

# CHIEF CAMPBELL FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ACCUSERS

### Fire Department Head Is Convincing in Denial of Favoritism.

### SALESMEN UPHOLD HIM

#### Montag and Sweet Clash Over Appointment of Master Mechanic. Mayor Says Man Was Marked 100 for Lying Well.

Fire Chief Campbell, who has been the center of much criticism by Mayor Lane and members of the fire committee of the Executive Board during recent months, appeared before a special meeting of the committee yesterday afternoon and entered a complete and exceptionally convincing denial of the aspersions cast against him, including the charge that he has favored A. G. Long, a local fire apparatus dealer, by drawing specifications to fit the latter's engine. Mr. Long also presented a strong case when he was called upon to state his position, and declared that, even were it possible for him to have his goods favored by the Chief, he would not do so, knowing the Mayor and members of the committee have demanded absolutely open specifications on all supplies.

Prior to taking up the matter in which Chief Campbell is involved, the committee had under consideration the case of Walter J. Phillips, hydrantman and acting master mechanic of the department, who was mixed up in charges brought by Montag and Sweet several months ago. This portion of the meeting was heated, and once there was a positive clash between John Montag and Isaac Sweet, members of the committee. Mr. Montag favored Phillips for the permanent appointment as mechanic, but Mr. Sweet objected, saying Phillips' record is not sufficiently clear to warrant his promotion. Mr. Sweet then began to set forth the virtues of E. M. Wiesinger, certified with Phillips by the Civil Service Commission as eligible for the position of master mechanic.

"Why don't you proceed to make your motion and appoint Mr. Wiesinger?" demanded Mr. Montag in heated manner, his face flushing. "You know good and well it's all cut and dried to appoint him—why don't you do it, and don't beat around the bush and take up a lot of time, but go ahead and make your appointment as you intended to."

"You're badly mistaken," retorted Mr. Sweet, as well as P. E. Sullivan, also a member of the committee. Mayor Lane also stood up. Mr. Montag he was mistaken.

"I stand pat on what I said—it's cut and dried to appoint Wiesinger," replied Mr. Montag.

"I want to tell you, Mr. Montag, you're very much mistaken," said Mr. Sweet. "I have never spoken about Wiesinger to the Mayor or Mr. Sullivan. You are certainly mistaken."

"I should say you are mistaken," said Mr. Sullivan. "I don't know whom to appoint for the place, but I can't accept the certification of the Civil Service Commission, as it has been demonstrated that the tests given guarantee nothing; it is not cut and dried at all."

Calls Self Stumbling.  
Mr. Sweet then moved that Wiesinger be appointed, but there was no second to the motion, and Mayor Lane remarked: "It does not look like it is very much cut and dried." Mr. Montag then advised the other members of the committee to wait until next week, saying he will then be on his way to Europe, where he is going for an extended trip. He sarcastically remarked that he will be in the city of the stumbling block.

Messrs. Sweet and Sullivan, in explaining why they would not stand for the appointment of Phillips, said that his "is not the proper man for the place, as his record is not clear." This angered Mr. Montag, who declared that "Phillips is the best machinist and mechanic in Oregon, and you will see the day when you will realize that you have lost the best man in the state for the position." Mayor Lane said, as official head of the city government, he would not approve Phillips as master mechanic, as he regards Phillips as unfit for the responsibility attaching to the position, and also has some doubts as to his honesty, as he has been connected with hydrant tests. Chief Campbell recommended Phillips very highly, declaring him to be a good man for the place and well qualified to perform the high-grade labor required of one in that place.

It being impossible for the committee to agree upon a man for the place, nothing definite was done. Mayor Lane and Messrs. Sweet and Sullivan sarcastically scored the tests, so-called, given by the Civil Service Commission, and were fully wanting in anything necessary to an appointment in making an appointment. The "tests" consisted of running, jumping and leaping, and was shown, although the position now open is mechanical one of the highest order, the efficiency of the entire fire department service depending very much upon the skill and ability of the master mechanic. One applicant was given 100 and is certified as eligible for the position, although it has been proven, it is said, he fabricated as to his previous experience.

