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JUDGE WORDEN'S LETTER

## (EDITORIAL)

In this issue we print a letter from W.S. Worden, who was county judge of Klamath county at the beginning of the Klamath Development company, made the offer of the site that has caused all the trouble. He was elected on that issue. Those who recall that campaign will tell you that Mr. Worden would never have won without the help given by The Herald. We have never regretted that help. Under the same circumstances today, with all of the experience gained during the past ten years at our disposal, we would do the same thing again. We believe we were right then. Now we know it. During all of the years that have intervened the cordial relations that sprung up by reason of that campaign still maintain and
they are prized as highly today as they have ever been. But we cannot join Judge Worden on the journey he now embarks upon, because we believe he is as wrong in his conclusions today as he was right ten years ago.

Judge Worden refers in his letter to the "newcomer." He appeals to him to "stay with the Hot Springs court house." Why should he? What is the Hot Springs court house, or the Main street courthouse, or any other court house to him? Is he to dip in and help either side to carry on their feud?. Is he going to permit himself to be used as a stop-gap to halt the onward progress of the city? Is he going to permit himself to be made a tool of one faction or the other to help along a fight that has been in progress or thirty years? We don't think so.

Judge Worden knows and we all know that this fight has been in progress ever since Klamath Falls was two blocks long. It was in progress when the courthouse was located on the Main street site, the contention being that
it was too far out town. When Houston built his opera house and dance hall, those living at the bridge built one house and dance hall, those living at the bridge built one there-three blocks away. But they were spending their The Herald, in behalf of the innocent victims, believes The time has come to stop it.

If the Main street courthouse had not been built, we would be in favor of completing the Hot Springs building That is where the people have wanted it and that is where ell has failed in his trust. Instead of building the Ho Springs courthouse, he permitted the construction of the Main street building. That structure was erected upon county property, of which he was the legal custodian. He to avail himself of that remedy. By reason of his failure another courthouse was built. No excuse he can offer, no specious plea he may advance will excuse him for fand one
to enjoin Mr. Dougan. It was a common remedy and any citizen would have taken advantage of if his property was being trespassed upon. In his failure to stop the work in his failure to eject Dougan from county property, he has made the one big mistake of his administration, so far as the courthouse is concerned. Hat has placed the county advice and it is this mistake that has placed
in its present ridiculous, disgraceful position.
Out on the stump he is telling the voters he was elect ed to build the Hot Springs courthouse. True. But by his own blunder the conditions under which he was a bus iness basis he would have gone to the people of the county and said:
Since you elected me county judge another court house has been built. This new courthouse can be occu pied and owned by the county without cost. will, not mine Therefore, I have had caused to be placed upon the ballot the question: Shall we occupy the Main street courthouse without cost to you; or shall we complete the Hot Springs courthouse at a cost to you of $\$ 200,000$.?"

But no, he still wants to help carry on the thirty-year old feud. He still wants to build another courthouse. And he is appealing to the voters of the county on that basis. viewpoint we are going to present it to the people of the county-newcomer and old-timer alike.
his is your fight, Mr. Resident or Klamath county.
You have but to look around you and see evidence on every hand where you have been the victim of one raction money havs been squandered for revenge, for selfish ag grandizment and for the promotion of co will and whim or the other. Hundreds of thousands
of first one faction and then the other.

To use a slang phrase, you have been the goat.
But the time has come when the great majority of the sensible, cool-headed, thinking, far-seeing voters of Kla math county are going to call a halt. They are going to settle the courthouse question of Chastain and Petersen with the mandate to oction of Chastain and Petersen with couse, now the property of the county. They are going to elect them with instructions recover for the county the $\$ 41,000$ that was paid to Dougan. They are going to elect them with the understanding that not one dollar of the cost of the county treasury. They are house shall be paid out of the county treasury immately progoing to elect them with instructions toads instead of courtceed to

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