

SCANDAL GROWS AS LITHIA FLOWS AT GRANITE CITY

Chas. G. Anthony, Consulting Engineer for Saratoga Springs State Project, Says Ashland Springs Development Should Not Have Cost Over \$40,000 Instead of \$100,000.

"Scandal grows as lithia flows," seems to be a slogan justified by developments over the acceptance of the completed project from contractors Smith, Emery & Co., upon a test of brief duration, by the Ashland mineral springs commission. The development contract was let without competitive bids by the commission for \$100,000 to Smith, Emery & Co., and the announced determination of the majority of the commission to accept the contract upon a brief test, led to the resignation of Chester Stephenson as a member of the commission, as an act of protest.

Remarks made by Professor C. G. Anthony, consulting engineer for a New York mineral springs project at Saratoga, and a recognized authority on mineral springs, during his recent visit here, resulted in a personal attack upon Mr. Anthony by the Ashland Tidings, whose editor, Bert R. Greer, is chairman of the Ashland springs commission. In answer Mr. Anthony has printed in the Ashland Record a lengthy reply, in which he states that he would be glad to construct the Ashland springs project for \$40,000 and give a year's guarantee. The commission paid \$100,000 and got a ten days' guarantee.

Anthony's Caustic Reply

Mr. Anthony says in part: "I am acting as consulting engineer for the New York state reservation commission at Saratoga Springs. This commission was originally appointed by Governor Hughes, Governor Hughes was elected on the republican ticket, but he appointed as chairman of this commission George Foster Peabody, at that time recognized as one of the most influential men of the democratic party. The commission is decidedly non-partisan and out of politics. I was appointed as engineer for the reservation commission by Mr. Peabody because I attained the highest grade of all competitors in a civil service test conducted by the New York state civil service commission at the request of the state reservation commission."

"I readily agree with Mr. Greer that political jobs are not gained on merit alone. If I am not mistaken, the springs water commission of Ashland may be correctly named as a political body, and I have known of only one member who showed any signs of possessing ability or common sense. I base this statement on the fact that he resigned, and I firmly believe that it is one of the wisest things that a member of this commission ever did."

Contract Worth \$40,000

"Another paragraph of this article reads as follows: 'I wonder if the mere dollar has influenced the professor in his opinions.' I believe that Mr. Greer is more competent to answer questions along this line than I am, for 'as a man thinketh in his heart, so he is,' and 'from the fullness of his heart a man speaketh.' I am perfectly willing that the Pompadour Mineral Springs company acquaint the citizens of Ashland with the amount I am to receive as consulting engineer to this company. In return for this favor, I could be very glad indeed if Mr. Greer would show the citizens of Ashland the actual cost of their mineral water system. Is he willing and able to show the citizens that the contractors would make only a reasonable profit? I would have been glad to have constructed the plant for the city of Ashland for \$40,000, and, as a 'political engineer,' I am also willing to give a year's guarantee on all my work. I never haggle over terms for a twenty-four-hour test or a ten-day test, as I much prefer a twelve months' test on my installations."

Violates All Known Laws

"Why did Mr. Greer think it worth while to insert in the Ashland paper a note saying that Mr. Bell, one of Smith, Emery & Co.'s engineers, spent two weeks with me here in Saratoga? As a matter of fact, Mr. Bell was with me about five or six hours, spending one night in Saratoga Springs. He did not know enough about mineral water theory or prac-

tice to ask an intelligent question, and let me say here that the plant that exists at Ashland violates all of the recognized laws of the mineral water industry.

"Mr. Greer claims that he has investigated my reputation and standing. I firmly believe that the only thing that Mr. Greer ever investigated was the quickest and surest way to give the Ashland springs contract to Smith, Emery & Co. at the highest possible price. The chairman of our commission, George Foster Peabody, wrote a letter to Mr. Greer telling him that he considered me the most efficient mineral water expert in the United States. This is the only letter he ever received dealing with my qualifications."

