

BURNS, HERE, TALKS OF FRAUD CASES

Detective Tells How Employees Robbed Illinois Central.

SAYS EXPOSURE BENEFIT

"There Is No Room in United States for Graft," He States—Binger Hermann Has Suffered Enough Punishment, He Thinks.

Having just completed the investigation of the Illinois Central "freight car frauds," as a result of which Ira G. Swan committed suicide and other well-known officials are now undergoing trial, Detective William J. Burns is now in Portland in attendance upon the bankers who are journeying to Los Angeles to attend the annual convention of the American Bankers' Association. He is registered at the Hotel Portland.

Detective Burns and his theories of deduction played a most prominent part in the exposure of the Oregon land frauds, his work furnishing Francis J. Heney with the ammunition with which numerous indictments of prominent Oregonians were secured before the Federal grand jury in 1905. Those investigations gave him the opportunity to handle the graft investigations at San Francisco, and later caused the work of big corporations to be placed in his hands when the Illinois Central decided to clean house.

Harahan Sends for Him.

Burns was sent for by President J. T. Harahan, of the Illinois Central, in April of this year and accepted the duty of exposing the greatest scandal of recent years in railroad circles. President Harahan charged Burns to spare no guilty man, if fraud was found, the Illinois Central being the first big corporation in the United States to recognize that the entire country would be benefited by purging itself of all the evils which were believed to exist.

President Harahan knew nothing of the intricate ramifications of the "car repair" graft, but he had become suspicious. Burns first ascertained how the work was being done, and then began his process of deduction and elimination. Burns always works by placing himself in the shoes of the other fellow, and by reasoning what he would do under certain conditions he attempts to pry off the lid of crime at the point where a concealment may have been tried.

The scheme to defraud the railroads was found to be most ingenious. It was originated by Vice-President Hawn, Burns says. Hawn called upon Harahan and requested the great difficulties the Illinois Central was laboring under in keeping rolling stock in shape to move freight. Hawn said he believed that he could contract with repair companies to do the work at a great saving to the company. Hawn proposed to sell the material necessary for the material for the work, allow them 5 per cent for overhead charges and 10 per cent for profit. The plan looked good to Mr. Harahan and he added his approval.

Companies Quickly Organized.

Within a night numerous repair companies were organized and Hawn began giving them cars to repair. Gradually all the employees of the road got into the scheme, from general managers down to storekeepers. Those employees who suspected that something was wrong were quietly discharged, or were forced to keep silence. The storekeepers furnished the material necessary and forgot to charge it on their accounts, young boys destitute of experience or knowledge were placed on the desks where important bills were passed, and were kept busy placing their "O. K." The conspirators grew so bold that men were stationed in the freight yards to take the numbers of Illinois Central cars as they rushed by in moving trains. These were reported as having been repaired.

When the exposure came Vice-President Hawn committed suicide. Hawn had been in charge of an investigation of the grafts and the great report that there was no dishonesty among officials of the road or its employees.

Yesterday Detective Burns refused to discuss the case, except to say that he believed that the net result would be for the betterment of the whole country.

"There is no room in the United States for graft," said Mr. Burns. "Grafters will be rooted out in the long run, just as surely as the murderer will be exposed. Financial men and men of large affairs realize that the big corporations must be kept clean to retain the confidence of the public. I believe that the sugar trust scandals, the railroad graft scandals and all those things make for better government."

Switching the conversation to Portland affairs, Mr. Burns expressed his astonishment at the remarkable growth of this city since he was here three years ago.

Oregon Well Advertised.

"I am particularly surprised to see the manner in which Portland and Oregon have forged to the front," continued the detective, "because Oregon is the most talked-of state in the Union. Everywhere you hear talk of the progressive spirit displayed by the people out here. Such a condition is bound to help the forward movement of the state and city."

Beyond saying that he believed that Binger Hermann had been sufficiently punished through the action of the trial jury which stood 11 for his conviction and one for acquittal, Mr. Burns would not talk about the land fraud trials. Mr. Burns expressed the greatest respect and sympathy for the former Commissioner of the General Land Office, whose life is slowly ebbing away at Roseburg, and who has not appeared in Portland since the conclusion of his trial.

Mr. Burns has placed the work of the American Bankers' Association for Portland in the hands of O. H. Kuiper, as superintendent.

While in the city Mr. Burns was accompanied by W. H. Moran, assistant chief of the United States Secret Service. Mr. Moran has been at Tacoma and Spokane, where he appeared before the United States grand juries in matters which the Government has under investigation.

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75c work gloves **29c**

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49c

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\$2 Spring Needle Underwear, in blue and camelshair **79c**

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