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## EIGHT ARRAIGNMENTS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT

Councilmen E. W. Bartlett and S. A. Gardinier for Accepting Bribes; Saloonmen J. C. Smith and John Klein for Offering Same.—Other Minor Offences

This was a busy day at the court house. All last week, business, so far as the spectators were concerned, was some what quiet, but this morning the work which had been done in the grand jury room became evident and the way indictments and true bills were handed around was with caution to all concerned. The forenoon was taken up with the case of the Jap who attempted to remove the Japanese settlement from the map, but this interesting case stopped long enough this afternoon to make room for the following business.

Councilmen E. W. Bartlett and S. A. Gardinier were arraigned on the charge of accepting bribes from J. C. Smith and John Klein whereby the latter would be permitted to run gambling games in their respective places of business. The sum alleged they received was \$150. The defendants were given until tomorrow morning to plead and were released on \$500 bonds each which they furnished.

H. C. Corner was next arraigned for permitting gambling in his saloon. He was given until tomorrow at noon to enter his plea.

G. Meyers was the next to appear before the bar of justice. He was charged with an assault with intent to kill. He claimed he was a stranger in a strange land, without money or friends. He entered a plea of not guilty and the court stated it would look into the matter of procuring an attorney for him.

Ben Cotner was the next to answer to the charge of conducting a gambling game at the fair grounds. He will plead tomorrow. His fellow partner in crime, Ralph Atkinson, was called to his home in Kansas by the sickness of his father, and left his case with his attorney, J. W. Knowles, to enter a plea of guilty, which he did, and the court fined him \$100, which he had arranged to pay.

J. C. Smith was next arraigned and following him, John Klein, both being

charged with "Bribing and offering to bribe." The parties alleged in the indictment, whom they bribed or attempted to bribe, are Councilman E. W. Bartlett and S. A. Gardinier. Smith and Klein were placed under \$1000 bonds each to appear and plead tomorrow.

### INDICTMENT CHARGING BRIBERY

The following is the text of the indictment under which Councilmen Bartlett and Gardinier are charged with accepting bribes.

E. W. Bartlett and S. A. Gardinier, the above named defendants, are accused by the Grand Jury of the county of Union and state of Oregon, in this indictment, of the crime of attempting to extort money, committed as follows:

The said E. W. Bartlett and S. A. Gardinier did in Union county, state of Oregon, on the 18th day of May, A. D., 1906, then and there being, did then and there feloniously, willfully, corruptly, extorsively and maliciously obtain from J. N. Klein and J. C. Smith the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, current money of the United States, the particular denominations and character of which is to the Grand Jury unknown, by putting them in fear, such fear then and there by the said E. W. Bartlett and S. A. Gardinier induced by a threat then and there by them made in a verbal communication to the said J. N. Klein and J. C. Smith to accuse and prosecute them for a crime against the laws of the state of Oregon, to-wit: permitting gambling, by them the said J. N. Klein and J. C. Smith charged to have been done and carried on in certain buildings and rooms in the possession of the said J. N. Klein and J. C. Smith, situated in the county and State aforesaid, contrary to the statutes in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the state of Oregon.

Smith and Klein, who are mentioned in this indictment as the persons offering the bribe are also under indictment. The indictment under which they are charged is that of offering bribes and is similar to this one, the only difference being that they are charged with offering the bribe instead of being charged with accepting the bribe.

### GRAND JURY REPORT

We, the Grand Jury of the October 1906 term of the Circuit Court, having completed our labors, beg leave to submit this, our final report.

We have been in session for a period of six days, and have returned into court fifteen true bills and five not true bills.

During this time we have examined into the office of the sheriff of said county, his books and records and have found them in good order in so far as we have been able to discover. We have examined also into the condition of the county jail and find that it is reasonably safe and kept in as good order and condition as is possible.

We have made an examination into the office of the county clerk, and the books and records contained in the office, and have no criticism to make of the same. So far as we are able to ascertain, this office and its books and records are correctly and neatly kept.

We also examined into the office of the county treasurer and his books and have found this office and its records and books in good shape as far as we were able to discover.

We have examined into the office of the county recorder and his books, and have found this office and its books and records in good shape, so far as we have been able to discover.

We have made an examination of the office of the county assessor, and his books, and have found this office and its records and books in good shape and condition.

Complaint has been made to us about the condition of the Poor Farm and we recommend that the county court investigate the condition of the same.

We have examined into all matters brought to our attention and have thoroughly investigated all charges of violations of the law that have been brought before us, and have acted upon the same to the best of our ability, and in accordance with our oaths as Grand Jurors.

We would also thank the circuit judge, district attorney, county clerk, sheriff and bailiff for their uniform zeal and promptness in meeting, and having discharged our duty to the best of our ability, we beg to be discharged.

DAVID BAY, Foreman.  
ALBERT OHMS,  
E. DAMON,  
T. B. MARLIN,  
J. J. PEEBLER,  
J. H. DELARY,  
J. C. CHRISTIANSEN, clerk.

### SUPERINTENDENT BRAGG RETURNS

County school superintendent E. E. Bragg has returned from a state convention of the county school superintendents which was held Friday and Saturday in the office of State superintendent J. H. Ackerman in Salem. Among the proposed amendments to the present law and for the raising of the county capita tax of \$6 to \$8. To permit counties to pay traveling expenses to county school superintendents; to permit counties to pay traveling expenses of superintendents in attendance at annual State superintendents' conventions; to compel school clerks to file their reports within five days after holding their annual meeting; to add algebra and physical geography to first grade certificates and language and primary geography to primary certificates.

