INQUIRY INTO VICE HAS THREE ANGLES

District Attorney, Municipal Association, Wealthy Citizen, Are Probing.

CHIEF COX ISSUES ORDER

Two Agencies Said to Be Directing Energies Against Office of District Attorney Himself. Jury to Be Called.

Semi-public announcements of a "secret" investigation of underworld conditions, emanating apparently from the office of the District Attorney, were abroad yesterday, causing great unrest in the North End. Who started the rumors no one knows, but a scurrying to cover has begun. It is said that evidence in process of being collected will be laid before the present grand jury, at a session to be called soon. The blow is to descend upon the dive-keepers unannounced, except as it may filter through to them by means of street-talk.

Three agencies are engaged in the collection of evidence, according to the stories. Two operators are directly in the service of the District Attorney's office, and others are working for the Municipal Association. A third party, according to the rumors, has been engaged from a private detective agency by a wealthy citizen, and is pursuing an independent course.

Open Charges Made.

While the District Attorney's men are out directly after the underworld people and such peace officers as may be implicated with them, the two other factors are said to be extending the research further, with a view to probing affairs in the office of the District Attorney himself. There has been much feeling among members of the Municipal Association following the fiasco of prosecutions arising from a similar investigation last Fall, when several alleged dive-keepers were indicted, but all escaped conviction through technicalities or disagreement of juries.

Open charges have been made that the cases were not properly pressed. The District Attorney has retorted by saying that the evidence gathered by the Municipal Association agents was misleading, overstated and worthless.

So far as outlined at present, the impending investigation will follow the same lines as the abortive one last Fall. It will be charged that protection money is being paid to police officers by keepers of disreputable places. A Fourth-street saloonkeeper will be named as the collector, and two proprietors of North End places as the heads of a vice trust, against whose veto none may enter the field. Uptown lodging-houses where disreputable women are sheltered and liquor is sold illegally, will be brought under the light.

Police Get "Clean-Up" Order.

"Secrecy" surrounding the preparations was not so well preserved but that premonitions of the coming storm reached police headquarters yesterday morning, calling forth from Chief of Police Cox a sweeping order to his captains to clean up the town. The order says:

"I am just in receipt of private information that several houses of prostitution are running on the quiet about town, also that there are a number of lodging-houses where liquor can be bought at any time of the day or night, and which have no licenses.

"I wish you to see that all of the above places are closed at once and that all places where liquor is being illegally sold shall be brought to my notice and a charge be brought against them, charging them with this violation. All officers must give this their strict attention. I am earnest about this matter and I wish you to see that this order is carried out to the letter. Also, if it be true that there is gambling in any form being carried on in the North End, as has been charged, I want it stopped and stopped immediately.

Vice Crusade Ordered.

"Charges of vagrancy must be placed against any and all women who are attempting to ply their trade around town and any men who are with them and profiting by their earnings must be dealt with accordingly.

"This order is not only to be read but to be strictly enforced."

A long-drawn investigation last Fall went over the ground marked out for the coming one, and produced no results but a temporary scattering of North End habitues, who hid themselves in the downtown lodging-house district and aped respectability for a time. Two grand juries labored with the subject, the first passing the uncompleted investigation on to its successor. The second found a round dozen of indictments against disorderly places, reported an oblique criticism of the Police Department, and adjourned. The Mayor, the Chief of Police, captains, sergeants and patrolmen were called before the jury, but no evidence was found that protection money was being collected. Chief Cox went on record as demanding a thorough investigation of his department.

FATHER SUES OFFSPRING

He Asserts Daughter and Son Gave Him Whisky Until He Signed Deed.

That he was plied with liquor by his daughter and son-in-law until he was induced to part with all of his little property, was the burden of a complaint laid before the District Attorney by Owen Donnelly, 81 years old, with whom Margaret Donnelly, his wife, 79, joined in making the assertion. Upon examination of the facts, Deputy District Attorney Collier found that a criminal charge would not lie, but he has drawn up a civil suit, which will be filed in the Circuit Court.

The Donnellys accuse J. E. Cuniff and Nellie Cuniff, the latter being one of their nine children. The complaint sets forth that "by hard work and close saving," Donnelly had purchased, in 1903, two lots in Kinzel Park. On June 14, he says, the Cuniffs plied him with whisky until he signed a deed to the property, including a cow, chickens and other personal property.

MISSIONARY WORK TOPIC

Women of Evangelical Church to Meet in Corvallis in May.

