

GRAFT PROBE HAS BREATHING SPELL

Pittsburg Councilmanic Bribery Investigation Will Be Resumed Monday.

BLOW GIVEN TO DEFENSE

Judge Fraser Refuses to Allow Fact That One Juror Was Incompetent to Nullify All Findings of Grand Jury.

PITTSBURG, April 12.—All further probing of councilmanic bribery was temporarily suspended by the adjournment of the special grand jury today until Monday. In the meantime it is expected Frank N. Hoffat, president of the Pressed Steel Car Company and of the second National Bank, now under indictment in connection with bribing Councilmen, will be brought from New York to answer indictments already found.

Extradition papers were made out today and tonight an Assistant District Attorney left for Harrisburg, where Governor Stuart is expected to sign them tomorrow. The papers will then be presented to Governor Hughes at Albany probably Thursday.

Arrest Is Not Ordered.

Upon Governor Hughes signing the papers, Hoffat, contrary to the usual procedure, will not be placed in custody of an officer, but will be expected to appear before the Allegheny County Court when his presence is demanded. This concession was made through his counsel, who promised to produce his client when extradition was granted.

Refusing to strike down the entire array of talesmen serving in the graft grand jury because Harrison Nesbit, the former national bank examiner, was alleged to be incompetent to serve as he is not a qualified elector under the act of 1907, Judge Robert S. Fraser today administered another blow at the bulwarks of the defense. The question was raised by Attorney W. J. Brennan counsel for several indicted councilmen.

Judge Upholds Grand Jury.

Judge Fraser took the ground that the provisions of the law are only directory and if through an oversight a man who was not competent was chosen to act, and does act, his acts are valid.

"To hold otherwise, especially after indictments have been found by a grand jury would be open the door to endless confusion and cause unnecessary delay in the administration of justice," said the judge.

Emil Winter, president of the Workingman's Saving and Trust Company, who pleaded non-contenders to the charge of bribing Morris Finstein, a former select councilman, was again before the grand jury today. Ex-director of Public Works A. B. Shepherd, W. A. Chamberlain, auditor of the Pressed Steel Car co., cashier G. C. Schmidt, of the German National Bank of Allegheny; Arthur E. Raun, and William Finney, auditor of

the same bank, were among others questioned by the grand jury.

BLEACHED FLOUR LET OUT

Food Men Meet at Boise, Put Ban on Cheap Goods.

BOISE, Idaho, April 12.—(Special.)—The second annual convention of the Association of the Western Food Control officials will be held at Cheyenne, Wyo., the dates to be set by the executive officials. This was the decision reached by the 11 delegates of the 17 states called together in Boise yesterday and today for the purpose of discussing the adoption of uniform action toward the enforcement of pure food laws, state and National, and to prevent by stringent methods, if necessary, the glutting of the market with adulterated and cheap goods victimizing the consumer.

The final session of the convention was held tonight in the Commercial Club rooms. Officers for the year were elected as follows:

E. W. Burke, of Cheyenne, Wyo., president; S. T. Meigs, Lincoln, Neb., vice-president; Dr. S. D. Jackson, Topeka, Kan., secretary-treasurer.

The resolution declares for uniformity between the state and Federal officials in the passage and enforcement of pure-food laws and net-weight labels. It was decided not to class bleached flour as adulterated, but to allow the Federal laws to test out this matter, nor to adopt the standard as to the maximum per cent of alcohol in nearbeer for convictions could be secured easier without.

Music Pleases Large Audience

Kilgenberg-Bettman Chamber Concert at Unitarian Church Is Successful—Applause Is Hearty.

FIVE "instrumental" numbers, one quartet, one trio and three violin selections made up the interesting programme at the Kilgenberg-Bettman chamber concert given last night at the Unitarian chapel. Every seat was occupied and the late comers had to be content with standing room.

The event was a success in every way and applause was hearty, yet discriminating. The opening number was a Dvorak trio in B flat, op. 21, played by Alf Kilgenberg, piano; Henry Bettman, violin, and Ferdinand Konrad, cello, and it received a musicianly rendition. The quartet was the Schumann in E flat, op. 47, and was played by the trio just named, with Carl Denton as viola player. It opens with organ effect as if the motto were a call to worship, and the four movements received impressive treatment. Mr. Bettman played three violin solos, the most difficult and admired one being the old "Kol Nidre," arranged for violin by Max Bruch. Mr. Bettman played with fine sympathy and tone, his encore being "Capriccio," No. 13, by Paganini. Mr. Kilgenberg skillfully played the piano accompaniments to these solos. These chamber concerts are now ended for the season.

