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ACCUSED JUDGE RESIGNS

HELENA, Mont., March 12.—Governor Lewis has received the resignation of Judge Charles Crum whose impeachment trial before the State Senate on the charge of sedition of disloyalty is set for March twentieth. Crum says he takes this action because he has reached the limit of human endurance and his impeachment trial would permit his enemies to distort his statements.

He denies his disloyalty but admits that he may have made possible "reckless statements."

The governor has not acted as yet on the resignation.

NOTICE OF ESTRAY

Came to my place at the Dock ranch, on Upper Klamath Lake, in December, a 2-year-old filly, branded H on right front shoulder.—M. Dabner. 9-3t

COURT IS DIVIDED OVER NEW BUILDING

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and voluntarily pledged himself to the completion of the Court House building in Hot Springs Addition. The two County Commissioners are morally bound by that same promise. They, and the County Judge, have all along given the people to understand that the evident will of the people in this matter would be fully carried out.

Every member of the County Court has been fully advised that there was a growing sentiment throughout the County and not confined to any "faction" as is now intimated, that the new Court House in Hot Springs Addition should be completed without further delay. It has been repeatedly pointed out to the County Court that large sums of money have annually been levied and collected for this purpose over a series of years and there has been a growing protest against the vicious policy of hoarding the money so collected and not applying it to the one definite purpose for which it was so collected.

The County offices have been housed for years in quarters long ago condemned by the Courts. The present New Court House could have been finished and occupied before this time.

We have lost and are losing every day the interest on \$187,000.00 of money invested in that building without any resulting benefit whatever to the taxpayers. This reasonable protest has now become too general to be ignored. If there is any excuse for this failure to act when we have the money in hand, I do not know what it is.

The County Court did a few months ago consent to employ architects to carefully examine the unfinished Court House and report upon the cost of finishing the same. Three architects were so employed and their several reports with their different estimates of cost were published in the newspapers.

In this connection I wish to call attention to the report of one, Kelly, published at the same time. Kelly was not employed by the County Court to make any examination or report. Who employed him or why he reported or who paid him I have never been advised. For this reason I objected to the consideration of any reports by Mr. Kelly and the other members of the County Court agreed with me to ignore his report. However, the first report published was this Kelly report for which no one connected with the County Court had been willing to accept responsibility.

The proceedings taken were as follows: Mr. McClaran, architect, of Portland, employed by the County Court, reported and filed his estimate of cost to complete the Court House, amounting to \$210,000.

Mr. Cushman, architect, of Portland, also employed by the County Court, filed his report and estimate

to complete the building, amounting to \$193,340.

Mr. Heide, architect, of San Francisco, also employed by the County Court, filed the most exhaustive and satisfactory report made. He established beyond question the soundness of construction of the present building. He filed estimates to be based upon three sets of specifications to be drawn with particular reference to economy in finishing said building, and gave the Court a verbal detailed report as to the changes that ought to be made in the original plans and specifications; as follows:

First estimate, \$138,096.29.

Second estimate, \$126,165.63.

Third estimate, \$116,680.83.

And also reported that the Court House building, having stood for three years in its present condition, and notwithstanding neglect, shows no evidence of any further inclination to settlement.

Mr. Heide then came before the County Court and offered to complete the Court House building on either of the plans suggested by him, for 1 per cent of the estimate the Court might select. He further recommended that the Court adopt the lowest estimate that he had made, and he then and there offered to furnish a satisfactory bond to secure performance of contract by him.

At a subsequent meeting of the County Court, called for the express purpose of employing an architect to complete the new Court House building in Hot Springs Addition, I recommended that inasmuch as the Heide report was the only detailed report, and by far the most intelligent and satisfactory in my opinion, and that his estimate of cost was many thousands of dollars below that of either of the other architects employed, that Mr. Heide be employed on the terms specified by him.

