

CHARLES GARDNER'S SUNDAY BOARD

Police Officials, Rockpile Guard and Detective Are Accused.

CASES OF GRAFT ALLEGED

Burns Agency Appears as Instigator of Charges Against Detectives Carpenter and Maher, With S. Fouts in Role of Reformer.

Graft charges, originating with the suspension of Police Sergeant Cole two weeks ago, have assumed the nature of an epidemic in which accusations have been made not only against the police department and its detective branch, but the administration of the county rockpile, the Municipal Court, the District Attorney's office, the county detectives and a newspaperman.

The graft investigation has developed not less than three separate angles. A. S. Briggs, superintendent of the Linnton rockpile, is charged with accepting a bribe of \$100 to aid D. A. Richardson in procuring his custody, to escape. In connection with this transaction the name of George Taswell, Municipal Judge, has been associated as has also that of Frank Hennessy, Deputy District Attorney, by the unsupported statement of Richards that the money he paid Briggs was to be divided among Briggs, Taswell and Hennessy.

Agency's Accusations Weak. Against Detective Lou Carpenter the Burns detective agency that he accepted money from disolute women of the town. The accusation against Carpenter, however, has not been substantiated by the detective agency preferring the graft charge. In fact, one of the women, alleged by Carpenter to have paid him money for protection, testified before Police Commissioner Coffey refused to confirm her previous charges against Carpenter and made to representatives of the detective agency further and in response to direct questions declared that she at no time paid Carpenter any money for protection or for any other consideration. She made these statements positively and without any reservation.

Friends of Carpenter insist that the charges against the detective agency are entirely by revenge. In other words, they describe it as a "bluff" on the part of the Burns detective agency. She made Carpenter be good and not to interfere further with the operations of the detective agency in the performance of private detective work.

Plaint Called Bluff. To Carpenter, said his friends, is laid the blame by the Burns detective agency for the action of a planter dealer in cancelling payment of a check for \$158 he had delivered to Otto H. Kulper, manager of the agency, for the recovery of several hundred dollars worth of stolen goods. It is also contended by Carpenter's friends that the report that W. J. Burns, the celebrated detective and former head of the Burns detective agency, coming to Portland personally to inquire into alleged graft conditions is only another step in the "bluff" game that is being directed against the Burns detective agency.

These representations by Carpenter and his friends are emphatically denied by Mr. Kulper and his associates. The Burns detective agency deny earnestly that they are practicing any "bluff" or mean anything other than "business."

Burns Coming, Says Kulper. "Mr. Burns is detained at Los Angeles temporarily as a witness in the trial of the McNamara dynamiting case. As soon as he gives his testimony and is excused he will come direct to Portland. He is not able to do so to the extent he will delve into the alleged graft situation in this city. It may be depended upon, however, that he will make a thorough investigation of the charges that have been made against his agency and the character of the work it is doing here."

