

MOTIVES OF STEEL COMBINE DEFENDED

Farrell Says Sole Aim Was to Develop Foreign Sales, Not to Suppress Competition.

COREY IS CONTRADICTED

Witness in Government Suit to Dissolve Combination Amazes Hearers by Knowledge of Affairs in Distant Lands.

NEW YORK, May 12.—The United States Steel Corporation was pictured today by James A. Farrell, its president, as a combination organized not to suppress competitors, but to develop the sale of steel in foreign lands. He was testifying as the first witness for the defense in the Government suit to dissolve the corporation as a combination in restraint of trade.

Farrell amazed his hearers by his knowledge of affairs in remote parts of the world and held them keenly interested as he narrated the story of the rise from a common laborer in a steel mill at the age of 15 to be the head of the greatest industrial corporation in the world at the age of 59.

Growth of Business Tremendous. The witness traced the growth of the Steel Corporation's export business from 252,000 tons, the first year it was organized, to 2,246,600 tons in 1912, and from \$21,000,000 in value in 1904 to \$22,000,000 in 1912, and said that the efforts of the corporation to push its foreign trade had been "continuous and indefatigable."

Contradicting the testimony of William E. Corey, his predecessor as president of the corporation, that there had been "understandings" between the corporation and foreign manufacturers as to prices and a division of territory, Farrell said:

"We have never operated under any pools or agreements with foreign manufacturers as to price or location. We have never entered into any contracts or agreements with foreign manufacturers to stay out of their markets, provided they would stay out of ours."

Cheaper Prices Abroad Denied. He denied also that the corporation "made a practice" of selling its products lower abroad than in this country. "In fact, some of our commodities are sold higher."

Before the corporation was organized, the witness related, seven steel companies were competing for foreign business. On being taken over, the foreign offices were combined under one office and their operations systematized. In 1904 the United States Steel Products Company was organized to take charge of the foreign trade and push it.

The corporation established agencies from "Iceland to the Philippines," 268 in all, Mr. Farrell said, and, as a result, the export business of the subsidiaries had greatly increased. In the case of the Carnegie Steel Company to 24 per cent of its whole production.

University of Chicago enabled the corporation to meet all demands from bedsteads to steel bridges. No single subsidiary with one or two products, he said, could have maintained these agencies on such an extensive scale.

Farrell told of selling wire in Patagonia, rails in Panama, steel bridges in Iceland, and wire fencing in South Africa.

Steamships had been bought or chartered to carry steel coils and points shipped on regular steamship routes, he added.

Many Difficulties Faced. This foreign trade, he further explained, had been developed in the face of financial antagonism in Europe, preferential tariffs and local opposition.

The Tennessee Coal & Iron Company was being developed, he said, with the purpose of manufacturing steel for the Mexican and South American trade. Despite a preferential tariff in favor of British steel products, the corporation recently secured the contract to supply the rails for the new trans-continental railroads in Australia, he said, and that for the construction of "the greatest bridge in the world" at Sydney.

"We do correspondence, direct office in every language," said the witness, "in English, French, German, Russian, Chinese, Japanese and Hindustani. We have to get the business. Our office is an encyclopedia for American manufacturers on trade conditions in foreign countries, and we often lend them our services to do their business for them."

Farrell will continue his testimony tomorrow.

OREGON LAND FOUND CHEAP

Dr. Lars Fredrikson Says Danes Will Dominate State Dairying.

Prices for farm land in the Willamette Valley are regarded as extremely reasonable by Dr. Lars Fredrikson, cattle expert for the Agricultural Society of Jutland, who was a visitor at the Portland Commercial Club yesterday. Dr. Fredrikson comes from Aarhus, Denmark, and in the United States for the Agricultural Society to study conditions with a view toward finding the best places for emigrants from Denmark to settle in case they come to the United States.

