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COUNTY OFFICIALS
UNDER INQUIRY

Grand Jury Calls Judge and Commissioners in Investigation of Methods.

SALE OF PIT BROUGHT UP

Disposal of Gravel Land Cheaply to Man Who Sells It to Clerk After Multnomah Paid Its Assessment Is Probed.

EXPERT INVESTIGATION IS REQUESTED.
"We told the grand jury," said Judge Clifton, "that we would like to have that body appoint an expert to give into the details of the construction of the Courthouse, our accounting systems, the management of the county institutions and anything else it may see fit to investigate. We now wish to extend the same invitation to the Taxpayers' League or any other organization and to urge that our challenge be made. The County Court is ashamed of nothing of the criticism which has been directed at us lately we believe we have a right to demand that such an investigation be made. The County Court is ashamed of nothing it has done. We will pay the salary of an expert or give all assistance which may be appointed."

County Commissioners Lightner and Hart and County Judge Clifton, according to their own admissions, found the grand jury hostile when they appeared before the inquisitorial body yesterday afternoon at the request of the jurors. The grand jury inquired into the details of the construction of the new Courthouse, the management of county institutions, the accounting system by which check is kept on road and other expenditures, and particularly about the sale last November of a gravel pit in Kenton to Anselm Boskowitz, a relative of Mose Bloch, who does a warrant-shaving business at the courthouse.

The gravel pit now is in the possession of Robert Shaw, Clerk of the County Court, who has been interested with Bloch in the purchase of the gravel pit. The purchase was made in realty deals of various kinds. It contains 2.33 acres. The Commissioners explained to the jury that the payment to the city of \$425.55 by the county, being the county's share of the cost improving Patton street, along which the pit borders, with hard-surface paving, was inadvertent, as it was intended that the purchaser should assume all such assessments, the county giving merely a quit claim deed. Bloch, who was acting for Bloch, bought the pit for \$200 and 23 days later Bloch sold it to Shaw for \$225. Shaw declares that he was a bona fide purchaser.

3638 Item Overlooked.
"We are accused of having sold the property at a great deal less than the value," said County Judge Clifton. "The pit had been abandoned and was of no use to the county. When H. M. Friendly, who owns adjoining property, came in and complained and offered \$1250 for it we thought it would be best to sell, especially as street assessments were piling up against the property. Although we had the right to sell at either private sale or by advertising for bids we advertised in the Daily Abstract and the bid of \$200 was given. The bid was \$200. The item for \$425.55 must have missed our attention when we went over the long list of bills to be paid which the County Auditor sends up for a check about the 10th of each month."

County Judge Clifton said that a demand had been made upon Bloch for the payment of the \$425.55 and that he had agreed to pay it, declaring, however, that he would not have purchased the property had he understood that he was to assume the amount. Should he fail to pay, the County Commissioners announce that suit will be started to set aside the sale, though their legal rights are in the premises is indefinite.

Clerk Shaw declares that there was a second bid of \$1500 for the property in response to the advertisement but he forgets the name of the person who made it and says that documentary evidence of it has been obliterated.

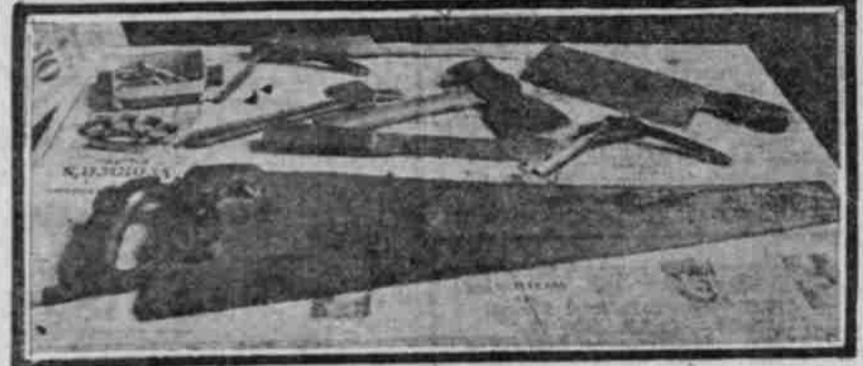
Tardy Agreement Shown.
As proof that the purchaser was to pay the assessment Shaw produces a letter from Boskowitz in which he agreed to assume all street assessments having been mentioned in the advertisement, but this letter is dated 12 days subsequent to the payment of the \$425.55 by the county, as a whole amount realized by the county was thus \$1371.42.

