interested in are: IS THE COMPANY GOING TO PAY ITS JUST DEBTS, AND IS THE COMPANY GOING TO KEEP ITS PLEDGES TO SUPPORT IRRIGATION TO THE VALLEY BY THE EXTENSION OF ITS DITCHES AND PERFORM ITS DUTY AS SUCH PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION WITH A MONOPOLY OF THE BUSINESS TO THE EXTENT OF THE EXCLUSION OF OTHERS WHO WOULD?

I positively assert there is no tangible evidence available to creditors and others that the debts are going to be paid or that their pledges are going to be kept except through the legal process now instituted by the Receiver. Subsequent events show that the stand I took was right and I am glad that I did not withhold the necessary evidence from the creditors as they are entitled to their pay and I will have the backing of every honest stockholder. In the circular dated March 7th, 1912, which I sent to all stockholders and creditors, I insisted that the Board of Directors act as the power vested with them and not with the Grants Pass office. The Board under its by-laws consists of fifteen members. I suggested that the President call on each director for \$1000.00, or his resignation so that others could be put on who would do their duty. As a director I was willing to stand the assessment, but no assessment or suggestion of a plan to pay debts was made.

Since the Receiver was appointed he has asked the Board of Directors, and stockholders, to supply a fund of \$2000.00 for the purpose of caring for the property and the incidental expense of putting water in the ditches. The Board not only neglected to help but ignored the letters and telegrams. If there is a man in Grants Pass who calls this good faith toward the farmers and ranchers I want to meet him. The recent attempt to blow up the dam is ample proof that the property needs caretakers. This fact was likewise wired to the Board of Directors with request for sufficient funds to make the necessary repairs, but this request has also been ignored.

In my circular I called stockholders' attention to the fact that all of the valuable securities of the stockholders were pledged by the Board of Directors to P. Phillip as collateral to a call loan. There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Phillip thinks he now owns these securities and that the stockholders have been wiped out. He can easily afford to sit back and have his lawyer write letters and circulars signed by the Directors, attempting to give him, Leonard and

Irwin a "clean bill of health," and attempt to make me the "goat" and incidentally beat local creditors out of their just claims and me out of my stockholdings to make it profitable. I refer to circular being distributed by the Riggs-Lucas Land company. I said before that the public was not interested in a stockholders' controversy, but they are interested in the fact that Phillip and associates have practically all of the Company's assets grabbed and under their control and are willing to let the creditors look to the odds and ends to pay their bills which are only of value when the irrigation project is carried out.

The securities I refer to are easily worth \$100,000 no matter if the stockholders win or lose the Golden Drift suit. If the stockholders win they will easily be worth \$300,000.00. It's nice business for one creditor with the aid of the Board to grab off this plan for \$15,000.00 and have you local creditors whistle for your pay, which appears likely, unless the suit to collect from Leonard under his contract is successful.

These are the things that the circular ignores. It fails to say anything about when or how the debts are going to be paid and they wind the circular up by saying the "Board has a plan" and that you creditors and stockholders cannot be trusted with the information.

The circular invites you to watch and condemn Sanders and that because of Sanders they don't pay. I have since last November repeatedly requested them to pay up and accept my resignation. I want everybody interested to read the Chicago circular carefully now that it has been printed. I will pay the Courier for reprinting it and the report I made to stockholders under date of March 7, 1912.

The Board will have to do something more than garble a lot of correspondence and quote the parts of letters to give wrongful interpretations to avoid the payment of just debts and satisfy outstanding obligations. The circular quotes letters before the indebtedness was created. A large part of the present indebtedness was under Mr. Leonard's personal orders, I will bring this out clearly in my circular to stockholders. The whole gist of the circular is that they did not know anything about their business, which is absurd. Probably a ton of newspapers and printed matter and innumerable letters has been sent out to all of the directors and most all of the stockholders including the Golden Drift stockholders. A daily financial statement was sent P. Phillip, Treasurer, a daily labor and construction report was sent to Mr. Irwin for the directors; all monthly paylists were sent to Mr. Phillip; complete sets of vouchers filed with the Golden Drift Mining company's receiver and financial statements as called for were sent from time to time, all too lengthy to be gone into at this time. Anyone interested is requested to look at the carbon files in the Grants Pass office.

Mr. Leonard had a complete list of creditors when he signed the contract. Mr. Leonard personally got another list from the Company's bookkeeper while in Grants Pass before he accepted the contract. The auditor proved up the list of creditors furnished in December last.

Leonard's letter pledged the payment of debts as determined by the auditor as shown by quotation from said letter in my circular of March 7, but the money was not forthcoming. Mr. Leonard's employees are claiming there is no contract. The Board of Directors are willing that he should default on payments. A copy of this contract and acceptance are on file with the Clerk of the Josephine county Court, the original acceptance is in the Company's files. The original was read to the Board of Directors. Mr. Irwin rendered the Board a legal opinion that it was good. Mr. Witherall took the letter and made a copy for himself. His personal lawyer passed on it. He said it was good, but would not help the Company much in the way of immediate relief as the process of collection, if defaulted on in the Chicago Courts was slow and would take not less than six years time. He advised Witherall to have the third make other arrangements to pay the debts and go on with their business while a collection suit was pending in the Chicago Courts.

