

WHY HAVE YOU NOT PROTECTED THE TAXPAYER?

Ole Hanson in Letter to Mayor Miller

WELL KNOWN REAL ESTATE MAN TAKES UP BOUILLON CHARGES OF GRAFTING IN STREET PAVING IN LETTER TO MAYOR MILLER—HE HAS SOME MORE QUESTIONS TO ASK LATER.

Ole Hanson today took up the cudgels for former Superintendent of Public Utilities A. V. Bouillon, and in a public letter to John F. Miller to answer.

In closing his letter to the mayor he emphatically repeats an answer, as he has several more questions to ask.

As you have expressed yourself in interviews in the public as favoring an investigation of city affairs, perhaps you will oblige me and some thousands of other taxpayers by answering the following questions:

Did you not, during last June, receive a letter from A. V. Bouillon, then superintendent of public utilities, notifying you that street paving contractors all over the city of Seattle were cheating the taxpayers by disregarding the specifications of their contracts in laying the gravel foundation of street pavements?

Did this letter not inform you that, while the specifications called for gravel of a certain size, for hand measurement of the gravel and hand mixing of gravel and cement, that a mixing machine barred on all first class work was in general use—a machine which, by a simple change in gearing, could be made to mix cement and gravel in proportions more profitable to the contractor?

Did Mr. Bouillon not call your attention to the fact that gravel larger than called for in the specifications was being used, and that the pavement was greatly cheapened by this practice, the contractors reaping the benefit and the taxpayers paying the cost?

In July of this year, did not Mr. Bouillon write you a second letter, calling attention to his first letter and asking you to take action on his complaint?

DID YOU RECEIVE THESE LETTERS? If so, why did you not reply to them? IF SO, WHY DID YOU NOT TAKE ACTION TO STOP THE PRACTICE COMPLAINED OF?

Last summer, when Mr. Bouillon declared that he would give no more permits for extensions of time to contractors who would not show good reasons for asking extensions, you publicly upheld him. Why then did you continue signing these permits for extensions without any notable exceptions?

Did you not know that the contractor gets the interest on the bonds issued to pay for the work, during the life of his contract, and that it may be an advantage to him to let the work drag?

Very respectfully yours, OLE HANSON.

GEORGETOWN RUNS—ONE MORE PITIFUL STORY

Two victims of Georgetown's roadhouses are accounted for. You read the letter the other day from the "Sadder but Wiser Girl."

Today the "Broken Hearted Girl" writes The Star. She writes of herself and her "broken hearted mother." The mother in the case—that's another element to the tragedy that Georgetown officials never stop to think of.

These "letters from the people" are the most interesting part of the editor's mail. There are other letters—all significant—bearing on local conditions.

From old men and young, rich and poor, the letters come in. Some are scrawled in lead pencil on the cheapest paper. Others carry the engraved stationery of big business firms.

Bouillon for mayor—Mayor Miller's curious standards of official efficiency—the rottenness of Georgetown. These are the topics close to the heart of Seattle people.

Dear Editor of The Star: I just read a letter from a man in Georgetown referring to the letter of Friday's paper from a "sadder but wiser girl."

But she is not the only one. I myself am a ruined girl for life. And a dear, old mother is bent with shame from my visit to a Georgetown roadhouse.

EDITOR STAR: Sometimes we see a lot of men being fired for NOT doing their duty or neglecting their duty, but it seems strange that a man should be discharged for doing his duty AS HE SAW IT. I believe Mr. Bouillon will be our next mayor. We need such men as

ROLLER ADMITS STORY IS UNTRUE

Libel on Green Is Not Based on Fact and an Admission of This Ends Case Against Doctor.

The libel case brought by C. Harrison Green against Dr. B. F. Roller, arising from the publication in the Seattle Times on Sunday, October 3, 1909, in which Mr. Green was accused of an attempt to hold up the Arena, was dismissed in Justice Brown's court this afternoon.

It appears that the information upon which Dr. Roller based his charge was furnished him by Jack Curley, matchmaker at the Arena and manager of Dr. Roller. Mr. Curley, since Dr. Roller's arrest, has been in conversation with Mr. Green, and this morning gave it as his belief that Mr. Green had no intention of any desire to hold up the Arena for any amount of money, and in connection therewith Mr. Curley makes the following statement:

Was a Misunderstanding. "On several occasions while match maker at the Arena, I discussed with C. Harrison Green the mode and manner of conducting the wrestling bouts, and I told Dr. Roller after said conversations with Mr. Green, such as was published by the Times over the doctor's signature. Since Dr. Roller's arrest, charged with criminal libel for the publication of said letter, I have had numerous conversations with

HURRICANE IS RAGING OVER ISLE OF CUBA

Small Craft Sunk in the Harbor of Havana and It Is Feared That Many Lives Are Lost.