This suggestion was rejected by a majority of the Court and after long discussion and acerbic for the purpose of securing some action as demanded by the people, I then turned to the employment of E. E. McClaran and C. A. Houghtaling, architects, at a compensation of 7 1/2 per cent on specifications to be thereafter submitted. This action on my part was taken because the opposition of the majority of the Court was such that it was a choice between doing nothing or submitting to the determination of the majority of the Court to employ McClaran and Houghtaling & Douglas at the exorbitant compensation of 7 1/2 per cent in addition to all traveling expenses.

At no time in all these proceedings and discussions, nor until after the signing of the contract with McClaran, Houghtaling & Douglas on January 25, 1918, was there any talk or suggestion or intimation of the abandonment of the Court House building in Hot Springs Addition, and the building of a new Court House. The determination of Judge Hanks and Commissioner McCornack to bring forward plans for a new Court House was first disclosed at the meeting of the Court on February 26th.

In conclusion, I wish to point out that the claim advanced in the letter

of Judge Hanks and Mr. McCornack that "a faction in Klamath Falls" has insisted upon the completion of the Court House in Hot Springs Addition, at once, regardless of cost is an unfortunate statement for them to make in face of notorious facts. Far from insisting upon immediate action regardless of cost to satisfy "speculators and plungers," the people of the whole county have waited long and very patiently for the fulfillment of the solemn promise of the present County Judge to finish the Court House.

No one has ever insisted upon anything. A large and representative body of taxpayers, all of whom were businessmen, property owners and farmers, called upon the County Court and respectfully asked for certain information as to the intention of the Court. This was most proper in view of the sudden and unexpected springing of plans for an entirely new building, they wished to understand the motives of such a radical change. All efforts of a large body of taxpayers to get any explanations or answers to questions regarding public business to which they are entitled, has been met by that refusal by the County Judge with the concurrence of Mr. McCornack.

A petition signed by over one thousand citizens, almost all of whom reside outside of the City of Klamath Falls, was presented to the County Court, asking that the Court House be completed. The petition was absolutely ignored by two members of the County Court, who constitute the majority.

There is no evidence of any intention to force the Court into any unconsidered action. It clearly appears that the County Court has for months past collected advice and reports at large expense, and if it is not now in position to act intelligently, it never will be.

The County Court is, therefore, responsible for the attitude of the people. The people do not understand, nor do I comprehend the necessity for all these indirect methods of conducting their business in regard to this Court House. The people are naturally aroused and suspicious of any attempt to "slip one over on them" in this Court House matter. They have paid over one hundred and eighty thousand dollars of their own hard earned money and any man who is familiar with the struggles of the farmers of this County in the past few years knows that that money represents toil, hardship and sacrifice. This County Court must not assume to throw that money away without any explanation, especially when such explanation is demanded by those who have the right to know.

It is not satisfactory to the people of this county to be put off with the assurance of Judge Hanks and Mr. McCornack that "they" will act for the best interests of the county." The county demands to know what they intend to do with the people's money, and a clear, open and above-board statement is all that will satisfy them.

One thing is certain, that it would

be folly for the County Court to proceed upon any estimate based upon the specifications upon which bids are now invited for the completion of the present Court House. Those specifications are based upon the false assumption, (and the people believe it is false,) that the present Court House building is a ruin. The very best evidence is before the Court that the building is sound and can be completed for much less than the new Court House which the majority of the County Court now propose to build.

I was elected to carry out the will of the people. There is nothing left to the imagination as to what the will of the people is in this particular matter. It was expressed at the polls. It is acknowledged in the written promise of Marion Hanks. How can any member of the present County Court justify any departure from that clear mandate. Over one hundred and eighty thousand dollars of real money belonging to the people of this county has been actually put into a Court House building. There can be no question, moral or legal, as to the duty of the County Court to preserve that investment to the people to whom it belongs. To deprive that property, to jeopardize that investment, or to throw it away, on any pretext whatever, in my opinion, passes the bounds of reason and of law.

Very respectfully,
BURRELL W. SHORT,
County Commissioner, Klamath Co.

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