

GRAND JURIES WILL CRITICISE

Governor, Prosecutor, Bridge Commission and Engineers Denounced in Report.

JOBBERY CHARGE IS MADE

Selection of Waddell & Harrington
Instead of Mr. Lucius to Super-
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Laid to Mr. West.

In a special report given personally to press representatives by members of the grand jury, but which has not yet been filed by Circuit Judge Davis, to whom it was submitted, the grand jury yesterday criticized Governor West, District Attorney Evans, the Interstate Bridge Commission, Waddell & Harrington, designing and consulting engineers of the proposed interstate bridge, and the newspapers of Portland, and charged jobbery in the selection of the bridge engineers.

Throughout the report the grand jury, which probably will be discharged today, reviewing the action in investigating the affairs connected with the selection of the Oregon approach to the bridge, attacked the fidelity of the selected engineers and the body that selected them, defended W. W. Lucius, unsuccessful applicant for selection as engineer, and ended with a special plea to the people directly and to future grand juries especially to re-establish the integrity of the grand jury system, an integrity that has been seriously impaired by the action of the district attorneys, and in defense of which the whole people have risen.

Right Is Asserted.
"We assert that the grand jury has the inalienable right to call a spade a spade," the report concludes.

All the Portland officials attacked in the report refused to comment on it, as did Judge Davis, to whom it was submitted. The presiding judge said it was a document delivered to him by the grand jury and until he had time to consider it he had no statement regarding it to make. He refused to state when, if at all, he would file the report or what disposition he would make of it.

Soon after the report was submitted Judge Davis refused to allow District Attorney Evans or anyone to see it. Copies for publication were made by press representatives by members of the grand jury.

Bridge Affairs Taken Up.

After a general introduction in which justification of the report is offered the affairs of the interstate bridge are taken up and recommendations on bridge approach matter made by Waddell & Harrington at Fort Smith, Ark., are censured and the people are urged that "such a warning at this critical time deserves attention and the employment of other methods than 'watchful waiting.'"

In comparing the local situation to the Fort Smith situation, the report says:

"At this same time appeared a warning from Fort Smith, Ark., where Waddell & Harrington built an interstate bridge and whose recommendations had been adopted. Endless litigation and complications followed the use of Waddell & Harrington's approach, which gave one railroad a monopoly and absolutely excluded all others, just as the selection of Union avenue bridge in the interests of a local railway."

Governor West Denounced.

Failure of the Commission to select W. W. Lucius as engineer of the bridge, who they charge, was the first favored by the Commission, is ascribed to Governor West, who, when he heard that Lucius "had been secured in the spirituous liquor," "immediately began a mortal combat with a mentally-fabricated Demon Rum."

"We find, from the evidence submitted, that there undoubtedly was jobbery in the selection of Waddell & Harrington," the report says. "We find evidence of this absence of precaution in the selection of Union avenue as an approach," by which, the report charges, the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, might be delayed for years.

The full text of the report signed by all seven members of the grand jury follows:

To the Honorable Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court of Multnomah County, Oregon.

We, the grand jury of the above entitled county, beg leave to make this special report.

With open opposition from the District Attorney's office and handicapped by covert dilatory tactics which have seriously delayed the prosecution of our investigation ("Courts, indeed governments are powerless in the punishment of the guilty unless justice fearlessly do their duty in our hands and imperfect administration saps the foundations of society and excites the people to anarchy and misrule.")

Intimidations Are Alleged.
With apparent intimidations in the indirect utterances of an erratic chief executive, ("There is a maxim of the law that where the reason ceases the law itself ceases, it is not only a maxim of common sense, but equally of common sense.")

With bombastic accusations and threats of discharge from interested attorneys and gross misrepresentation and distortion of facts in a purchased press, with nostrils closed by the perfidious and unscrupulous editorial exerts whose ignorance of the law and the true function of a grand jury is as apparent as a mischievous Humpty-Dumpty.

With all these deterrents and more, we still presume to issue this special report.

