

GRAND JURY LANDS HARD ON SPOKANE

Returns 14 Indictments and
Finds Gross Laxity in
County Affairs.

JAMES J. HILL CENSURED

Together With Louis Hill Is Blamed
for Not Sending Documents Prom-
ised—Root Not Bribed, but
Acted Wrongly, Says Report.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—The Spokane grand jury, which adjourned last night after a session of months, returned eight indictments in the Root-Gordon investigation; six in the Pacific Livestock Association inquiry; two against county officials; found gross laxity in the management of county affairs, especially by the Commissioners' office; found the expenditure of great sums of money in a reckless and extravagant manner, but could find no hold criminally on the public officials responsible therefor.

It recommended the removal of George F. Whittemore from the post of Chief Deputy Assessor, bringing suit against ex-Commissioners Dean, Collins, Spence and Bohrer to recover moneys illegally drawn as expense; the increasing of the Treasurer's bond to cover his average daily balances, amounting at present to \$384,000, his present bond being but \$200,000; increasing the Clerk's bond to cover the trust funds under his care, he having at present about \$140,000 of these funds, while his bond is only \$20,000; the employment of W. C. Donovan, ex-Deputy Prosecutor, to install better systems of bookkeeping in various departments.

Report Scathing on County.

No more effective review of the mismanagement of county affairs has ever been written. Particularly scathing is the report in regard to the present officials of the Great Northern Railway, who have taken every possible care to protect Judge Gordon.

In reaching its efforts to serve a subpoena on W. H. Fortier, auditor of the S. P. & N., the grand jury reports that Fortier, who has a home in Spokane and who has lived here in Vancouver, B. C., to be residing in Idaho when he was wanted. The report further charges that Fortier has since continued to reside in Idaho, with the express purpose of evading the calling of the grand jury, in order that he could not be forced to accept service of a subpoena.

The jury further charges that L. C. Gilman, counsel for the Great Northern at Seattle, was served and appeared before the jury. Mr. Gilman at that time promised to furnish to the jury certain documents which it needed, but has since failed to keep his promise.

Both Hills Censured.

James J. Hill is scored for bad faith, the railway failing to send to the jury documents which Mr. Hill had virtually promised should be furnished. Louis Hill is also blamed for failing to turn over the records in his possession or to aid the jury in any way.

The grand jury could find no evidence that Judge Miles had accepted money for the opinion in the Harris case, but censures him for the fact that he had forwarded his opinion to Gordon before it had been submitted to the jury, and later accepted and filed as his own a different opinion which had been written by Gordon.

The jury was unable to serve subpoenas on W. R. Beag, general counsel; E. Sawyer, treasurer, and John G. Drew, auditor of the Great Northern, all of whom are residents of St. Paul. No subpoena could be served on Margaret Mullin, now a resident of Wallace, Idaho, who was formerly secretary to Judge Gordon.

MASONS WILL CELEBRATE

Forest Grove to Commemorate 50th Anniversary of Lodge.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Local Masons are making extensive preparations for commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the institution of Hiram Lodge No. 39, A. F. and A. M. of this city, next Monday night, when several hundred Masons from surrounding towns and various parts of the state are expected to participate in the exercises.

H. J. Gott, worshipful master of the local lodge, will preside. Invitations have been sent out and programs containing a brief historical sketch of the lodge will be issued to the invited guests and local membership of the fraternity. There are three charter members now living—Almon Hill, of Gaston, W. D. Ewing, of Montaville, and Isaac Meyer. It is expected Mr. Hill will be present at the celebration. He came to Oregon in 1843. An elaborate banquet will be served after the ceremonies.

JUDGE CHRISMAN RESIGNS

County Magistrate Succeeded by
Helmus W. Thompson.

EUGENE, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Judge G. R. Chrisman, of Lane County, resigned his official position today, and Governor Benson at once appointed Helmus W. Thompson to succeed him.

Mr. Chrisman, who has been a resident of Eugene for many years, is serving his second term as County Judge. He will go to Southern California to live, where his wife and son have preceded him. Mr. Thompson is a member of the law firm of Hardy & Thompson, and for some years has interested himself in the affairs of the county and state. He is at present president of the Eugene Commercial Club and the Lincoln Republican Club.

This afternoon he took the oath of office and will assume his duties. Thompson is a progressive man and an attorney of ability and his appointment will give general satisfaction.

