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Cameron in Hot Water

The following article taken from the Evening Telegram proves to what lengths the District Attorney will go to secure evidence in the Hindu affair. It is time the Attorney General takes a hand and sees that proper punishment is meted out to the maladministrators of justice in the District Attorney's office. While Mr. Cameron is a former British subject, and his sympathies may still be with that country, it is high time that he be shown that American citizens have at least an equal right in this country with British subjects. The Attorney General has a duty to perform in this instance, and he is neglecting the duties of his office unless he takes the matter up. The article reads:

M. M. Bloch, warrant broker, is likely to be out of pocket because George J. Cameron, District Attorney, apparently abdicated his office to a special representative of his British majesty, King George V. and a private detective. Attached to the financial loss which Bloch now confronts comes a tale of a fake grand jury obtaining fraudulently information from American citizens for the purpose of helping the British consul, and lending of his office by District Attorney Cameron to the government to which he formerly was a subject before he became a naturalized American himself.

Underlying it all is presumably the establishment of a precedent which will enable the Hindus of India to flood the Pacific Coast with cheap labor. Furthermore, one of the consequences may be the demand of an indemnity by the British government against the United States. It all grows out of the investigation and prosecution of the Hindu riots which occurred in St. Johns March 27, 1910. Justification for the riot is not advocated, nor would there be criticism of proper prosecution.

Gordon Dickey, a resident of St. Johns, had been indicted by a regular grand jury April 6. Dan J. Malarkey was retained by James Laidlaw, British consul, to represent the foreign government and assist in the prosecution of Dickey and others, for the reason that the Hindus are British subjects. Nearly two months later, on June 2, to be exact, several residents of St. Johns received a summons to appear before the grand jury of Multnomah County, at 701 Chamber of Commerce building, at 10 a. m., June 3, to testify before the grand jury in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Gordon Dickey et al. These summonses were signed by George J. Cameron, District Attorney, by G. W. Garland, his Deputy. They were served by a Deputy Sheriff.

At the time the citizens were ordered to appear before the grand jury, there was no grand jury, and the District Attorney no longer has the autocratic power of sending for witnesses and filing indictments of his own volition. Among those sent for were J. B. Van De Bogart, T. Glover, Lee Lane, Roy Garlick, Sherman Cochran, T. J. Murphy and L. L. Bennett. What occurred has been set forth in a sworn affidavit made by J. B. Van De Bogart, half-brother of Gordon Dickey and brother of Ray Van De Bogart, who had already been indicted by the grand jury.

According to J. B. Van De Bogart, he went to room 701, Chamber of Commerce Building, which is the office of District Attorney Cameron, and was there directed to a room over the post-office, where he was confronted by Mr. Malarkey, L. L. Levings, a private detective who was gathering evidence for the British government; Deputy District Attorney Garland, Deputy United States District Attorney Wyatt and a stenographer. There Van De Bogart was put through a private inquisition, particularly by Malarkey. The witness was not informed that the men were not the grand jury, but by virtue of the subpoena, he believed he was appearing before a body empowered by law to compel and receive his evidence, and he answered questions. Since then Van De Bogart has been informed that it was never intended that he should appear before a grand jury of Multnomah county, and that the subpoena was issued solely and only for the purpose of bringing him before the persons named for the purpose of obtaining evidence for purposes other than the prosecution of the case. Says the affidavit:

"That as an American citizen I obeyed said subpoena because of its form and similitude to the regular legal process of the courts and tribunals of the state of Oregon, authenticated by the signature of Geo. J. Cameron, as District Attorney, and countersigned by G. W.

Garland, a regularly appointed, qualified and acting Deputy District Attorney, and that the said subpoena was regularly served upon me by G. E. Constable, a duly appointed, qualified and acting Deputy Sheriff of Multnomah County."

At the time stated there was no grand jury in session, nor in active existence. The records fail to show any trace of a grand jury, and the subpoenas were used to bring in witnesses who were to appear in the trial, to find out what they would testify. There is no apparent authority for the District Attorney using the machinery of his office for the benefit of the British government.

Inasmuch as the Hindus were foreigners, the United States Government wanted to know of the affair, which was why Wyatt was present, but the witnesses were not sent for by the United States District Attorney, nor his deputy, nor any intimation given that the Federal Government was seeking the information, the witnesses being led to believe that they were testifying before the grand jury of Multnomah County, and they were not undecieved. Later, the witnesses discovered that they had been tricked.