"The Commission certifies us one man, who lied about his experience," said Mayor Lane. "The Commission gave him 100—perfect; I suppose this was given for the lie he told."

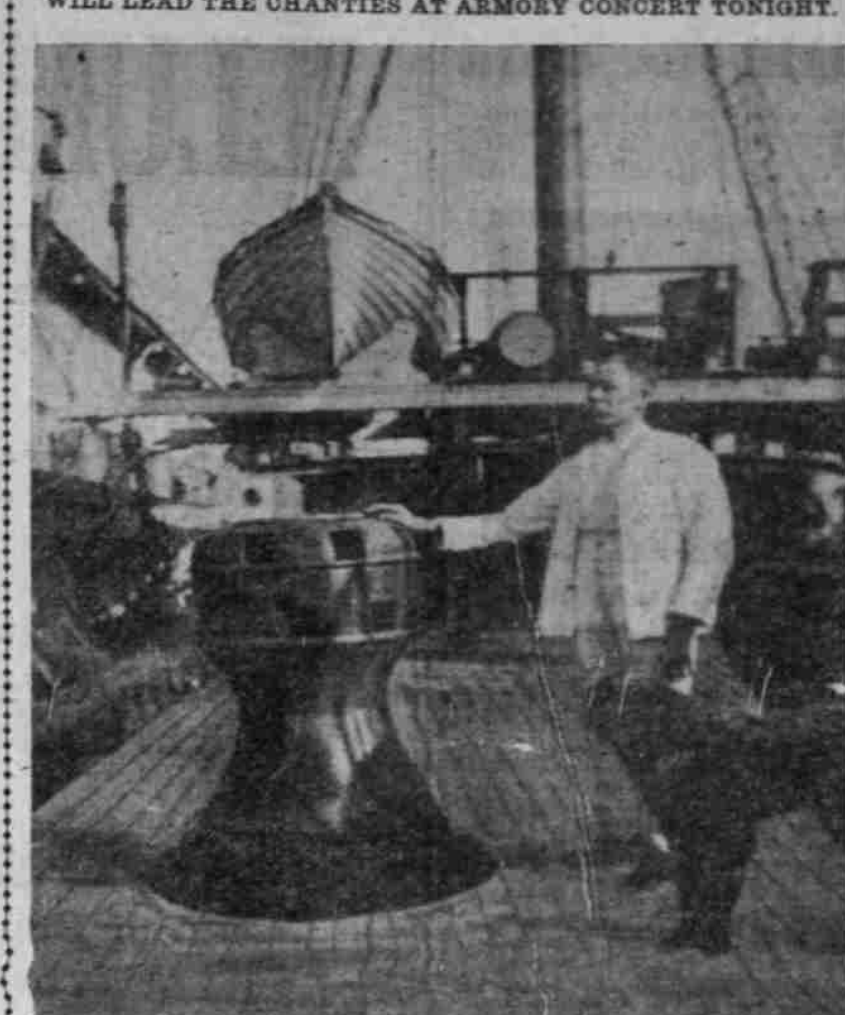
The meeting was interrupted at this point, as it was time for the Executive Board to meet, but the committee resumed its session an hour later, and will meet again at 2 o'clock this afternoon to finish the inquiry and to make up a report.

Chief Was Laconic.  
Chief Campbell did not talk long, merely answering a few questions put by Mayor Lane, touching the alleged favoritism. The chief was armed with a copy of the specifications, which he showed, were open to the whole world. Having been made aware of the fact that there had been some complaints, he said he not only made the specifications open to all, but added a paragraph whereby any bidder could come in with any make or kind of fire engine without any specifications by the city.

"I certainly had no intention of making any prohibitory specifications," declared Chief Campbell. "And to make certain that they were open to all, I added a clause, so that the manufacturers of any kind of an engine, aside from the regular specifications, there was nothing to shut out anyone."