Mystery connected with the fact that the demand from the city for the payment of the street assessment showed up at the time the property was being sold for sale. Bloch was investigating the records relative to the property about that time.

ALLEGED ACCOMPLICES IN MURDER OF SEID BING, AND TOOLS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN USED IN DISMEMBERING BODY.



Wong Si Sam



Tools Found in Wong's Room

BOY SCOUTS UPHELD

Rev. J. D. Corby and Other Ministers Praise Movement.

MILITARY SPIRIT OPPOSED

Clergymen at Conference of Liberal Churches Declare Organization Is for Peace and Teaching Responsibility.

The Boy Scout movement was indorsed, but all tendency to make the Scouts a military organization was disapproved yesterday at the meetings of the Oregon State Sunday School Conference of Liberal Christian Churches in session at the Church of Good Tidings, at Broadway and East Twenty-fourth street, James D. Corby, first Scout master appointed in Oregon, and who has organized a brigade in connection with his church, delivered an address on the "Boy Scouts, Its History and Purpose." In the course of which he told about its origin in South Africa, under the inspiration of General Baden-Powell. He also explained how it has spread to England and other European countries, and finally to the United States. He said that the manual of the Boy Scouts promotes among the boys the sense of responsibility, teaching them how to do things and what to do in emergency.

"In this country," he said, "it is not military so far as the use of guns is concerned. The drills are to train the boys in erect carriage, and not to promote a military spirit. It teaches the boys wonderful responsibility. Somehow the movement has not grown in the West as much as in the East, except at Spokane, where there is a strong organization."

Morality Is Taught.
The movement teaches the boys morality and high ideals, honor and integrity. It is not a church movement nor militant in any sense. We are taking our boys in Portland to the art galleries and museums, to Kelly Butte and other places. It has a strong educational side and not so much for fun. We have had lectures by Dr. A. E. Roeker and others on first aid to the injured. General Baden-Powell and Mr. West, who is at the head of the movement in the United States, will soon visit Portland, when we hope to see more interest taken in the Boy Scouts movement in Portland and Oregon."

"I desire to know if the Boy Scout movement is to foster and develop a military spirit," said Mrs. C. Dunlap, of the Unitarian Church. "If it does it is all wrong and contrary to the general movement toward peace among the nations of the world. I see that it is said that a bill is to be introduced in Congress to arm the Boy Scouts with guns and make it a military organization. All our boys want guns. They learn to kill too early."

Military Tendency Condemned.
Mrs. Dunlap displayed a newspaper article showing a division of boys said to be Boy Scouts marching armed with guns and in which it was said that will to arm the Boy Scouts in the United States would be introduced. Rev. Mr. Corby said that the Boy Scouts are not a military organization in the United States; that the use of guns is forbidden by the manual of the organization and that any group of Scouts that uses guns is liable to have its charter taken away. He explained further that wands were used in the drills, and sometimes wooden guns. He declared that the military spirit is not fostered in this country, but that it is to some extent in the old countries.

Rev. J. A. Gillet, Jr., gave the Boy Scout movement unqualified indorsement, and said that he had kept in close touch with the movement in the United States, failing to discover any tendency to make it a military organization. "I don't recall the Scouts doing more than a military drill," said Rev. Mr. Gillet. "The manual teaches the boys to do a great many things of which the average boy is profoundly ignorant. It teaches them how to tie a knot, cook a meal and set up a tent, and to do a great many other things which are admirable. I don't know that the military drill will do the boys any harm. I hate war as much as any one can and boys should be taught to hate war because it is wrong, but they should be taught to meet emergency and not hate war because it is dangerous, for it may come. They should be willing to meet any responsibility that may come to them."

declared that the average father is a miserable sinner, and made his wife responsible for the morals of his own child. Rev. Crusan, counsellor, the "double moral standard" for men and women and declared they should be morally equal.