Broker Bloch paid the witnesses \$2.25 each as witness fees, taking their claims against the county as grand jury witnesses. Bloch says he should have known better than to buy these claims, as the grand jury was not in session, and he stands to lose all he paid. The County Commissioners have had their attention directed to the affair and one of the Commissioners has notified Bloch that the claims will not be paid, as the witnesses did not appear before a grand jury for the very excellent reason that there was no grand jury before which they could have appeared at the time.

Furthermore, Mr. Malarkey, representing King George V. personally supervised the preparation of the indictments which the genuine grand jury returned, and it was Malarkey who combined so many offenses in the indictment that instead of a few months' imprisonment for such rioters as might be convicted, the number of law sections violated, thus compounded, means a heavy penitentiary sentence.

Inasmuch as Dickey has been found guilty, the next development will probably be a claim for indemnity against the United States by the British government for the attack upon the Hindus.

Loose Money Scarce

St. Johns should be a very fertile field for a good building and loan association. It is almost impossible to borrow money here at any reasonable rate of interest even on gilt edged real estate security. Time and again parties have advertised for small loans in St. Johns, and they rarely if ever received even a reply. A party has been advertising for the past month for \$300 for two years at eight per cent on gilt edged security, but so far no reply has been received, and yet a first mortgage would be given on land valued at \$1,500 and rapidly increasing in value. Why is it that money is so tight? In the Eastern states such a proposition would be jumped at by dozens of people with money to loan. It is a state of affairs that is to be deplored, because if hard times should sweep the Northwest many would go to "the wall" on account of not being able to borrow money to tide them over. Therefore, a building and loan association or some other institution with money to loan would be gladly welcomed in St. Johns.

Graduating Shower

A graduating shower was given in honor of Miss Lola Walker at the residence of Postmaster Valentine last Friday evening. Miss Walker was the recipient of many handsome and useful presents. Delightful refreshments were served during the course of the evening, and a merry and joyous time was had by all present. Those in attendance were: Misses Lulu Gillmore, Lola Walker, Babe Cooper and Lola Herald, and Messrs. Will Steglisch, Arthur Peterson, Ross Walker, Dr. Vinton Scott, Henry Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. Valentine.

Dollars are only grown-up dimes. Dimes are the seeds of dollars. Pennies are the seeds of dimes. Surely you can see that dimes and pennies are the seeds of fortune. The First National Bank can show every man that this is true with Time Certificates of Deposit. It

Council Proceedings

A petition for the improvement of Willis boulevard, Bruce street to St. Johns avenue, was the first matter taken up by the city fathers at the regular session Tuesday night. As no style of improvement was mentioned, the petition was referred to the street committee to ascertain what was desired and to discover if the property adjoining would stand for the assessment for street purposes.

A petition for the improvement of New York street, Hayes to Willis boulevard, with macadam surface and cement sidewalks, was then taken up, and a resolution adopted directing the engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications and estimates for its improvement, and also to secure estimates on carrying the improvement as far as Edison street.

A communication from the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. contained an objection to a five cent fare provision injected into their proposed franchise by council. They were unalterably opposed to being thus restricted, while at the same time they stated that no raise in the price was contemplated. After considerable discussion, in which several of the councilmen grew quite eloquent, this provision was ordered stricken out, Aldermen Hiller, Windle, Johnson, Cook and Davis voting in the affirmative, and Downey and Doble in the negative. While all the councilmen were desirous that this provision remain, the majority believed that the improvement of Fessenden street was of more moment than the provision. Mr. Davis was of the opinion that public sentiment would have a tendency to keeping the fare down, anyway. Mayor Hendricks stated that if the fare was one dollar it would be a benefit to the city commercially, but he favored a retention of the five-cent fare also. With this franchise satisfactory to the trolley company, the last objection and impediment in the way of the improvement of Fessenden street has been removed, and the unwinding of the "red tape" can now go forward with unabated vigor. The engineer is now engaged in making the plans and estimates for its improvement.

A. L. Minor objected to the grade on Tyler street, stating that one side of the street was almost a foot higher than the other, which did not look good to him. The engineer explained that this was necessary to give the proper pitch to the streets leading from the hillside into it, and therefore should stand. Council took Mr. Andrew's view of it, and the objection was disregarded.

