NEW GRILL READY

Government Will Try to Indict Sugar Trust.

MANY DOCUMENTS SOUGHT

Federal Authorities Seek Information as to Purchase of Controlling Stock in Forty-four Subsidiary Concerns.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Not satisfied with the millions received in payment of duty evaded by short weights involving the indictment of Charles R. Heike, the company's secretary, and the conviction of minor employes, the United States Government is still fighting hard to convict the American Sugar Refining Company for violation of the Sherman anti-trust act.

Such action was anticipated when the company was indicted for putting the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company out of business, but the settlement of that suit out of court and the interference of the statute of limitations necessitated another legal lick and the matter was laid before the Federal grand jury in January.

Not until yesterday, however, did the scope of the inquiry become public, when the grand jury handed up a presentment for contempt against the company for the latetr's failure to produce certain books and papers in response to subpena.

This presentment in itself is but a move of the Government to ascertain its rights to the books in question; but incidentally it disclosed the nature of the papers in demand and afforded a key to the scope of the Government procedure.

It has been alleged that the American Sugar Refining Company controls 90 per cent of the sugar business in this country, and a hint of its intricate relations with various subsidiary corporations is given in the subpena. The subpena demands the production of "all agreements and other instruments made by or to the American Sugar Refining Company or any officer thereof with any other persons or corporations in and about the purchase by said company of stock in 44 companies."

Among the papers demanded are the following:

Agreement between the company and the sugar syndicate of Mexico; contracts with the Sugar Factors Company, limited, of Hawaii; agreement in 1907 with John D. Spreckels for the purchase of an interest in the Western Beet Sugar Company; contract with Hawaiian planters in 1907, contracts with the Chino Beet Sugar Company; contracts with the American Coffee Company; agency agreements with the Alameda Sugar Company; contract to purchase stock of the Great Western Sugar Company; communications concerning the consolidation of Utah and Idaho Sugar Company and agreements with the following companies (between July, 1902, and January, 1906):

American Beet Sugar Company, Great Western Sugar Company of Colorado, Fort Collins, Colo.; Sugar Company, Utah Sugar Company, Western Idaho Sugar Company, Continental Sugar Company, Snake River Valley Sugar Company, Michigan Sugar Company, Iowa Sugar Company, Bay City (Mich.) Sugar Company, Saginaw Sugar Company, Saginaw Valley Sugar Company, General Distributing Company of West Virginia, Sebewaing Sugar Company, Great Western Sugar Company of New Jersey, Amalgamated Sugar Company, Ogden Sugar Company, Oregon Sugar Company, Longmont Sugar Company, Billings Sugar Company, Idaho Sugar Company, Utah-Idaho Sugar Company, Menominie Sugar Company, Spreckels Sugar Company, Northern Construction Company, San Pete-Sevier Sugar Company, Bay City Sugar Company.

The order to show cause why the "trust" should not be adjudged in contempt will be signed next week.

ELKS CHOOSE OFFICERS

Annual Election Is Characterized by Some Unusual Contests.

Portland Lodge of Elks held its annual election of officers at the Elks Hall Thursday night. The election of several officers was hotly contested, which was a departure from the usual programme of moving all officers up one "chair" as a matter of routine.

When the smoke of the battle lifted the following candidates were declared elected:

Exalted ruler, W. R. Apperson; esteemed leading knight, K. K. Kubli; esteemed loyal knight, C. C. Bradley; esteemed lecturing knight, T. L. Perkins; secretary, C. M. Bills; treasurer, John B. Coffey; tyler, T. E. Dowling; trustee, John E. Kelly.

Following the election, arrangements were completed for sending a large delegation of the local herd of Elks to the christening of a "baby" lodge of the order at Oregon City tonight. More than 1000 local Elks have signified their intention of participating in the affair. Special electric trains have been chartered and will leave Water and East Morrison streets at 7 o'clock this evening.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN BED

Thought to Be Fred Schultz, Who Escaped From St. Vincent's.

A man believed to be Fred Schultz, 66 years old, who escaped from St. Vincent's Hospital early Monday morning, was found dead in bed in a lodging-house at 224½ First street at 5:30 P. M. Deputy Coroner Dunning was notified and removed the body to the morgue. At a late hour last night it had been unclaimed. It is considered that death resulted from natural causes.

