

CHARGE IS BOWLBY SPENDS TOO MUCH

Affairs of Highway Commission Taken Before Legislative Committee.

DIVERTING FUNDS ALLEGED

Office Expenses Said to Have Taken Thousands of Dollars Appropriated for Roads—Bowlby Admits Own Vouchers, Say Members.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 31.—(Special.)—Trouble which for some days has been growing acute between the State Highway Commissioner, H. L. Bowlby, and other members of the State Highway Commission, and the members of the State Board of Control, reached a climax Thursday, when their troubles were taken before the members of the legislative committee.

It is said Highway Commissioner Bowlby took to the committee charges that the State Board of Control had improperly diverted funds in that traveling expenses of the board on visits to the rock quarry sites had been charged to the appropriation for the sites rather than paid out of the regular traveling expenses allowed the board for visits to the state institutions.

Later it is said members of the board and also State Auditor Clauson and Treasurer Lewis (the last two named with Bowlby composing the State Highway Commission), were in private conference with members of the legislative committee, where charges were made that Bowlby has expended thousands of dollars for office expenses and surveys out of money appropriated for building the law, so far not one foot of some of these roads has been improved.

TAFT NAME IN PARK DEED

PRESIDENT'S SISTER - IN - LAW OWNS BALL GROUNDS.

Purchase Price of Philadelphia Property Shown by Papers to Have Been \$250,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Annie Sinton Taft, sister-in-law of President Taft and the wife of Charles P. Taft, of Cincinnati, is now the owner of the Philadelphia National League baseball grounds.

BROKAW ALIMONY IS BONE

Case Regarded Lost by His Attorneys, Lowest Payment Wanted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—In the estimation of those who have closely followed the case, the Brokaw alimony suit has simmered down today to a question of the alimony to be awarded to Mrs. Brokaw.

"LET THE DRAFTS BLOW"

Female Chemist Says Bad Air Dulls Wits of Students.

BOSTON, Dec. 31.—The fear of sitting in a draft was ridiculed by Mrs. Helen H. Richards, of the faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in an address before the biological chemists at the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science today.

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Kansas City Association Violates Law, Says Local Court.

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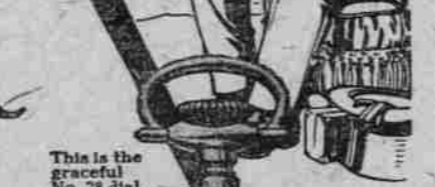
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BELL BRANCH INCREASES STOCK

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