Messrs. Muck, Evans, Borer and Martin objected to the assessment on their properties for the improvement of Burr street, claiming that they were higher than allowed by the city charter, but after discussing the matter in detail with council, decided to submit, even though the assessment seemed exorbitant to them.

Mr. Cooper asked for permission to construct a crossing in front of his property on Hayes and Tyler streets. Permission was granted.

A communication from the Weyerhaeuser Lumber Co. objected to laying the sewer line through their property to the river as projected by council. As this is the only feasible route to follow, the engineer and attorney were instructed to interview the officials and have them remove their objection if possible. If they will not do this, condemnation proceedings will be at once instituted and the sewer will be laid as proposed in spite of the objections of the lumber company. The company in their communication advanced the pleasing (?) information that it was their ultimate intention to erect a saw mill and various accessory plants on this site. "Ultimate" means an eternity in some cases.

A bid on the Maple street sewer was presented by F. J. Peterson & Co. and read as follows: Hayes street, \$4,987.30; Fillmore, \$4,080.50; Edison, \$3,897.50; Jersey, \$7,049.26; Ivanhoe, \$4,561.20, making a total of \$24,513.75. This is more than ten per cent above the engineer's estimate.

A bid from L. Seybold on the relaying of the Philadelphia street sewer read: Jersey street, \$1,300.60; Philadelphia street, \$554; Ivanhoe street, \$997.54; total, \$2,852.14. This is less than the engineer's estimate. Both bids were referred to the engineer to check up and report next Tuesday night.

A resolution to improve Chicago street, providing the property will stand for the assessment, was adopted.

A resolution to improve Portland boulevard, from East Point View to Fairhaven street, was adopted.

Bills to the amount of \$509 were allowed.

An ordinance amending ordinance No. 160 was passed and may be found in this issue.

New Fuel Company

The Edlefsen Fuel Co., which was recently organized and incorporated, is beginning to cut a figure in the business world. A. H. Edlefsen started the business in Portland a year or more ago of conducting a wood and coal yard, but business soon became so flourishing that he decided that more capital was needed. Accordingly P. H. and John N. Edlefsen became associated in the concern and it was incorporated under the title of Edlefsen Fuel Co. Office and bunkers are located at the foot of Railroad and Russell streets, Portland, with yards in South Portland, on both sides of the river. The new company handles anthracite hard coal, lump, egg and pea sizes, Rock Springs, English canal coal, Hanford lump, Beaver Hill coal, steam and smithing coal, foundry coke, cordwood and slabwood. The company now has a cargo of several thousand tons of anthracite coal coming on the steamer Buffon from South Wales, England, and also 3000 tons of the justly famous Rock Springs coal from Wyoming. A wood and coal yard is also being established in St. Johns near the water tower, from whence the wants of local people for this commodity will be supplied. The wood and coal will be sold at the lowest possible price, and it is expected that an extensive business will be worked up in St. Johns. Business has been steadily growing since incorporation, and it is a foregone conclusion that the three brothers will make a decided success of it.

Carnival of Sport

There will be a regular carnival of athletic sport at Bickner's hall, St. Johns, on July 4th, consisting of a number of boxing and wrestling contests, the greater number of which will be between clever amateurs, although there will be two or three matches between first class professional athletes. There will be two and possibly three entertainments in which boxing and wrestling will be the main feature.

Prof. Frank Ely, the local athletic instructor, assisted by some of his most promising pupils and two or three first class professionals, will give two or three exhibitions during the day, while in the evening there will be a wrestling match "catch or catch can" style between Walter Arndt, late of San Francisco, and Prof. Ely for a purse. This should prove an interesting and exciting contest as both men are clever and aggressive, fit opponents for any one at their weight, (138 pounds). We have had several athletic contests in our city during the present year and they have all been good bouts and were handled in a very sportsmanlike manner. When lovers of athletic sport attend a contest here in St. Johns they know that they will get a "run for their money." The most amusing number on the program will be a four-round boxing exhibit between a Chinese boxer and a clever Italian athlete. The entire program will be announced later.

Building Permits

No. 79—To J. J. Karr to erect a dwelling on Seneca street between Columbia boulevard and Fairhaven street; cost \$1,000.

No. 80—To A. A. Schrimsher to erect a dwelling on Hayes street between Catlin and Trumbull for Mr. Koerner; cost \$2,700.

No. 81—To J. W. Lindley to erect a dwelling on Leonard street between Catlin and Fessenden streets; cost \$1200.