"Dairy lands are much cheaper in Oregon than in Denmark," he said. "The prevailing price in Denmark is about \$500 an acre for dairy lands. Coming to Portland from the Oregon Agricultural College, I was very much impressed with the wonderful fertility of the Willamette Valley land, and I do not consider the price of \$100 an acre or thereabouts, which are asked for such land, to be high prices at all in comparison with those asked for land of equal merit in the old world."

Oregon, in the opinion of Dr. Fredrikson, offers tremendous opportunities for development in dairying lines, and he regards the state as an ideal place for immigrants who are familiar with intensive farming methods and with the dairying business to settle to advantage. The area of Oregon is nearly six times as great as that of Denmark while the population is only one-third as great. Dr. Fredrikson predicted that Danish immigrants will in the future figure to a great degree in the development of the dairying industry in this state.

ELECTIONS MAY BE HELD

Sellwood and Kenton May Vote on Local Option June 3.

Circuit Judge Kavanagh decided yesterday that local option elections may be held in Sellwood, Kenton and precinct 76 on June 3, the date of the city election, as petitioned for. This

is the effect of a ruling made by the judge saying H. J. Bellarts, a saloonman, an injunction restraining the submission of the question to the voters. It was the contention of the saloon element that prohibition may be voted on under the local option law only on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of any year, which is the date the state and county election falls on every other year.

The liquor people hinged their hopes on the fact that the word "only" was used in the paragraph of the statute stating when elections might be held and argued that the court should ignore a succeeding clause of the act which would seem to permit elections under the law to be held on the dates of municipal elections in years in which there were no state elections. District

FIRST WOMAN TO REGISTER AT RANDOLPH IS PATRIOTIC CITIZEN.

Mrs. Minerva Lewen.

BANDON, Or., May 12.—(Special.)—Mrs. Minerva Lewen is the first woman to place her name on the registration books of Bandon. She is a patriotic citizen and is publicly and privately urging the women of the city to take advantage of their right of franchise.

The levy of a one-half mill tax for the support of the public library and the stock ordinance are two measures for the special election of June 3, in which the women are interested.

Mrs. Lewen is a native of Oregon and has lived in Coos County practically all of her life. She is president of the Women's Commercial Club.

Attorney Evans argued that this was an exception and the court agreed with him.

FUND NOW OVER \$3000

RESPONSES MADE TO APPEAL FOR ROSE FESTIVAL.

Property Owners Reached by Telephone and Returns Are Expected to Begin at Once.

Donations to the Rose Festival fund of \$20,000 to complete the amount for the 1913 Festival passed over the 1912 Festival fund. Contributions of the Breweries Association and the Weinhard Estate, amounting to \$1000, were made Saturday night.

The campaign among property owners was begun yesterday and with a battery of six telephones working steadily, thousands of property owners were reached and solicited for contributions during the day. It is believed that responses from them will begin to come in from this source today.

Many of the business men of the city who have contributed to the fund already, have announced their willingness to increase the subscription. If necessary, it will make up the \$20,000 which is still needed.

The souvenir Rose Festival coins, which are to be retailed at 50 cents, were distributed by the Musical Club of Portland, by R. W. Hoyt who was guest of honor at the luncheon of the club yesterday, and \$5 was contributed by the organization for one of the souvenirs.

Following is the list of collections to date:

Previously acknowledged \$2000.00
Wells Fargo & Co. express 50.00
A. B. Steinbach 10.00
A. C. Westley 10.00
B. S. Cook & Co. 5.00
D. B. Cornish 2.50
E. J. Cowlishaw 2.50
J. C. Cokerham 5.00
The Oregon Lumber Co. 5.00
E. E. Cable 5.00
John H. Morgan 10.00
John D. Sheehan 5.00

Total \$3068.00

92 NAMES GO ON BALLOT

(Continued from First Page.)

C. C. Craig is a prominent realty dealer; W. L. Brewster is a lawyer and former civil service commissioner.

Decision Probable Tomorrow. Now that the time for filing has passed attention will be centered upon the candidates for office. Whether any of them will be endorsed by the committee of citizens, formed to promote good government under the commission form, in all probability will be decided tomorrow night, when this committee will meet again.