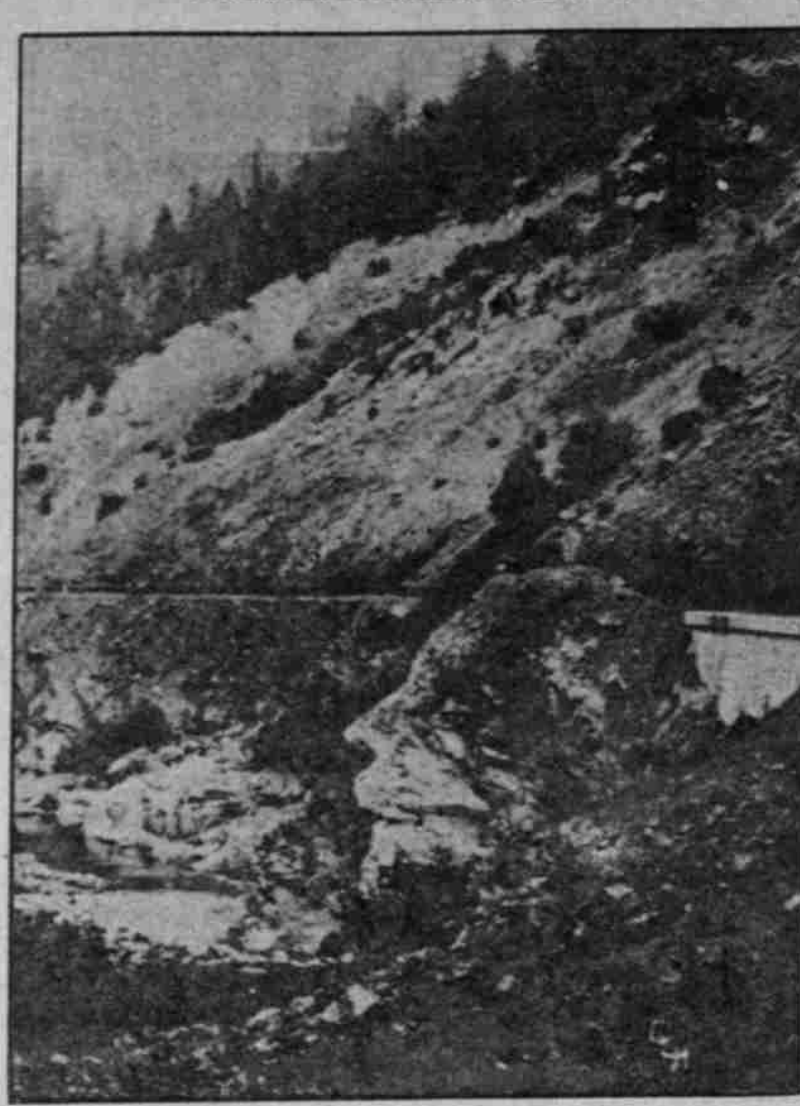
County Detective J. Maher and Frank L. Perkins, a newspaper man, were the butt of accusations yesterday made to the County Court by a quartet of French dynamite makers in the North End. The accusers are Tony Arnaud, Herman Gunther, Henry Galtier and Ernest Dechamp. The hearing of charges against Perkins and Maher was deferred yesterday by the County Court until today, pending the return of Perkins, who was out of the city. These men were charged with having obtained "hush" money from a number of macaqueaux.

In connection with the charges against Maher and Perkins, Seneca Fouts comes into the limelight in the role of a reformer. To friends of Perkins the attitude of Fouts and his activity in the disclosures of alleged graft are known to be not without motive. By them revenge is declared to be the controlling motive for Fouts' present concern for the "deplorable" immoral conditions in this city.

Fouts After Reporter. In the last session of the Oregon Legislature, of which Fouts was a member, Perkins, as staff correspondent of the Evening Telegram, printed an expose of some of Fouts' performances at Salem, outside the role of lawmaker. It is said that Fouts ever since has been looking for a chance to "get" Perkins, if possible.

County Judge Cleaton and County Commissioners Lightner and Hart yesterday morning began an investigation of charges emanating from the office of the Burns Detective Agency that Maher and Perkins had received "hush" money from North End saloonkeepers who have rooms over their places of business in which undesirable women are harbored.

REMARKABLE ROCK FORMATION IN COW CREEK CANYON PRODUCES PICTURE OF OLD MAN.



IS IT FACE OF J. J. HILL OR COLLIS P. HUNTINGTON? This remarkable face of "The Old Man of Cow Creek Canyon" was developed accidentally on the plate of an amateur photographer who wandered through the gorge a few months ago taking pictures of scenery, including portions of the Southern Pacific track. He did not realize the man in the rocks when he took the picture, and it was not until after he printed it that he discovered it on the plate. The scene is one and one-half miles south of West Fork station in Douglas County.

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per person should be submitted to the office of the District Attorney.

Perkins' Return Awaited. When Fouts insisted that it was impossible to disassociate Maher and Perkins from the graft charges, the investigation till this morning at 3:30, their object being to give Perkins an opportunity to appear in person and to protect him in any way.