Contrary to public action which has brought directly to the attention of the grand jury by Mr. Evans himself, who in person introduced J. Leroy Smith, representing the Taxpayers' League, Mr. Smith had documents and other evidence collected by the Taxpayers' League which he desired to submit to our attention. George Heuser did not appear in the case until a week later.

Investigation Resumes.
In denial of another statement of Mr. Evans that the grand jury had not consulted him, one of his deputies as almost invariably present had made the grand jury when witnesses were being examined. These notes were transmitted by the grand jury to Mr. Evans' employ, so no effort was made by the grand jury to conceal its transactions.

The facts furnished by the Taxpayers' League, confirming evidence of transactions which came to our attention, and the alleged being of Commissioner Hart in connection with the selection of a supervising engineer for the construction of the Columbia River interstate bridge, made it almost mandatory for the grand jury to further investigate not only the selection of Waddell & Harrington as such engineers, but also to give an complete and accurate picture into the methods employed, the data collected by them and the arguments used in their final recommendations of Union avenue as the most favorable approach to the structure on the Oregon side.

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Miss Doris Bagley

after several months of frequent conferences with Mr. Lucius without discovering his perversion should definitely make up to their great mistake. They are too confident and unsuspecting for such easygoing duties, and a commission should be appointed to their assistance.

Jobbery in Naming Engineers Alleged.

We find from the evidence submitted that there was undoubtedly jobbery in the selection of Waddell & Harrington as supervising engineers, and if there was such jobbery between Waddell & Harrington and some of the members of the Bridge Commission, is it reasonable to suppose there would be collusion in the construction of the bridge?

Is it probable there would be connivance in the selection of the bridge approach or in the construction of said approach? There is only one answer to these questions, and in all human probability proper precautions would not be taken to safeguard the economical expenditure of the people's money.

We find evidence of this absence of precaution in the selection of Union avenue as the Oregon approach to the bridge. In the official files of the Interstate Bridge Commission we find proposals for the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company.

In those proposals they have exhibited the same tender solicitude toward the city. The same solicitude that moves a man to step on the hind quarters of a worm; but there the parallel ceases, for up to date the same solicitude toward the city, the Commission has even begun to squirm, much less to turn.

Competition Is Prevented, Alleged.
This leaves a strip of street about six blocks long from Plymouth street to Bryant street without common user and seems to supply, as the physical conditions at Plymouth street are such that it would be necessary for a competing contractor to build a viaduct or make a fill to reach other streets. This viaduct or fill would not be allowed by the existing city ordinance, practically excluding any other railway from using the Union avenue approach.

From a representation of Waddell & Harrington that the cost of the Union avenue approach, including the extension by the city and no improvement can be even petitioned until such extension has been actually accomplished.

The benefit to the neighboring district seems insufficient to reasonably expect that the property-owners would consent to an assessment of \$50,000, and the time when such a sum could be levied is very remote. Delays could be prolonged by the use of an interested monopoly. Such indirect methods are often employed and appear on the surface to be bona fide, but wrongfully deprive the people of their rights.

"Use of Bridge Might Be Delayed."

With such an uncertainty and the probability of property holders opposing such a prohibitive tax, the use of the bridge, except by the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, might be delayed for years.

By roundabout methods and vexatious delays the people might be induced to allow this additional \$50,000 to be used from the bridge approach fund, thus making the cost of the Union-avenue approach \$111,000, instead of \$254,000 as at present estimated.

Union-avenue values are already established on account of its being a thoroughfare for a large section, but the diversion of the through Vancouver traffic to any of the other routes suggested would immediately increase taxable value, and in reasonable time pay in a tax for the approach selected, and this payment would be made directly into the county treasury, which secures like good financing. It does not appear that such diversion of traffic would seriously affect taxable values on Union avenue.

Finally, we appeal to the people directly and to future grand juries especially to re-establish the integrity of the grand jury system, an integrity which has been seriously impaired by the operations of District Attorneys and in defense of which whole peoples have risen. We assert that the grand jury has the inalienable right to "call a spade a spade," although with ornate handle and a gilded blade a grand jury can "call a spade a spade."