Arrangements have been completed for holding the first decade anniversary convention of the Oregon Branch of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, of the United Evangelical Church, in Corvallis, May 5, 6, 7 and 8. Sessions will be opened at 2 P. M., May 5, with Mrs. Jennie Urbino, vice-president, in the chair. Mrs. Gallatly will deliver the address of welcome and Mrs. G. N. Thompson, of Salem, will respond. Mrs. Myra-Miller-Stauffer, president, will deliver the annual address. Mrs. Nellie I. Winter will speak Saturday on "A Glimpse of Ten Years in the Oregon Branch." A missionary oratorical contest will be held Saturday afternoon. Rev. U. C. Poling will deliver the annual sermon Sunday. Mrs. A. E. Ayers, of Portland, will speak in the afternoon on the missionary work in India. There will be a general programme Monday on "Benefits Derived from this Convention."

Officers of the society are: President, Mrs. Myra-Miller-Stauffer; vice-president, Mrs. Jennie Urbino; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Nellie I. Winter; reading secretary, Mrs. Etta P. Hall; treasurer, Mrs. Ada Elliott; superintendents, Mrs. Bessie Young-Leitch, Miss Grace Bath, Mrs. Lena Barendrick-Ramp, Mrs. Laura Dunkleberger and Mrs. G. N. Thompson.

SUCCESSOR TO JOHN F. STEVENS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE THIS MONTH.

C. R. Gray.

C. R. Gray, successor to John F. Stevens as head of the North Bank, Oregon Trunk, Oregon Electric and United Railways, is expected to arrive in Portland to assume his new duties before the end of the present month. At present he is engaged in closing his affairs as senior vice-president of the Frisco system, with which he has been associated throughout his railroad career.

Since accepting the position at the head of the Hill roads in Oregon Mr. Gray has given no expression of his intentions toward the various improvements already under way or outlined for this state. All his experience has been in the operating department of the Frisco lines, in which he has been very successful. It is expected that he will give particular attention to this end of the business.

Y. M. C. A. SHOWS GAINS

MEMBERSHIP ALMOST DOUBLES IN YEAR.

Boys Take Great Part in Activities of Association; Gymnasium Ever Popular.

Remarkable progress in every department was shown at the quarterly meeting of the board of directors and committee of management of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association, held in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium Tuesday night. Besides the directors and committee members, the meeting was attended by about 60 leading business men who are interested in the work of the association.

The membership report showed that on April 1 there were 5617 men and boys affiliated with the association. On April 1, 1910, the enrollment was only 2874. Many of the additional members came in during the membership contest a few weeks ago, but outside of these there has been steady and rapid growth. Of the total membership at present 1125 are boys.

The extension of the educational department has been especially pleasing. The registration in this department up to the present time this season is 2711. Last year the total enrollment was 1369. The registration is now divided as follows: Men in day classes, 227; boys in day classes, 120; men in night classes, 832; boys in night classes, 81.

The clubs in the boys' department were reported very active. During March there was an attendance of 1253 in the association club meetings, and an attendance of 195 at the meetings of the extension clubs. Thirty different boys used the privileges of the boys' home during the quarter, and good homes in the country were found for several boys. Only three associations in the world, it was reported, have more than 1000 boy members, and Portland is one of these associations.

There was a total of 13,631 who used the gymnasium during the quarter. The attendance during March was 4471. The special feature of the physical department work at present is the swimming contest, in which every grammar school in the city is competing.

It was reported that the advisory and employment department had granted 5086 interviews and filled 297 positions during the quarter.

A WARNING.

The public and railroad men particularly are notified not to give any credit to Robert L. Cochrane, alias Robert L. Kingsley, on account of The Spokane Chronicle, as he has no connection with the paper.

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MOUNT HOOD LINE RUSHED TO FINISH

Rails Are Being Laid by Improved Method — Sandy Bridge Done in May.

WASHOUT DAMAGE HEAVY

Large Force of Men Engaged in Replacing Fills East of Gresham. Repairs Will Cost About $20,000 Is Estimated.

By a new process of track laying installed on the line of the Mount Hood Railway & Power Company yesterday, the remaining three and a half miles of steel to be put in place can be finished by the end of the week, with the exception of the stretch across the Sandy River, where the new bridge is being erected.

However, it will be nearly a month before the entire track is completed, as a large force of men is engaged in replacing the heavy fills east of Gresham, that were washed out by the rains last week. The high water did unexpected damage in several places, washing away more than 40,000 cubic yards of dirt. It will cost the company from $15,000 to $20,000 to replace it.

Damage to Be Repaired.

After the ties and rails are placed on the embankment and the ballasting is put down, damage from this source is less likely to occur. Provisions also will be made to handle the water in the event of future floods. As soon as the men complete tracklaying on the main grade they will be put to work on the washed-out sections. It will require their constant efforts until nearly in May to complete the task.

