

TURFMAN, IN HUFF, WON'T ANSWER

Belmont, at New York Graft Inquiry, Accuses Lawyer of Bad Faith.

FUND IS FOR "PUBL-CITY"

Metropolitan Race Association Leader Is Strangely Lost—Expense Account Makes Big Sum Dwindle to Naught.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—As chairman of the Jockey Club and leader of the racing interests in New York State during the year when he was under the hot-test legislative fire, August Belmont was asked today to furnish the missing links in the chain of evidence adduced from minor officers' various racing organizations by the committee that is seeking proof of legislative corruption.

Mr. Belmont was recalled at his own request, but after he had carried out his purpose by emphatically denying any implication that he was concerned in alleged questionable opposition to the anti-racing bills, he was called to witness a fire of questions by Lynn Bruce, attorney for the committee.

At the end of an hour's examination the witness absolutely refused to testify further. He declared that Mr. Bruce's questions were not asked in good faith, but for the purpose of confusing him and leading him into a misstatement. The committee's attorney said he had no such purpose and not only suspended his examination, but told the witness that he would have the opportunity to look over his testimony and make any corrections he might desire.

"Publicity" Sum Cited.

Mr. Belmont added little to the information already gathered. He told who performed the jockey club's legal work, but gave details of their methods. A personal check for \$20 which he gave to Emma Thomson, a New York lawyer, for "publicity" work, was the only specific sum the final destination of which he ever suggested.

Mr. Belmont testified that Mr. Thomson knew several clergymen who believed that the racing associations were conducting racing in a respectable manner. This money was used to spread their views.

Mr. Belmont said E. S. Coyne had been recommended by ex-Congressman James W. Wadsworth as a man well fitted to guard the interests of racing clubs. Coyne devoted all his time to the legal side of the racing subject and for his services for five years received \$40,000.

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"For what purpose was the fund of \$40,000 (testified to by former witnesses) raised in 1907?" asked Mr. Bruce. "To promote a proper understanding about racing and to promote the sport," said the witness. He could not remember any item in the bills presented for this work.

Hugh N. Kirkland, cashier of the Mutual Bank, where the Metropolitan Turf Association has its accounts, surprised the committee by saying that the ledger containing the account from January 1 to July 1, 1908, was lost.

"This is most unfortunate," said Judge Bruce. "It is the very book we want; it would show the expenditures of the Metropolitan Turf Association. How was it lost?"

"I believe it was carried out in the waste," "Is it the first book the bank ever lost?" "It is."

Expense Account Dwindles.

Charles Calhoun, chief clerk of the Lincoln Trust Company, produced the account of the Bookmakers' Association, showing the Metropolitan Turf Association has \$23,000 surplus. John Coakley, second accountant in the banking house of August Belmont and assistant treasurer of the Westchester Racing Association, was next called.

"Will you turn to the Westchester Racing Association's legal expense account book and tell us what your legal expenditures were in 1907?" asked Mr. Kressel.

"They were \$1902," "How much in 1908?" "Thirty-nine thousand three hundred and forty-five dollars," "How much in 1909?" "None," replied Mr. Coakley with a laugh.

INCENDIARY CHARGE MADE

Three Men Are in Jail Accused of Firing Store Building.

EVERETT, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—L. Nelson and son, Frank S. Nelson, and J. H. Welch are in the County Jail tonight on a charge of burning a store building at Langley, Island County, on October 25, and tomorrow they will be taken to Island County for a hearing.

The Nelsons leased a store building from Jacob Anthes, of Everett, in August, and placed a stock of goods therein, and insured it for \$2000. They collected \$1400 of this amount some time ago, and when their arrest was made, \$340 they had — a Langley bank was garnished.

Since the fire at Langley it is said detectives have been working on the case. Welch is a real estate man. A shack he occupied at the rear of the Nelson store was also burned. The Nelsons say they had a narrow escape from death.

ROBBER GOES TO PRISON

Circuit Court at Baker Disposes of Many Important Cases.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Circuit Judge Smith yesterday disposed of the following important cases: F. Edmondson, colored, convicted of robbing a residence here, was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary.

In the case of leaders Pugh against the Western Union Telegraph Company the judge was advised. The case will go to the Supreme Court.