A. G. Long, who is deeply interested because he is the lowest bidder on the contracts for the two third-size engines, which the Mayor has so far failed to sign, declared also that the specifications are absolutely open. He said he would not attempt to have the specifications otherwise, even if he could, owing to the attitude of the Executive Board, being he regards himself as too good a

## WILL LEAD THE CHANTIES AT ARMOY CONCERT TONIGHT.



HARRY BUNGE, OF THE SHIP GLENALVIN. The sailors of the port are taking great interest in the concert for the benefit of the Seamen's Friend Society at the Armory tonight. Harry Bunge, sailmaker of the ship Glenalvin, will lead the chancies the singing of which will be one of the unique features of the concert.

business man to do anything like that. He assured the Mayor and members of the committee that his firm is not favored by Chief Campbell, and that there is nothing upon which to base the charges that have been made by his competitors. In course of his testimony Mr. Long called attention to the fact that in April, 1908, bids were invited to furnish the city with four fire engines. Every fire engine manufacturer in the United States offered a bid, thus showing that specifications admitted all bidders. The specifications then were the same precisely as now, except that for this year there has been added a further specific clause providing that the bids shall be open to all for any type of fire engine.

### SHOE MEN WOULD CLOSE

Leading Firms Sign Petition to Observe Decoration Day Monday.  
In an endeavor to make the closing of stores next Monday universal, a petition has been circulated among the leading firms dealing in shoes, asking that attention be paid to the observance of the day. The pledge signed and the names of the signers follow:  
We, the following merchants, agree to close all day Monday, May 31, as Monday is a legal holiday, and all banks, courts and county offices will be closed on that day. Knight Shoe Company, Egeort Young Company, Crawford Shoe Company, Stalger Shoe Company, Reeves Shoe Company, Goddard & Kelly Company, Phillips Shoe Company, W. J. Pullam.

### WILL PARTICIPATE IN DEDICATION OF CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.

Rev. P. F. Breece, General Superintendent.  
Rev. P. F. Breece, of Los Angeles, general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene, arrived in Portland yesterday morning. He will have charge of the services in the First Church, East Seventh and East Couch streets, at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. today. In the morning there will be baptismal services. At 2 o'clock there will be dedication of the new church on East Seventh and East Couch streets.

Rosenthal & Co., Regal Shoe Company, "Correct Shape" Shoe Store, Leo Selling, Goodyear Shoe Company, John Dellar.

### CUPID ALLAYS DARK PLOT

Man and Woman to Wed After Hurling Ugly Charges.  
SPOKANE, Wash., May 28.—(Special.)—After having been sued by Miss Elizabeth J. Burns for \$10,000 on breach of promise, this after having accused her of staying in Portland and Coifman as the wife of Harry Draper, Thomas Jefferson Coffman has decided to call bygone bygones and get married, and his bride is the woman whom he publicly accused of scandalous conduct. Miss Burns, whose home is at Hailley, Idaho, sued Coffman for breach of promise some months ago. Coffman filed an answer and cross-complaint, accusing Miss Burns and Harry Draper of improper conduct and of pretending to be husband and wife. Both vehemently denied the accusation. The \$10,000 breach of promise suit was settled out of court and the culmination of the affair is the issuing of the marriage license to Mr. Coffman and Miss Burns. Coffman, Miss Burns alleged in her suit, was engaged to be married to another woman.

# GIRL WHO ELOPED DESEDES M'CREERY

### Her Faith in Accused Bigamist Broken When She Learns He Is Drug Fiend.

### LEAVES TO MEET FATHER

#### Redlands Drug Clerk, Who Is Said to Have Two Wives, Changes His Mind and Will Fight Against Extradition.

As the sordid climax of a thrilling romance in leaving a luxuriously-appointed home at Redlands, Cal., to slope to Portland with a penniless drug clerk, Miss Mary Alice White boarded a Southern Pacific train last night on her way back to the shelter of the paternal roof, and went in a torment of uncertainty as to whether she is too plain to him. It was Victor A. McCreery, wife of the man in the case, for while there was a ceremony several weeks ago at Redwood City, Cal., the California authorities now say they are certain in the face of evidence supplied by the girl's father, that the woman of the romance has a wife and two children shifting for themselves at Pasadena, Cal.

