





Stenographic Report Of Libel Action Against Sanford Herald

MR. CARSON had just concluded the direct examination of Mr. Phillips, former city clerk. The witness had testified that fifty on vouchers, drawn in favor of the plaintiff, had been accompanied by an itemized bill.

Q-Now what was that item? A-I don't remember. The amount varied from time to time of every bond issue.

Q-How much was that item? A-Well I don't remember. I don't recall the figures. But probably something over \$100 would it be?

Q-That's one of the invoices you didn't get? A-A particular one that I remember.

Q-How much was that item? A-Well I don't remember. I don't recall the figures. But probably something over \$100 would it be?

# THE MOTORISTS' PAGE

## Rest Of Douglass Testimony Is Given

The remainder of testimony given by E. A. Douglass in the libel suit against The Herald, together with the direct and cross-examination of D. L. Thrasher, and parts of the cross-examination of C. H. Albrecht, all of which was left out of yesterday's issue because of lack of space, is herewith given. The direct examination of Mr. Douglass follows:

Q—Do you know whether in the spring and summer and fall of 1927 and in the year of 1928 the connection of the plaintiff in this case with the city government was a topic of general discussion—the connection of the plaintiff, Mr. DeCotte?

A—Yes, sir. Q—How long before? Do you recall that? A—It has been, as well as I recall it—the break closed in August—in June or July when the organization was perfected. I couldn't say definitely.

Q—Can you tell us what the purpose of the Tax Payers League was? A—Well, the purpose—really the intention and object was to if possible show the reason why we thought it would be a good thing to have five commissioners. That was primarily the object of the organization as I understood it and as I was engaged in the work.

Q—Who were the three commissioners when you started this organization? A—Mr. Chase, Mr. Lake and Mr. Hotscholder I think.

Q—And was there to be an election to determine whether there was to be three or five? A—That is correct.

Q—As a part of that organization was any investigation of the city's affairs undertaken, and if so by whom? A—Do you mean with reference to the records, sir? Q—Yes, sir.

Q—Did you yourself make any inquiry as to the city records? A—Yes, sir.

Q—Of whom, Mr. Thrasher? A—The city clerk.

Q—With what success? A—Well, I got considerable information—data.

Q—What did you find as to the financial records of the city, if any? A—Well, to be perfectly frank we couldn't tell just exactly what we had found with reference to the financial status because there didn't anybody seem to know just exactly—so far as reference to the sale of bonds and the money through the sale of bonds.

Q—Did you make a search of the city records endeavoring to find that out? A—With the assistance of Mr. Phillips, I find out the bond sale, and what's sold, and with reference to the disbursements of the funds, and if any funds still on hand, and how much, and where.

Q—You say you could or could not find out with reference to the disbursement of funds? A—Well I couldn't find out definitely just about the money. We could find out what there was supposed to be in the bank—what money there was supposed to be not disbursed by the city—but as far as I recall from memory, I don't think that anybody—any one of the commissioners could—or

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DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. CARSON: Q—What is your name? A—D. L. Thrasher. Q—You live in Sanford, Mr. Thrasher? A—Yes, sir. Q—How long have you lived here? A—Thirty-one years. Q—Do you know the plaintiff in this case, George A. DeCotte?

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# PLAIN FACTS

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A resume of the past four years in the history of Florida brings to light many interesting facts regarding the caliber of the people who go to make up its citizenry.

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In September, 1926, the most devastating hurricane in the history of the country, fell upon the flowering city of Miami and the sur-

rounding territory, leaving in its wake, a wide path of destruction and desolation. In August, 1928, a similar disaster came to the city of West Palm Beach and the communities lying about Lake Okeechobee.

In March, 1929, State Plant Board inspectors in the vicinity of Orlando and the central portion of the state, discovered the infestation of the Mediterranean fruit fly, the most deadly of all crop enemies.

These four serious emergencies confronted the people of Florida at a time when they were least prepared to meet them, least able to gather their resources and wage battle. But Florida is not peopled with Lilliputians. Mass effort co-ordinated with indomitable spirit, has broken the lines of a ravaging foe. The first three of these emergencies have been met successfully, and the fourth is well on its way to

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