(By United Press.) TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 11.—Advices received here from Havana today convey the information that a terrific hurricane is sweeping Cuba and that already a number of smaller craft have gone down in the harbor at Havana.

Trees have been uprooted and it is reported that a number of buildings have been wrecked. News is meagre, but it is feared that many lives have been lost.

The storm is reported to be headed in this direction.

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 11.—A blizzard is sweeping over the Great Lakes today, and all traffic is practically at a standstill.

Lake Superior is running high and considerable damage already has been reported.

PIRATES WIN THIRD GAME FROM TIGERS

Comedy of Errors in First Inning Gave Pittsburg the Game, But Detroit Crept Up Last Three.

DETROIT, Oct. 11.—The Pirates took the third game of the world's series in the championship games this afternoon by a score of 8 to 4. Pittsburg practically won the game in the first inning, when by a comedy of errors five runs were netted. Summers was taken out of the box and Willets substituted. Works was substituted for Willets in the seventh. Hans Wagner was a big feature. Detroit crept up towards the end of the game and started things by making four runs in the seventh.

The day dawned bright and clear, following yesterday's down-pour, but the grounds at Benton park were dried sufficiently at 2 o'clock to permit the Pirates and Tigers to continue their struggle for the world's base ball championship.

Every reserved seat was sold early and a record-breaking crowd for this city witnessed the game.

Both teams were greatly benefited by yesterday's idleness and were anxious and eager to resume the fray.

Despite the severe drubbing the Detroit aggregation administered to the Pirates Saturday, the National leaguers were the favorites in the betting during the forenoon.

Batting Order. The batting order of today's game was as follows:

Pittsburg—Byrne, 3b; Leach, cf; Clarke, lf; Wagner, ss; Miller, 2b; Abstein, 1b; Wilson, rf; Gibson, c; Maddox, p.

Detroit—D. Jones, lf; Bush, ss; Cobb, rf; Crawford, cf; Delehanty, 2b; Moriarty, 3b; T. Jones, 1b; Schmidt, c; Summers, p.

Umpires—O'Loughlin and Johnston.

First Inning. Pittsburg—Byrne bunted down the left foul line and beat out a fast throw by Moriarty. Leach singled. On Clarke's roller to Summers, Byrne was caught off third. Summers to Moriarty, to Schmidt, to Bush. Leach and Clarke scored on Wagner's single past Bush. During the uproar Wagner stole second and went to third on Schmidt's wild throw. He then capped the climax of this remarkable stunt by going home on a wild pitch. Miller walked. Abstein singled and Miller scored when Crawford made a wild throw in an effort to catch him at third. Summers was taken out of the box by Manager Jennings and Willets succeeded him. He fared little better, however, as Wilson immediately singled, scoring Abstein. Gibson was out, Bush to T. Jones. Maddox fouled to Schmidt. Five runs, five hits, two errors.

Second Inning. Detroit—D. Jones flew to Leach. Bush singled through the box. Cobb fanned. Crawford forced Bush, Miller to Wagner. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Pittsburg—Byrne went out, Moriarty to T. Jones. Leach was hit on the hand by a pitched ball. Willets also hit Clarke. Wagner forced Clarke, Bush to Delehanty. Leach scored when Willets dropped Moriarty's assist at the plate. Miller flew to Moriarty. One run, no hits, no errors.

Detroit—Delehanty doubled to left. Moriarty fanned. T. Jones popped to Byrne. Schmidt went out, Miller to Abstein. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Third Inning. Pittsburg—Abstein flew to Delehanty. Wilson flew to Crawford. Gibson went out, Moriarty to T. Jones. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Fourth Inning. Pittsburg—Maddox went out, Willets to T. Jones. Byrne popped to Bush. Leach flew to Crawford. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Detroit—Cobb went out, Maddox to Abstein. Crawford flew to Clarke. Delehanty singled to left. Moriarty forced Delehanty. Wagner to Miller. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Fifth Inning. Pittsburg—Bush fumbled Clarke's grounder. Wagner singled to right. Miller popped to Willets. Abstein flew to Crawford. Wagner stole second. Wilson lined to Bush. No runs, one hit, one error.