Judge Cleaton said later in the afternoon that this morning the subject will be gone into thoroughly, whether Perkins is present or not. The County Commissioners joined in declaring that there is no intention on their part to minimize the charges against Detective Maher or to protect him in any way.

Judge Cleaton voiced what he declared was his sentiment when he said that he wished a full and sweeping investigation of all the allegations against Maher and Perkins had been conducted. He said that he had learned what led him to believe that Perkins was a "jackpot" among the denizens of the North End, Perkins promising that his paper would not "sneer into" the "bluff" game that is being directed against the Burns detective agency.

Hearing Cut Short. Arnaud was the first sworn. His examination had not been completed when adjournment was taken. Judge Cleaton refused to allow the names of Perkins and Maher to be mentioned in the testimony which arose immediately.

Arnaud testified as far as he could, revealing nothing beyond that Maher and Perkins had several times visited the North End, he said, and that he had frequently made reference to the possibility of the North End macaqueaux and saloonkeepers, making "little rocks out of big ones." When Attorney Fouts attempted to ask if Perkins had any other associates, he had not tried to make a "goat."

Wednesday night Arnaud said in the presence of Fouts, Constable and several newspapermen that he had delivered to Perkins \$300 collected from North End saloonkeepers.

In yesterday's session Judge Cleaton intimated that he was cognizant of bad feeling existing between Perkins and Fouts and declared that the investigation was for the purpose of settling the grudge against Perkins, he did not wish to aid in the furtherance of such a motive.

Maher Denies Grafting. "This thing is merely a frame-up between the Burns Detective Agency and Seneca Fouts," said County Detective Maher. "I have never solicited or received a cent of graft money and I will say positively that I have no company in the North End. Perkins did not ask for any money nor did he receive any. He was in the North End getting news for his paper and I was there investigating for the grand jury. This is all I care to say at present, but I will make a full statement when the investigation is over showing Fouts' motive. I will give the public some 'juicy' reading and Fouts will wish that he had not tried to make me a 'goat.'"

Men close to the present administration do not undertake to deny that they virtually admit that such is the case but deplore their inability to gather sufficient facts on which to prefer charges and direct prosecutions.

There is no question but more or less grafting is done, but it is impossible for us to get the "goats" who are the cause of the situation described in the situation yesterday.

In the meantime, it is apparent that the graft agitation made a considerable impression on the personalities and satisfying long-standing grudges, based purely on revengeful motives. There is more than a probability that many of the charges being circulated indiscriminately will be called to the attention of the next grand jury for official investigation.

Mayor Rushlight yesterday gave out a statement in which he made the charge that through a well organized conspiracy the undesirable element of Seattle and other Pacific Coast cities were being encouraged to come to Portland for the single purpose of embarrassing his administration. He said that many of the city all disreputable women and their male consorts, even if by that action he sacrificed every friend he had.

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FRAUD EVIDENCE SOUGHT

City Attorney Grant Files Report Concerning Waddell & Harrington and Builders Intimating Collusion Against City.

Intimations that there was collusion between Waddell & Harrington, of Kansas City, consulting engineers for the city of the Hawthorne-avenue bridge, and two contracting companies which built the span, were contained in a formal opinion by City Attorney Grant, read before the bridge committee of the Executive Board yesterday afternoon.

After discussing the subject at considerable length, R. O. Rector, chairman of the committee, and John H. Coffey, the other members, voted to ask Mr. Grant whether he has any facts in his possession sufficient to warrant the case being brought into the courts on the ground of fraud.

In case Mr. Grant has no such facts, it was virtually admitted by the members of the committee that the city is "stung" for from \$30,000 to \$40,000 for "extras" and the balance called for in the reports of the engineers on the construction of the bridge. The bridge was finished 27 days late.

Rector Against Extras. Chairman Rector, who is familiar with the plans and construction, declared that he would not favor allowing a single cent of "extras" or claims presented by the United Engineering & Construction Company and favored by the city's consulting engineers.

