

PORT OF PORTLAND BODY'S TRAIL HIT

Committee of 50 to Glean Evidence to Submit to Grand Jury Today.

INDICTMENTS ARE SOUGHT

Investigators to Allege Commissioners Joined With Contractors for Personal Gain—Reply to Be Published.

M. G. Munly's committee of 50 is now "on the trail" of the Port of Portland Commission in earnest. At a preliminary organization meeting, held in the assembly room of the Portland Commercial Club last night, 29 or more members of the committee decided to meet this afternoon and go in a body to District Attorney Cameron and H. A. Steppner, foreman of the November grand jury, and demand a thorough investigation of the acts of the Commissioners while holding public office.

The committee will request, according to the outline formulated at the meeting, that an expert be appointed to delve into the official acts of the Commissioners and secure evidence as to whether such acts, directly or indirectly, were turned to personal account. That the Commission, despite the fact that Judge Cleland July 1, 1905, returned findings showing that there had been collusion in the letting of the contract for the public drydock, has taken no action to recover from Robert Wakefield the contractor, the difference out of which Judge Cleland found the taxpayers had been defrauded, will be urged as one of the subjects requiring investigation, it was said.

Collusion is Shown.

In his opinion, Judge Cleland found that J. B. Bridges and Robert Wakefield agreed in advance as to the amount of each other's bid, and that they had agreed to pay Joseph Paquet and J. E. Bennett \$1000 each for putting in bids higher than theirs and the firm of Smith & Howard \$1000 for failing to bid. Paragraph 9 of the findings reads as follows:

"That the purpose of said partnership and the purpose of entering into said agreement with J. E. Bennett, Joseph Paquet and Smith & Howard was for the purpose of preventing real competition between the bidders who sought the chance of getting the contract for the building of said drydock, and for the purpose of enhancing the price to be obtained for the building of said drydock, and that the consequence of said agreement by and between the plaintiff and the defendant Wakefield on the one hand and J. E. Bennett, Joseph Paquet and Smith & Howard on the other hand was to prevent competition and obtain a larger sum of money from the port of Portland on account of the building of said drydock, all of which was in fact accomplished, and on account of the said combination and agreements competition among the bidders was prevented, and a larger sum of money was obtained for the building of the said drydock had it not been for the agreements between the plaintiff and defendant heretofore referred to." (The case was that J. B. Bridges versus Robert Wakefield and William Jacobson.)

The committee aims to have the grand jury return indictments, but if it is not possible to secure sufficient evidence the committee says it will make a report showing the details of the affairs of the port have been conducted. Evidence, it is believed, can be adduced showing alleged connections between members of the commission and corporations which have profited from business relations with it. It is also said that members of the Commission have benefited in various ways by reason of their official positions.

Fred A. Ballin said he is a stockholder in the Oregon Drydock Company and that he was present at a meeting at which plans for the building of the dock were discussed. He said that at this meeting it was understood that the Pacific Bridge Company was to take its pay for building the Oregon Drydock Company for doing dredging work for that company. This statement is directly at variance with the published statement of the Commissioners, in which it was said that the Pacific Bridge Company, of which Swigert is president, received its stock only because there had been an express of expenses over estimates on the part of the Oregon Drydock Company. Mr. Ballin offered to exhibit his own stock in the company, which he received, he said, in part payment for his services as construction engineer.

C. F. Swigert came in for a "raking over the coals" because he, while president of the Port of Portland Commission, is said to have assisted in the forming and financing of a drydock company which was to enter into competition with the public drydock. The committee paid him the compliment of designating him a successful and astute business man, and wondered why he and his associates, also capable business men, had not been put to the public dock on a paying basis.

Committee Plans Reply.

In this connection W. H. Corbett's assertion that the Oregon Drydock Company has handled nearly twice the tonnage handled over the public dock in the last year was brought up and the business management of the Commission criticized. Mr. Corbett said the Oregon Drydock Company has handled the smaller vessels. Mr. Munly remarked that the entire business would probably have gone to that dock had it been equipped to handle the larger boats.

The committee authorized the preparation of a statement in answer to that of the Port of Portland Commission, which was published in all three daily papers of the city last Friday. This statement is to be printed at the next meeting of the committee, which will assemble on the call of the chairman. It is proposed to make it brief, but at the same time to have it answer separately the various defenses put forth by the Commissioners.

The changing of the night of the meeting from Tuesday to Monday was responsible for only 85 per cent of the members of the committee attending.

TRUSTEE BOARD NAMED

STEPS TAKEN TOWARD ERECTION OF DEACONESS' HOME.

Executive Committee Appointed, With Power to Buy Realty—Site May Be Secured Soon.

To complete the organization of the Methodist Deaconess Association, a meeting was held last night in the First Methodist Episcopal Church. The articles of incorporation were read and accepted. A committee of five was appointed to prepare a list of nominees to act on the board of trustees. The nomination consisted of W. R. Jeffrey, Jr., C. T. Wilson, R. H. Hughes, Benjamin Young and C. W. Jones.

It was decided to appoint 15 on the board of trustees, to include an executive committee, invested with power to act for the association in real estate. The following board of trustees was appointed: C. W. Jones, president; Dr. Richmond Kelley, vice-president; Charles E. Lenox, secretary; Samuel Council, treasurer; W. R. Jeffrey, Jr., E. R. Northrup, F. S. Aikin, Mrs. L. C. Dickey, J. W. Day, C. B. DeGraff, H. G. Sibray, W. M. Killingsworth and Mrs. F. B. Holbrook. Executive committee: C. W. Jones, Samuel Council, Dr. Richmond Kelley, Charles E. Lenox, W. R. Jeffrey, Jr., Mrs. F. B. Holbrook and Mrs. Esther Waldvogel. Committee on constitution and bylaws: Charles E. Lenox, J. W. Day and R. H. Hughes. The latter committee is to form the constitution and bylaws to be presented at the next meeting.