Of a total of 35 counties twenty-two were represented at this meeting which was considered profitable by all who attended.

### Confessed in His Sleep

The New York Tribune tells in its news columns of an instance where a guilty conscience and the habit of talking in his sleep combined to cause the conviction of a murderer whose offense was committed many months previous. This dispatch from Sibley, Iowa, tells of the singular case.

Chas. Rucker, a farmer, was today convicted of murder as the result of having confessed the details of the crime in his sleep.

Two years ago August Schroeder was murdered here, but no clue was left. Some time afterward Rucker married Schroeder's widow.

Several months ago Mrs. Rucker reported to the authorities that Rucker had talked in his sleep and told a detailed story of having poisoned Schroeder. The story was investigated, and the proof adduced was so conclusive that Rucker received a life sentence.

### GAS PIPES AS WEAPON

(Scripps News Association)  
San Francisco Oct. 8.—The "Gas pipe murders" have already killed three men in this city and almost added another victim to their list this morning when they struck down Wm. Sullivan a clerk in a store in the business portion of Market street. In response to the thugs request Sullivan reached for a collar box when he was felled by a blow from a blunt instrument. The arrival of a stranger put the thug to flight.

## IS FORGIVEN

There generally comes a time in the lives of all mortals, where patience ceases to be a virtue. However, a family of Salt Lake City, Clark by name, last Saturday exhibited a striking illustration of patience, like Job.

The incident began twenty-three years ago and will have ended, presumably, today in Salt Lake City.

In 1883 one George Clark deserted as fine a family as was ever claimed by any one and came north, locating in Wallowa county. For nearly twenty-three years he has been a mystery to his acquaintances in that country. Going and coming, but generally working at various vocations, he managed to keep his employers and others in constant wonder as to where he came from.

About six weeks ago Clark was seized with paralysis and being out of funds he made a public charge. Immediately after being turned over to the county, officials persuaded the man to tell where his relatives lived. Finally after much reluctance, he gave the name of his wife and family in Lalt Lake City. Telegrams to that city brought Clark's daughter, Miss Emma Salpert here last week and going to Enterprise she identified Clark as her father. He was completely overcome when her presence was made known. Regardless of the fact that he cruelly deserted his children and wife and has not written a word to them in twenty-three years, his daughter received him with open arms as will also his wife when they arrive at the home he so recklessly left nearly a quarter century ago.

Clark is an invalid and J. C. Schackelfield, ex-sheriff of Wallowa county, accompanied the cripple and his daughter to La Grande and placed the deserter on the train. The daughter, who was but a few months old at the time of desertion was as attentive as it was possible for a human being to be and won the admiration of all who knew her story.

The story is perhaps without precedent.

### HAD NO OBJECTIONS

When Governor Head was in office in New Hampshire Colonel Barrett, of the Governor's staff died, and there was an unseemly scramble for the office even while his body was awaiting burial with military honors. One candidate ventured to call upon Governor Head.

"Governor," he asked, "do you think you would have any objections if I was to get into Colonel Barrett's place?"

The answer came promptly: "No I don't think I should have any objections, if the undertaker is willing.—Argonatt.

## SENATOR ROOSEVELT

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Oct. 8.—Reports say that the President wants to be senator from New York. His friends say that he frankly admits that his ambition is to succeed Senator Platt, who is now lying practically at death's door. Roosevelt is becoming more and more the leader of New York Republicans. He is now consulted for advices in the campaign almost daily. Other leaders in the Republican party submit plans to him before submitting them to their closest friends. It is declared that the President brought about Hughes's nomination without making an appearance.

### JUSTICE BROWN RESIGNS

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington D. C., Oct. 8.—The supreme court met at noon today for a brief formal session after which it adjourned to pay its respect to the president.

This session is remarkable for the fact that it has met with one seat vacant, that of Harry Billing Brown who has resigned. In 1891 he was appointed as associate justice to succeed Samuel F. Miller. Brown is a graduate of Michigan and Yale universities.

The first to be considered is the state of Kansas against the state of Colorado involving irrigation rights in the Arkansas river.

In all probabilities the Supreme court will hand down a decision in the Pettibone case next Monday. Pettibone is being held for the murder of ex-governor Steunenberg of Idaho.

### MILLWORKERS WIN OUT

(Scripps News Association)  
San Francisco, Oct. 8.—The Millworkers' demand for a dollar a day increase was granted this morning by practically all the millowners. Had the request been refused, eight hundred workers would have struck, thus interfering with building operations. There would have been untold loss to business and the homeless. The city in general is breathing easier today as a result of the liberal concessions made by the mill owners.

### JAIL CELLS INSTALLED

D. Fritsgerald is today superintending the installation of three cells in the room adjoining the city Recorder's office. The sections were made by the La Grande Iron Works and an expert indeed, will the culprit have to be who breaks out of them. This settles the new jail room proposition for a time at least.

There has been much objection to placing the cells so near the Recorder's office and various proposals have been made to elevate this difficulty. Some subjected a proposition to build another story on the present structure, and still others, suggested a building in the rear of where the cells now are. But regardless of remonstrances, the cells were ordered installed next door to the Recorder's office.

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