Richardson Resigns

Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial Club for the past six years, and secretary of the Oregon Development League, who retired this month, will be succeeded in the work by C. C. Chapman. The latter is by no means a stranger to Oregon and is an acknowledged advertising expert with several years experience that especially fits him for the position. He was nominated by H. Beckwith, president of the club, and the nomination was seconded by Manager Richardson. He was chosen unanimously.

Buying Their Own Bonds

Because the Eastern bond market is "off," Portland people are buying the city's improvements bonds, determined that betterments shall go ahead without delay because of financial conditions elsewhere. Bids made for the bonds by bond-buying firms of the Eastern money centers were far below what was considered satisfactory by Mayor Simon. In fact, the best offer was to take the bonds at 91. This meant a loss to the city and then the securities were offered locally at par. The first block of the \$2,000,000 issue authorized to build the Broadway bridge, amounting to \$250,000, is now being taken at home so there will be no delay or loss to the city.

Case of Blood Poisoning

Thomas Glover, the well known saloon man, was taken to the St. Vincent hospital Wednesday suffering from a severe case of blood poisoning. A few days ago he injured his leg just above the ankle, but as the wound was slight he paid but little attention to it. It gradually grew more painful however, until blood poisoning finally set in. His many friends trust that no fatal results will ensue, and that his smiling countenance will soon again be visible upon our streets.

A Big Improvement

The Episcopal Diocese of Oregon have decided to place all their Portland property on the market at once. The estimated value is over \$200,000 and the entire amount will be used in improving their newly acquired property on the crest of the hill on the west side. A trolley line will soon become a necessity to the new school site, else the dear girls are liable to become knock-kneed from climbing over the mountains to school.

Given a Treat

Unfortunate children of Portland, in whose lives there is too little sunshine, were given a treat this week when Portland automobilists gave the use of their cars for rides about the city that were much enjoyed by the children. Wards of the Boys' & Girls' Aid Society, the Children's Home and the People's Institute were the recipients of this outing and it was a happy bunch of children that toured the city in the big autos for two hours.

Welcoming Railroads

Oregon communities will be fairly busy this year welcoming new railroads. Prairie City is one of the first of the season to hold a Railroad Day, celebrating the advent of the extension of the Sumpter Valley line to that thriving city. Addresses were made by many prominent men, telling of the good to be expected from the railroad and a big barbecue was held.

Pioneers Honored

Pioneers of Oregon are honored guests of Portland this week, the occasion being the annual reunion of the Oregon Pioneer Association. The white haired band of empire builders who blazed the trail to old Oregon were greeted by an address of welcome by Mayor Simon and there were other notable talks. A big banquet at the armory was a feature of the reunion.

May Build a Brick

C. C. Woodhouse, of Republic, Wash., has been spending the past few days in St. Johns. He is considering the erection of a brick block on his property on corner of Philadelphia and Ivanhoe streets, and it is more than probable that it will come to pass.

Will the end of this month see you just where you were this time last month? Not if you save something. If it's only a dollar it's something. Put it in the First National Bank. It issues Time Certificates of Deposit. It

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

Local and Otherwise

The gas boat Argosy will leave St. Johns Sunday morning at 8:30 for a trip to Lady's Island, and the return will be made when desired by the crowd. This will be a delightful outing, and the island is a fine place to spend a few restful hours. It is likely that the boat will be filled to its capacity. Round trip tickets 50 cents.

The Electric theatre is playing to overflowing houses every night. The people appreciate good entertainments, and they are getting them every day at the Electric. It is quite apparent that larger quarters will soon have to be sought to accommodate the ever increasing population of St. Johns.

Thomas Monahan has received the recommendation of Congressman Ellis for the postmastership of St. Johns. It is likely the appointment will be made by the President within the next few days. It is conceded by all that Mr. Monahan will make a courteous, efficient and obliging P. M.

Dan Williamson has removed some of the partitions that were obstructing the front part of his restaurant, and has laid new linoleum upon the floor. The improvements create a decided change in the appearance of the establishment. More floor room has also been obtained to take care of his ever increasing business.

The Peninsula band of thirty pieces has been secured to furnish music for the Fourth of July jubilee in St. Johns. This organization is one of the finest that could be secured and the committee is to be congratulated upon securing its services. Other music will also be added for the occasion.

