

SERGEANT KAY IS REDUCED TO RANKS

Slover's Personal Choice for "Moral" Work Is in Trouble Again.

CITIZEN BRINGS CHARGES

Patrolman Stewart, Also Included in Affair, Will Don Uniform Again.

Chief Says Kay Now Will Tender Resignation.

After being reinstated by the Civil Service Commission at the personal request of Chief Slover in order that he might do special "moral" work, Sergeant Kay was yesterday afternoon ordered reduced to the ranks by John B. Coffey, Waldemar Seton and W. H. Fitzgerald, members of the Executive Board police committee.

This action was taken without Sergeant Kay being given any opportunity to be heard by the committee, and he was unaware that any complaint whatever was being made against him.

S. S. Rich, proprietor of a cigar store and newsstand at Third and Morrison streets, had just complained verbally to the committee that Sergeant Kay and Patrolman Stewart, in placing him under arrest for selling cigarettes to a minor, had abused him by refusing to allow him to walk to the station or to call a taxicab in which to make the trip; that instead, they "threw" him into the police patrol wagon and thereupon disgraced him.

No formal charges were made by Rich, who admitted very frankly that he sold the cigarettes to a minor and that it was not his first offense, but he declared he would file written charges later.

Rich is indignant.

"I wish to enter the strongest kind of a complaint against the two policemen who arrested me," said Mr. Rich, when he appeared before the committee. "I am a business man and have lived in Portland many years; I am a taxpayer and I want to see that I am considered that Kay and Stewart are not the proper kind of men to have on the police force and I want both of them dismissed, if the committee please. I do not deny that I sold the cigarettes, but the manner in which I was treated by the policemen was not right. I asked that I be permitted to ride in a taxicab, for which I would pay, or that I be allowed to walk to the police station, but they threw me into the patrol wagon, which was backed up to the curb in front of my place, much to my chagrin and humiliation. This, too, despite the fact that Deck Officer Soranson, of the first relief, to whom I appealed by telephone, told me to walk or call a taxicab. I want to see that Kay and Stewart are dismissed, and I want those policemen put off the force, if possible, or at least that they be censured."

Chairman Coffey informed Mr. Rich that written charges must be filed before the committee could take cognizance of the affair, and Mr. Rich left, saying that he would file such charges and that he would fight the case to the end.

Fitzgerald Demands Action.

After Mr. Rich had left the room, Mr. Fitzgerald voluntarily returned to the subject, although his business had been taken up meanwhile.

"In view of the frequent complaints lodged against these two officers," said Mr. Fitzgerald, "I believe that they be reduced to the ranks."

"Second the motion," quickly said Mr. Seton.

It was pointed out by Chairman Coffey that Stewart is only a patrolman now, but Mr. Seton said, "well, he is working in plain clothes," and the order was entered. Stewart will, therefore, be placed on a bench by the chief, and Sergeant Kay will be treated likewise. The chief expressed the opinion that Sergeant Kay will resign, rather than suffer the humiliation of reduction and the resultant pay.

Sergeant Kay has for years been the storm center of the police department. He was the original leader of the "moral squad" which first organized during the regime of Dr. Harry Lane as Mayor. He participated in all manner of the most sensational raids on lodging-houses, hotels and also Chinatown, and was never out of trouble as a result. He resigned to live on a farm near Vancouver, Wash., three years ago.

Several months ago, when the Civil Service Commission made a rule that any faithful employe, who had resigned, might be reinstated in the service on recommendation of the department head, Kay was placed back in harness at the personal request of Chief Slover, who told Mayor Rushlight that Kay was "just the man" to do the "clean-up" work that was needed.

Several Charges Dismissed.

Being reinstated, Kay had scarcely put himself in line with conditions in the city when he was again making raids and was again castigated the sergeant on other occasions.

ALASKA RATES REDUCED

Alaska Steamship Company Cuts Freight Tariff From Seattle.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 29.—Reductions ranging from \$1 to \$3 a ton and covering all commodities were announced here yesterday by C. J. Jones, traffic manager of the Alaska Steamship Company, to apply to business from Seattle to Southeastern Alaska. Several weeks ago part of the reductions made during a rate war of three years ago were removed, and the effect of the announcement just made is to put these reduced rates again in force.

The Pacific Coast Steamship Company, its officials say, will undoubtedly make corresponding reductions. Other steamship owners with the exception of the Humboldt Steamship Company which did not advance with the others, are expected to take similar action.