Detroit—T. Jones popped to Miller. Schmidt went out, Miller to Abstein. Willets was out, Byrne to Miller. No runs, one hit, no errors.

CHAS. MORSE LOSES APPEAL; FACES PRISON

Circuit Court Decides He Must Serve His Fifteen Years for Violating the Banking Laws.



CHAS. W. MORSE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Bulletin.—The United States court of appeals today affirmed the decision in the case of Charles W. Morse, who was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., for alleged violation of the federal banking law.

Judge Hough originally sentenced Morse to the federal prison, but as today's decision was unanimous it is unlikely that this body will interfere.

Morse is this afternoon conferring with Martin Littleton, his counsel, to decide what course to pursue.

The convicted banker has been out on bail since last June. Since that time he is said to have succeeded in reorganizing a number of companies with which he was connected before his first trial and is said to have recovered at least one-fourth of the \$20,000 which he lost when his troubles first began.

WEATHER FORECAST

Fair tonight and Tuesday; light east winds.

FRANCHISE DECISION LETS DOWN THE BARS SAYS BOUILLON

SUPREME COURT GIVES THE CITY COUNCIL FREE REIN IN GRANTING OFFICIAL FAVORS TO CORPORATIONS AT CITY'S EXPENSE.

"The state supreme court of Washington, through its decision in upholding the action of the councilmen of Seattle in granting to the Seattle Electric company a franchise to lay tracks on Rainier av., although it was the lowest bidder for the grant, has delegated to the council of this city unlimited power to hand out to public service corporations, as it may see fit, any franchise asked for."

This statement was made this morning by A. V. Bouillon. Continuing he said:

"In brief, this highest tribunal has nullified one of the most important provisions of the city charter, that was inserted therein to safeguard the interests of the people in the matter of franchise grabbing. Now the men whom the voters elected to office to legislate for them and protect their rights may do as they please."

"If it is their pleasure to grant a franchise to one corporation over the proposal of another bidder, although the latter may agree to pay a higher percentage of its gross receipts to the city for the privilege, it may do so without much fear of any legal complications following."

The immense power given the council to act with a free hand is an outgrowth of the fight made by Edwin C. Ewing, an attorney, for a franchise to lay tracks to parallel those of the Seattle, Renton & Southern railway in Rainier av.

Ewing offered to pay the city 9 per cent of the gross receipts of its application for the privilege. In the Seattle Electric company of offer to pay only 2 per cent.

Provisions Are Void. In its decision the supreme court held null and void section 23 of article 4 of the city charter, providing that franchises should be granted to the highest bidder. Moreover, the court said that the council should have "power to grant street railway franchises, and also power to prescribe the terms and conditions on which the said railways should be constructed, and such power cannot be limited or prescribed by the freehold charter provisions."

"In view of this decision," said

THERE'S A MORAL IN THIS.

Here comes from Chicago a signal compliment for The Star's composing room, and for the Bush & Lane Piano Co. for their aggressiveness.

The Chicago Musical Times, a magazine whose word is authority in matters musical, reproduces in its latest issue the full page advertisement printed in The Star of September 18 by the Bush & Lane firm.

The Musical Times did not reprint the matter as an advertisement for Bush & Lane. It gave this space gratuitously as an example to musical houses over the country of the way the Seattle firm goes after business, and as an example of the artistic and attractive way a full page piano advertisement could be handled by a Seattle newspaper.

DISCHARGED GATEMEN PROMISE TO STIR UP MESS AT EXPOSITION

Two or Three Caught Stealing and Twenty Are Discharged, But They Refuse to Be Fired, and Meet and Hire an Attorney to Aid Them in Fight to Remove Stain Put on Their Names.

"The gatemens were let out by my order. We are not prosecuting any petty thieves. We had evidence that only two or three men were stealing but that did not matter, the others were inefficient or they would have reported the thievery going on. There is no truth to statements that the ticket boxes were stuffed on Seattle or any other day, and we have no shortages to account for."

—President Chilberg.

A score of the exposition gatemens caught in the wholesale department of the A.-Y.-P., held a meeting in their assembly room in the Auditorium building this morning and formed a temporary organization. A committee was appointed to handle the matter and an attorney will be employed immediately to attempt to wipe out what the men say is an indelible stain to their reputations.