Among these are bills of \$2350 for "maintenance of essential working organization for extra" maintenance of plant \$1433; "use of office at bridge, \$33"; "rehandling steel at shops, \$90"; "rehandling of steel in field, \$300"; "bond, account and office balance, \$560"; "overriding charges, after delivery of piers, \$994"—a total of \$6225.

never heard of such a proposition as a contractor charging for the bond and insurance he has to provide," said Chairman Rector. "It seems to me to be ridiculous to ask the city to pay such bills for things which it should do so. Charges for delays and such things, in my opinion, are also ridiculous, as the company knows the state of the work of the State Tax Commission."

Steelworkers Imported. Asked by D. Solis Cohen why it was necessary to maintain the working organization for more than a month when the contractor for the substructure was not out of the way, Drake O'Reilly, president of the United Engineering & Construction Company, said that he had to import expert steel workers and retain them here at high salaries all the time to keep them.

"I know all about steel workers," replied Chairman Rector, "and I dare say that while the company may have such a large force of steel workers, no others here whatever. It is unnecessary to do so, for it is with this trade as with carpenters or other trades, that the contractor should get the jobs. I can and will ascertain just how many iron workers the company brought here, but it was not more than 100."

Mr. Cohen, speaking as a lawyer, said he concurred in the opinion of the City Attorney to the effect that the contractor's retention of steel workers was not to be recognized, and, unless they were actually in collusion with the contractor, the city should not be liable for their salaries.

\$40,000 Excess Invoiced. The amounts paid out on the bridge, combined with what is due, taking the report of the engineers as the guide, aggregated \$450,000 by not less than \$40,000. There is no fund from which to pay this and City Attorney Grant says that the only recourse is to ask the contractor to refund the excess.

The portion of City Attorney Grant's opinion that caused the committee to deliberate and ask for further information was:

While I must say, and the authorities seem to have generally agreed, that it provides that an engineer shall decide certain facts, that his determination is conclusive, yet the courts will get into the question if it can be shown that the engineer has acted in bad faith. Notwithstanding this, the committee is providing that Waddell & Harrington shall be the sole and exclusive judges of the facts in the construction of said Hawthorne-avenue bridge, and that the contractors shall be entitled, I am of the opinion that the courts will get into the question if it can be shown that the engineer has acted in bad faith.

WIFE SEEKS TO GET BOY Divorced Husband, Woman Fears, Plans to Leave Oregon.

Expressing the fear that her ex-husband, from whom she was divorced in the Middle Western state in 1907, is on the point of leaving Portland with his 10-year-old son, Hale Van Sooy, who was awarded to her by the divorce decree, Mrs. Frances Van Sooy has filed suit in Circuit Court against William A. Van Sooy, asking that the divorce decree be entered here and that her divorced spouse be forced to deliver the boy to her. She also asks the court to make the boy's father pay \$10 a week for his support.

Theater yesterday. Mr. Kent is an actor of the school of legitimate artists. The "Pathe weekly" proved a novelty, showing as it did some of the leading international news events in pictures instead of type. "The Ruling Passion" provided a psychological study of child life and adventure thrilling in character. In this film a mother loses her two children, one from drowning. Mr. Merriam, of the Navy, continues his series of illustrated talks on the world cruises of the Atlantic squadron and Jean Wilson sang a new popular song.

The Arcade Theater exhibited "The Battle of Brunner Hill," an Up-to-date film of the battle of Brunner Hill, with his experiences in the harem of the Sultan of Turkey, make up the show.

"Flaming Arrows," an Indian headliner, was featured at the Oh Joy, but in addition there were four other subjects, with a sprinkling of comedy.

"Fair Exchange," a Mexican Romance, headed the Tivoli's bill and with "The Strategy of Ann," were effectively produced. The Sunday shows are announced as unusually good.

Death certificates as factors in the settling of insurance claims, property rights and pensions will be a feature of the coming year's work of the State Health Board, and the more careful registration of all deaths will be sought by State Health Officer White. Many cases, especially among foreigners, have been found in the past year where the state death registration has been accepted by foreign governments as evidence of death, upon which large estates have been settled. The effort will be made during the coming year to have the registrations more complete than before.