Is Not a Contractor

"In November, 1914, Mr. Greer embodied his sentiments in a letter to me. 'We were very much interested in your letter of recent date in regard to the development at Saratoga Springs. Also, we read the literature you sent us with much pleasure and profit, especially your report on the European Spas. We are inclined to have you come here and look the situation over and advise us.' On December 26, 1914, Mr. Greer says in a letter to me: 'Your telegram of this date received and we are glad to learn that we were wrong in constraining your previous letter, for we hope to negotiate with you, either for the plans or for consultation on the Ashland project.' This telegram to which Mr. Greer refers told him that I was not a contractor, and that I would not handle anything for the city of Ashland except the engineering features of the work. Mr. Greer made the city council believe that I wanted complete charge of the work, both as an engineer and as a contractor; that my position was the same as Smith, Emery & Co., which was not true. I venture that this letter was not handed to the council. I would also like to say that I would never have charged the city \$5000 for designs. My total charges for the work would not have exceeded \$2000, and the total cost to the city for a properly constructed plant should not have exceeded \$40,000, as stated above. These quotations from Mr. Greer's letters are not of a nature to indicate a bad opinion of me as a mineral water expert."

"It may be true that Mr. Greer is correct when he classes me as a political engineer and as an engineer 'without the least practical experience in the piping of mineral waters.' However, it pleases me to know that manufacturers of therapeutic apparatus and managers of large bottling works and promoters of new Spa developments in the United States are all coming to me for information, instead of me going to them. I even passed upon the filters which you purchased from the New York Continental Jewel Filtration Company, and which they shipped to Ashland to be installed in the mineral water plant. This mineral water plant was to deliver water into your city without change in mineralization. If this plant is to deliver water into the city without change in mineralization, why were the waters filtered, and why do the specifications for the filters, received by the New York Continental Jewel Filtration company, at New York City, from Smith, Emery & Company, call for filters which will handle mineral water, if they are not to be used in this plant?"

"Assuring my readers that I am always willing to help the citizens of Ashland and the Springs Water Commission in any honest endeavor, and assuring them that I stand ready and willing at all times to assist the city in its development in any way I can, and absolutely free of charge, and assuring my readers that, as a 'political engineer,' should I ever wish to open a Tammany Hall organization in Oregon I know who I would wish to put in charge of it, I am,

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GIRL KILLS WOLF WITH MOPSTICK; RUSHES TO RESCUE OF DOG



MABEL HENDERSON
The girl, the wolf, the dog and the mop stick. Miss Mabel Henderson of Menominee, Wis., who rushed to the aid of her pet dog when the latter was attacked by a wolf and killed the animal with a mop stick. "I just got mad, and I hit him so hard that the first blow stunned him," she says. The wolf's pelt will be used to make her a winter coat.

DAY IN CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Senate: Senator McCumber introduced resolution to direct the president to send armed force into Mexico to pursue bandits responsible for the Columbus outrage. House: Rayburn bill for federal control of railroad securities, senate resolution for congressional inquiry of all common carrier problems and other proposed railroad legislation favorably reported by inter-state commerce committee.

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Four-Strap Gun Metal Sandal	\$3.00

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Kid Mary Jane, sizes 8½ to 11	\$1.10
Kid Mary Jane, sizes 11½ to 2	\$1.25
Kid Two-Strap, sizes 8½ to 11	\$1.20
Kid Two-Strap, sizes 11½ to 2	\$1.35
Patent Mary Jane, sizes 8½ to 11	\$1.40
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RECKLESS JITNEY DRIVERS ARE FINED

The public will be especially interested in the disposition of two cases in Justice Taylor's court Thursday, involving the enforcement of the anti-speed laws in this vicinity. Ed Wall and Lester Weiss, two jitney operators for the Lewis valley line, were arrested by Constable Hammond for violation of the law. In Justice Taylor's court they pleaded guilty to the charge and were fined \$10 and costs each. The penalty for a repetition of this offense is heavy. The court warned them not to appeal again for an infraction of the speed law in the hope of leniency.

Officials claim the Lewis valley line's operators have been persistent violators of the speed law, defying that and other public safeguards in practically every town on their line, subjecting human life to danger from violent collisions all along the Pacific highway, both day and night. They are said to manifest no respect for the repeated warnings of officers or for the parking of their machines at any of the points touched by their service.

Complaints against them are numerous at Ashland, Central Point and other places for various infractions of the law, as well as ordinary highway rules and ethics of travel.

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