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THE MAYOR'S LETTER

We are printing in full in today's Herald the correspondence that has passed between Mayor Struble, Governor Olcott and the State Fire Marshal. No citizen of Klamath Falls can read this correspondence without blushing. Here is a man whom the people have honored with the highest office in the city groveling in the political gutter to besmirch a state official who did his plain duty, and did it in an honorable, impartial, and gentlemanly manner. Not being satisfied with the courteous manner in which the representatives of the fire marshal's office disposed of the disgraceful and thoroughly incompetent manner in which Mr. Struble has administered the business affairs of this municipality, he inveighs against them because they did not tie to their superiors and paint him white. Poor Mayor Struble! His pitiable plight calls for sympathy rather than condemnation. And with it comes the relieving thought that we are to be afflicted with him but a few weeks longer.

As to the charge against The Herald that the report was held up for the psychological effect it would have upon the candidacy of Mr. Wiley: it has about the same foundation as the rest of the charges made by the mayor. In The Herald of Tuesday, October 5, announcement was made that the report had been received and would be published in full in the issue of the 7th. It was held up because we planned upon a special investigation method which we carried in the issue of the 5th, the day we printed the report. There is not a business man in the city but who knows that Mr. Wiley had no intention of being a candidate at that

time and the publication of the report had absolutely no connection with his candidacy.

The statement that The Evening Herald is deadly opposed to his administration is laughable. We have never been able to find any administration to oppose. As a mayor Mr. Struble is nil; his administration is nil. Nothing from nothing leaves nothing.

WORDEN VS. BUNNELL

Realizing that he is facing an almost hopeless fight, Judge Bunnell has succeeded in calling to his assistance the well-known influence of Judge Worden. The latter's letter, which we printed yesterday, calls upon the people of the county not to swap horses in mid-stream. We have a very high regard for Judge Worden and we know that if he had remained in Klamath county as we have and was as familiar with conditions as we are, he would today be standing side by side with The Herald in urging the settlement of the courthouse fight by the election of Mr. Chastain and Mr. Petersen. We believe Judge Worden would have done just what The Herald is doing. He would put aside his personal feelings and prejudices and take up the issue upon the basis of doing that which is for the best interests of the plain people. He did that ten years ago, as we did it. We know he would do it now if he were as familiar with all phases of the fight as he was then.

Ten years ago it was the Hog Combine against the people. Today instead of being one Hog Combine there are two, and the money of the plain people is being shovelled into the trough to fatten both. Ten years ago Judge Worden tackled the old Hog Combine with a fearlessness and frankness that carried everything before him and he was elected. True to his promise he started the building on the Hot Springs site. Day in and day out he fought for the people and he made progress. Can the same be said of Judge Bunnell? No.

He was elected to prevent the building of the courthouse on the Main street site and complete the Hot Springs structure. Did he stop the building of the Main street courthouse? Did he make any legal move to eject a trespasser from county property? Did he take the necessary legal steps to protect the property placed under his control? He did none of these things. He tells us that Dougan did not have a legal contract and we believe he is right on this point. Then if Dougan did not have a legal contract, why did he

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permit him to go on to county property and erect a building that he knew he would never occupy?

When Judge Bunnell permitted this trespass he assumed the responsibility he must face before the people of the county on election day.

When the people learned that Judge Hanks was going to build the Main street courthouse they promptly recalled him and elected Judge Bunnell to stop it. This he has failed to do and in failing has brought about present conditions. Now he comes to these same people and asks them to place their stamp of approval upon his negligence; asks them to place him back in office with instructions to scrap the Main street courthouse, which will not cost the people a dollar, outside of the lawyer's fees Judge Bunnell has paid out so lavishly; asks them to send him back into office that he may spend another \$200,000 for a third courthouse. He must think the people of the county have lost their senses.

If Judge Worden had been elected in place of Judge Bunnell what would he have done? He would have gone into court and secured an injunction stopping the work and kicking Dougan off county property. He would have sued him and Judge Hanks and everyone else for the damage done and he would have gone ahead and finished the Hot Springs structure. That's the difference between the two men—one is business, the other is not.