As working was done by the creditors to set up themselves. Subsequent events have shown that it was the proper and in fact the only thing to do.

The charge that Mr. Phillip was never in the jurisdiction so that he could be served is false. The follow-

ing is a copy of the telegram sent to Mr. Phillip before he came:

THE WESTERN TELEGRAPH COMPANY. Grants Pass, Ore., Feb. 1, 1912.

P. Phillip, 7965 North Clark street, Chicago, Illinois.

Your presence in Grants Pass will in no way increase your personal liability. Your liability is limited to liability as one of plaintiffs in the Golden Drift suit. Our failure to pay those bills that went into dam construction and leave the Court's office in the lurch makes the plaintiffs personally liable. The liability is same whether you are in Illinois or Oregon as you are already in Court and personal service is not required. I assure you courteous treatment. I suggest you come with an unlimited power of attorney from the Board of Directors. As a director I sanction giving it to you.

Geo. E. Sanders.

It is not necessary to go again into what Phillip told the Committee of businessmen and employees and creditors of the Company and interested attorneys, more than to say what you already know—that the verbal and written promises of himself and Mr. Leonard were not kept.

Very truly yours,

GEO. E. SANDERS.

Paid advertisement.

NEW HOPE.

We hear that Mr. Hood and daughter Anna are going to leave us soon.

Miss Grace McCallister is working for her sister, Mrs. Tripplett.

John McCallister and daughter Eva spent last Sunday here, returning in the evening to Missouri Flat, where Mr. McCallister is engaged in the sawmill business.

Mr. Bulock returned to his home in California last Tuesday.

Jack Hughes and son are hauling wood to Grants Pass.

It would surprise you to know of the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey, of Newberg Junction, N. B., writes, "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effectual and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

SELLS-FLOTO COMING.

(From Monday's Daily). William Haines, contracting agent of the Sells-Floto circus, is in town today. Mr. Haines has come in advance of the show in order that supplies necessary for their engagement here, which is on Friday, May 24, shall be ready to be delivered just as soon as the first section of this popular circus makes its appearance.

It would be repeating an old story now to endorse the Sells-Floto people as among the very best purveyors of attractive amusement visiting this city. For many years they have been coming back to us with an attraction more important in every way than those which preceded it. For the last three years they have adopted the policy of cutting the regular price in half, while at the same time they have augmented and strengthened their show from every standpoint.

Mr. Haines promises that this season the performance of the Sells-Floto circus will in every way be worthy. Many new and startling features have been added to the program, among them some which have been imported from Europe at considerable expense.

The prices this year will remain as formerly. Twenty-five cents admits to the circus and menagerie in its entirety.

DEAFNESS CURED

When Caused by Catarrh

If you have ringing noises in your ears, catarrh germs are making their way from the nose to the ears through the tubes.

Many cases of deafness caused by catarrh have been cured by breathing HYOMEL. It reaches the inflamed membrane, heals the soreness and loosens catarrh, which is the cause of most deafness.

F. C. Vanaman, railroad conductor of Binghamton, N. Y., writes that he was cured of deafness after special-1894 had failed.

HYOMEL (pronounce it High-ome) is guaranteed to cure catarrh, coughs, colds, asthma, croup and sore throat or money back. Complete cure with inhaler \$1.00. Extra bottles 50 cents. Sold by C. H. Bonmaray, the enterprising pharmacist and druggist everywhere.

When there's real news for you in the "Help Wanted" ads, don't fail to find it!

BILLS ALLOWED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

At the meeting of the city council May 2, the finance committee reported favorably on the following labor bills for the month of April, and on motion seconded and carried, the report was adopted, and warrants ordered drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts.

- Robert H. Cresger.....\$ 65.00
E. G. Clevidson..... 7.50
R. T. Moore..... 2.50
B. Terwilliger..... 2.50
W. N. Tollin..... 7.50
J. Boesh..... 2.50
L. G. Carrier..... 17.50
W. F. Wesson..... 100.72
S. S. Potter..... 65.00
Wm. Wilcox..... 65.00
L. Little..... 65.00
J. Seeley..... 10.00
J. L. Hartley..... 20.00
Wilber Williams..... 3.50

The following labor claims for the month of April were returned by the finance committee, endorsed thereon (passed up to the council by finance committee.) signed W. E. Everton.

- H. J. Clark.....\$ 40.00
V. S. Grout..... 86.00
R. A. Dean..... 5.00
Guy Smith..... 13.75
Carl D. Grill..... 1.25
Alfred Hobson..... 12.50
George Allen..... 4.90
J. R. Plumley..... 6.25
Earl Sargent..... 22.50

On motion, seconded and carried, action on the said claims was postponed until next meeting.

