

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FACTS

Grand Jury Looking Deeply Into Scandals.

THOMAS MALONE, WITNESS

Former City Father Gives Very Important Testimony Regarding "Grafts" of Officials of the Municipality.

Deeper and deeper the Multnomah County grand jury is probing into the Front-street bridge and other municipal scandals. Yesterday District Attorney John Manning startled the hangers-on about the Courthouse by subpoenaing Thomas Malone, a former Councilman, and for a time the air was pregnant with all manner of speculation as to the testimony Malone would give.

Malone's Testimony Important.

Malone was a city father in the days when Sylvester Penney was Mayor. He is credited with knowing a great deal about the inside workings of the City Council, and it is said that he gave some important testimony regarding certain deals that C. E. Rumelin was interested in. He was before the grand jury only half an hour, but he will again be called. One rumor had it that Malone gave some information concerning the much-heralded "graft" connected with the deal that was behind the famous garbage crematory. This was the deal that failed, and one man, vitally interested in the passing of the project, was heard to say openly that when the deal for monopoly fell through he lost \$100, meaning that if the deal had gone through, his share would have been that amount.

Bridge Scandal Comes Up.

George Scoggin, who was Deputy City Engineer under W. C. Elliott, and who is present Elliott's partner, was also before the jury. Scoggin's testimony, while it is a matter of some interest, is that W. C. Elliott had to do with the part that Councilman Rumelin had to do with the Front-street bridge scandal. Scoggin is said to have gone into Rumelin's activity in both the Front-street bridge deal and other matters pertaining to city contracts and franchises. The ex-Deputy City Engineer must have given some interesting information, for not an inkling of the deal had been known from any source. Carl Lieber, who was formerly an employe in the City Auditor's office, was another witness before the grand jury. F. H. Stow, representing the Automobile Telephone Company, who is charged by Councilmen Merrill and Sherrett with having offered bribes, appeared before the grand jury. Mr. Stow denied that he had ever attempted to bribe either Sherrett or Merrill.

SHARKEY NOT BRIBETAKER.

Telephone Story Circulated Was Without Basis of Fact. A story was circulated yesterday to the effect that the grand jury had listened to the testimony of some one that Councilman John P. Sharkey had received \$1000 from the Pacific States Telephone Company. This money, the rumor had it, was paid to Councilman Sharkey to vote against a franchise wanted by the independent Automobile Telephone Company. District Attorney Manning, who is conducting the investigation now going on by the grand jury, stated positively that no such testimony had been brought before the grand jury yesterday and declared that he had not heard of such charges until some one outside of the juryroom told him that such a story was out. Councilman Sharkey was seen last night. He was indignant over the fact that such a story had been circulated about him. "I do not know what came up before the grand jury, nor do I understand now anybody other than the members of that body itself and its legal advisers can know of its proceedings. I was under the impression since all testimony given to the grand jury was a secret. I do know this, though, that I never received one cent for any vote or action of mine as a member of the City Council. I most emphatically deny that I ever received one cent from any telephone company, and should any one attempt to testify to such effect, before the grand jury or elsewhere, he will be guilty of the rankest kind of perjury. It is a well-known fact that I have been and am now an outspoken advocate of the Automobile Telephone Company and am doing all in my power to secure for the people of this city the benefits of competition in the telephone business. This fact should be the estimate of any fair-minded persons. My sufficient refutation of this malicious slander. The circulation of such a story at this time is the work of political enemies and for the sole purpose of defeating me as a candidate for Councilman-at-large, after having been nominated for such a position last Saturday."

REQUEST OF ASSISTANCE

Park Board Considers It but Postpones Action.

A DIVISION IN OPINIONS

ALL ARE FOR CHURCH UNION

Delegates for Three Presbyterian Assemblies Take Their Departure.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church-North will meet in Winona, Ind., May 18, and the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church meets in Fresno, Cal., also on the 18th. Rev. M. D. McClelland and Rev. Jerome McGlade are ministerial delegates, and H. C. Coleman and M. R. Godfrey are lay delegates to the former assembly from Portland. Rev. E. Nelson is delegate to the Cumberland Presbyterian Assembly. He will leave for Fresno next Monday. Rev. Mr. McClelland and family have already started for Winona, and Rev. Mr. McGlade will leave this evening. There are also delegates from Southern Oregon, Willamette, Grand Ronde and Eastern Oregon presbyteries.

FAIL TO FIX SALE DATES

Local Representatives Discuss Eastern Convention Schedules.

