

MRS. WAYMIRE HOLDS SECRET

Portland Police Unable to Obtain Confession from Mayor Lane's Siren.

ARE OTHERS IMPLICATED?

Opinion Prevails That Politicians Were Interested in Conspiracy Against Official.

Portland, Oct. 2.—Mrs. Belle Waymire, accused of being the woman decoy used in the sensational attempt to blackmail Mayor Lane on Thursday last, consented to come to Portland this morning from Vancouver where she had been held by Sheriff Sappington since Saturday afternoon. She will appear for her preliminary on Wednesday morning. In the meantime an effort is being made by her attorneys, Seneca Fouts and W. R. McGarry, to secure the \$1,000 bail required by the court, but the task is proving a hard one. Up to 1 o'clock no one had been found who would go security for the appearance of the woman on Wednesday morning.

So far there have been no added developments in the case other than the setting of the preliminary hearing for Wednesday Radding and Mandelay, the two men accused of being conspirators in the plot, were arraigned in the municipal court this morning and the case was then set by Judge Cameron. Both of the men are out on bail.

Woman Holds to Story.

The woman in the case still maintains her determined stand of injured innocence and it must be admitted that she did well in sustaining her part. If she is guilty of the charges made against her she is maintaining a very straight front and story. All the stories she tells are the same, without deviation. "I do not know what Mr. Radding has told, or Mr. Mandelay, whom I do not know at all, but I do know that I have only one story to tell and that is the truth." That is the way she puts her case and sticks to it. She declines to discuss the facts or go into details saying that the trial will reveal all she knows. Until that time she will remain silent.

And she does remain silent. She talks, it is true, freely and openly, but whenever the conversation ranges close to anything vital as affecting herself, Radding or Mandelay, she veers off most skillfully or else says very frankly, "I can't talk about that now, you know."

"Mrs. Waymire says she is going straight into the circuit court with her story, for she wants to escape the preliminary hearing and get past the lower court where she thinks she will get justice unadulterated.

"Will you waive your preliminary hearing and go straight into the upper court or will you go into the lower court first?" she was asked this morning as she sat in the sheriff's quarters at Vancouver.

"I do not want a preliminary hearing," she said. "I want to go into the circuit court at once, for I believe I can get justice there. The police court officers are all under obligations or control of the mayor," continued Mrs. Waymire, "and they would be afraid of losing their jobs if they did not give me the worst of it. I realize that it is a pretty tough job for a woman to go against the mayor of a big city."

Mrs. Waymire states that she went to Vancouver simply to escape notoriety and the jail. She had no intention of running away, she says, and was not in hiding. Her assumed names were simply to assist her in keeping out of notice.

"I did not want to be put in jail," continued Mrs. Waymire in telling why she went to Vancouver. "I never have been in jail and I did not desire the experience. I am willing to return to Portland as soon as I can be released on bail and have no fear of the outcome."

Mrs. Waymire contends most emphatically that she has no connection with any plot or blackmailing scheme.

Denies Complaints.
"I had no reason to blackmail the mayor or to injure him," she said. "I am not in that business anyway. If I thought that Radding or Mandelay or any other person was connected with such a plot I would turn on them in a minute. But I do not believe it. If there is such a plot it is entirely unknown to me."

"It is testified that Radding told C. M. Haby that he was going to get \$1,000 for a deal and that there was a woman in it and that it was going to be pulled off on Wednesday or Thursday night of last week," Mrs. Waymire was told.

"I do not know anything about that. I do not believe that Radding would have been such a fool as to say that even if there had been such a plot. But I do not believe he said it. I do not know what deal Radding was going to pull off. I did not confer with him. I had no understanding and do not know that he was in the building at the time this thing happened. If he was there it was not with my knowledge, for I did not know he was going or knew that I was to be there.

"You walked away with him after the scene in the mayor's office?" it was suggested, but Mrs. Waymire was uncertain.