Schultz is said to have been an employe of the Vancouver Transportation Company on the steamer Undine. On February 18 he applied for admission at St. Vincent's Hospital, saying he was suffering from heart trouble. Early Monday morning he escaped from the institution. Tuesday night he engaged lodgings at the establishment where his body was found yesterday. He is thought to have succumbed to an attack of heart disease while he slept.

ARMY ASKS FOR SUPPLIES

Bids for Contracts Worth Millions Called for in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 4.—(Special.)—The Government is beginning to advertise for bids to furnish supplies for the United States Army, for a year beginning July 1, 1910. The supplies asked for include forage, dog food, bedding, coal, hard and soft, fuel, oil, fuel oil, gasoline, mineral oil, corn, corn meal, bacon, rice, oats, bran, coke and charcoal.

The supplies will aggregate several million dollars. Those desiring to bid should send to G. S. Bingham, Deputy Quartermaster-General, United States Army, Headquarters Department of the Columbia, office of Chief Quartermaster, Vancouver Barracks, Wash., for blanks.

The posts for which supplies will be bought include Forts Casey, Columbia, Flagler, Lawton, Vancouver Barracks, Ward, Worden, Wright, Davis, Canby, Walla Walla, George Wright, Seattle, Wash.; Stevens, offices at Portland, Or.; Egbert, Gibbon, Liscum, St. Michael, William H. Seward, Alaska, and Boise Barracks, Idaho.

The approximate amounts asked for are: Oats, 1,400,000 pounds; bran, 52,000 pounds; hay, 2,000,000 pounds; straw, 500,000 pounds; soft coal, 5,500,000 pounds; anthracite coal, 5,000,000 pounds; coal for steaming purposes, 12,000,000 pounds; oil, 150,000 gallons; corn, 60,000 pounds; bacon, 49,000 pounds, and rice, 43,000 pounds.

All of the supplies advertised for must be first-class in every respect and prices in the bids will be stated per 100 pounds. The oats to be shipped to Alaska must be in double burlap sacks.

POWER SITES SOUGHT

APPLICATIONS INDICATE ACTIVE DEVELOPMENTS.

State Well Protected by Law Providing Annual Horsepower Fee. No Objections Are Made.

SALEM, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Between May 22, when the 1909 law requiring the payment to the state of an annual fee of 25 cents per horsepower for water appropriated for manufacturing purposes went into effect and January 1, of this year, the following have made application for water under this law and permits have been granted. In some of the cases below the fees have already been paid to the state.

Applicant.	Proposed H. P.	Permit Limit.	Fees 1909.	Fees 1910.
A. W. Mohr, The Dalles	70	70	$ 7.10	$ 17.50
A. W. Mohr, The Dalles	200	200	20.25	50.00
W. G. Galbreath, Prairie City	8	....	.69	2.00
Amazon Mining Company, Portland	86	....	5.80	21.50
J. P. Stewart	30	30	1.50	7.50
R. F. Sharp, R. J. McIsaacs, Mt. Hood	11	11	.55	2.75
Edward C. Rea, Prairie City	229	222	10.25	55.50
Phil Beckley, Oakland, Or	1000	1136	33.45	284.00

The filings that have been completed, and on which permits have been granted to appropriate water under the terms of Chapter 221 are but a small part of the total number of filings that have been made. About 15 applications for upward of 500 horsepower each, have been filed, which, for various reasons have not yet been acted upon by the Board of Control.

In most cases the data supplied by the applicant have not been complete enough to warrant action by the board. Some of the applications now pending propose to appropriate large quantities of water, and will, if granted, bring the state some revenue. These include, among others, an application by the Gibson Manufacturing Company for approximately 20,000 horsepower on the Clackamas river; one by Wesley B. Sherman for about 20,000 on the Rogue river, and an application by W. K. Brown, of Hollister, Cal., for 20,454 horsepower on the Klamath river.

Chapter 216, known as the Water Code, requires that certain fees shall be collected by the State Engineer to cover the cost of examining applications, copies of maps, charts, etc. These fees are payable but once, and are not to be confused with the annual fees based on the amount of water to be appropriated. In the W. K. Brown application, the state engineer's fees alone will be $1090.75, while the fees required under Chapter 221 will be approximately $513 per year.

Before the passage of the water laws in 1909 there were many more applications for the appropriation of water for power purposes than at present, but, it is asserted, these applications, with which an annual fee of only $5 or $10 was required, did not represent development of the power. Various interests found it profitable to tie up the water power of the state, it is said, since it could be done at a minimum expense.