All of the candidates now will start their campaigns and there is every reason to believe that the political game will be played for the next three weeks at a pace never before known in the history of Portland. The prices are the office of Mayor at a salary of \$6000 a year and far more power than any one man has ever had in public office perhaps in any American city; four Commissionerships at \$5000 a year each and an auditor at not less than \$3000 a year.

In the six offices will be centered the entire management of the city's affairs. The Auditor to be selected June 2 will serve four years; likewise the Mayor and two of the Commissioners; the two Commissioners receiving the low vote will serve but two years, when the other two others will be elected to serve for a four years term.

DRY CAMPAIGN PROJECTED

Anti-Saloon League Wants State-wide Prohibition in 1916.

To make Oregon "dry" in 1916 is the ultimate object of a campaign which is being planned by H. L. Sheldon, superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League, and his associates.

The first step will be an initiative measure, to be submitted at the 1914 election, for the repeal of the home rule amendment to the state constitution. If the amendment is repealed the next step will be an effort for state-wide prohibition in 1916.

T.R.'S RECALL IDEA ATTACKED BY TAFT

Progressives' Advocacy Held to Be "Hair-Trigger" Reform Leading to Anarchy.

EVIL EFFECTS POINTED OUT

Objection Is That Men Would Not Administer Government Fearlessly, but So That Their Enemies Could Make No Attack.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., May 12.—In his fourth lecture on "Some Questions of Modern Government," at Yale today, Professor William H. Taft characterized the form of government advocated by the Progressives as "hair-trigger" and "leading to anarchy" and a despotism of the majority.

Professor Taft's statements were made in connection with his discussion of the recall of legislative and executive officers. He promised to discuss the recall of judicial decisions, which embodies the recall of judges, at a later date.

"The objection to the recall is not that it takes away the office from the officials," he said, "but that it is an obstacle to the efficiency of government. Men do not administer government fearlessly under a government of which the recall is a part, but administer it so that their enemies may have no opportunity to make malicious attacks upon them."

Government's Purpose Defined. "Government is for the purpose of accomplishing something. Had men like Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and Madison served under the recall, each probably would have been recalled. Time has since said of them: 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant!'"

"Such hair-trigger methods of government are said to be progressive. They are not; instead, this is retrogression; it is going backward. It is adopting a feature of government rejected years ago."

Leaders of this movement dwell upon the statement that the people have been seized with an almost religious zeal for cleanliness of government.

Ridicule Not Intended. "Aspiration for better things ought to be ridiculed by no one, but has sin left us; are we not all subject to the same weaknesses that have been recognized for 5000 years?"

"Is there not in every line of the campaign speeches, platforms and utterance of the men of the new school the assumption that they have been discharging all of their duty and that their sole feeling in the matter is one of brotherly love?"

"The sole thing in each is socialistic, the idea to make the rich poorer and the poor richer, a leveling of property holdings. Ultimately this fact will be known."

HIGH SCHOOLS INCLUDED

Students May Participate in Excursion to State University.

In reply to an invitation from the Engineers' Society the Portland school board yesterday instructed the school superintendent to give permission to all members of the high schools who so desire to participate in the excursion, which is to be run under the auspices of the engineers, to the University of Oregon on Saturday, May 17.

This invitation is intended especially for members of the high school graduating classes who contemplate continuing their studies in college, and the students and faculty of the state university will pay especial attention to the entertainment of the high school students during the visit of the excursion in Eugene.

The school board yesterday fixed June 24, 25 and 26 as the dates for commencement exercises for the three schools of Portland. The three schools will make their arrangements as to precedence in dates at some time in the near future.

JURY REFORM APPROVED

President Views With Satisfaction Passage of New Jersey Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—President Wilson viewed with satisfaction the passage of a jury reform bill today by the New Jersey legislature.

