

INSURANCE TRIAL IS ON AT OLYMPIA

Secretary of Industrial Commission First Witness in Case Against J. F. Gillies.

FIVE WOMEN ARE ON JURY

Woman Also Among Counsel for Defendant and Contention Will Be That Lax Methods Encouraged Theft and One Is Scapegoat.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Closing of the first day of testimony in the alleged industrial insurance fraud trial of J. F. Gillies, former claim agent, found by the state, still under cross-examination at the hands of T. M. Vance for the defense. Gilbert, who is secretary of the Industrial Insurance Commission, was put on the stand to identify a dozen sets of compensation claims and reports to which signatures are alleged to have been forged by Frank Stone and knowingly passed and paid through the Industrial Insurance Commission by Gillies as claim agent. Uttering the forgeries is the charge on which Gillies is being tried.

Attorney-General Tanner appeared in court today for the first time as counsel for the state in the case and took an active advisory interest in the work of his assistant, John M. Wilson, who is in direct charge of the prosecution. In his opening statement Mr. Wilson outlined the state's evidence as proving that in at least nine instances fraudulent claims in the handwriting of Stone had been approved and paid through Gillies' complicity. He said the state would show that Gillies usually arranged to have the fraudulent warrant turned over to him for delivery, that on one occasion Stone received a compensation warrant by mail at a Seattle hotel under the pretended claimant's name.

Bank Deposits Said to Tally. Bank deposits to Gillies' account would be found to correspond with the cashing of fraudulent insurance claims, the Assistant Attorney-General declared, that in each instance the fraudulent warrants were cashed by Stone, the latter procuring cash in this manner three times in one Seattle saloon. Attorney Vance immediately followed with an opening statement for the defense, in which he characterized the prosecution of Gillies as an effort to make him a scapegoat to bear away the sins of omission committed by the Industrial Insurance Commission. He charged the commission with failure to put safeguards against the administration of the insurance fund, of maintaining an open door to fraud by laxity of methods that permitted fraud by anyone connected with the department, while Gillies, as claim agent, was so overburdened with work that he was unable to prevent it. Mr. Vance said he would show that in paying out thousands of dollars monthly no affidavits were required from employer, employee or attending physician with claims presented for injury, and throughout the afternoon his cross-examination was carefully built toward sustaining this point. That affidavits to signatures were not required with claims was admitted by the witness.

REPUBLICAN MEET SET

STATE COMMITTEEMEN OF WASHINGTON CALLED FOR FEB. 11.

Bull Moose Conference Expected About Same Time, and Same Delegates May Be Chosen.

SEATTLE, Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Chairman M. T. Hartson, of the Republican state committee, has summoned county representatives of that body to meet in Seattle on February 11. The business of the meeting will be concluded during the afternoon so the visiting committeemen can attend the banquet of the King County Young Men's Republican Club at night. The committee will fix a date for the Republican state convention and provide rules to govern county conventions. Washington Republicans will meet either late in April or during the first week of May. State Chairman Hartson estimates the state convention will number either 500 or 700 delegates. On the former basis, King County would be entitled to 93 delegates. He believes a convention of 314 delegates will be authorized, each county being given two delegates at-large and the remainder of the representation being based on the vote cast for Senator Jones two years ago. That a Bull Moose conference will be called at or about the time the Republican convention meets is believed by the party's leaders on this side of the mountains. The Bull Moose are to elect delegates to attend the Chicago convention, which meets June 7, the same day as the Republicans. The Bull Moose programme is announced as watchful waiting; to endorse the Republican ticket if the nominees and platform are satisfactory and to name an independent ticket if they are not. Most former Bull Moose leaders of Washington are approving a plan to return to the Republican organization and to participate in the Republican caucuses and primaries. They will seek a harmony programme at the state convention.

Ridgefield in Darkness. RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Ridgefield was in darkness last night, the first time since the electric light plant was installed. The pump

valve of the pipe supplying water to the boilers was frozen, and the cause of trouble was not discovered until this morning. The electric light plant is operated in connection with the shingle mill, and the mill is closed down because of the weather.

JACKSON ASPIRANTS OUT

Candidates Are Entering Race for County Offices.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Candidates for Jackson County offices are bobbing up. For Clerk, G. A. Gardner, present incumbent, will stand for re-election, with Miss Marion Towne, at present a member of the Legislature, as a prospective candidate for the position. There are a half dozen applicants for Sheriff to succeed William

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR PORTLAND WOMAN WILL BE HELD TODAY.