The man who sows his wild oats and goes through the depth of vice," he declared, "demands absolute purity in the bride who stands by his side at the altar. The man should also be pure in body and soul. Fathers should take their responsibility along with that of their wives. They should teach their children purity by example and precept. Parents should teach their children the sacred and holy relations of sex. The father should be a companion of his children."

Rev. Mr. Corby spoke briefly on "Boys in the Sunday School." This was followed by the annual election, which resulted as follows: President, Rev. James D. Corby, of the First Universalist Church of Portland; secretary, Rev. A. H. Sargent, of Eugene; treasurer, Rev. J. C. McDonald, of Hood River. The conference also adopted a resolution to meet in the First Unitarian Church of Our Father, of Portland, in 1913.

TAX SUITS ARE ORDERED

COUNTY IS AFTER DEFUNCT BANK FOR \$3000.

L. R. Webster Also Authorized to Take Steps Against Western Union and Postal.

The County Court yesterday authorized Lionel R. Webster, ex-County Judge, to file a petition in intervention in the Federal Court and endeavor to collect upward of \$3000 which the defunct Title, Guarantee & Trust Company owes in taxes. Judge Webster declares that R. S. Howard, Jr., receiver, is legally bound to pay the taxes before the amounts due other claimants, taxes being a first lien against all property. W. C. Bristol, attorney for Mr. Howard, denies the right of the county to collect.

Mr. Webster was authorized further to stipulate with the Western Union Telegraph and the Postal Telegraph & Cable Companies that suit shall be started against one of them, and the outcome of that action shall settle both controversies. Each owes the same amount, between \$1500 and \$2000, as franchise tax for 1907 and 1908, inclusive. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company owes about \$12,000 as franchise tax for 1907 and 1908, inclusive, and separate suit will be started against this company. Harrison Allen, of counsel for the telephone company, has offered to settle all but the 1907 tax, but the County Commissioners have refused to compromise. Mr. Allen declares that the company pays the city for a license and that the amount of the delinquent franchise tax of the city should not be paid, as that would be double taxation. He announces his willingness to fight out the whole question in the court.

GOVERNOR WILL SPEAK

Dallas Armory Will Be Dedicated Next Monday Evening.

DALLAS, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special).—Arrangements for the convention of the National Guard Association of the State of Oregon, to be held in this city next Monday and Tuesday, are practically completed. The official dedication of the new Armory building will be next Monday evening. Many persons will address the meeting, including Governor West. Tuesday evening a military ball will be given.

MURDER NOW LAID TO CHINESE COOK

Woman First Accused of Killing Seid Bing Brings Men Into Case.

ARRESTS MADE PROMPTLY

Police Believe Wong Si Sam Is Actual Slayer and Ol Sen Accomplice—Accused Prisoners Deny All.

Because, she said, she had the picture of the murdered Seid Bing in her heart and could not forget him, Ol Sen, accused of the murder of Seid Bing, last night told in detail of the murder to Detective Joe Day, Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald being present. Through an interpreter she told the story of the crime, implicating Wong Si Sam, the Chinese cook arrested yesterday morning, and Lew Soon, a Chinese saloon-keeper of San Francisco. While she continued her recital of the events leading up to the murder, Detectives Epps and Taff went to the Hop Sing Tong house, where Lew Soon stays, and arrested him, bringing him to the police station to confront the woman.

Although the woman told the story in detail, both accused men deny it, and identification of the weapons used, the circumstantial recital of the events of the night, and the denunciation by the woman herself did not break them down.

All three are charged with murder in the first degree, the brother of Seid Bing, Seid Bong, being the complainant. Ol Sen, or Mo Fung (she gave both names) said that the murder was done on the night of December 19, in her room in the Chinese block at Fourth and Flanders streets.

Quarrel Precedes Death.
"Seid Bing came to my room after 1 o'clock in the morning," she said. "Wong Si Sam was there when he came, and Lew Soon, who came after Wong Si Sam, also was there. In conversation held before Seid Bing came Lew Soon said that if no one else was willing to kill Bing that he would do it. This was when he was speaking to Wong Si Sam."

