

SMALL CALLS ON PUBLIC NOT TO PREJUDGE HIM

Governor Declaims Innocence and Charges Frame-up by His Enemies.

KANKAKEE, Ill., Aug. 2.—Governor Len Small today appealed to the people not to prejudge him before he had an opportunity to demonstrate his innocence by process of law.

The Governor, indicted for alleged juggling of millions in State funds while serving as treasurer of Illinois, told the United Press: "there is not one iota of evidence existing as to any wrong doing on my part."

The executive, who has been touring the State on road inspection work since Sheriff Melster at Springfield refused his request to be arrested in Chicago, reiterated he never retained for himself one penny in State funds or interest from Hinck's money.

"Up to the time I announced my candidacy for the Republican nomination no Governor or person ever accused me of any wrong doing" he declared.

DECLARES HE IS INNOCENT.

"Attorney General Brundage has as good a record as any which they represent have had open access to my official record all during the past four years. They have known all the time the exact amount of money I had, and I am innocent of every charge made in the indictments voted against me by the Sangamon grand jury.

"I appeal to the people of Illinois to await final decision through the laws of our State and Judge as to whether an attorney or whether any political leaders are guilty of the most damnable conspiracy and scheme of persecution to drive me from my path of duty.

CHARGES STEAL ON ROAD WORK.

"I want the good people of Illinois to know that the interests who planned to rob the people of this State of \$12,000 a mile, or nearly \$4,000,000 for the building of roads, are not now idle at Springfield.

"Every man and woman in Illinois who is forced to pay exorbitant taxes upon their small homes should realize that my demand for bringing to light the hidden millions of dollars in the State of Illinois property have sent the agents of these interests to the capital to grind out lies to besmirch my good name.

"I will invoke every power of the State to keep at bay the corrupt and scheming agents of those whose way I stand."

M'WHIRTER ON OLD JOB AGAIN

Safety Board Member Returns After Sojourn Abroad.

Felix M. McWhirter, president of the People's State Board and member of the board of public safety, returned to his duties today following a six weeks' absence during which he attended the International Chamber of Commerce conference on public safety in Copenhagen, Sweden and Denmark. He attended the regular meeting of the board this morning.

Fireman William A. Radke of Pumper Company No. 15 was tried upon charges of insubordination and dis respect toward a superior officer, found guilty and fined the amount of his pay during the three weeks he was suspended. He was restored to duty and informed he will be more careful in the future.

Valuation of building for which permits were issued during the month of July exceeded that of July, 1920, by \$45,105, the monthly report of Building Commissioner Walter B. Stern showed. In July 861 permits, valued at \$1,401,115 were issued as against 777 permits with \$1,258,010 valuation in July, 1920. The commissioners report for the week ended July 14 showed 222 permits for building valued at \$458,513 were issued.

George C. Lindsey was appointed substitute fireman.

PRICES OF FOOD JUMP LOCALLY

City Hospital Purchases Show August Advances.

Practically all foods used at the city hospital advanced in prices about 10 per cent during the month of August over those for July, Assistant City Purchasing Agent Fred Davenport announced, today. The following comparisons are based on wholesale quotations which the city received, the July figures coming first and those for August second.

Beef remained at 15½ cents and veal at 15 cents a pound; mutton, 20 and 22 cents a pound; bacon, 24 and 28½ cents a pound; pork lins, 21 and 23 1-10 cents a pound; lamb, 23 8-10 and 23 1-10 cents a pound; sugar, 65½ and .6620 a pound; cheese, 160 and 20 cents a pound; flour, 2.05 and 1.57½ a pound; eggs, 25 and 33 cents a dozen; while butter jumped from 30 cents a pound in June to 45 cents in August.

Board to Inspect Tech's New Building.

Following a special meeting of the board of school commissioners which has been called for 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon to receive bids for various small repair jobs on the city schools, it is understood the board will visit the first unit of Arsenal Technical High school which has been completed by August 1. Wacker, contractor, and which is ready to be turned over the board. The bid which cost about \$800,000, will be used for the first time when school opens in September.