E. R. Ernsberger, engineer in charge of construction work, left Portland at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning, that he might be present at the end of the completed track when the rail-laying under the new process started. Instead of unloading rails and ties at the side of the track and carrying them forward as needed, the ties are placed in two forward cars and handed out over the front end. Rails are put into the third car and dropped to the side of the track to be drawn forward by horses. Spikes and iron are put into the fourth car immediately in front of the engine. Under Mr. Ernsberger's direction the men laid 2000 feet of track yesterday morning. Formerly it required them two days to do the same amount of wok.

Bridge Nearly Done.

Progress on the bridge across the Sandy insures its completion early in May. A large force of men now is working on the structure. It consists of three Howe truss spans—two of 100 feet each and one 140 feet in length. In addition to this there are 1360 feet of trestle work built on piling made of native stock and driven deep into the earth.

T. A. Lawson has been appointed construction trainmaster of the Mount Hood line, and has active charge of the men. He has had many years of experience on the Chicago & Northwestern, where he formerly was assistant general manager. Until recently he was with the Harriman lines in Oregon.

As soon as the tracklaying east of Gresham is completed, the company will put its men to work on the road between Gresham and Montavilla, the grading for all of which has been done.

TRACKS NOW INTO GATEWAY

Deschutes Line Will Reach Madras by May 1 if All Is Well.

Construction work on the Deschutes line of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. yesterday carried the track layers into the new town of Gateway, eight miles south of Trout Creek. Fast work will be done beyond that point with an idea of reaching Madras by May 1.

Gateway has been selected by the Harriman officials as a grain center and will be the site of a big elevator and extensive freight yards.

Little delay will be occasioned in crossing Willow Creek, at the edge of Madras, as the cement for the concrete abutments has been hauled in. These foundations will be completed by the time the rails reach there, so that the steel can be put in place at once.

Grading beyond this point to Culver Junction likewise has been completed and the tracks should be in there early in June, when a mammoth celebration in honor of the event will be held.

THROUGH SERVICE IS DESIRED

Officials Want Pullman Cars From Washington, D. C., to Portland.

Through Pullman car service from Washington, D. C., to Portland is sought by J. N. Harrison and Phil K. Gordon, agents for the Sunset route, who were in Portland on business yesterday. They have arranged with the officials of the Southern Pacific in this city for a low round-trip rate that will allow travelers to Eastern points during the coming Summer to return over the Sunset system, via New Orleans and Southern California.

A differential of $15 on round-trip tickets to New York and other Atlantic Coast points will allow passengers to use the Harriman steamers between New York and New Orleans, which price includes meals and berths, and then travel over the Southern Pacific to California and Portland. The established rate on Summer round-trip tickets to New York, using diverse Northern routings to and from Portland is $108.50.

Harrison and Gordon, having been granted the rate concession, now are conferring with Pullman and railroad officials for the operation of the car through from Washington to Portland and from Portland back to Washington. They are positive that the West-bound business will be sufficient to justify the operation of this additional service, but are yet uncertain as to the going East.

North-bound travel from California to Portland will be heavy this Summer, they say. Special efforts are being made by passenger men in the East to route delegates to the National Education Association convention, which will be held at San Francisco this year, through Oregon, on their return home.

Oregon Trunk Carries Mail.

Mail now is being handled between Portland and interior Oregon over the Oregon Trunk Railway, the service having been established on Monday. The former method of routing mail for points in the central part of the state through Shaniko has been abandoned. Matter for Madras, Metolius and intermediate points leaves here at 9 o'clock in the morning and gets to its destination on the evening of the same day. Mail for all interior points away from the railroad also is received by the Oregon Trunk and delivered by star routes running out of Madras. A great saving in time has been effected.

Dressing Your Hair For Grand Opera

(Annie Bly in N. Y. Graphic)

"After studying the gowns and noting the jewels I gave my attention to a comparison of the different coiffures. I have heard so much about dry shampooing being all the rage this season that I wondered if there would be any difference in the styles of dressing the hair by the grand ladies whose beauty adds so much to the attraction of grand opera for everybody.

"A dry shampoo once a week keeps the scalp soft and pliable and the hair fresh, clean and beautifully lustrous. A little of the powder can be dusted on the hair and thoroughly brushed out whenever an especially elaborate coiffure is desired. The powder is a simple mixture of 4 ounces of orris root and 4 ounces of therox.

"One realizes why dry shampooing is so popular when one considers that too much moisture makes the hair dull, coarse and faded looking, and the long hours of waiting for the hair to dry are avoided."—Adv.

