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INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF MISSOURI
CITY OF JEFFERSON

R. E. O'MALLEY
Superintendent

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My dear Commissioner:

It is my desire to promote our Association and the members thereof and aid in the worthy activities of the organization; I regard my obligation as a member binding upon me to rebuke anyone who attempts to cast aspersion on the motives of the organization itself or the individual members thereof, and, accordingly, I have heretofore furnished you with full information regarding my course in this direction.

A few days ago, I received a letter from one J. E. Dunne, publisher of The Insurance Index, Louisville, Kentucky. Under date of July 20, I acknowledged his letter, sending you copy of said acknowledgment. Since writing, I have concluded that I should furnish you with a copy of his letter, as it contains preponderance of evidence to support my charge that he is a blackguard.

First, you will notice that he addresses me "Dear Emmett". In this, he displays a gall born of ignorance. If I ever had two minutes conversation with him, I do not recall it. I had heard of him and he was pointed out to me at St. Paul. I may and probably have met him at other conventions, but I would not have recognized him anywhere as one whose face was familiar to me.

You will observe his veiled and cowardly charge that I once operated a handbook in Kansas City. I presume he refers to race horse handbooks. This charge is only one of the several made in his letter in the same cowardly manner and I will dispose of it as I could the others, but I think from my reply, you will judge as to the malice and falsity prompting the other charges. I never in my life operated a "handbook" directly or indirectly and never had even the most remote connection with one, nor has any member of my family, by blood or marriage, been engaged in operating a handbook. I have never even placed a bet on a race with a handbook operator and it is well known among my intimates, some of whom are very liberal patrons of the "sport of kings" and the bookmakers that I am not interested in any way in horse racing and that I never have been.

I cite this example of this man's mental and moral depravity as evidence he is not worthy of even a nod from a self-respecting State Insurance Supervisor, and every legitimate means should be employed by the Association to rid insurance of such a menace.

Yours very truly

(Signed) R. E. O'Malley

Superintendent of Insurance

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