A meeting was held yesterday afternoon between the representatives of the passenger departments of the various transcontinental railroads for the purpose of fixing the selling dates for the several Eastern National conventions to be held during the summer. There will be ten conventions held in the East during the next three months for which special rates have been made by the railroads. It is left by the Passenger Association for the agents in the West to determine the selling dates for the disposal of the tickets to those wishing to attend the conventions.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

Grace Van Studdford's Conductor. The management of "Red Feather" has one of the finest leaders in the country, the same talented musician who conducted the Bostonians' orchestra for nearly a score of years. It became part of the Bostonians' program to send Samuel H. Studley down the center aisle of the theater and either duck or vault the rail of the orchestra to take the seat in the conductor's chair. This performance is now included in the programme of "Red Feather." It was Mr. Studley who tried Miss Grace Van Studdford's voice when she first applied for an engagement years ago with the Bostonians and it was the mutual appreciation of star and conductor that influenced the recent engagement of Mr. Studley as leader of the orchestra of "Red Feather." "Red Feather" will be the attraction at the Marquam Grand Theater tomorrow, Friday and Saturday nights, with a special matinee Saturday. Seats are now selling.

COMING ATTRACTIONS.

"A Woman's Revenge" Next Week.

Starting Sunday afternoon, the Empire Stock Company will give the well-known successful five-act melodrama, "A Woman's Revenge." As the title suggests, the plot is one of those intensely interesting sort, depicting all the human emotions, and it will be given a complete and careful production by the Empire Stock Company.

DIFFICULT BAREBACK RIDING

Famous Equestrians With Norris & Rowe's Greater Circus.

The most important additions to the now famous Norris & Rowe's Greater Circus will be found in the large number of celebrated bareback riding acts by a large corps of skilled equestrians. The beautiful and artistic predominate in these various difficult evolutions. Expert horsemanship has always been admired by everyone and Norris & Rowe are confident that their efforts in securing such a notable array of riding talent as the famous Rose Dorrill, George Holland, Frank and Dolly Miller, Austin King, Joe Haines, Wm. Sutton, Mill, Julien, Estelle Settler and other sensational exponents of difficult bareback riding, will be keenly appreciated. Bareback riding has always formed an interesting part in the sawdust arena and expert riders appreciating this are constantly originating new feats. This season, Norris & Rowe predict that the large number of intricate maneuvers performed by their horsemen and horsewomen will prove a delightful special feature. The Greater is composed of eight lady and gentlemen riders. Mounting and dismounting while going at top speed on thorough racing stock, this array of equestrian performers, flashing during accomplishments as the tumultuous audience breathless until the tumultuous applause shakes the arena. The horses drop out on all four; then come to their haunches, stand and on their forefeet facing the audience; then at the wave of

Rates Made to Winona.

The announcement is made by the Great Northern that tickets will be sold on May 12 to those wishing to attend the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to be held at Winona, La., Indiana, beginning May 17. The individual announcement is supposedly made on account of the failure of the passenger agents to reach an agreement at the meeting held in the city yesterday.

Scholars Buying a Cabinet.

OREGON CITY, Or., May 9.—(Special.)—The pupils of the Oregon City public schools have raised \$116 towards the cost of a cabinet in which to place the educational exhibit from this county in connection with the exhibit that is to be made from Clackamas County at the Lewis and Clark Fair. The Clackamas County exhibit is now being assembled and arranged preparatory to its installation in the Exposition building at Portland.

LIQUOR WILL CAUSE WOE

Government Now Powerless to Prevent Debauchery on Works.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 6.—

There will be no end of trouble among workmen employed on Government irrigation projects unless the law officers of the Interior Department reverse themselves on the power of the Government to prohibit the sale of liquor on lands lying within the limits of such projects. No sooner had the Reclamation Service begun the construction of its first project than liquor-dealers appeared on the scene. Some made entries in Saloons sprang up like mushrooms; others leased lands which had been entered by others, but all were careful to locate in the vicinity of the work and in the midst of the army of workmen. Saloons sprang up like mushrooms; there was much drunkenness; there was gambling; robberies were frequent; fights were of common occurrence and fatalities have been reported on a number of occasions.

The Reclamation Service was quick to realize that liquor was at the bottom of the trouble. With the saloons came the gamblers and the tough element in general. The laboring forces became largely demoralized. Work was retarded; disorder reigned where order was expected, and before long, in addition to the troubles enumerated, it was noticed that every now and then some workman would disappear, leaving no trace behind.

An appeal was made to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, who promptly drew up a circular to local land officers, directing them to cancel every entry under an irrigation project where it was shown that the entryman was selling liquor on his premises or had leased his land to a liquor-seller. That circular was sent to the Secretary of the Interior for approval, and by him referred to the Assistant Attorney-General for his department, and by that official was adversely reported upon. In his opinion, following precedent, the Government has no authority to cancel an entry which is otherwise regular, just because the entryman is selling liquor on his land, or is permitting liquor to be sold there. It is the opinion of the Assistant Attorney-General that the sale of liquor on homesteaded land has nothing to do with the right of the entryman to perfect his title, but is subject entirely to the laws of the state in which the land is located; that if the liquor is sold under proper state license, the Government cannot interpose an objection.