COAL OIL COMPANY ELECTS

Corporation Names Thomas Milbourne President.

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Alaska Coal Oil Company, held at the company's office, 207 Labbe building, the following officers were elected: Thomas Milburn, president; John Bingham, vice-president; Otto Roeber, secretary; S. L. Vell, general manager; Dr. S. E. Josephi, treasurer; Dean Blanchard, R. B. McPherson and Dr. W. B. Morse, directors.

A block of 300,000 shares of the Dominion Oil Company, a Canadian corporation which was recently acquired by the Alaska Coal Oil Company, was placed in reserve, to be later distributed to the stockholders as a dividend.

The Alaska Coal Oil Company purposes to ship oil from the well it has recently brought in as soon as suitable transportation can be procured.

Auto "Dies" in Midstream.

GRANTS PASS, Or., April 12.—(Special.)—To speed across the mountains in an automobile over rough roads for 40 miles, to attend a teachers' institute at Kerby, and to be caught in the whirling waters of Slate Creek, with the engine of the automobile dead, was the predicament of Lincoln Savage and B. F. Mulkey. In the rear seat were two schoolteachers. Perched on top of the cushions of the machine the quartet waited to be rescued. A farmer in a buggy came along and fished out the balky machine.

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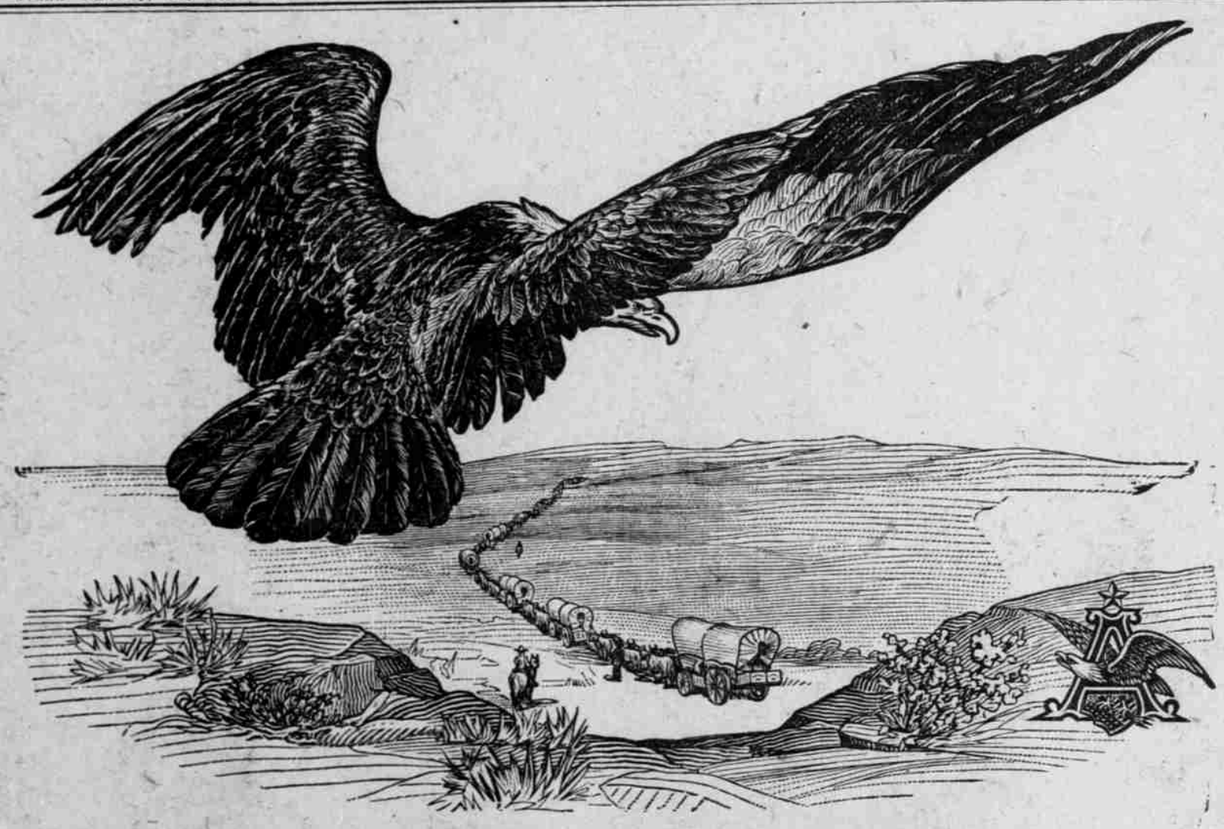

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