Maintaining implicit confidence in her supposed husband at the time of his arrest by the Portland police Thursday night, the young woman experienced a radical change of heart early last night when she was shown cocaine found by the detectives in McCreery's suitcase. It was a fact so convenient for her as a slave of the drug. Coupled with the fact of the fellow's sallow complexion and his erratic moods there was little doubt about his being in the clutches of the drug.

### Yields to Father's Plea.

Half an hour after this discovery Miss White, who may possibly prove to be the case, Mrs. McCreery made up her mind to go home. The shock of such a discovery undermined her confidence in the man and she yielded to the persistent pleadings of her wealthy father to return home. She left planning to meet him at Oakland.

Her father's final interview between the elopers at the man's cell in the City Jail last night. Their meeting found McCreery in a hopeful mood and he hastened to the cell and told her she was seated with a considerable lack of warmth and proceeded to cross-examine McCreery in an endeavoring way. Her father, who had been waiting for her, was not far from saluting. After she left McCreery suddenly made up his mind to fight extradition.

The parting interview occurred in McCreery's cell on the second floor of the City Jail. Station Officer Graves took her up to the cell. She had just learned about the cocaine. As the bolts were slipped and McCreery saw the pretty young woman he vowed to his only wife, he jumped up, cast aside a magazine and caught her through the bars, kissed her, and will take charge of her. "How about the cocaine?" she demanded anxiously.

### Wife Shows Her Doubts.

"Well, alright," said McCreery confusedly, then as an afterthought he added, "You can wait for me here as I'm going back with the Sheriff." "Father will meet me there," she said rather icily.

### Sends Her for Cigar.

"I wish you'd bring me up something to smoke," he pleaded. "The officer says I can smoke, but I have only a dime left. Will you get me something?" She said she would, and returned later with a handful of stogies. Then she left the jail, saying she must hurry to catch her train.

### Outings Are Arranged.

Arrangements have been made by the director of the boys' department for a series of outings during the summer. On June 28 members of this department will take their annual walking trip. Tacoma has been selected as the objective point for this season. The party will leave here on the above date for Kelso, Wash., in the association's launch. From there they will walk to Tacoma, and during their sojourn will visit the Seattle Fair. The party is expected to reach Portland on the return trip July 15. A second walking trip will be made from Tillamook August 2 to Seattle. The trip to Astoria will be made in the association's launch. Weekly outings will be given to Ross Island during the vacation season.

### COMPLAIN OF NOISY BOYS

Residents Near Tenth and Yamhill Aroused by Depredations.  
The Dark Deep Mystery Club, composed of boys, who smoke cigarettes, use bad language and are devotees of lurid literature, is making night hideous for people who reside in the vicinity of the Multnomah Athletic Club building, Tenth and Yamhill streets. The boys meet in the basement of the building, where they hold high carnival, occasionally sending forth expeditions to forage on the rose gardens and lawns of surrounding homes. Complaint has been made to the police and unless the youths desist there will probably be trouble for them.

### TWO HUNDRED ELKS TO GO

Portland Lodge Will Send Large Delegation to Los Angeles.  
Portland Lodge of Elks will make a fine showing at the coming meeting of the Grand Lodge at Los Angeles. After the regular meeting of the lodge Thursday night, the grand lodge committee and members interested in having a good turnout, held an informal session and discussed the arrangements. It developed

that 20 members had signed up, but it was the opinion of the committee that at least 300 Elks from Portland and vicinity would go on the special train, all in uniform.

The uniform adopted is a white flannel suit, the coat a two-button double-breasted sack, trousers and a soft white fedora, on the band of which will be the words "Portland Oregon" in gilt lettering; trimmings in purple.