Body Is Wrapped.
After the murder had been accomplished, she said, the body was sent her out of the room and told her to say nothing about it. She complied and went to the room of Wong Si Sam. When she next saw the body it was being wrapped up by Lew Soon and Wong Si Sam, she said. They took absorbent cotton which she had in the room, rolled it up, and wrapped the body which was on the floor of her room, and wrapped the body which they put into the trunk. This took place on the next day after the murder.

Of the missing ring which the murdered Seid Bing owned and which it was thought she had pawned in Portland, she said, she had pawned it. The ring that she pawned, she explained, was bought in Pendleton several years ago. She denied all knowledge of the whereabouts of the ring and money of the murdered Chinese.

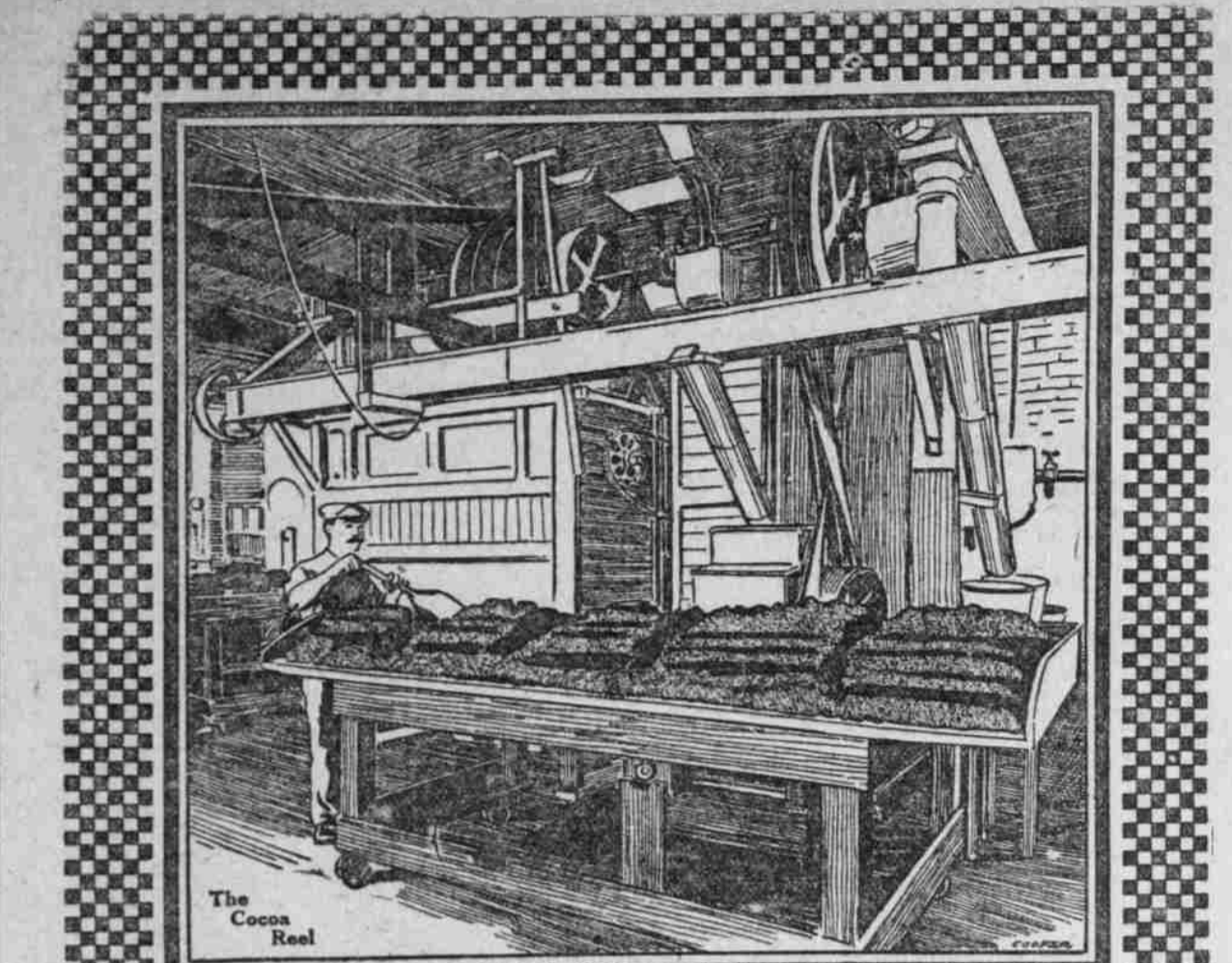
CAMPAIN FOR SHERIFF ON

Friends of W. B. Hollingsworth Advocate His Election to Office.

