

BIG THREE HAVE LOBBYING POOL

Insurance Companies Watch Legislation.

HAMILTON IS THE HEAD MAN

Schiff Says Equitable Minute Book Lies.

BANKER ANSWERS ENEMIES

Says Management Was All Hyde and Alexander, Directors Being Dummies—Custom Set Above By-Laws of Company.

HAD A LOBBYING SYNDICATE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—(Special.)—That Judge Andrew Hamilton was retained by the Equitable and other big life insurance companies to look after legislation in various states during the last eight years the Equitable alone paid him over \$45,000 in addition to an annual retainer of \$2500 was the sensational testimony given at the insurance investigation this afternoon by Alfred W. Mayne, associate auditor of the Equitable.

Mr. Mayne testified that an arrangement existed among the Mutual, New York Life and Equitable by which the whole country was divided among them so that each company would take care of certain states regarding legislative affairs. The Equitable, for instance, looked after Massachusetts, California and Georgia.

Money Paid for Lobbying.

Witness presented vouchers for money paid by his company to Mr. Hamilton. These showed that in eight years, from 1897 to 1905, the sum of \$48,300 was paid to Mr. Hamilton for legal services. Mr. Mayne did not give any details of the duties performed by Mr. Hamilton nor of the committees he appeared before, beyond the fact that Mr. Hamilton looked after legislative matters for all the companies in the states west of Ohio. Witness told of an agreement whereby special counsel was employed by one company in its territory and the expense was shared by all.

Finance Committee Powerless.

Up to a recent time Mr. Schiff was qualified as a director by shares transferred by Mr. Hyde. Mr. Hyde drew the dividends on these shares. Mr. Schiff received no beneficial results from them. They were re-transferred to the trustees under the Ryan purchase. Mr. Schiff said that prior to last February he was not a policy-holder in the Equitable, and was not in any financial position from many other directors, and held his position at the request of Mr. Hyde. He was asked to become a member of the finance committee, so that he could give his judgment on the securities the society purchased. The question of property did not occur to him on this point, because the finance committee does not decide the actual purchase, but merely advises the sale or purchase of securities. The value of his service as a witness, Mr. Schiff said, was the same as that of a Judge of a higher court, because of his experience. His position was not one of much importance, he stated, because Alexander, Mr. Hughes said this judgment he followed. He could not say it was a surprise to him to find that his position as a member of the finance committee was perfunctory.

By-Laws Have No Weight.

Mr. Schiff said that there was practically no place for the finance committee, as the executive committee took the initiative in all investments and there was an auditing committee with powers equaling those of the finance committee.

"Do you understand," asked Mr. Hughes, "that incorporations' customs outweigh by-laws?"

"In the Equitable this was the case," replied Mr. Schiff.

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DAY OF ALL DAYS AT EXPOSITION

Metropolis of Northwest Will Celebrate at the Centennial Today.

PORTLAND POINTS THE WAY

Unrivaled Programme for Morning, Afternoon and Evening Has Been Prepared for Crowds Which Will Attend.

WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE REVERSED.

The low pressure which made its appearance this morning off Cape Flattery has moved inland and completely reversed the conditions of last night so that instead of fair weather Saturday the indications now are for showers.

EDWARD A. BEALS,
District Forecaster.

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION WILL PAY LARGE DIVIDEND

President Goode Announces That a Surplus of \$100,000 to \$150,000 Will Be Returned to Stockholders.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition will return a dividend to stockholders. A surplus of \$100,000 to \$150,000 will yield a dividend of from 25 to 40 per cent. President Goode is authority for the foregoing statements. To an Oregonian reporter who questioned him as to the finances of the Exposition, he said:

Prospects Are Bright.

Prospects seem bright for that attendance of 100,000 which is the ambition of the Exposition, of Portland and of Oregon to have. If Portland day is going to be made a 100,000 day, though, everyone will have to help. If you should stay home and the attendance reached only 50,000 you would never forgive yourself and your city would never forgive you. Therefore it is not safe to take any chances. As someone has said, the person who is able to go today and stays

HEAVY TRAVEL REPORTS A. L. CRAIG.

"Our company has always looked to the interests of the Fair," said A. L. Craig of the O. R. & N. Co., "and has consequently tried to further them. Portland day is really the crowning event of the Exposition and we will enter into its success with even a heartier spirit than that shown in former years. Our general offices will be closed all day and the city ticket offices at 12 o'clock noon, thus giving our employees the opportunity to get to the Fair on Portland day. I think that every citizen of Portland should give his loyal support to Portland's Fair today and if that is done there can be no question as to reaching the 100,000 mark. Our out-of-town agents report a heavily increased travel for today."

Events of the Evening.

The evening will be equally filled with interesting events, the most interesting of which will be a great naval battle. This event will open at 8:30 o'clock sharp and will be a mammoth reproduction of the battle of Manila Bay. The bombardment will continue for half an hour and one big battleship will be blown to atoms. Immediately preceding the battle there will be a fine display of fireworks. The Elery Band will give a concert at the scene of battle immediately before that event occurs.

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