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TAFT CAMPAIGN IS TO BE PLANNED

Republican State Central Committee to Meet and Organize Tomorrow.

C. B. MOORES TO BE HEAD

E. W. Haines Said to Have Promise That Portland Man Will Act Provided He Is Not Expected to Handle Finances.

Organization will be effected and a plan of campaign outlined in behalf of the candidacy of President Taft and other Republican nominees by the Republican state central committee at a meeting in this city tomorrow.

Most important of the business to be transacted is the election of a state chairman and the selection of campaign headquarters. E. W. Haines, of Forest Grove, who succeeded to the chairmanship of the committee following the resignation of Bruce Dewey, will surrender the office and it is understood C. B. Moores, of this city, will be named to succeed the Washington County man. Headquarters probably will be established in the Imperial Hotel.

When in Portland Wednesday Mr. Haines called on Mr. Moores and made the request that the Portland man agree to accept the chairmanship of the committee. It is understood that Mr. Moores has agreed to accept the office if he can be assisted by the committee that the question of finances with which to conduct the campaign will be tackled by others.

Backenstos is made up of staunch Taft supporters. They are enthusiastic in planning the organization of the campaign and are also organizing a vigorous campaign in support of the entire ticket.

W. R. KING WILL START EAST

Democratic National Committeeman Will Make Addresses.

W. R. King, Democratic National committeeman for Oregon, will leave Monday for Chicago, where he will serve as Democratic National headquarters as a member of the advisory committee that will conduct the campaign for Wilson and Marshall. Mr. King was a member of the Oregon delegation to the Baltimore convention. He expects to remain at the National headquarters throughout the two months preceding the November election, although he may devote a portion of the time to addresses to the principal cities surrounding Chicago.

With the arrival of Wilson and Marshall lithographs and other campaign literature, everything is in readiness for the opening of Democratic state headquarters Monday in the Swetland building. A suite of offices has been engaged and the state and county committees will maintain headquarters jointly. The rooms will be in charge of Bert E. Haney and H. E. Van Duzer, state and county chairman, respectively.

Will H. Merritt, a prominent Democrat of Seattle, yesterday called on National Committeeman King and State Chairman Haney. Mr. Merritt originally was a Clark supporter, and was chairman of the Washington delegation to the Baltimore convention. He is now traveling over the State of Washington organizing Wilson clubs.

PARTY PETITIONS CIRCULATED

Progressives Preparing for Legal Organization in State.

George Arthur Brown, state chairman of the tentative Progressive party, yesterday announced the appointment of four men, who with himself as ex-officio member will constitute the

advisory committee of the state organization. The members are L. H. McMahon, of Salem; D. L. Povey, of Multnomah; Arther V. Swift, of Baker, and Dr. Levi W. Myers, of Multnomah.

Circulation of petitions for the legal organization of the Progressive party in this state was begun yesterday. The work is in charge of Oliver M. Hickey, of this city, who is being assisted by the members of the state central committee of the proposed new political party. This task involves securing approximately 7500 signatures between now and September 15.

George E. Rodgers, of Salem, will address a county mass meeting of third party followers at Eugene tomorrow. At the same time Chairman Brown will address a similar meeting at Tillamook. At the Tillamook gathering L. M. Lepper, state secretary of the proposed new party, will give his illustrated lecture on the Panama Canal.

AUTO FEVER CONTAGIOUS

Joyriding in City Machines Charged by Employes.

Street-Cleaning Department May Get in Limelight as Result of Personal Squabble.

Joyriding has invaded the lowly ranks of the city's street-cleaning department and a mild scandal threatens to develop.

Allegations to the effect that "certain members" of a gang of street cleaners on the East Side have been using city conveyances at unseemly hours to transport women to and fro, cropped out at a meeting of the Executive Board committee having charge of this department, when the members took up yesterday afternoon, the case against David Cohn. He is former of the gang in question, and was charged by John Jorg with partiality, in that he showed favors to J. E. Backenstos to the detriment and injury of others of the workmen.

Jorg and four other workmen swore during the hearing that Cohn has forced Jorg to do more work than was his portion on cleaning of hard-surfaced streets. Jorg refused one morning to proceed with additional blocks of work and was suspended. He then filed his charges.

Backenstos, it was sworn, was frequently let off duty before his hours of labor for the city were fulfilled, in order that he might cross over the river and sell papers.