Deaths reported to the State Health Board by the rest of the state are in the cities of the state than in the country, and the death rate of 111 per 1000 of population in Portland has a large effect upon the general death rate of the State. Portland's death rate is 17.1 in 1000, and with Portland is 8.8 in 1000. A high death rate in Marion County is explained by the number of state institutions which are in that county.

In seven counties of the state one person in every 100 dies each year. In Wasco County, which, outside of Marion County, has the largest death rate of any county, the rate is 115 in 1000; Clatsop County follows closely with 114 deaths to every 1000 persons each year.

As a result of the death rate of Clatsop County, a rate of 111 deaths in each 1000 persons, based on a record of 2308 deaths in a population of 20,724. Douglas County's death rate is 10.1 in 1000, and Josephine County, Marion County has 116 deaths to every 1000 persons; Union County's rate is 10.6. The lowest rate is that of Clackamas County.

Clatsop because of the fishing and logging industries and Wasco by general reason of the number of state institutions in July reported to the State Health Board, 13 were violent. Four were caused by drowning, seven persons were killed in railroad wrecks, one was shot and one was blown up by dynamite.

Saloonist Behaves Now. "How is that saloonkeeper acting now?" inquired John B. Coffey, chairman of the committee. "He is acting as a saloonkeeper," replied Frank Hempel, who was asked to make recommendations for or against them. "Because of the absence of Waldemar Seton, and he was needed to make up a quorum. I have to meet a friend at the depot."

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Excursion Fares East THE TRUE SCENIC ROUTE

During the Summer season low round-trip rates will be made to the principal destinations. A few of the points quoted are:

Table with columns for destination and fare. Includes Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago, St. Louis, Indianapolis, New York, Syracuse, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Boston, Portland, Montreal, P. O.

Stopovers Going and Returning. Final Return Limit, October 31, 1911. Through the Canadian Rockies, 16 degrees River riding, 8 A. M. to 7 P. M. total time in last 24 hours. 4 1/2 feet fall. Total rainfall, P. M. to 5 P. M. none; total rainfall since September 1, 1910, 55.94 inches; Portland, 44.4 inches; deficiency, 8.73 inches. Possible sunshine, 14 hours 24 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level) at 5 P. M., 29.95 inches.

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CHARGE MADE Saloonman Ordered Protected by Police, Says Special.

Former Regime Blamed Night Guard, Termed "Bump on Log" by Slover, Declares M. Weiss Had "Cop" Cicerone Nightly. Several Stars Taken.

Referred to by Acting Chief Slover as a "bump on a log," when his application for a "special" star came up before the police committee of the Executive Board, Chief Slover, yesterday afternoon, Special Police Commissioner Franklin created a sensation later, when testifying for H. A. Galbraith, a patrolman, charged with drunkenness, and now recommended for dismissal.

"During the preceding police administration," Franklin swore, "the North Bank saloon proprietor, Weiss, had a policeman go home with him every morning. The policeman on the beat would go into the place and stay sometimes from 1 to 3 A. M. and then accompany the proprietor home. I asked Sergeant Wanless, in charge of the district, about it, and he said the patrolman had orders to do so. That saloonkeeper seemed to have it on all the men on that beat, for they would do just as he said."

Inasmuch as Acting Chief Slover was the Captain in command of the second relief, on duty at the hours mentioned by Franklin, it cast somewhat of a reflection on the chief's head of the force, but he said that he regarded Franklin's statements as "hot air."

"If Franklin had known that the committee had already granted him his star, he probably would have talked less," said Chief Slover, after the case was completed and Galbraith was recommended for dismissal.

Franklin, when asked by a member of the committee why he had made no effort to interfere with the saloonkeeper's alleged irregular operations, replied that he supposed that when Sergeant Wanless told him the policeman had orders about the saloon, that ended it, and did not feel that it was his duty to act.

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