Under the new system, the comparatively heavy expense makes it practically certain that when an individual or corporation files on a certain amount of power it will speedily be put to some profitable use.

State Engineer Lewis states that there has been practically no protest against the fees by interests that have bona fide development projects in hand.

MISSING MUSICIAN HERE

LUCIEN BECKER, OF ST. LOUIS, LOCATED WITH BRIDE.

Writes Relatives at Old Home That He Was Secretly Married in New York to St. Louis Girl.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 4.—(Special.)—Lucien E. Becker, president of the Becker Bros.' Conservatory, former conductor of the Knights of Columbus Choral Club, and of the St. Louis Orchestra, who disappeared three years ago, has written from Portland, Or., to a friend in St. Louis saying he intends to return. He is one of the most widely-known musicians in the Middle West.

He admits he is married and gives the name of the girl, to whom he was secretly wedded in New York on his departure, as Miss Edith Small, of St. Louis County.

Simultaneously with the news Camille Becker, who, since the absence of his brother has been in charge of the St. Louis Conservatory, has received a letter to the same effect, with the exception that the name of the bride was omitted. This is the finale of a romantic episode the mystery of which has baffled the musician's many friends. He has traveled throughout Europe and America since his disappearance. It is presumed that bashfulness at the thought of announcing himself a benedict after being an accredited bachelor was the reason for his silence.

"I have received no offer of a post in the Cathedral at St. Louis, and was unaware that my services are desired there," said Mr. Becker tonight, according to dispatches from Portland. "I am, of course, unable to say what my action will be in the event I receive an offer until the terms are known," he added.

Thrift, Farmer's Capital.

WESTON, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—Alex Johnson is preparing to spend $6000 for improvements this Spring at his place on Pine Creek below Weston. He will construct a large new house and barn, and has let a contract for the drilling of a well.

Mr. Johnson's career provides a noteworthy example of successful farming in the Weston country. He started 15 years ago with scarcely $1, going in debt for a quarter section of land. He now owns 400 acres of valuable wheat land, and farms other land under lease. He has more than 300 acres of Fall-sown wheat, and reports a crop outlook of great promise.

ALLDS MAKES DEFENSE

NEW YORK SENATOR REFUTES EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM.

Witness Says There Was No Need of Anyone Offering Bribes, as Objectionable Bill Was Dead.

ALBANY, N. Y., March 4.—Yesterday was distinctly Senator Allds' day at the bribery investigation. The defendant occupied the witness-stand from the opening of the session, and his direct examination was unfinished when adjournment was taken until today.

Senator Benn Conger and his attorneys offered no interruption while the defendant told a story that contradicted at every point Conger's assertion that Allds solicited and received $1000 for blocking legislation hostile to the bridge companies.

"That is absolutely false," declared the accused Senator, when Conger's testimony was repeated to him. He asserted that he had not met his accuser's brother, Frank, the agent of the American Bridge Company, and that the first time he saw Hiram G. Moe was when he appeared on the stand at this trial.

Allds tried to show that there was no necessity for the bridge interests to give him money in 1901, because the results they are alleged to have wanted already had been accomplished by orders from Thomas Platt, then United States Senator.

Allds sought to show that the bridge companies had reasons to know this.

Such proof was in the form of correspondence between Allds and Platt, who in 1901, was the Republican leader in this state, and between Platt and W. A. Smyth, of Oswego. Smyth appealed to Platt to suppress the bridge bill on which Conger says Allds bases his demand for corruption money and Platt asked Allds to see that the bill was killed.

Allds wrote to Platt declaring that the bill was safely stuck in the committee on rules of which he was a member, and would never come out. It developed today that Senator Platt had sent orders to Speaker Nixon in this connection.

AVALANCHE HITS CAMP

ALL BUT THE SUPERINTENDENT OBEY ALARM AND ESCAPE.

Skookum Mining Company's Plant, Near Roslyn, Suffers Nearly $25,000 Damages.

ROSLYN, Wash., March 4.—Word has just reached here that the Skookum Mining Company's camp, 20 miles north of here and four miles from Mount Stewart, was wiped out by an avalanche that swept down the mountain at 4 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Of the 18 men in the camp all escaped but Superintendent E. L. Simmons.

Superintendent Simmons was sleeping in the office building, which was carried away by the slide. His body was found, horribly mangled, at the bottom of the canyon, 300 feet below the camp.

Twelve of the 16 buildings forming the camp were destroyed by the avalanche.