The Mayor of Los Angeles has sent a message to the City Council regarding the coming National meeting in the following:

In honor of the many thousands of visitors who will be in our city during the session of the Elks, I respectfully request that your honorable body join with us in requesting the City Council to have the words "Portland Oregon" in gilt lettering; trimmings in purple.

The Mayor of Los Angeles has sent a message to the City Council regarding the coming National meeting in the following:

At the conference Thursday night it was decided to make another active canvass of the membership so as to bring up the representation to as high a figure as possible, the purpose being not only to have Portland Lodge make a creditable showing, but to have the State of Oregon advertised among visiting brethren from all parts of the country.

The rooms of the local lodge, both club and hall, are being freshly cleaned and painted, the decorations renewed and a general housecleaning done, to have the rooms in good order for the reception of the hundreds of visitors who are to visit this city after conclusion of the grand lodge sessions in Los Angeles. Secretary Hill is in receipt of copies of literature from various Elks' excursions in the East, nearly all of which include at least one day in Portland.

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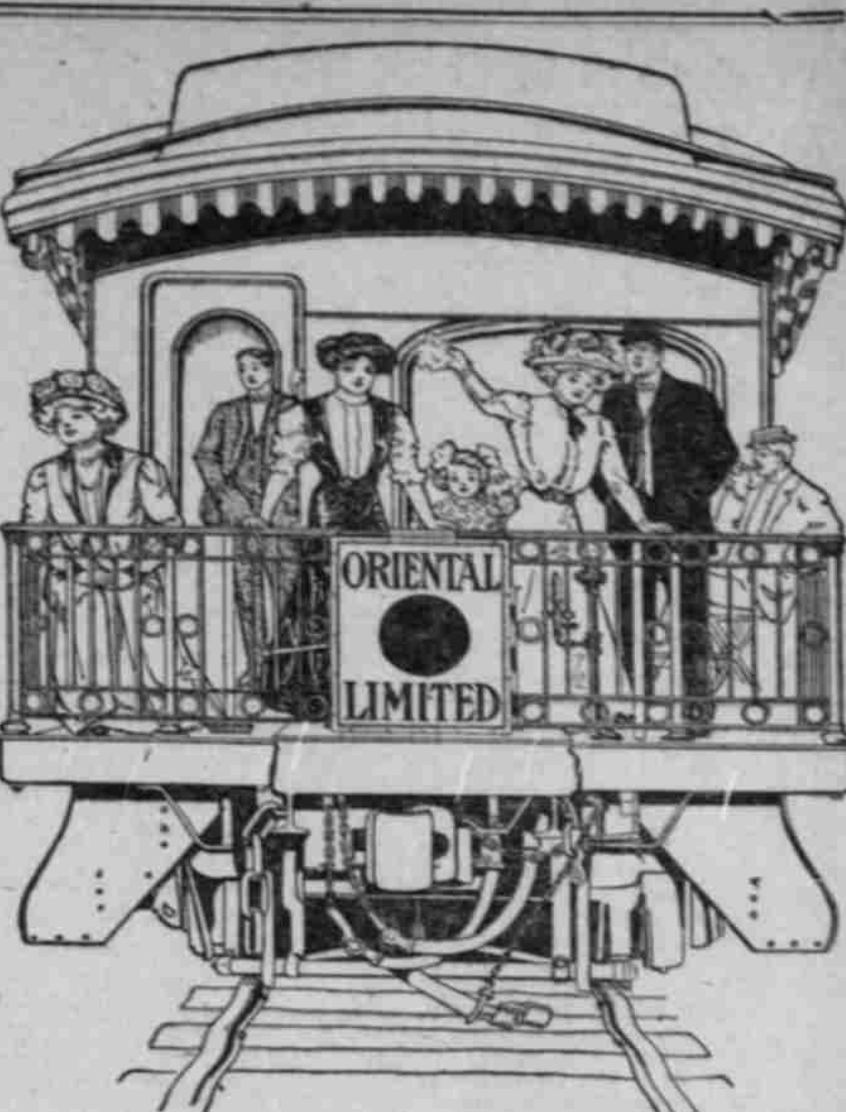
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