Cohn strongly denied the allegations. He said Backenstos always finished his duties before leaving. Cohn also charged that Jorg is not a competent workman.

George Bowman, formerly employed in the gang, but now working for a local corporation, will be called at the next meeting of the committee. It is said that his testimony will create a sensation. It will be relative to joyriding, in which a policeman is said to figure, with street-cleaning employes.

COMMISSION QUESTION UP

Council, to Decide Whether One or More Charters Will Go on Ballot.

An adjourned session of the City Council will be held at 10 o'clock this morning to consider the subject of submitting to the voters one or more proposed commission form charters. Councilman Daly's proposed ordinance, creating a public service commission for Portland, will also be discussed and possibly acted upon.

Mayor Rushlight is strongly opposed to the submission of county committees "official" charter, drafted by a committee, of which he is the chairman, under instructions from the City Council. He believes that it would be a waste of the public funds to order more than one to be voted on, and will fight any effort to submit others.

"It will cost about \$1,000 to submit this question to the people at a special election," said the Mayor yesterday, "and if we are going to burden the ballot with a lot of charters drawn by anybody who wished to draw one we may as well not have the election and thus save the money."

SETTLERS FIGHT TO RETAIN HOLDINGS

Six Quarter Sections in Coos County Taken by Scrip Involved in Suit.

INJUNCTION IS REQUESTED

Northern Pacific Issued Patent by Secretary of Interior and Transfer Made to Weyerhaeuser Syndicate, Says Complaint.

Six suits in equity were filed in the United States District Court yesterday against the Northern Pacific Railway Company and the Weyerhaeuser Land Company to recover that many quarter sections in Coos County.

The plaintiffs in the suits are Alfred Brunell, John A. Carlson, Jay C. Wilcox, Guy Gould, Herman Heitman and Frank L. Lowe, the complainants in each being identical except the description of the property involved, which are quarter sections in township 25 south, range 9 west, all in Coos County, Oregon, with a value of \$30,000 given in each case.

Good Improvements Made.

The complaints allege that the plaintiffs, on August 18, 1903, settled on the land as homesteads and immediately thereafter erected commodious and comfortable dwellings, cleared a portion of the land, raised, cultivated and harvested garden vegetables and other crops and made the land their actual life residences. The complainants were residing on these lands on April 24, 1904, when the plat of the survey of said township was approved by the Commissioner of the United States General Land Office, and continued to reside upon and cultivate it until March 23, 1911, when it was patented to the Northern Pacific Railway Company.

When the plat of the survey was filed October 9, 1909, the plaintiffs applied to the United States district land office at Roseburg, to enter their properties as homesteads, but the applications were rejected on the ground that the land was embraced in the Northern Pacific Railway Company's selection list, made April 14, 1900, giving the right to said company to purchase the land with scrip. This action of the district land office was later confirmed by the Commissioner of the United States General Land Office.

Reasons Are Cited.

After reciting the above facts the bill of complaint gives in the sixth section the grounds for relief as follows: "That on the 4th day of April, 1900, the Northern Pacific Railway Company filed in the United States Land Office at Roseburg its application for said land by Northern Pacific lieu scrip, issued under act of Congress July 1, 1898, and under the terms of said act such lieu scrip is restricted to lands which, at the time of the approval of the plat of survey by the Commissioner, are unsurveyed non-mineral public lands to which no adverse settlement right or claim shall have attached or been initiated; that the settlement right or claim of the complainants had been attached and initiated thereto prior to the approval of the said plat by the Commissioner, which said settlement, right or claim was at the time of the approval the actual bona fide and subsisting settlement, right and claims of the complainants."

Injunction Is Asked.

On March 23, 1911, the Secretary of the Interior directed the issuance of

a patent of these lands to the Northern Pacific Railway Company and shortly afterwards the property was transferred to the Weyerhaeuser Land Company, the latter being in full knowledge of the above facts.

A decree is asked that shall place the title to the property in the complainants and an injunction is requested that the defendants may not further cloud the title to the land during the pendency of the suit.

KLAMATH PIONEER VISITS

Former Stage Driver En Route to Crater Lake Sight Seeing.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 29.—(Special).—Albert Decker, former crack stage driver between Klamath Falls and Ager, Cal., and later on the route from Pokemong to this city, is in town, on his way to Crater Lake for his first view of that wonder.

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