If Judge Bunnell had listened to proper legal advice he would have secured the injunction. The excuse that it would have made county liable for damages is not well founded, for Dougan did not have a legal contract and consequently could not collect damages. Even if Dougan did have a legal contract and could collect damages, they would not have been as great as the costs incurred for

lawyers, and the county would not be held up to ridicule the county over because of its multiplicity of courthouses.

The plain fact is the Judge Bunnell and Commissioner Short are to blame for the erection of the Main street courthouse. They never should have permitted Dougan to build it. Now that it has been built, and it can be occupied without cost to the taxpayers, it should be occupied. Let us stop paying for the blunders of our officials, and use that money in developing the resources of the county. Let us cease following that Mad Mullah—the courthouse fight—to our shame and the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and follow the better and more inspiring leadership of good roads.

ENGINEER KILLED IN PORTLAND FREIGHT WRECK

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—Oscar Baird, Southern Pacific engineer, whose home is in Portland, was killed this morning, when the helper engine of a freight train jumped the track at Oregon City. Four cars were dragged from the track. Others of the crew were uninjured.

FORCED FEEDING OF MAYOR OF CORK IS CONTINUED

LONDON, Oct. 22.—While Mayor MacSwiney continued to have spells of delirium yesterday and last night, the prison authorities renewed their attempts to force liquid food into his mouth.

BABY BOY BORN

Dr. E. D. Lamb reports the birth of a 7 1/2 pound baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. McLoughlin of Second and Lincoln streets.

CLUB SMOKER PROMISES SOME FAST EXHIBITIONS

The Klamath Falls Athletic club is putting on a smoker of unusual interest tonight and will feature Battling Montgomery and Kid Lewis in a fast three-round bout. These men are both in the pink of condition and will put up a fast exhibition. For a preliminary the club has two pairs of local amateurs who will stage a couple of good exhibitions and are sure to please. The first preliminary will be between Tuffy Anderson and Baldy Blehn and the other between Terrible Tiny and Cyclone Tuffy. Dr. W. A. Leonard will referee all of the bouts. The first preliminary will begin promptly at 8:30 at the club rooms over the Dodge garage.

TWO KLAMATH FALLS MEN INDICTED ON LIQUOR CHARGE

PORTLAND, Oct. 22.—Warren Ruff and George Black of Klamath Falls were indicted here yesterday by the federal grand jury on a charge of disposing of liquor to Indians of the Klamath reservation.

INGERSOLL MURDER CHARGE TO BE TRIED DECEMBER 10

December 10 has been set by the circuit court as the date for the trial of Gilbert Ingersoll, Swan Lake rancher, charged with the murder of Henry Stoehler at Dairy last July.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR KLAMATH COUNTY, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF A. S. MOORELAND, DECEASED.

Notice of settlement of final account.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the above estate filed his account on Oct. 11, 1920, in the above entitled court and matter, and that Saturday, November

Telegraph Tabloids

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—The Armour & company corporation, and various of its officers, were indicted here yesterday on 127 separate counts of profiteering.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 22.—Latest returns indicate a "wet" majority of 25,000 votes in the wet vs. dry election.

TACOMA, Oct. 22.—Little Bobbie Stagg, kidnapped September 14, was returned to his mother last night.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—The United Lutheran church of America convention refused to sanction the declaration of the Rev. E. F. Bachman at Philadelphia that the treaty of Versailles should be modified.

Trough action taken at the recent convention in Atlantic City women have become eligible to full membership in the Atlantic Deeper Water association.

WEATHER REPORT

Oregon—Tonight fair; Saturday fair except for probable rains in the northwestern portion.
12, 1920, at 4 o'clock p. m. in the court room of the above entitled court in the county courthouse at Klamath Falls, Klamath County, Oregon, has been fixed by the court as the time and place at which it will hear and settle the same. All persons having objections to said account will file the same with the clerk of the said court or appear personally and object thereto, on or before the date mentioned.
Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon, October 11, 1920.
FRANK MOORLAND,
Administrator of the Estate of A. S. Moorland, Deceased.
Oct. 11-19-20—Nov. 1-9.