The North Bank Pharmacy has sold over \$1,000 worth of the famous Nyal remedies during the past year, and Mr. Currin informs us that he has yet to hear of one unsatisfied customer. On the contrary many have spoken in the highest praise of these remedies.

The foundry of the Columbia Steel Works is almost completed on the west side of the river. About thirty employees will be used at the start. The main business of the company will not be removed from its Portland location until the first of next year.

W. H. Guiles, who departed this life recently in this city, was born in Indiana, enlisted July 29, 1864, as private and was mustered out August 19, 1865, as private in Company A, Iowa Cavalry. At the time of his death he was aged 68 years.

Several St. Johns citizens have made purchases in the Alberta country, Canada, within the past few weeks. Recorder A. M. Eason is the owner of 160 acres, and Councilman J. S. Downey and W. W. Windle have each secured a like amount of British soil.

Ground has been broken for the erection of a parsonage adjoining the M. E. church on Leavitt street. The new dwelling will be modern and up to date in all respects, and when completed will be occupied by Rev. F. N. Sandifer and family.

All subscribers in arrears are being honored with statements of their standing with the Review this week. If you are in arrears and have not received a statement, do not feel injured, because it is wholly unintentional on our part.

How about last month's pay? Have you got any of it left? Take something from the pay-check tonight. Put it in the First National Bank and watch it grow. It earns 3 per cent, interest compounded every six months. It

Youths who desire to participate in the fantastic parade July Fourth should see the committee on parade at once. As many as can are desired for this feature.

R. Alsberge, the tailor, has purchased a fine lot on Stafford street, near Buchanan, and will commence the erection of a modern dwelling thereon within the next few days.

Chester Vincent has been added to the engineer corps of the city,

and will be an efficient aid in executing the multitudinous duties now confronting that department.

Stop a moment! How much have you wasted this month? There is but one week left. How have you used the other three? Begin this week to save. The First National Bank helps all with Time Certificates of Deposit. It

For Sale—A fifty dollar course in the Scranton International Correspondence School, any department, at 20 per cent discount, at rate of \$5.00 down, \$5.00 per month; further discount for cash. Address "B," this office.

If you want to buy, rent, sell or exchange property see Wolcott, (The Rent Man.) St. Johns Office, 401 South Jersey. Portland Office, 245 1/2 Washington Street, Phone Marshall 1556.

A slight fire occurred in the St. Johns laundry Tuesday evening. The flames were subdued before the fire department reached the scene. But slight damage was done.

If you want to sell your house and lot or vacant lot cheap for cash, see W. W. Holcomb, Attorney Rooms 3 and 4, Holbrook Building, St. Johns.

New arrivals are locating here every day. Among the recent ones are S. J. Wilson and family of Washington state. They are occupying the Catlin residence.

Two nice new modern cottage, near Kenton, two blocks to cars for sale. Easy terms. See S. W. Rogers, 309 North Jersey street.

We want some vacant lots cheap for cash, also some bargains in small homes wanted for cash. McKinney & Davis.

A good second hand white enamel-lined refrigerator for sale cheap. 314 West Chicago street, or see S. W. Rogers.

J. N. Bailey has sold a lot in Whitwood Court at a price almost double what he paid for same a couple of years ago.

H. Dean and wife of Ashland, Oregon, have been visiting friends in the city for the past couple of weeks.

The infant child of John Goodman was buried June 5th, Rev. C. P. Gates preaching the funeral sermon.

The running team of the fire department is doing some fine work along Burlington street these evenings.

Wanted—To borrow \$300 at 8 per cent for two years. Gilt edged security. Address "B," this office.

Tuesday was the longest day of the year. The days henceforth will each shorten a few moments.

Wanted—Board and room in a private family by young gentleman. Leave address at Review office.

Calef Bros. have a lot of second-hand furniture, only been out a few weeks. For sale at a bargain.

John Koerner is erecting a very handsome residence on North Hayes, which will cost \$2,700.

Gail Perrine left last week for Red Willow, Canada, where he expects to take up a homestead.

O. C. Cooper of Hamilton, Montana, is spending a few days in St. Johns with his family.

J. Seacrist and family of Texas are among the new arrivals to locate in St. Johns.

You get full weight and first quality at the Central market. Just try it awhile.

J. W. Lindsey is constructing a neat little dwelling on Leonard street.

For Rent—Modern 6 room house, fine river view. See K. C. Couch.

Calef Bros. have a good second hand range for sale.