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COMMITTEE TO MEET

Republican Workers Will Discuss Campaign Plans.

JUNE 9 CONFERENCE DATE

Opening of Rose Festival Selected as Added Inducement to Bring All Members of Organization to the Gathering.

Though formal notices will not be sent out for a day or so, Charles B. Moores, chairman of the Republican state central committee, announced yesterday that the new committee will meet in Portland to organize on Monday, June 9. The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning, at the Imperial Hotel.

This date was decided on at a conference between Mr. Moores and Edward D. Baldwin, secretary of the committee. June 9 is the first day of the Rose Festival. This date was chosen purposely, so that the members of the new committee may have an added inducement to attend the organization meeting. They will also be enabled to get special railroad rates.

Mr. Moores is making special efforts this year to have a full attendance of the committee. Each of the 54 counties of the state is entitled to one member on the committee, the committeeman being chosen by the members of the county central committees.

Harvey Wells has been re-elected state committeeman from Multnomah County. He is present treasurer of the state central committee. Some of the counties have not yet elected their state central committees, but with more than 10 days' notice Mr. Moores believes that there will be practically a full representation at the meeting.

Election of a new chairman and secretary is one of the important matters to come before the committee. Though urged to do so, Mr. Moores has declined to be a candidate for re-election. He has said that he feels some younger man should take up the work.

It is also likely that the committee will decide to issue a formal address to Republicans through the state, urging upon them the importance of registering and going to the polls at the November election to bring the Republican party back in control.

DRY ISSUE RIDICULED

SOCIALIST EDITOR SAYS BOTH SIDES ARE WRONG.

Abnormal Conditions Cause Liquor Habit and Fight Over It Only Divides People, Is Assertion.

"People never talk common sense when they discuss the liquor question," said Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare, editor of the National Rip Saw, a Socialist publication, at Turn Hall last night. "The dries try to make it a moral question and the wets talk about personal liberty."

"Drunkness isn't a moral question nor a question of personal liberty," continued Mrs. O'Hare. "No one has a right to do anything that will injure anyone else, for an injury to one is an injury to all, and if you get drunk you injure all then you have no right to get drunk."

Mrs. O'Hare said that men do not sell or drink whisky because they are morally bad, but because they are morally bad, they are often employed and appear on the surface to be bona fide, but wrongfully deprive the people of their rights.

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CLACKAMAS MAN IS DEAD

Young Farmer and Dairyman Succumbs in Hospital in Portland.

Alvin T. Schmale, a prosperous young farmer and dairyman, of Clackamas, Or., died at the Good Samaritan Hospital May 22, after an illness of three months. He was 28 years old.

He was born at Milwaukie, Or., where he lived until he was 6 years old, when the family moved to their farm here. He attended the public school at Stone and afterwards high school at Oregon

City, from which he graduated with honors in June, 1904. Since then he had been steadily engaged in farming and dairying and in this line ranked among the most successful in the county.

The funeral was held May 24 from Finley's undertaking establishment, and interment was in the family lot in the cemetery in Damascus, where his father was laid to rest nine years before. His mother, his brother, Arthur Schmale, his sister, Mrs. Olga Mosher, Misses Ruth, Myrtle and Lois Schmale, and Mrs. Bertha Bess, of Reynolds, Ind., survive.

Branches to Close Sundays.
The branch libraries at Albina and

Durrer and I. E. McName, who presided.

St. Johns will be closed on Sundays for the Summer after June 1. Professor A. R. Sweeter will give his illustrated lecture on "The Wild Flowers of Oregon" on Monday afternoon, June 1, at 2 o'clock, in room A at the Central Library. This lecture is under the auspices of the Forestry Association and all interested are invited.

Dog-Poisoner Busy at Centralia.
CENTRALIA, Wash., May 28.—(Special.)—The dog poisoner is active in Centralia again. Four cases of poisoning were reported to the police department yesterday. In two cases the canines were valuable. The police have a clue as to one of the guilty parties.

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