Party leaders telephoned the President that the measure, passed by the lower House and scheduled to pass the Senate tomorrow, would provide for juries no longer to be drawn by Sheriffs, but by commissioners selected by the Chancellor of the state, in conference with the Supreme Court, and by the various counties. The whole proposal, however, would be submitted to the state-wide referendum vote on election day next November.

The White House looked upon the bill as a victory for the efforts of the President in his trip to New Jersey. Mr. Wilson had declared that he would favor a referendum if it were genuine, and opposed previous proposals because a percentage of the electoral rather than a majority of all votes cast was to decide the issue.

MRS. H. M. HANSEN SOUGHT

Newberg Woman Known in Portland Seems to Have Disappeared.

Friends and relatives of Mrs. H. M. Hansen, both in Newberg, where her home is, and in Portland, are worried last night by her disappearance yesterday afternoon, for which there was no explanation and no clue as to her whereabouts.

Mrs. Hansen was seen at the station in Newberg just before the 5 o'clock train left for Portland, and late last night nothing further had been heard from her. Her husband and children had no hint of any intention on her part to leave and were at a loss to account for the occurrence.

Mrs. Hansen was described as of medium height, dark hair and eyes, and about 26 years of age. When she disappeared she was wearing a light-colored coat and a dark hat with a black plume and white facing. Friends in Portland were notified of her disappearance, but last night no one was able to find any clue.

LOST GAS WORTH FORTUNE

Government Experts Say South Has Wasted Millions.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(Special.)—An immense amount of natural gas has been wasted in California, according to a report today of the Bureau of Mines, which recently had experts examine the oil fields.

"In certain of the Southern California fields," says the report, "the gas that accompanies the oil is rich in gasoline, but up to a short time ago practically all this gas went to waste. As it has been found that at some wells the value of recoverable gasoline in the gas is worth as much as 20 per cent of the oil produced from the same well, it is not extravagant to estimate the loss of gasoline, the most desired constituent of the product in the wasted gas of California, at 10 per cent of the value of the oil produced in the southern fields up to 1912, or a loss of about \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000."

"The value of wasted gases carrying minor amounts of gasoline but useful for fuel purposes will bring the loss up to fully 5 per cent of the value of the total oil produced in the state, or \$3,000,000."

Y.M.C.A. SCHOOL GROWS

ENROLLMENT OF 1506 DURING YEAR REPORTED.

Dr. E. P. Cubberly, of Stanford, Will Deliver Annual Address to Students on May 29.

Registration in the educational department of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association during the past year numbered 1506. This is the largest attendance in the history of the institution, the nearest approach to it being the previous year, when there were 1424 students enrolled. Fifteen hundred students was the goal set for the year.

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QUARREL ENDS FATALLY

CONFAB OF WIVES LEADS HUSBAND OF ONE TO SHOOT.

In Seeking "Explanation" From One Family Doctor Kills One and Injures His Own Mate.

TRUCKEE, Cal., May 12.—T. J. McGinnis is dead, Mrs. J. Sunburnt, wife of a physician, is seriously wounded, and Dr. Sunburnt, who did the shooting, is in jail here accused of murder as a result of a quarrel yesterday between the McGinnis and Sunburnt families, at Floristan, several miles from this city.

While visiting in Reno, Nev., during a week-end at the home of a friend, Mrs. Sunburnt and Mrs. McGinnis entered into a heated argument over a trivial matter. Both women returned to Floristan Saturday night and Mrs. Sunburnt complained to her husband about things that had been said by the other woman. In company with his wife, Dr. Sunburnt went to the McGinnis home for an explanation and, it is said, was attacked by male members of the family. He left, got his revolver and upon his return began shooting.

In attempting to shield the others in the room and prevent a tragedy, Mrs. Sunburnt stepped in the path of the bullets and was struck by three of them. McGinnis was shot through the abdomen.

Dr. Sunburnt was taken to the hospital and is expected to recover. McGinnis is expected to die.

As the McGinnis family is a prominent one in the community, the case is expected to attract considerable public interest.

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