

GUILTY OF ELECTION FRAUDS SAYS VERDICT

MAYOR J. W. REED OF ESTACADA CONVICTED AT TRIAL IN PORTLAND, FRIDAY.

Judge Characterizes Defense as Nonsensical and Delivers Stinging Rebuke to Counsel for Defendant.

J. W. Reed, mayor of Estacada, banker, contractor and vote colonizer, was late Friday afternoon found guilty of participating in the election frauds in Sellwood precinct on June 4, the date of the last general election. The trial of Mayor Reed began Wednesday before Judge Frazer in Portland. The jury returned its verdict at 5:50 o'clock. Some 20-odd cases are yet to be tried in connection with the alleged illegal voting of 26 men in precinct 37.

The trial of the Estacada mayor moved along smoothly until the defense attempted to prove through its witnesses that the colonizing of the 26 voters at the June election was done upon the advice of the late Attorney O. F. Paxton and upon the instructions of a circular issued during the campaign by the Brewers' and Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association. The attempt to bring before the jury evidence of this nature roused Judge Frazer, who, with some show of feeling, not only ruled out this line of evidence, but delivered from the bench a stinging rebuke on Attorney Muir.

Practically No Defense Offered. Trouble for the defense broke out during the morning session, and it came so thick and fast that practically no defense was offered. Lawyers Muir, Moody, Martin and Wolf elected to try the case upon the fact that Reed, in getting the 26 men into precinct 37 to vote, had done so because a lawyer had said that all that was necessary for the voting of the 26 men was to have them sleep one night in the precinct in which they were to vote. This line of defense was based upon the allegation that the attorney, now dead, and gone, had given it as his legal opinion that this was all that was necessary to establish legal residence, and on the liquor dealers' circular. Attorney Moody had called A. Crofton, manager of the Wholesale Brewers' and Liquor dealers' association, as the first witness. When the court saw through the line of defense His Honor very promptly sustained the objection made by District Attorney Manning and his deputy, G. C. Moser. Attorney Moody then took up almost an hour in citing authorities in defense of his point and it was at the close of his argument that Judge Frazer said:

"The charge against the defendant has been sustained so far as the evidence has gone, and I cannot allow so nonsensical a defense to go before this jury. The court cannot believe that any such advice could be given or even believed by any lawyer. Everybody knows that such a thing would be wrong. It is a fraud on its face and the District Attorney has well said that if this defense can be justified in this way there would be no protection for the people in administering their affairs in their own way."

The result of the court's ruling was that Crofton, beyond acknowledging the circular, did not get a chance to testify. This was also the case of the attempt to have other witnesses testify along the same lines. The other witnesses were Reed himself, B. F. Boynton, ex-assistant superintendent of the Oregon Water Power & Railway company, and County Clerk Fields who had been solicited by the liquor men for a decision on the question of establishing a residence.

When the counsel for the defense were met at every direction with objections which were sustained by the court, the defense was dropped, and after introducing a number of character witnesses, the defense offered no testimony. Mayor Reed in answer to the few questions that were allowed, admitted calling up the hotel-keeper at Sellwood and making arrangements for the meals and sleeping quarters for his colony of voters. He also admitted paying the bill by check.

Jury Promptly Convicts.

Two attempts on the part of the defense to have the court instruct the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty were overruled.

George Banford was made foreman of the jury, and in less than an hour a verdict of guilty was returned.

When the jury had rendered its verdict, attorney Martin moved for 3 days' time in which to ask for a new trial.

Penalty Provided by Law.

Mayor Reed and the other defendants in the Sellwood election fraud cases were indicted under section 1907 of Bellinger & Cotton's code. The penalty on conviction is: "Any person, upon conviction of a violation of section 1907, shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than three years, or shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1000, or shall be punished by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court, and shall be forever ineligible to hold any office of trust or profit in this state."

SMALL FIRE FROM DEFECTIVE FLUE

Roof of Charles Schoenheinz' Shoe Shop Slightly Damaged Saturday Morning.

