

Q A OST

Shreve and his 75% commissionwere secretly continued after H.B.Ayres had recalled him.

Q What methods for checking up collections to establish correctness of remittances by solicitors?

A Machine numbered receipt books were in stock with ample provisions and methods for protecting the money paid by the people. These receipts were not checked and proven as turned in. It took considerable time of an auditor to establish Shreve's accounts, then it was shown he had been overpaid.

Q Are solicitors bonded as OST regulations and printed matter require?

A No solicitor was bonded after H B A left for the East. Reddrick was bonded, but he was sent out two weeks after H B A returned and protested against the reckless conditions.

Q Are collections remitted in full to Headquarters, or do men convert checks and funds to their own account?

A Shreve for some time has been allowed to indorse checks and convert the money to himself, remitting only 25% to the office.

Q Are there unfulfilled obligations due by field men, for which they have already been paid, and if so what is the Association liability thereunder?

A It will probably cost \$1000 to prepare and print the maps and travel information, and to perform other service intended or promised the people. There is also a printing account for 10,000 booklets printed in connection with this work. These are so crude and ignorant that even the sponsors for this crudity deny their responsibility. Colp says Shreve was to perform this service and to pay half this printing. Shreve has been overpaid his 75%

Q What is the total of funds collected from the people with the promise of service to be rendered, with the service still un-rendered? And what money is in the treasury, or at command, to perform this service?

A The San Antonio office has had, since January 1, 1922, (the time H B A left) over \$8500 00 On September 8, 1922 the bank balance was \$17 84 It will require \$4,000 to \$5,000 to pay existing neglected accounts, to re-check, prepare, print and issue properly the section maps and travel information promised the ~~maps~~ subscribers by June ~~last~~ last, to correct improper marking, and to carry the office until some means can be found to obtain new funds for all this liability.

Q Why did the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce at El Paso refuse support or indorsement of the OST?

A A so-called budget was submitted El Paso which was justly condemned. That "budget" was improper, unauthorized and not worthy the approval of thinking men.

COMMENT--The conduct of the office and the service of the organization has degenerated into a happy-go-lucky state. Established policies, protective methods, adopted standards, etc. have been ignored. Memberships have not been protected; on the contrary members of long standing, and loyal communities, have been discriminated against, and the spirit that builds loyalty in organizations has been cast aside, that men might put a few extra dollars in their pockets.