This ruling proved a great disappointment to the Reclamation Service. In asking for a restriction upon the sale of liquor on irrigated lands, the Reclamation Service sought to protect its own men and the men employed by Government contractors against the bad elements that have given such notoriety to new Western towns; it sought to protect them against cheap, bad liquor; against gamblers and others who now look upon them as legitimate prey. The contention of the Reclamation Service that lands under irrigation projects are Government lands until paid for, and as none of these lands will become the property of the settler until ten years after the water is turned on, that the Government had the right to exclude liquor-dealers if it saw fit, just as it can prohibit the sale of liquor on National parks and on other Government reservations.

Chinese Organize for Commerce.

NEW YORK, May 8.—With the sanction and help of the imperial government, the Chinese merchants of New York are organizing the Commercial Association, to which every Chinese merchant or proprietary holder will be eligible. It is said the idea originated by former Minister Wu Ting-fang, who, since his return to China, has taken great interest in the commercial relations between his countrymen in China and those in the United States. He is in favor, it is understood, of forming a great association, with branches in every large American city, to further commercial relations between the two countries. The objects of the organization will include efforts to prevent certain applications of the exclusion laws and customs regulations which the Chinese consider unjust.

Police Look for Missing Man.

Calvin Welch, who lives at 364 Park street, has been missing from home since yesterday at noon, and his friends are alarmed. The police are searching for him.

Italian Warships Sent to Crete.

ROME, May 8.—In view of the situation in the island of Crete, the Italian battleship Sargano and the cruiser Giuseppe Basilio have been ordered to go to Sunda Bay in the northern part of that island.

LOOK FOR ANCHOR

Municipal Association Is Much in Fog.

PILOTS LOSE BEARINGS

They Do Not Know Whether to Put Up a Straight Ticket or to Pick One Out by Indorsements.

"Pilots of the Municipal Association are looking for a sheet anchor, and have appointed some of their number to find a rope." Such was the remark made yesterday by a member of the association, in the presence of O. P. M. Jamison, president of the association, soon after a meeting of the executive committee of that organization, at the Y. M. C. A. And Mr. Jamison smiled as if the remark was not far off.

In Memory of Mrs. Martha Lent.

Following are the resolutions passed by Evening Star Grange, No. 2, Patrons of Husbandry, at its meeting, held April 7, Mrs. E. A. Kelly, Mrs. E. Peterson and C. H. Welch, committee, in memory of Mrs. Martha Lent, a pioneer woman: Whereas it has pleased the great Master above, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst and from her wide sphere of influence among us, our dearly-loved talented sister and friend, a charter member of this Grange, Mrs. Martha Lent, whose beautiful and successful life terminated on the 10th instant at her home in Mt. Tabor, surrounded by her children and loved ones; therefore, be it Resolved, That by the death of Sister Lent, our Grange has been deprived of an active

Concert at Church to Be Given.

Under the direction of Mrs. Olga Bartsen Lang a concert will be given at the Fourth Presbyterian Church, First and Gibbs streets, tonight. In addition to the concert there will be readings by Miss Eugenia Craft. No admission will be charged.

Rev. H. M. Andrews Will Lecture.

Rev. Herbert M. Andrews, of Woodstock School, India, one of the most successful missionaries in that field, will address a rally of young people this evening, May 20, at the First Presbyterian Church, Twelfth and Alder. Mr. Andrews is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Edgar P. Hill. Rev. Mr. Andrews is one of the Christian Endeavor missionaries of the Women's North Pacific Presbyterian Board of Missions. The young people of all denominations anticipate a rare treat.

Free Advice for Young Girls

All young girls are earnestly urged to write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., for advice. Thousands of women are well, strong, and beautiful to-day because they made a confidant of Mrs. Pinkham and followed her instructions at this critical time of their lives.

Young Girls. Many a girl who graduates from high school or female college with a brilliant record and high standing is broken down before she is twenty. Nowadays girls are pushed to the limit of their endurance both in school and society. They must make a success—even if they are forever unfitted for the larger school of life and debarred from wedded happiness and the bliss of motherhood.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. At this time of life, when just entering into womanhood, nature makes heavy drains upon the vitality, especially at each monthly period. Experience of a Beautiful High School Girl. My Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—I write to you to tell you how much I owe to you for your kind advice and shall recommend your medicine to my girl friends. Miss Barber writes again after two years. My Dear Mrs. Pinkham: Sometimes ago I wrote to you for advice, being troubled with irregular and painful menstruation and womb disease. I began taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills and using the Sanative Wash, and I am glad to say I am completely cured and have not had any sickness since. I wish to thank you for your kind advice and shall recommend your medicine to my girl friends. Free Advice for Young Girls. All young girls are earnestly urged to write to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., for advice. Thousands of women are well, strong, and beautiful to-day because they made a confidant of Mrs. Pinkham and followed her instructions at this critical time of their lives.

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