Fire in the shoe shop of Charles Schoenheinz Saturday morning between 8 and 8:30 o'clock was the cause of the ringing of the fire alarm and the calling out of Fountain Hose and Columbia Hook and Ladder companies.

The fire was caused by a defective flue in the room just back of the shoe shop and which is being used to store stock. Fire had only been started a short time in the stove when the smell of smoke issuing from the rear room was noticed. The flue in that room had been badly repaired and sparks soon set the wall paper afire. A stream of water from a garden hose was brought to play on the flames and the fire was extinguished, when some excited young man rang the fire bell. Smoke was still issuing from under the roof when the department arrived, but Chief McFarland soon had a hole in the roof and with a small stream of water put out the last spark of the fire.

The only damage reported is the holes in the roof and gable and a soaked floor.

OVERSTAYED HIS LEAVE FROM ARMY

Veteran Regular from Vancouver Barracks is Arrested in Local Saloon.

Sigmund Clark of Company E, 14th Regiment, stationed at Vancouver, Wash., was arrested Friday night on charge of deserting the army. Clark was taken to Vancouver Saturday by Chief of Police Burns, who placed him in the custody of the officers in charge of the station.

The deserter was found in a saloon and upon being questioned readily gave himself up. The army uniform had been exchanged for citizen's clothing in order to make the escape more certain.

Sigmund Clark had served in the United States army for about 12 years and after being placed in the jail over night was willing to return to the barracks. His regular term will expire soon.

The Standard Oil company claims it is as innocent as a new born babe because its lawyers have found a technicality in the passage of the rate law. "Ain't it a shame" how people persecute poor old Rockefeller?

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OAK GROVE WILL ASK REDUCED O.W.P. FARES

SUBURB ON NORTH WANTS FIVE CENT RATE AND OTHER PRIVILEGES.

Improvement Association Formed to Work for Advantages—Want Creighton and Center Names Dropped.

Lower traction line fares, electric lights and telephone service were the key notes sounded at a rousing meeting of the citizens of Oak Grove, Thursday night, that resulted in the forming of the Oak Grove Improvement association.

About 90 residents of Oregon City's thriving northern suburb attended the meeting and everyone was enthusiastic over the community's future if equal privileges with other suburbs could be secured, and all were determined that those privileges should be secured.

Street car fare occupied the attention of most of the speakers. Twenty ride books to Portland, eight miles away, now cost \$1.70 or 8½ cents a ride. This it is believed should be reduced.

Twenty ride books from Oak Grove (or Center as the station is called) to Oregon City, only four miles away, now cost \$2.25, or 11¼ cents a trip. This certainly should be reduced to at least 5 cents.

Lights, telephones, sidewalks and other improvements of a material

kind will receive the attention of the new association, whose officers selected Thursday night are Leo Paget, the Portland banker, president; E. A. Allen, of Allen's business college, Oregon City, vice-president; George Miller, the Oak Grove store-keeper, secretary, and Mr. Heltkemper, treasurer. Another meeting will be held next Thursday night when the organization will be completed by adoption of constitution and by-laws.

The name of the community received consideration Thursday night. The station is named Center, the postoffice Creighton, while the school district and precinct is known as Oak Grove, and that is the name the residents desire to have adopted by the O. W. P. for its station and by the postoffice.

Oak Grove is a town of the last few years. About 125 families reside there now and the town is growing rapidly.

The Mexican government will take control of the principal railroad lines in that country.

Roosevelt has yielded to public opinion and will give up "simplified" spelling and hereafter public documents will be spelled in the old way. He is not the first man who has been worsted by Webster.

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ESCAPE DEATH BY NARROW MARGIN

STRENGTH AND WEIGHT SAVE MAN AT PAPER MILLS THIS AFTERNOON.

Mr. Eppler's Sleeve Caught in Shafting—Tears Coat in Shreds In Keeping From Being Mangled.

Mr. Eppler, who is employed in the saw mill of the Willamette Paper & Pulp mills, had a narrow escape Saturday afternoon. While reaching for one of the set screws his coat sleeves were caught by a shaft of the machinery and he was thrown to the floor with tremendous force.