"It has been said that I was with him, but I do not know anything about it," she answered. "I do not know who I went out of the building with. I was excited after what had happened and just went away. I do not know Mandelay, and do not remember whether I was with Radding or not."

"You went up to your room with Radding and according to the story had some words with him, did you not?" was the next question.

"That is an absolute lie," was the way Mrs. Waymire made answer. "That story has not a single word of truth in it. I never had any words with Mr. Radding. We never have quarreled about anything.

"There is nothing I can talk about," continued the woman. "I do not want to discuss the case. I have talked more now than I intended to do or should have done. I have only one story to tell, however, and am not afraid to tell it when the time comes."

Grows Uneasy.

Mrs. Waymire agreed to come back to Portland without extradition after a conference with her attorney yesterday. Accordingly she accompanied Detective Hilmyer to the city this morning, reaching here a short time before noon. She was taken into the private office of the chief for a short conference and was then taken into the woman's department of the jail for the first time since she has been taken into custody she showed signs of uneasiness when she found that her attorney had not been able to find bail for her before her arrival. When told that she would have to go upstairs she hung back an instant then recovered herself and went quietly without remonstrance.

According to Seneca Fouts, Mrs. Waymire will have no statement to make to the district attorney until she is on the witness stand.

"If Mr. Manning wants to talk to her she can go up and call upon him, but she will have no statement to make before the trial," is the way Mr. Fouts disposes of the subject.

The police court was crowded to its capacity this morning when the proceedings were opened. The crowd was a motley one, drawn from all walks of life, and all bound by the common bonds of morbid curiosity, yearning for a sight of the three prisoners. The non-appearance of woman in the case seemed to be a great disappointment to the majority.

Acting on the theory that there was a deep-laid plot to blacken the character of Mayor Lane, and confirmed in this view by strong reports of workings of the scheme prior to the climax of the plot, District Attorney John Manning has taken a new tack, and today branched off into sources of information independent of the suspected accomplices themselves.

A story is current that fully two months ago a person, whose name has not yet come to light, approached well-known people in this city and sought contributions to a fund, the purpose of which, it was announced, was "to put the Mayor over a barrel." With what success he met is still in the dark, but the investigating officers believe that a fund of this kind was raised.

Are Getting Details.

Gradually the investigators are weaving together a chain of circumstances that promise some startling revelations later on. Little by little details are coming into possession of the officers that denotes system. Weeks before anything happened there were things doing here and there. Back of the plot it is believed

FOOD PRICES TO BE HIGHER

Heads of Families Will See Further Advance in Food Stuffs.

PURE FOOD LAW BLAMED

Grocers May No Longer Sell Adulterated Articles—Advance, Thirty per Cent.

Chicago, Oct. 2.—Housewives will find their grocer's and butcher's bills increased 30 per cent over last year's prices according to estimates of dealers who base their figures on present conditions.

Fruits, vegetables, milk, butter, eggs, meat, bread and canned goods all will demand higher prices, it is said while the chief reason given is a "wayward market."

"To the door of the pure food law is placed the blame that many articles formerly prepared with cheap adulterants and preservatives are kept from the market.

Fruit and vegetable crops have been short in all sections of the country with the exception of the Pacific coast. Generous wages paid in the cities are said to have drained the country of labor in some sections so that crops could not be properly handled.

Can't Get Enough Milk.

The price of milk paid by the dealer to the farmer has twice been raised in the month of September. The increase aggregates three-quarters of a cent, and on top of this there comes a complaint from the condensed milk manufacturers that the supply is not sufficient.

Due to a short supply, butter advanced last week until today when jobbers were forced to pay 29½ cents for the best grades. Cream cheese was sold during the week at 14½ cents per pound while today eggs reached a wholesale price of 23 cents per dozen. With this increase to dealers the advancement to consumer rose proportionately.