Rate to Grants Pass Unjust.

SALEM, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—The State Railroad Commission has decided that the rate of \$1.87 per 100 pounds on oranges and lemons in less than carload lots from Pomona, Cal., to Grants Pass is an unjust and unreasonable rate, and has ordered the Southern Pacific Company to reduce the rate to \$1.37 per 100 pounds or less. If the company fails or refuses to make the reduction, the Commission will file complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

SHRINERS OF WEST SEE NEW ORLEANS

Pacific Coast States Send Large Delegations to Annual Conclave.

AL KADER TEMPLE HAPPY

Portland and Oregon Lodge Men Enjoy Trips on River—Big Parade, in Which 10,000 March, Is Witnessed by 20,000.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 12.—(Special.)—The Northwest is ably represented at the conclave of the Mystic Shrine being held here, the Pacific Coast states having the biggest representation. It is figured that 200 persons came in on the train which brought the Northwest delegation.

The delegation arrived Sunday and was met at the Union Station by the members of Jerusalem Temple and escorted to their hotels with music and a march through the principal streets. All of the Northwestern temples are quartered at the St. Charles Hotel, where they occupy the entire second floor.

Since their arrival here the members of the delegation, particularly those of Al Kader Temple of Portland and Hills of Ashland, have been having a good time. They were escorted all over the city by the members of the local temple, shown every point of interest and taken for a ride on the Mississippi River.

This morning the Imperial Council convened for the first time and the members of all the Northwestern temples were well represented. This afternoon the delegation rode on the river for a second time.

Tonight the big parade of the Shriner's took place, fully 10,000 being in line. The pageant was witnessed by fully 200,000 people. Adm. Patrol, of Tacoma, was the only Northwestern patrol in the line of march. Edward Gibson Locke, the young son of Dr. Locke, of Portland, marched with the members of the temple.

MANN DEFENDS TAFT'S BILL

Expedition of Justice, Fairness to Shippers Promised.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—With about 200 members in their seats, the Administration railroad bill was taken up for consideration by the House today. Mann of Illinois, chairman of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, addressed the House on the measure reported from his committee.

"With a full realization," he said, "of the benefits and the necessity of wise and successful management, operation and progressive construction of our railways, we also realize that in the benefits that they confer upon the people they are servants and not masters. It is their duty to treat all persons equally. Mann declared that the Elkins and

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Hepburn laws were mainly effective and had not been followed by the "disasters" that had been so freely predicted.

Mann said the bill would give greater expedition to justice, greater advantage on even terms to all shippers; greater security to those who care to invest their money in railway stocks, and bonds and greater protection to those railroads whose managements desire to operate them efficiently in the interest of the people.

He summarized the propositions under three general heads. These were, first, speedy determination of disputes by the creation of a commerce court, with expert judges having no greater jurisdiction than the Circuit Courts now have; second, enlarging the statutory duties of the railways and the rights of shippers and increasing the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission so that classifications, regulations and practices shall be just and enforceable as such; third, regulating the consolidation of railroads and their issues of stocks and bonds so that competition may be kept open as far as possible and rates shall not be maintained unreasonably high in order to pay returns upon excessive capitalization.

Mann said that the bill eliminated secret agreements between railroads as to classifications and rates by requiring the filing of such agreements, but by not authorizing advance approval of them by the commission it avoided having approval construed as a decision favoring the rates.

Grocers' East Side Delegates.

The Portland Retail Grocers' Association in the regular bi-monthly meeting last night in the Alisky building

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lected delegates to the National convention, to be held in Springfield next month. It was voted to co-operate with the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Monday Musical Club in devising plans for the building of a city auditorium. A resolution was passed to co-operate with the census enumerators and lend them every assistance possible. It was decided to meet the Washington state delegates to the National convention and make the trip with them. The Portland delegates are: Emil Gunther, Charles Sonnenfeldt, W. H. Gerretson, J. E. Malley and Ed Jasper.

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