The fact that Mr. Eppler is a strong and heavy person is the one reason that he did not lose his life.

When his coat sleeves became tangled in the machinery he tried to extricate himself with such strength that all the clothing of the arm was torn into threads.

His arm and face were badly bruised.

French restaurant proprietor in San Francisco admits paying Abe Ruef money for protection. More indictments will be found against the Boss.

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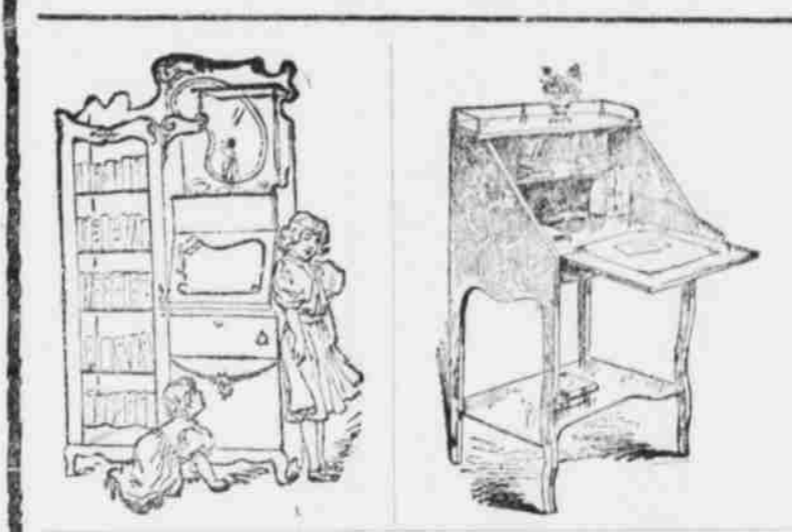
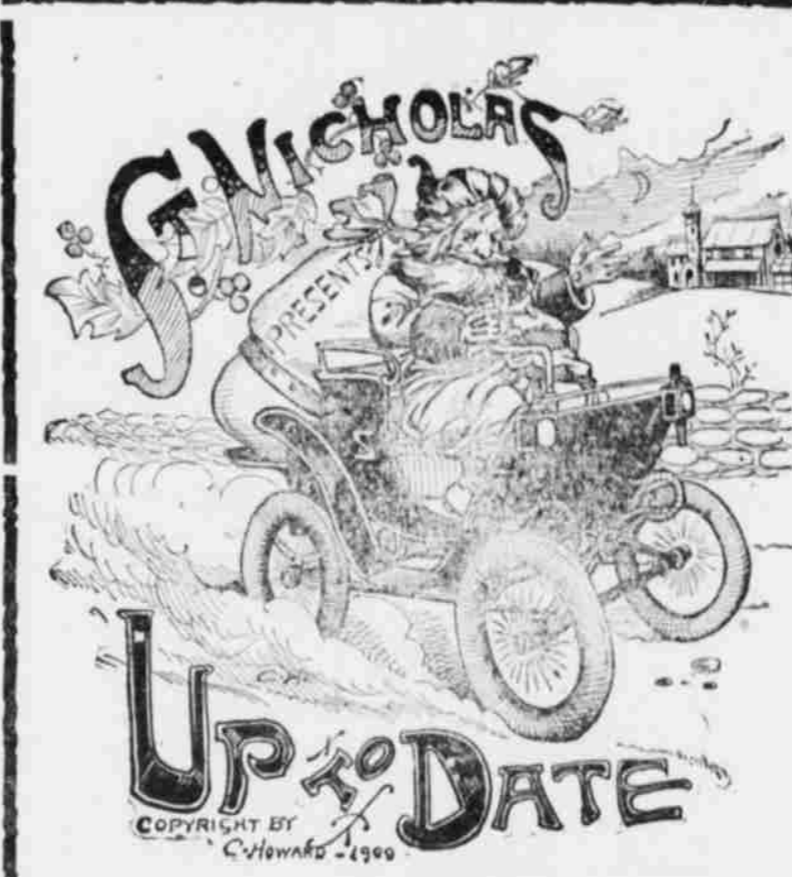
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