The greatest shock dealt the family provider will come when the purchase of canned goods and dried fruits is made. These commodities have risen steadily during the last three years, but during the present season a sharp increase of 20 per cent has been made.

Canned Goods Cost More.

Canned goods dealers say there is a scarcity such as never was known at the end of the packing season. The tomato crop will be 60 per cent short and prices of the canned article are expected to advance from 85 cents to \$1 a dozen in wholesale lots.

Sweet corn in the can already has gone from 45 cents to 75 cents a dozen. Prunes constituting the largest tonnage of California dried fruits will advance in price 33 1-3 per cent over the average price for the last five years. The production is little more than an advance in time and investigation will show, there were enemies of the Mayor, political and otherwise, who were interested in seeing the Mayor retired from public life, and this plan was agreed upon as furnishing the means of doing it more effective than any other.

The story that an unknown man, whose identity it has not been possible as yet to ascertain was approaching people to raise a fund to put the Mayor "over a barrel," indicates to the investigators that there was a plot and that somebody was behind it. No motive can be attributed to the actors in the scene on the sixth floor of the Hamilton building other than they were supported by others whose names are still unknown to the police.

District Attorney Manning adheres to the idea that there was a scheme, carefully fostered by interested parties, and that Mandelay, Radding and Mrs. Waymire were merely the tools to carry it into execution. He is working on this theory, and the first step was taken this morning, when subpoenas were issued for a number of persons who are supposed to have some knowledge of the working of the scheme before the bungling trap was sprung a few days ago.

—Buy your groceries at Sacchi's.

A COMFORTABLE INCOME.

John D. Rockefeller is the poorest man in the world—physically. He is the richest man in the world—financially. He makes money so fast that the very minutes work for him. Recent developments in the Standard Oil cases have made it a matter of court record that John D. has an income from Standard Oil of \$42 a minute. Forty-two dollars a minute or \$2,520 per hour, or \$64,480 per day, or \$1,814,400 per month, or \$21,772,800 per year. There are other interests which materially increase this estimate of John D.'s annual drawdown.

price of California peaches of 10 per cent. The Pacific coast beans will cost 25 per cent more than usual while eastern beans will advance even more.

SOMEBODY SHOULD BUILD MORE HOMES

The demand for homes in Marshfield is becoming greater every day and no day passes without applications being made at the Chamber of Commerce for rooms, a house, or even temporary quarters in any old place where the rain will not beat in and soak household goods. Yesterday there were two inquiries for places of abode and neither one could be satisfied. Mr. Weaver of Council Bluffs, Iowa, is here with his family, and Mr. Rice of Goldfield, Nevada, has also arrived with his family. But there are no quarters for them and houses cannot be erected half fast enough to accommodate the influx. Great opportunities are open to landlords who will construct homes for the throng which is constantly flowing towards Marshfield. One man has just completed a shed on Broadway and moved his goods into it. He is now engaged in building a house, and he is so anxious to get it completed that he has worked through all the rain which fell this week. Who says things are not lively in Marshfield?

Mothers' Club Meeting.

The meeting of the Mothers' Club last Friday was well attended. Very good and interesting papers were read by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Reeder, followed by a discussion of both papers by Miss Frantz.

The subject for next meeting is "Can We Teach Children the Law of Love and Practice the Law of Revenge?"

Come out and gain the good and pleasure that we do. Friday, Oct. 4 at 3 o'clock in the Baptist church.

Coos River Beauties.

Mrs. Anton Wirth of Coos River sent down a box of Coos River Beauties yesterday, which were put on exhibition at the Chamber of Commerce. There is an interesting incident connected with this exhibit. The apples come from a four acre orchard where the Coos County Beauties was originated. Mr. Anton Wirth, deceased husband of Mrs. Wirth, produced the first apple of this variety a number of years ago. He was drowned about a year and a half ago.

Attendance Increases.