The association adjourned to meet again at the call of the president of the board of trustees.

Big Checks Disappear

JOHN MATTS KNOWN TO HAVE HAD \$1200 BEFORE DEATH.

Coroner Searches for Money of Man Who Dies in Ambulance on Way to Hospital.

What disposition was made of two checks drawn on a local bank aggregating \$1200, known to have been possessed by John Matts a few days before his death in an ambulance on the night of November 7?

Matts was a logger, 30 years of age. Three weeks before his death he arrived in Portland from Agrest Grove. He was at the time of his death in the hospital at St. Vincent's Hospital. During his stay in the hospital he placed the two checks, for \$600 and \$700 respectively, in the possession of the manager of the institution for safekeeping. A week later the checks were returned to him when he was discharged from the hospital. He paid his attending physician and the hospital authorities for his treatment with other money he had at the time, leaving the two checks intact.

A few nights after his discharge from the hospital, Matts suffered a relapse. Strangers summoned an ambulance. The invalid died en route to the hospital. Matts' body was turned over to the undertaker at the morgue. In a search for the personal effects of the deceased the coroner's staff have been unable to find a trace of the two checks he was known to have carried on his person. It is possible that the two checks have fallen into the hands of designing persons who have, by utilizing Matts' name upon them secured their face value from some local bank.

The body is still held at the morgue while a search is being made for Matts' relatives. His wife and four children are said to reside in a small Michigan town. All efforts to locate them, so far, have failed.

ASTORIA NAMES TICKETS

City Primary Chooses Republican and Democratic Candidates.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 14.—(Special.)—The city primary elections were held this afternoon and the tickets nominated are as follows:

Republican—Mayor, G. Wingate; Treasurer, H. F. Prall; Auditor, Olof Anderson; Attorney, A. W. Norblad; Street Superintendent, D. P. Belcher; Surveyor, L. C. Rogers; Police Commissioner, C. M. Christiansen; Councilman-at-large, J. F. Kearney.

Democrats—Mayor, George Kaboth; Treasurer, O. Gustafson; Auditor, O. Anderson; Attorney, A. W. Norblad; Street Superintendent, A. S. Norblad; Surveyor, N. D. Raymond; Police Commissioner, C. M. Christiansen.

SALE OF BONDS IS BANK'S ONLY HOPE

Securities of Seaside Lumber & Manufacturing Company to Be Marketed.

BANK EXAMINER DUBIOUS

Bonds Worth \$100,000 Must Be Sold to Secure Depositors in Institution Wrecked by Suicide of Its Cashier.

If two financiers and promoters living in Minneapolis live up to their promises in disposing of \$100,000 worth of bonds on the Seaside Lumber & Manufacturing plant, it is possible that the depositors of the defunct Bank of Seaside may get their money back. Otherwise the situation is decidedly gloomy. Yesterday W. K. Henninger, president of the bank; Frank Spittle, attorney for the Seaside Lumber & Manufacturing Company, and State Bank Examiner Wright, held a conference at the Oregon Hotel in connection with the representatives of an Eastern firm, the name of which is not given.

As a result of the day's work on the part of all concerned, the conference broke up with the conclusion that if the firm of Daniel & Welter, of Minneapolis, sold the bonds the lumber company could be reorganized and the bank liquidated. The State Bank Examiner has little hope of the success of the proposition, for the reason he can learn nothing of the standing and capabilities of the firm named.

Sawmill Absorbs Money.

The bank's money was all absorbed by the sawmill. Only \$1000, out of the \$38,000 represented by the deposits and the capital, was loaned to outside persons. The Henningers, who conducted the bank, were the controlling spirits of the sawmill, although in the background the man named Welter seems to have been considerable in the affairs of both. He was in Seaside the night before E. N. Henninger, the cashier, committed suicide and came to Portland, where he registered at the Portland. The next day he disappeared, but left an order to have his mail forwarded to Tacoma. Since that no one seems to be able to locate him, it is believed that the interior workings of the failure is not known.

Sawmill is Sole Hope.

The only hope of paying the depositors, said Bank Examiner Wright last night, "rests in the sawmill. This property consists of a sawmill, a saw and door factory, a planing-mill to sell and kiln yards, along with the lumber in the yard and logs in the boom. It is held that there are logs on hand to the value of \$20,000 and lumber of \$4000. This makes \$24,000 outside of the mill property. If the mill property will produce the balance due the depositors, \$24,000, then all will receive their money."

"However, the mill property seems to be badly tangled. Besides the \$24,000 worth of bonds in the bank covering the mill property, \$18,000 was placed in other quarters as security for loans. The remaining bonds, valued at \$100,000, are in the possession of Daniel & Welter, who are under contract to sell them. If they had sold these bonds the bank would have weathered the storm. I have been unable to secure from Daniels & Welter any information as to what has been done with these \$100,000 worth of bonds. I presume I shall in a few days. If we can get possession of these and be placed in control of the property through the means of the bonds we have in the bank it is barely possible we can meet all demands of the depositors. It is our only hope."

REPUBLICANS ARE SPLIT

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tenants, of course, but none of them measure up to his standard.

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ASTORIA NAMES TICKETS

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