The finance committee reported favorably on the following claims against the city, and on motion seconded and carried the report was adopted and warrants ordered drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts:

- L. Roach.....\$ 22.50
Cafe Good Eats..... .90
Grants Pass Abstract Co..... 36.50
B. Olding..... 5.00

The following claims against the city for services as clerks and judges for the special election, May 1, were referred to the finance committee:

- W. I. Sweetland.....\$ 3.00
H. E. Young..... 3.00
L. Roach..... 3.00
B. A. Williams..... 3.00
C. D. Smith..... 3.00
C. F. Garber..... 2.50
J. C. Randle..... 2.50
Frank Swacker..... 2.50
V. S. Grout..... 2.50
Sturtevant..... 2.50
John B. Patrick..... 2.50
L. R. Parker..... 2.50
H. N. Parker..... 2.50
C. C. Daniels..... 2.50
V. B. Swinney..... 2.50
L. G. Carrier..... 2.50
R. D. Cole..... 2.50
Frank C. McLean..... 2.50
Jose X. Nelson..... 2.50

The finance committee reported on said bills and recommended that they each be allowed in the sum of \$3. Whereupon it was moved and seconded that the report be disregarded and that the claims be allowed in the sum of \$2.50 each and warrants ordered drawn on the treasurer for the several amounts. On roll call on said motion, the councilmen voted as follows: Ayes, Daniels, Caldwell, Herzinger, Stricker, Wolfersberger—5. Nays, Everton, Clark, McLean—3. Said motion having received the required number of votes, president of the council, F. D. Stricker, presiding, declared the same carried.

The following claims against the city were read and referred to the finance committee: Grants Pass Hardware Co., supplies.....\$ 15.40
Schell & Schell, sand and gravel..... 45.00
Leonard & Neas, blacksmithing..... 5.10
Cramer Bros. supplies..... 239.42
Grants Pass Feed Co., feed..... 7.95
W. P. Counts & Son, feed..... 61.50
The Music & Photo House, supplies..... 51.20
Williams Bros. Door & Lumber Co., lumber..... 45.90
Geo. W. Colvig, paid telegram..... 1.50
Culley Bros., impounding stock..... 4.00
Rogue River Hardware Co., supplies..... 8.75
Cook & Jennings, blacksmithing..... 6.50
P. P. Proctor, printing ballots..... 15.00
Pacific Outlook, notice to contractors..... 2.20
George Hoge, abstracting..... 15.00
Mike Clemons, typewriter paper..... 2.50
H. S. Prescott, printing election pamphlets..... 20.00
J. M. Chiles, rent for election room..... 2.75

B.T. Babbitt's BEST SOAP. Wash Day is Joy Day to the woman who uses BABBITT'S BEST SOAP. It means clean clothes with little labor. BABBITT'S SOAP lasts longer because the cakes are aged and hardened before being sold to you. Fresh soap goes to pieces quickly. Save the wrappers from all BABBITT'S PRODUCTS, they are redeemable for valuable premiums. Pure Lye or Potash Naptha Soap. White Floating Soap Babbitt's Cleanser. Write for Premium Book B. T. BABBITT, INC., Box 1776, New York City.

Grants Pass Fire Department, fire Trimble's shop... 16.25
A. K. Cass, money advanced... 2.25
C. H. Demaray, supplies... 14.15
Rogue River Courier, printing... 119.00
R. F. Whitmore, light... 1.25

ASTOR LEAVES WIDOW FORTUNE CONDITIONALLY

NEW YORK, May 7.—Mrs. Madeline Force-Astor, girl-widow of Colonel John Jacob Astor, who went down with the liner Titanic, is doomed to lifelong widowhood if she wishes to retain her portion of her husband's \$75,000,000 estate, according to the terms of Astor's will, on file here today. The will leaves \$5,000,000 in trust for the 19-year-old widow, which will go to Vincent Astor if she ever re-marries, or in the event of her death.

The residue of the estate, \$60,000,000, is left to Vincent Astor, the colonel's son. Five million is left to the daughter, Muriel, and \$3,000,000 in trust for Mrs. Madeline Astor's unborn child.

To friends, relatives, servants and charity, \$276,500 is left.

Mrs. Ava Willing-Astor, Astor's divorced wife, gets nothing.

The terms of the will nullify the chances of Mrs. Madeline Force to be one of the leaders of society as mis-

tress of Beechwood, the magnificent Astor home in Newport. This will go to Vincent Astor's wife, no matter what she may do.

ISHI ON STRIKE

BERKELEY, Cal., May 6.—The state university's prize wild cat has been bitten by the money bug. Ishi escaped from the museum dug, unasked, all day in a ditch by a railroad gang. When he demanded his pay and it was not forthcoming he quit.

Poor appetite is a sure sign of impaired digestion. A few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Bowel Tablets will strengthen your digestion and improve your appetite. Thousands have been benefited by taking these Tablets. Sold by all dealers.

Send For This Seed Annual-Free. CATALOG LILLY SEEDS 1912. Lilly's seeds are the result of scientific selection. No seed is raised by us unless it has been raised by the very highest standard. Our equipped laboratory under the direction of a Ph.D. and our seed tester removes all possible impurities. When buying Lilly's seeds, you are getting increased crops. Send for our Catalog. The Chas. H. Lilly Co., Sec.

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