W. B. Hollingsworth opened his campaign for the Republican nomination for Sheriff last night at the headquarters of the Holly Club, with more than 200 members present. Representatives from allied Holly clubs, organizations devoted to Mr. Hollingsworth's candidacy, in every ward of the city, were present, many of them telling of ward conditions.

Writing Teacher Wanted.
Superintendent Rigler announced that the attendance at the grade school is now so large that it would be necessary to build two portable rooms to accommodate the new pupils.

Suffrage Chiefs Here.
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Chocolate Pirras
A found (one cupful) powdered sugar mixed with one egg white and a dash of ground cinnamon. Cream one cupful of unaged almonds and a dash of orange essence. Stir mixture thoroughly; press mixture into small round cakes on well-oiled and floured cake pans; bake in oven. Prepared especially for us by the Factory Chief at the Palace Hotel.

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PEOPLE'S SIRE RATE

Parent Says Principal and Teachers Show Prejudice.

Written Complaint Is Made

W. A. Compton, Who Was Arrested Following Son's Absence Declares Arletta Instructors Show Resentment.

Complaining that Principal Sheldon F. East of the Arletta school, exceeded his authority in causing his arrest for permitting his son to be away from school, also charging that other teachers in the school—Misses Harrington and Swanson—have on several occasions shown personal feeling against his children to such extent as to interfere with their studies, W. A. Compton, living at 1014 Fifty-second street Southeast, in a communication read at yesterday's meeting of the School Board, asks that the conduct of these teachers be investigated.

There has been some difficulty between Mr. Compton and the school teachers at Arletta for the past few days. Mr. Compton for allowing his son to remain away from school. When the parent appeared before Judge Gatens the case was dismissed.

PREJUDICE IS ALLEGED

The communication to the School Board sets forth that young Compton was suspended for being tardy, but was reinstated the same day by Assistant Superintendent Groat upon the statement of the facts by the boy and his father. For three days following the boy was absent and the father desisted from attending school. The day the boy returned to school the warrant for the arrest of Mr. Compton was issued.

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W. Richardson, 1581 East Ninth street, January 12, a son.
FRIEDMAN—To Mr. and Mrs. S. Friedman, 441 East Fifty-first street South, January 22, a son.
BROWN—To Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Brown, 4317 Sixty-third street Southeast, January 22, a son.
SLAUGHTON—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Slaughter, 7423 Sixty-fourth street, January 24, a daughter.
BERTHY—To Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Berthy, 94 California street, January 24, a son.
HAMMOND—To Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Hammond, 294 Marguerite avenue, January 6, a son.
MOORE—To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey F. Moore, 1256 Patton avenue, January 20, a son.
BURK—To Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burk, 368 Fourth street, January 19, a son.
PILKINGTON—To Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Pilkington, 1229 East Thirty-third street North, January 23, a son.
SOLWAY—To Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Solway, 771 East Twenty-seventh street, January 24, a son.
PEITSCHE—To Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Peitsch, 974 Garfield street, January 12, a son.
BOND—To Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Bond, 621 Crookham street, January 31, a daughter.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Births.
LIND—To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lind, 430 East Thirty-ninth street, January 9, a son.
REED—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Reed, 8911 Seventy-second street Southeast, January 22, a son.
MENDENHALL—To Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Mendenhall, 2914 Sixty-sixth street Southeast, January 21, a son.
COSPER—To Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cosper, 608 Highland avenue, January 21, a son.
PATTERSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Patterson, East Forty-ninth street and Fifth Avenue Southeast, January 11, a daughter.

First La Grippe, Then Bronchitis

That was the case with Mrs. W. S. Bailey, McCrery, Ky. "My wife was taken down with a severe attack of la grippe, which run into bronchitis. She coughed as tho' she had consumption and could not sleep at night."

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