WOMEN TO BE GIVEN VOTE

Judge Issues Writ Setting Aside Attorney-General's Decision.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 7.—Judge Jester, of the Skagit County Superior Court, in special session at Anacortes, today issued a mandatory writ against the election officials of the three wards of that city, directing them to permit all women who have registered some 400 in number, to vote at the municipal election to be held tomorrow.

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The court holds that even if not voters when registered, the women have been made voters by the Governor's proclamation, and that anybody who will be a qualified voter on election day may vote even if not voters at the time of registering.

Four hundred members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in Anacortes registered with the avowed intention of electing a no-license City Council and securing the revocation of all saloon licenses in the city by the new city government. Anacortes voted for license by a majority of five at the recent local option election.

WRITER BACK FROM HAWAII.

OREGON CITY, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Eva Zimms Day has returned to this city from her trip to the Hawaiian Islands, where she went in search of material for a book. Her search for data, she says, was successful.

CAPTOR LOSES CAPTIVE

ALLEGED WIFE-BEATER RIDES RUNAWAY HORSE.

Deputy Sheriff, Regarding Him as Fugitive, Searches in Vain. Prisoner Reaches Jail First.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Willard Williams was arrested for alleged wife-beating yesterday and in returning to the station with Deputy Sheriff Walters, Williams went to the County Jail, but the deputy, thinking the prisoner was trying to escape, spent a sleepless night in an attempt to find him.

Deputy Sheriff Johnson went to Ridgefield in search of Williams. Not finding him in town, Johnson hired a rig and started for Williams' farm, two miles away. On the road he overtook Williams, whom he arrested, ordering him to ride his horse ahead of him to Ridgefield.

Williams started down the road, followed by Johnson, but Williams had gone but a short distance when his horse was frightened into running away by loud rattling milk cans. His horse turned into a lane and Deputy Sheriff Johnson, in pursuit, passed the prisoner. Williams then lost his hat and attempting to get it, his horse ran away.

Williams started for Ridgefield on foot and, thinking Deputy Sheriff Johnson had returned to Vancouver, came to this city by train. Arriving here at a late hour, he told his story to Deputy Sheriff Walters, whom he found at his home. Walters gave him a bed and this morning lodged him in a cell in the County Jail. The prisoner will be arraigned tomorrow.

Early this morning Deputy Sheriff Johnson retraced to Vancouver to find the supposed fugitive in jail.

WOMEN MAKE DEMAND

WORKERS WILL USE BALLOT AS CLUB FOR BETTERMENT.

Backed by Political League in Spokane, They Seek Shorter Work-day, Higher Wages.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Spokane's second great women's organization, resulting directly from the extension of franchise privileges, will be formed this month. The initial steps towards its organization have been taken by Mrs. Blanche M. Mason, of the State Labor Commission, who is now in this city.

The membership will probably be limited mainly to working women and girls. It will work independently of the Women's Nonpartisan Political League of Spokane, but not in opposition to it.

Among the matters which will be handled in the new organization are: An eight-hour day and a six-day week for all employed women. The closing of all mercantile establishments at 6 o'clock every evening. Sanitary conditions in every store and factory.

Living wages for all employed women and girls. A number of society and club women have stated their intention of assisting in organizing the new society and have placed their services at the disposal of Mrs. Mason.

AIR SPEED RECORD GOES

BARRIER FLIES 16 MILES IN 10 MINUTES 55 1-5 SECONDS.

\$10,000 Won by Aviator in Establishing New World's Best Time. Hamilton Misses Death.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Charles K. Hamilton, in his biplane, missed death by a hair's breadth, and in his effort performed a spectacular feat of airmanship. In an exhibition flight he reached a height of 20 feet when his motor went dead. He started to glide, eventually striking the earth with a thump, his machine a wreck, but his bones were whole.

Roland G. Garros, who sustained a broken nose and other hurts when he fell several days ago, demonstrated his courage today. His face still bandaged, he went aloft for 19 minutes.

New Town Founded in Klickitat.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The Citizens Trustee Company of Seattle, which purchased the stock ranch of Leon Curtis, in Klickitat County across the Columbia River from The Dalles, has filed a plat of a new townsite to be known as Grand Dalles, being the largest townsite plat filed so far in Klickitat County.

