

WHO IS THE ANANIAS?

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CAPT. W. H. KENNEDY.

Slings Reply to a Recent Article
from W. H. Kennedy that Ap-
peared in The Weekly Mail.

The following signed editorial is
taken from last week's issue of our
local contemporary, The Weekly
Mail:

During my vacation an article
from Capt W H Kennedy appeared
in The Mail, which in substance
says that I lied in my statement of
the interviews which took place
between myself, the editor of The
Record and the editor of The Mail.
This article was conclusively
answered by the co-editor of The
Mail, but since the matter is
strictly personal between Capt
Kennedy and myself, I deem it
proper that I should say something
in reply. To do this it will be
necessary to review the matter
to a certain extent.

Believing that light is the best
policeman and that if corruption
existed in our municipal government
it should be exposed, I, in company
with Mr Wolfe, called upon Capt
Kennedy and requested him to tell
us where the corruption existed. To
my question he replied: "No, sir,
I don't know of any, sir. Have not
charged any, sir. No, sir. I was
referring, sir, to the using of the
dispensary money, sir. That is what
I meant, sir. Don't you see, sir?"
This was his answer to my question.
I said nothing more and retired. So
much for our first interview. This
interview I wrote up and submitted
to Mr Wolfe, who made a few sug-
gestions in regard to certain words,
and we both signed it for publica-
tion in our respective papers.

On Monday, the 29th, I was re-
quested by Capt Kennedy, through
Mr Lucius Montgomery, to call at
his office. I did so. He informed
me that I reported him as saying
certain things in the interview on
Saturday that he did not say. That
he did not say that the dispensary
fund had been used for working the
streets, but that he had asked me,
"How about the dispensary fund?"
I insisted that my report was cor-
rect, and he was willing to take an
affidavit that he was wrongly quoted.
He then called Mr Montgomery and
Mr Hemingway and asked them if
they heard him say it, and they said
they did not hear him. They did not
say that he didn't, but simply that
they did not hear him. I then said
that both Mr Wolfe and myself
would take an affidavit that he did.
He then with great emphasis, said:
"I will be damned if I said it!" I
then told him that the town council
had a perfect right to use this
money any way they wished, and as
I only wanted charges of corruption,
I was perfectly willing to change
the article if Mr Wolfe would. And
right here let me say that any man
with an ounce of sense will readily
understand that I could not change
it without Mr Wolfe's consent. Both
his name and mine were signed to it
and we were jointly authors of it.
Each of us had a copy for publica-
tion and neither could alter the
signed statement of the other with-
out permission. In fact, if either of
us had done so it would have been
forgery. I tried to explain this to
Capt Kennedy and thought I had
succeeded, but from his article I am
forced to believe that he either a
fool or a wilful falsifier.

I left him with a clear under-
standing that the part referring to
using the dispensary money would
be left out if Mr Wolfe agreed. If
he would not consent to change his
statement it would appear as it was
written. Mr Wolfe, at my request,
agreed to omit what we are both
ready to swear was said—viz: that
the dispensary money was used by
the council to work the streets—and
Capt Kennedy's statement was pub-
lished as I agreed to publish it. It
is true that I was asked by the Cap-
tain to add this question: "What
about the dispensary fund?" This,
though, I refused to do, as it was
not relevant to the subject. If he
had said the dispensary money had
been misused and stated where, it
would have been the information I

was seeking, but to ask a question
was directly what I did not want. I
wanted answers, not questions. Any
fool can ask questions.

In my second interview with Capt
Kennedy I told him what I would
do and what I would not do, and I
believe he understood me perfectly.
The above are the facts and any
statement to the contrary is abso-
lutely false.

And now let's analyze the Cap-
tain's position in this matter and
probe for reasons actuating him. It
appears that the ex-mayor is very
sore over his defeat of two years ago
and has been trying to throw dis-
credit on the present council. Fault-
finding, it seems, is the only balm he
can find for the cankerous sore that
troubles him and he is ever applying
it in profusion. Doubtless he would
like to be mayor again and as the
election will soon be on thought
that a little insinuation here and
there and a big loop hole yonder
where he could slip out if cornered,
would be good politics on his part.
So a few uncommittal letters to the
press, letters that did not specify
anything wrong, yet, at the same
time, made the public think that
something was rotten, were written.
The average reader never asks for
facts, but assumes as true any state-
ment made in print, and this wily
ex-mayor would have doubtless had
smooth sailing had not the local
press in its search for facts asked
him some questions which took the
wind from his sails. The questions
asked closed his loop-hole and shut
him in. Our request to specify
placed the ex-mayor in a predicament
and now he is trying to distract
attention by maliciously and
falsely accusing me with misrepresen-
tation of facts. He claims that
Messrs Montgomery and Heming-
way will affirm the truth of his
statement. This I do not believe,
for I consider them honorable and
truthful young men who would not
tell a lie to get their employer out
of an unpleasant situation.

For my position in this matter I
have no apologies to offer. I inter-
viewed Capt Kennedy in order to
get facts and if possible set right
the minds of the people on the
affairs of the town council. I have
no axes to grind and would gain
nothing by perverting the truth of
Capt Kennedy's statement. It looks
to me, though, that he has several
axes to grind and is anxious to pull
himself out of the hole by pulling
me in it. The truth is somebody is
lying. Either his statement or
mine is false. I will leave it to the
public to judge who is the Ananias.
PHILIP H. STOLL.

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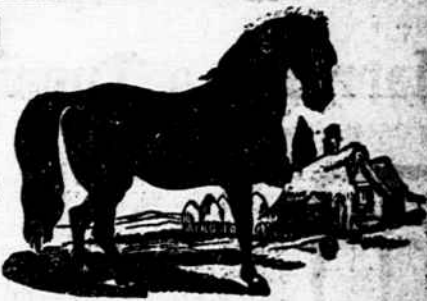
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