OREGON CITY RATES CUT

General Reduction Made in Cost of
Business Block Insurance.

OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Through the efforts of the Commercial Club there has been a general

reduction in the rates of fire insurance made in this city, which will effect a saving of about \$10,000 quarterly to the business men. New rate books were received here today by the insurance agents from the Underwriters Equitable Rating Bureau of Portland, and the new rate will be put into force at once. The owners of property who have insurance in force will be entitled to a rebate on a portion of the premium, although it is suggested to the agents by the rating bureau that no rebate be given on insurance written previous to August 1, 1909.

The basic rate on dwellings has not been changed. In September, 1908, the basic rate on dwellings was reduced from 35 per cent to 40 per cent. This applies to Class D, under which head nearly all dwelling houses in the city are placed.

The reduction on business property is about 20 per cent. in some cases a little more, and in other instances falling below that estimate. The rate on the Masonic building is 125 against the old rate of 151. The Cliff House has been reduced from 425 to 200, the Water Commission pumping station from 160 to 150, Wilson's livery stable from 700 to 400, Williamette building 165 to 115, Odd-fellows building 137 to 105, Weinhard building from 219 to 143, and other risks in proportion. Corresponding reductions

GRAND JURY STAYS

Officials Made Anxious by
Threats of Blakesley.

LOOKS DARK FOR DEFENSE

Handwriting Experts Testify That
Blakesley's Chirography Is Like
That of Letter Demanding
Money From Quick.

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the defense permission to defer its cross-examination of Quick until after the let-

terney Tongue by Blakesley were used by the handwriting experts in giving the jury their opinion as to whether Blakesley was the author of the message that stirred Columbia County. With this evidence was a scribble dashed off by Blakesley before the grand jury by direction of that body. This evidence brought one of the smiles of the day, the lines written by the alleged blackmailer being: "I saw the bear go over the mountain. The teacher lick Johnnie. I saw him come from. McCarty didn't get that last three hundred from Quick. Portland, Houlton, St. Helens, Jack, E. E. Quick, J. K. Blakesley."

Handwriting Is First Evidence.

Its mass of handwriting evidence against Blakesley occupied the first attention of the state when the trial was resumed this morning. The first witness called, F. B. Prescott, Treasurer Quick's partner in the abstract business, after identifying the incriminating letter told how he had secured Blakesley's signature by circulating a "phony" petition for a change of the name of the county. The master of the housekeeper was a friend of Blakesley's and "Toots" signed the petition. This signature reproduced was the first chirography evidence brought against Blakesley and despite its grandeur of origin was allowed by the court, the defense objecting strenuously but not effectively.

Before Prescott had concluded his testimony Attorney Bert Haney, of Portland, who, with Attorney John H. Stevenson is defending Blakesley, made a motion to quash the case and the jury was ordered removed from the courtroom that argument on the point might proceed. Attorney Haney contained that the indictment did not contain a "substantial" act constituting a crime in that it did not state how the alleged blackmailer letter was received by Treasurer Quick and that the alleged threat was not clearly defined. Attorney Haney was armed with a score of decisions, the law comes in front of him almost hiding him from the bench, but the motion was overruled and the trial proceeded.

St. Helens Reveals Expert.

Portland, by the way, was not the only city represented at the trial by a handwriting expert. Another came from St. Helens, D. T. Guder, clerk of the grand jury that indicted Blakesley, who laid his claim to the title of penmanship expert through his service in the Postoffice Department. He had served as postmaster at Pekin, Ill., and for 12 years had scanned envelopes addressed by thousands of thousands of people. He told how Blakesley, "nervous like," had scribbled in the grand jury room and that the writing was like the chirography of the letter received at St. Helens by Treasurer Quick.

Treasurer Quick passed but a few minutes on the stand and did not launch one of the many sensational charges which curious not only of St. Helens, but all of Columbia County. He merely identified the letter, told how he had received it from his partner, who went for the morning's mail, and that the import of the message was to pay \$300 to Blakesley for McCarty or his life would be in danger.

Blakesley was then blocked by District Attorney Tongue, who withheld the letter as evidence as related. Considerable argument followed, but the state won. Judge Eakin's ruling was for all time the testimony concerning the alleged plot to dynamite the courthouse which Treasurer Quick said he would have given if questioned.