Prof. Golden of the public schools, was seen yesterday afternoon and he said the attendance is gradually creeping up, and now stands at 450. He is satisfied that there will be a further increase as the school year wears on, and particularly when the truant officer gets busy. He also said the board of education has authorized him to offer a larger salary for an assistant principal, which naturally, will be appreciated all around, since the high school is short of instructors.

Independents Organize.

The Independent football team was organized at a meeting held for that purpose on Tuesday night. The members are not yet named as the practice will bring out what the personnel will be. The captain of the organization is Charles Johnson, and the manager is D. Hanson.

Notice.

—Since the first of the month Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cooper have taken charge of the Garfield. The house has been thoroughly renovated and refitted throughout.

Try a Times Want Ad.

OREGON GIRLS IN NEW YORK

Interview with Young Women Sent to Jamestown by Pacific Northwest.

THEY CRITICISE THE EAST

Some of the Remarks Which the Reporter Heard—Something Like Sarcasm.

When the Oregon girls were in the east after doing the Jamestown exposition, a reporter interviewed them while they were in New York City. Following is the result:

Just as we were beginning to feel happy again—the first of June here and a prospect that the chilly days would soon pass and summer weather would come along in two or three months, a drenching rain under way that promised to wash New York and make the streets clean at last—just as these and other happy thoughts were making us feel that little old New York after all is not such a bad sort of place, along comes a bevy of farmer girls from Oregon on a visit to New York and takes all the gaiety out of us.

Our esteemed Oregon contemporary, the Pacific Northwest, recently organized a prize competition and 17 charming, rosy checked young women from the farming districts in which our wide awake contemporary circulates have been here as his prize winning guests, "seeing the sights," and, incidentally, "sizing us up."

That was where New York's pride had a terrible fall—when those 17 charming girls, having "sized us up," kindly consented, on their departure last Saturday, to inform New York, with breezy and more or less delightful frankness, what they think of us. They gave our esteemed contemporary, the World, their impressions on the eve of their leaving. Their criticisms may seem cold and cruel, but, after all, it may do us good to be "set down good and hard" by these farm maids. It may humble and purify us. Perhaps we were a trifle too self-satisfied.

And what have they to say? Miss Manche Langley of Forest Grove, finds us dreadfully slow—four hours slower than Oregon time. Miss Helene Swaine of Burns, considers us indifferent and selfish. Miss Mamie Smith of Condon, says we reverse things, that our women are large and our men small, and she falls to find high ideals here except in our skyscrapers. Miss Dollie Hefty of Gardiner, tells us bluntly that we don't live; we exist. Miss Ada Metcalf puts us on the back and says she supposes we mean right.

Miss Edyth Robinson of Canyon City was neither struck dumb nor made to turn green with envy by our ideas of fashionable raiment. Not to put too fine a point on it, she says we dress flashy. Miss Stella Campbell of Kalamath Falls, thinks that New York is—well, oh, yes, New York would be a pretty good place if somebody would stop the noise. And Miss Grace McCooskey is also of the opinion that it would be a pleasant place to live in if the people would move out, for she says there are altogether too many people here to suit her.

What are we going to do about it? What can we plan in order to prevent the spread of these terrible criticisms of this great, glorious, unswept, Tammany engineered city and its unhappy people?

Helping in the Good Work.

Architect J. E. Cayou has plans prepared for three cottages at Bunker Hill for Miss Mullin of Empire. The buildings will be erected without delay and will aid greatly in reducing the dearth of residences. Miss Mullin intends to build at least eight cottages this winter, and possibly ten.

A Pleasant Birthday.

The occasion of Mrs. Chase Master's birthday was fittingly celebrated yesterday afternoon at her residence on C street. Fancy work was indulged in by the Mesdames J. Johnson, Lee Brown, J. W. Snover, C. A. Howard and Mrs. Roshman. Refreshments were served and a general good time was had. The gifts were very beautiful and appropriate.