The largest job on which bids will be received will be for remodeling the present shop and power house at "Tech." It is estimated the work will cost approximately \$30,000. In addition to this bids for painting, and furnishing supplies of various kinds will be received.

American Legion to Give Concert Aug. 17.

A concert will be given in Monument Circle, Wednesday evening, Aug. 17, by the American Legion Band. It is announced that the next regular meeting of the Marion County Council of the legion will be held at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Chamber of Commerce building.

ROBES HOME WITH OWNER NEAR.

David McCool, 628 Fulton street, was sitting on his front porch last night while a thief entered his home by way of the rear door. McCool told the police that the thief took a watch valued at \$65.

POSTAL RECEIPTS CLIMB.

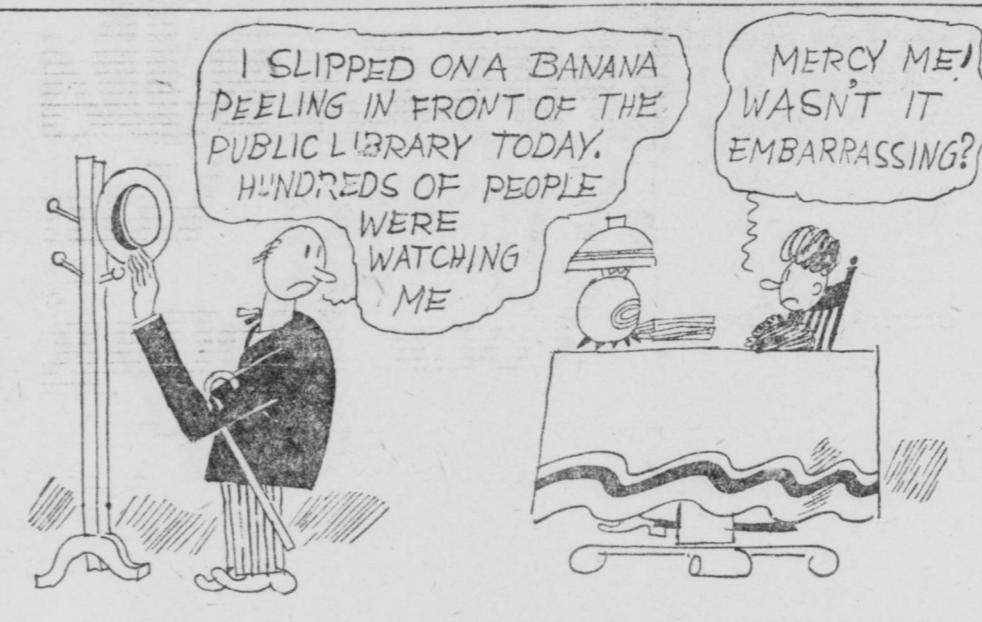
Postage receipts for the month of July this year exceeded those of July, 1920, by \$57,41 according to a statement issued today by Robert E. Springsteen, postmaster. Total receipts for the month were \$224,223. Receipts for the first seven months of 1920 were \$243,021.37, which is more than \$20,000 in excess of those for the same period of 1920.

\$25,000 OIL FIRE.

MARTINSVILLE, Ill., Aug. 2.—Damage done by fire when lightning struck tanks of the Ohio Oil Company here last night was estimated at \$25,000 today. The loss was confined to the storage tanks and their contents.

A Man May Be Down, but He's Never Out

By DON HEROLD



SAFETY BOARD BUDGET GROWS

Secretary Estimates \$90,000. More Needed for 1922 Than Used This Year.

The board of public safety will ask for the appropriation by the city council of approximately \$90,000 more with which to operate its various departments in 1922 than during the current year, George W. Williams, executive secretary, estimated today from preliminary consideration of the board's budget, which is nearly completed.

Increases in personnel in the police and fire department account for most of the higher appropriation needed, said Mr. Williams. Decreases in the electrical, office, weights and measures and building departments offset the higher estimates for the police and fire forces to some extent.

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