"Just because those 'higher up' caught two or three gatemens stealing they discharged the entire bunch of us, branding all of us thieves in the Times and the P.-I. It is not the week's wage that we are fighting for now, although all of us have reported for work and we have never been officially dismissed, but it is vindication, and we are going to get it," continued McCord.

The Men Are Angry. "I went to J. R. Collins, treasurer of the A.-Y.-P. E., myself and he said to me in just so many words, 'I would not have discharged any of you boys if the exposition had 30 days more to run; instead, I would have kept Pinkerton men watching and caught the men stealing. As it is, I know two or three of you have been stealing so I am letting out all of you. If you can prove yourself innocent, boys, I will be glad to put you back to work.'"

"Prove ourselves innocent! Fine! Collins told me he had Pinkerton detectives watching all the gatemens for four days and the only result of all this watching was that two men were caught stealing—yet every one gets discharged and branded as a thief. Many of us live in Seattle-born and raised here—and we don't like this injustice. And we are not going to stand for it."

Revive Old Complaint. "There are things I don't understand. When the fair had been running two months one pay day we suddenly found our pay short, some were short 50 cents, others were short various amounts up to \$20. Inquiry brought us the information that 'these amounts were the total shortages of the men for the entire two months.' Not a whisper did we hear of shortages all the two months. No one said a word about a shortage the next day after the alleged shortage took place—instead, they totaled them up for two months and gave them to us in a chunk. Did we stand for it? I guess not. We employed W. C. Keith, an attorney, who had a little talk with the exposition officials, with the result that the deductions made in our pay were all returned quick enough."

"Grafters! At 50 cents a crack! Say, look at the uniforms we have been wearing. Listen! Not a man of us could go to a tailor of our choice. We had to have every one go to Frost & O'Neil, tailors on First av."

Here Are the Men. Discharged gatemens who reported for duty this morning: H. F. Schneider (inspector), M. A. Clark, L. C. Lyder, G. B. Quinn, A. J. McCord, C. W. Draper, W. A. Ryan, A. E. Curtis, L. E. Glenn, A. R. Tolleson, S. B. Wright, D. E. McLaughlin, E. L. Linneman, J. B. Conroy, A. W. Mead, P. L. Burdick (inspector), N. H. Randall, J. Monroe, J. V. Moreska, John Summerset, C. C. Curtis (inspector), C. M. Bailey.

After the meeting the gatemens presented H. L. French, timekeeper, with a handsome check for \$100,000. McCord made the presentation speech, in which he said: "If the rest of these fellows were as honest as you there would be none of these wholesale discharges. If we were thieves we wouldn't be showing up here today; we would be hitting the road out of town. Three cheers for you, Mr. French."

"We have now served at three great expositions in important positions, and never before has our honesty and integrity been questioned. If there had been stealing going on and we had seen it, or known of it, we would have reported it."

"For the exposition management to bunch us and discharge us without permitting us a word, and branding us all as thieves in two daily papers that will circulate, is an injustice that can never be entirely wiped out, no matter how hard they might try to do so. We get only \$85 a month; gatemens get only 30 cents an hour, \$2.40 per day, and out of our wages come \$27 for uniforms, and \$1 per month for hospital fees. If we are sick we are not paid. We have a just complaint and will fight for our rights."

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EXPRESS ROBBER MISSED \$20,000

Careless Bandit Who Held Up Local Office of Great Northern Express Company Got Between \$2,000 and \$5,000, But Overlooked the Strong Box With Ten Times as Much.

Overlooking the strong box containing \$20,000 in gold, silver and currency, a lone bandit held up the Great Northern Express company's office just west of the King st. station shortly after midnight last night, taking between \$2,000 and \$5,000, at the point of a six-shooter.

"I'll give you just two minutes to open that safe," was the gruff order from behind a mask and reinforced by a frowning revolver, which caused E. W. Simonson, chief clerk, to throw open the smaller safe.

Tied Clerk to a Chair. After opening it, the bandit forced Simonson, at the point of a re-

volver, to sit in a chair. Tying the chief clerk's hands behind him to the chair, the robber ordered him to walk to a pair of scales, where the bandit again used rope to prevent his escape.

The robber then looted the safe. He was just in the act of donning a pair of jump messenger's trousers and a jumper when a knock was heard on the door.

A Nervy Bandit. "Just a minute," called the bandit, hastily tearing off his disguise, except the mask. Walking to the door, the bandit threw it open and