The men who escaped were sleeping in a building that was destroyed, but were aroused in time to escape by the cook who heard the roar of the slide as it came down the mountain. The crusher and concentrating plant was not destroyed.

The main offices of the company are in Philadelphia. The damage to the property will not exceed $25,000.

GIRLS TAUGHT TO STEAL

Juvenile Prisoners Tell of Female Fagin in Harlem Flat.

NEW YORK, March 4.—When Mary Pokorney and Mary Shadauer, both 13 years old, were arrested last night, both carried big muffs with split linings and double skirts with false pockets, in which were found jewelry, laces, silks and various trinkets valued at $60.

Mary Pokorney told the police of meeting a woman who invited her to her flat in Harlem. There, says Mary, the woman set out goods on a table in imitation of a counter of a department store, and gave regular instructions to a class in the art of stealing without attracting the attention of the saleswomen.

A man she met at the flat induced her to run away with him, she said, and for three weeks they have been living in furnished rooms, she stealing to support him. He was arrested last night.

RAILROADS REPORT COST

Expense of Reproduction Greater Than Present Value.

SALEM, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—The State Railroad Commission is receiving complete and satisfactory reports covering the cost of reproduction of the various railroads of the state. At a hearing in the office of the commission today the reports of the Salem, Falls City & Western Railway and of the Oregon & Southeastern were submitted.

The report of the Salem, Falls City & Western is that it would cost to reproduce the 27 miles of the company's main line $594,190.33. The present value of the road is estimated at $534,410.94.

The Oregon & Southeastern, 20 miles long, would cost to reproduce $432,856.86 and the present value is given as $403,114.69.

AMENDMENT TO BE ASKED

Spokane Delegation Wants High Charges for Short Haul Stopped.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 4.—A delegation of business men from Spokane is expected here next week to appear before the interstate commerce commission of the Senate and House to urge an amendment to the long and short haul clause in the existing interstate commerce law.

They will ask that the restriction be removed, so that hereafter no railroad may charge more for a short haul than for a long haul, except in instances where specifically so authorized by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

President A. W. Doland, of the Merchants' Association, and Secretary L. G. Monroe, of the Chamber of Commerce are heading the delegation.

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White House Dinner Closes With Festivities of Strenuous Nature as Guests Applaud.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—While more than 50 guests looked on and applauded, Speaker Cannon tempted President Taft last night to a test of terpsichorean agility in the East Room of the White House. Both stopped, panting, when the trial was ended, but the opinion was unanimous that honors were even.

Dancing followed a dinner given by the President to "Uncle Joe" said to be the first formal affair ever accorded a Speaker of the House of Representatives by a President. The dinner ended, the company went to the East Room, which boasts an ample and smooth dancing floor.

When the orchestra struck up a lively tune, "Uncle Joe" stepped briskly into the middle of the room and brought his heels together sharply. There was a patting of gloved hands, and voices called encouragingly to the guest of honor. In a moment the Speaker's heels were twinkling in a brilliant Highland fling.

"Excellent, eh?" he called exultantly to Mr. Taft.

For answer, Mr. Taft stepped smilingly forward, and those who were present say the two executed several steps of an old-fashioned hoedown. Both were puffing when they finished.

RIGHT OF WAY HELD HIGH

Forest Grove Fears Obstacle to Building of Railway.

FOREST GROVE, Or., March 4.—(Special.)—A committee from the Board of Trade has had a conference in Portland with the officials of the United Railways and has brought word that is not at all reassuring as to the company building its line through Forest Grove, as first planned. The right of way hinders the railroad company. Unless the property-owners make concessions the company prefers to take the Cedar Canyon and Bank route, the commitee reports.

The securing by the Ruth Trust Company of several properties on Gales Creek, where gravel is plentiful to be used for ballasting, leads some to believe that the line must come to Forest Grove, or at least close to town, to reach its properties on Gales Creek, and then to strike a low grade over the mountains into the Tillamook country.

Property-owners at the edge of town hold their land as high as $400 an acre. The Board of Trade will meet Saturday evening to elect officers and take up other questions.

The railway officials said that they expected to have cars in operation as far as Glencoe by May 1.

The names of at least eight of the American states will soon become familiar to the inhabitants of the Levant, for, according to Consul-General Harris at Smyrna, an American merchant has purchased that number of steamboats from a Turkish company to trade in the Mediterranean, and has changed the Turkish names to those of American states.

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