Tongue Identifies Handwriting.

Two county officials took the stand against Blakesley today, both identifying his handwriting. These were District Attorney Tongue, who had received a campaign letter from "Toots" Blakesley which closed with the announcement that the District Attorney owed him \$13 for circulating a petition in Seapooone and elsewhere. The defense asked District Attorney Tongue if he had paid the bill. He was armed with a check check exclaiming that the question. The other official to go on record against Blakesley was County Clerk Harris. He identified Blakesley's handwriting on his salary as court bailiff Blakesley having been dropped from that position following his indictment for attempted extortion.

Harris admitted he bore ill feeling against Blakesley, and at a question by District Attorney Tongue asking him if that unfriendliness would color his testimony, Attorney Stevenson was on his feet in an instant and literally roared his objection to such a query. Judge Eakin sustained the Portland barrister.

Postmaster N. A. Peery, of Houlton, a country mile from St. Helens, testified seeing "Toots" Blakesley in the Houlton postoffice the day before the alleged blackmail letter was received by Treasurer Quick.

Word's Testimony Stopped.

While prominently victorious, the state today did not win all the court battles, the defense succeeding in extracting all the danger from the testimony of Tom Word, ex-Sheriff of Multnomah County. Mr. Word had been summoned by the prosecution to tell what he knew about Jack McCarty, ex-convict, the reported confederate of Blakesley in the alleged blackmail case. Mr. Word testified he was McCarty's custodian in the Multnomah County jail and after his release in December, 1905, from the State penitentiary had obtained a position for him on a ship about to round the Horn and had not seen him since, but heard he had left the vessel in San Francisco. His objection by the defense stopped Mr. Word from testifying further.

It was the contention of the defense that there are many Jack McCartys in the world and that the man who had adduced showed the McCarty known by Word to be the McCarty indicted with Blakesley for blackmail. Judge Eakin allowed the objection.

Loss Means Much.

Expunging of Tom Word from its list of witnesses was considered a loss to the state. Word was prepared to testify that Jack McCarty had written the alleged letter of extortion to Treasurer Quick. To prove this he bore a letter from McCarty whose penmanship is as different from the incriminating letter as night is day. McCarty is a well educated man and not illiterate as reported. He writes a fine hand and, as District Attorney Tongue remarked, "is a Webster in the command of language."

PINS FAITH ON RASMUSSEN

Cook Says Dane's Evidence Will Establish His Claim.

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 21.—That the statement of Knud Rasmussen was a valuable aid to the establishment of proof of his discovery of the North Pole was Dr. Cook's comment here today. Rasmussen's statement was that Dr. Cook's claim was fully borne out by the information which the Danish explorer secured among the Eskimos. Dr. Cook read the statement when he stopped in Toledo between trains on his way from Ann Arbor to Canton. He said Rasmussen's opinion was valuable because he was half Eskimo himself, spoke Eskimo and understood the statement is from a man who had no occasion to defend me," said Dr.

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Cook, "He is not particularly a friend and he had no relation to our expedition. I first met him at North Star in 1907. He gathered his information from the Eskimo before he heard from me that I had discovered the Pole. I saw him at Esquimaud early in August last for a few minutes, when I first told him of my discovery, although he may have heard of it previously from the Danes."

ANTI-TRUST LAW PUZZLES

Wade H. Ellis Says Statutes Should Be Clarified.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Declaring the anti-trust law to be so difficult of comprehension as to puzzle even experts, Wade H. Ellis, assistant Attorney-General of the United States, advises the delegates to the Carriage Builders' National Association tonight to appoint a committee to labor with Congress to have the law clarified.

Mr. Ellis declared the United States to be the greatest commercial nation in the world. He said that out of 25,000 laws enacted by Congress, 22,000 dealt either directly or indirectly with Commerce, transportation or trade. He said that while a vast majority of the laws pertained to and affected business 92 per cent of the membership of the two houses of Congress were lawyers.

He called attention to the fact that two important bits of legislation before Congress at the coming session would be amendments to the Interstate Commerce law and the anti-trust law. He urged the association, the membership of which represents \$100,000,000 invested capital, to appoint a committee to assist Congress in solving the two questions.

Constantinople.—Twenty-five persons were drowned Thursday following the bursting of a dam at Lake Derbo, 30 miles northwest of this city. The lake supplies water for the city.