BORAH IS ACQUITTED

Boise, Oct. 2.—Senator Borah was acquitted shortly before six o'clock this afternoon of conspiracy to defraud the United States government of a part of the public domain.

MAY COMPROMISE ON LIMIT ORDINANCE

Business Piling Up in the Council Room.—Street Car Franchise Referred.

At the city council meeting last evening, the Mayor took occasion to roast the Times in his inimical, good natured way. He had a good audience present to hear what he had to say, since the Times has printed enough of interest to attract citizens to the council meetings. There was what might be termed a big crowd out to hear the discussion. The several matters of importance which were scheduled for consideration last night, included a remonstrance to the fire ordinance, repeal of the teamsters' ordinance; consideration of the Bell street car franchise; possible action on the midnight closing ordinance. Who would not come out to hear such momentous topics talked of as they are in the city council? "And my language is plain," said Brete Hart, in his poem on the Heathen Chinese.

Likewise is the language in the city council so, yes, even more so.

When the newspaper had been done to a brown, the order of business was taken up. Mr. Peter Gulovson was represented by Attorney Snover and a voluminously signed remonstrance of property holders within the fire limits was presented as a protest against its becoming effective by an emergency clause. The matter was well presented by Mr. Snover and he was followed by Attorney John S. Coke and Mr. Horton, who spoke in favor of the ordinance and its provisions. Considerable discussion was indulged, and the matter was finally laid over until the regular meeting of next Monday night, it having developed in the argument that there was a possibility of those interested in the hotel and bank buildings adjacent to the proposed Gulovson building being able to meet Gulovson and arrange for the erection of a brick building in place of a frame building which is now proposed.

The repeal of the teamsters' ordinance was laid over until the next meeting.

Mr. Seymour H. Bell was present and asked that his street car ordinance be considered. The Mayor referred the matter to a committee composed of Councilmen Clausen, Savage and Condon, who are to report to the council. This action means careful consideration of the franchise by the committee and likely a decision one way or the other with respect to its passage. There will be meetings of this committee to consider the ordinance and prune it wherever occasion seems to demand; to hear Mr. Bell's arguments in its favor and possibly to hear any objections which interested parties care to offer.

Breakwater Passengers.

The Breakwater came into port yesterday from Portland with her usual big cargo of freight and all her berths occupied. She will leave out this afternoon at three o'clock. The passengers:

E. McArthur, Mrs. McArthur, W. L. Richards, Wm. Wood, W. G. Wood, J. S. Kahn, Mrs. Kahn, W. Bardner, Wm. Langheil, G. E. Brown, R. Bethem, E. P. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Barker, Miss Wilson, W. R. Cribben, W. E. Cribben, S. G. Davis, A. G. Reed, Mrs. Parry, Mrs. Montgomery, Miss Montgomery, P. Montgomery, R. Erickson, T. H. Birebert, H. B. Hall, W. Hickey, T. Hickey, J. Slater, Miss Larson, Mrs. Wisenberg, J. W. Wisenberg, C. McClelland, Mrs. Hume, E. S. McDonald, A. Dashney, W. Owen, N. Dashney, Mrs. Dashney, N. W. Gill, H. Hartley, T. A. Smith, J. E. Lyons, Mrs. Hussey, M. Carson, Dr. Maple, Mrs. Maple, C. Johnson, R. Lindenberger, J. Seau, W. J. Cleaver, T. Dolan, Mrs. Dolan, B. Roberts, L. Cox, T. Richards, M. Yearlin, Mrs. Yearlin, W. Kennedy, John Weakley, T. Weakley, H. Weakley, B. Weakley, L. Weakley, F. Weakley, S. Weakley, J. Porter, Mrs. Porter, M. C. Smith, P. E. Priest, T. W. Davis, W. G. Miller, Mrs. Miller, J. A. McDonald, J. W. Harding, and thirteen steerage passengers.