Citizens Fight Flumes.

MOUNT PLEASANT, Tex., Dec. 7.—One thousand citizens and farmers are battling with a forest fire in the Sulphur River bottom, according to advices received here today.

ISSUE IS IGNORED

Liquor Question Least of Women's Thoughts.

SEATTLE, Dec. 7.—In Washington cities where women voted yesterday, they seem to have ignored the liquor question. Beside Anacortes, where hundreds of women voted and "wet" officials were chosen, the navy-yard town of Charleston went "wet" despite organized efforts of the W. C. T. U. to marshal the women, of whom 121 voted.

TEMPERANCE UNION WEAK

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HARTWIG PROMISES NIL

Hood River Citizens Interested in Mayor-elect's Course.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Mayor-elect J. H. Hartwig has little or nothing to say as yet as to what course he will pursue in conducting his office after he assumes the duty of Mayor after January 1. He stated today, however, that he would work for the best interests of Hood River.

The citizens are interested in the approaching administration under Mr. Hartwig, as the city water supply question undoubtedly will have to be settled. This also involves the paving of the streets within the fire limits and the macadamizing of streets in other parts of the town. Improvements practically being held up until the water question is solved.

CASTLE ROCK "DRYS" LOSERS

Progressives Victorious Again in Regular City Election.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The town election in this city yesterday resulted in a victory for the progressive or business element of the city, by a larger majority than on former occasions.

The officers elected are: P. A. Parker, Mayor; E. E. Huntington and J. C. Cladwell, Councilmen, two-year term; Henry C. Smith, Councilman, one-year term; H. A. Richardson, Treasurer. Huntington, Gladwish and Richardson were re-elected.

Churches Win at Junction City.

JUNCTION CITY, Or., Dec. 7.—Considerable interest was manifested at the general city election held there being two tickets in the field.

The administration ticket had the support of the present council, and consisted of W. Lepper, H. V. Beckman, J. H. Brown and H. L. Rann for councilmen. The opposition, or citizens' ticket, had the support of the churches, and consisted of Jesse Sowers, J. A. Boone, Chris Strone and R. D. Pope. These were elected. The citizens' ticket made the fight on what they termed an effort of the opposition to grant saloon licenses under the new Rule law, and won by a vote of 125 to 60.

Majority Race Won by Two Votes.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Just two votes separated T. J. Gary, who was yesterday elected Mayor of Willamette, and A. Bremer, his opponent, when the votes were counted. William Edmunds was chosen Marshal, defeating Jake Healy. The six successful aspirants for Councilmen are: G. L. Snidow, Frank Oliver, W. A. Ross, Frank Shipley, William Critser and R. W. Baker. Homer Junkin was elected Recorder without opposition, as was Frank Capen, who was the only candidate for City Treasurer.

Elma to Have Water and Sewers.

ELMA, Wash., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—George Simpson, J. H. Brewer and R. H. Wade were elected Councilmen and A. L. Callow, treasurer, at the election held here. Mr. Simpson is a retired lumberman; J. H. Brewer, Road Supervisor; R. H. Wade, a jeweler, and Mr. Callow a merchant. They are all progressive men, prominent in the affairs of the city. There are a number of improvements contemplated, among them water and sewer systems.

E. A. Whitney Is Fairview's Mayor.

FAIRVIEW, Or., Dec. 7.—The citizens' ticket was elected in full here yesterday. E. A. Whitney defeated G. E. Cree for Mayor, by a majority of eight votes. Mr. Whitney succeeds W. Ellison. H. A. Dimmock was re-elected as recorder. R. Hunter succeeds himself as Marshal. L. L. Lutz succeeds A. T. Astell as Treasurer. R. W. Wilcox, William Butler and N. M. Vaughan were elected as Aldermen. Mr. Whitney has served two years as Alderman.

Gresham Re-elects Shattuck.

GRESHAM, Or., Dec. 7.—Only one ticket was in the field at this election, and it passed quietly. Lewis Shattuck was re-elected Mayor; D. M. Roberts succeeds himself as Recorder and J. H. Motzger as Treasurer. Henry Gullickson was re-elected Marshal. H. L. St. Clair, E. G. Kardell and Max Schneider are the Aldermen elected.

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