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UNIVERSITY OF OREGON GRADUATES WHO ARE NOW SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL-TEACHERS.



Thomas R. Townsend, Principal of Central High School at Eugene.

Earl A. Kilpatrick, Principal of Union High School at Pleasant Hill, Oregon.

have been made on the rates on the contents of business buildings.

GRADUATE, THEY TEACH

OREGON YOUNG PEOPLE HOLD RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS.

Six Members 1909 Class Choose School Teaching as Profession After Leaving University.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Graduates of the University of Oregon have always been known for their high scholastic attainments, but the class of 1909, leaving last June, has broken all previous records in the number of successful professors and teachers it has turned out. Six members of the class are holding responsible positions as principals and instructors in public schools throughout the state.

Thomas R. Townsend, of Portland, a former editor of the University Weekly and ex-president of the student body, has just been elected from among several applicants as principal of the Central Grammar School of Eugene. Townsend was prominent in many activities while in college and was one of the most popular students ever attending the University. In his new position he is in charge of about 300 students and a large corps of teachers.

Earl A. Kilpatrick, of La Grande, also a former Weekly editor, is principal of Union High School No. 1 at Pleasant Hill, Or. This high school is one of those recently authorized under what is known as the "Lane County plan," by which several districts support one high school. It carries a salary of between \$1200 and \$1400 a year, according to the number of students attending the school. This is remarkably good money for a young man just out of college.

Other members of the class of 1909 now teaching are Miss Agnes Beach, of Portland, who is a teacher and assistant principal at the Estancia High School; Miss Sue Hayes, in the Forest High School; Miss Frances Nelson, in the Albany High School; and Cecil Lyons, in the Coquille High School. Members of the University faculty are highly pleased at the showing made by these students. A course in pedagogy and education for those planning to take up teaching receives special attention.

CANNOT FIND CONSPIRACY

Honolulu Grand Jury Dismisses Charges by Insane Doctor.

HONOLULU, Oct. 21.—Charges made by Dr. John Atcherly that he is confined in an insane asylum as the result of a conspiracy entered into by Territorial Secretary Mont-Smith, Attorney-General Hemenway, City and County Attorney Cathcart, District Magistrate Andrade, Sheriff Jarrett, Circuit Judge Lindsay and several leading physicians, were investigated by the Federal grand jury today and after a short session were declared to be unworthy of serious consideration.

Dr. Atcherly claims to have discovered a cure for leprosy and has a large native following, charges that his incarceration is the result of a conspiracy, inspired by the jealousy of local physicians.

Portland Preacher Called.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Rev. D. T. Thomas, of Pilgrim Church, Portland, was called to the pastorate of the local Congregational Church at a recent business meeting. He has been pastor of the Pilgrim Church for two years and before removing to Portland was associated with Rev. C. F. Clapp in evangelistic work and lived here with his wife and daughter at the Navarre, W. N. Van Cleave, at the Park Avenue; W. E. Merson, at the Navarre.

Northwestern People in New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—(Special.)—Northwest people at New York hotels: From Portland—W. E. F. Wentworth, at the Astor; Mrs. F. E. Hart, Miss Hoyt, at the Georgian.

From Spokane—F. Spalding, at the York; C. Stewart, at the Plaza.

From Seattle—H. L. Shay and wife, at the Navarre; N. W. Van Cleave, at the Park Avenue; W. E. Merson, at the Navarre.

CROSSED PLAINS TO OREGON 57 YEARS AGO.



Mrs. Emily Alexander, Deceased.

LEBANON, Or., Oct. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Emily Alexander, widow of J. B. Alexander, died at the home of her son, George L. Alexander, in this city, last week, and was buried here on Saturday. The deceased was a pioneer settler in 1852, and crossed the plains from Danville, Ill., in the company commanded by the late Colonel I. R. Moore, of Salem.

On reaching the Willamette Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander settled in the Fall of 1852 on a claim four miles west of Eugene, Or., and lived in that county until the death of her husband a few years ago, since which time she made her home in Lebanon with her son.

She leaves three sons, all engaged in the newspaper business in this state, George L. being editor of the Lebanon Express, and Edward C. being associated with him in the publication of that paper, and Frank being connected with a paper in Springfield, Or.