Mrs. Grant Thomas. Funeral services for Mrs. Grant Thomas, 421 East Nineteenth street North, who died suddenly last Monday after a brief illness from appendicitis, with accompanying complications, will be held today. Mrs. Thomas' parents were of Irish ancestry, her mother being one of the "clan of the Foxes." She passed most of her life at the old homestead and at Madison, Wis.

Services will be held from the home at 4 o'clock today, Rev. John Boyd, of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating, after which Mr. Thomas will leave for Madison, where the interment will take place in the family plot. Singler, who, it is understood, will not run for the office. C. Winter is mentioned for Assessor, as is E. M. Wilson and J. J. Butcher, of Medford. Chauncey Florey seeks the Recordership for another term without opposition. Fred L. Colvig, present Treasurer, may have the opposition of Frank Coleman, deputy in the office. Prosecuting Attorney Kelly is a candidate for re-election, with G. M. Roberts, of Medford, also in the field. The names of W. J. Moore and E. D. Briggs, of Ashland, are mentioned in this connection. For County Commissioner, Benton Bowers, Joe Hart, G. S. Butler and Mayor Johnson, of Oakland; Colonel H. H. Sargent, of Jacksonville; and F. V. Medyski, of Medford, are prospective candidates. Only one Commissioner will be selected. The primaries will occur in April.

RAID STARTS BOOM

Hodge's Swoop on Rainier Club Causes Talk.

WOMEN GIVE SHERIFF TIP

Officer Says Sobbing Wives of Millionaires Complained of Liquor in Fashionable Resort—Seattle Paper Sees Political Move.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Reappearance of Bob Hodge as a possible contender for the Governorship and the doughty High Sheriff's declaration that he was moved to action by the plea of wives of millionaire clubmen, to save their husbands from booze were the developments today as a result of the raid yesterday on the Rainier Club of Seattle, one of this city's wealthiest and most exclusive social organizations, in which hundreds of bottles of choice wines and liquors were seized by deputies.

Sheriff Hodge said the "tip" that there was liquor in the club had been given him Sunday afternoon by three women whose husbands are members. "Crying Woman's Plea Heard." "They phoned me," he said. "One woman was crying. She said her husband had just come home intoxicated. I gathered from her talk that he had beaten her."

"Another said her husband had returned home from the club dead drunk. Another asked if I could do anything to put a stop to it. All said they had voted for prohibition."

"I assured them their husbands would hereafter be sober when they got home, as I intended raiding the place. One of them laughed and said I dared not."

The possibility of Hodge's reappearance as a gubernatorial candidate was emphasized this afternoon in the leading editorial in the Seattle Times, the editor of which, C. B. Blethen, is a member of the Rainier Club, which was raided. It says:

"At the expense of Seattle's best-known social organization, Sheriff Bob Hodge has launched his gubernatorial boom, cracking across its bows not one bottle, but cases and even trunks of liquor provided unwillingly by the bitterest political opponents he has."

Fame Goes Over State. "Today, resounding through the Coulees and draws of Eastern Washington, speeds the news that 'Our Bob' has put a crimp in certain Seattle millionaires' great wealth. Stuffed, butting his head into the ribs of his restless Jersey, is heard to remark: 'Get over, ye comarader critter, before I give ye a belt like Bob Hodge give them Seattle millionaires!'"

Time! Ridgefield Bank Elects. RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Election of officers and directors for the Lake Center State Bank resulted as follows: W. A. Mansfield, president;

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Lebanon Wins Methodist Gathering. LEBANON, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The invitation of the Methodist Church of this city to the district superintendent of the Oregon Methodist conference to hold the next annual conference in Lebanon was accepted by the board at its meeting in Portland a few days ago. It will convene in September.

The Dalles Relieved From Cold. THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The mercury registered 1 above zero early this morning, but after the previous minimum of 17 degrees below the bright sunshine today seemed like a Summer day to the Dalles. The maximum temperature this afternoon was 22 above, compared with 4 above yesterday.

Victim Is Centralian's Brother. CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The commander of the ill-fated submarine E-2 yesterday notified Rex Miles, Centralia Western Union manager, that his brother, L. L. Miles, chief electrician on the E-2, had not yet regained consciousness. Both of the marine's ankles were broken and his back was badly hurt, while he inhaled gases.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—County Assessors of Washington opened their 18th annual convention Monday in the House chamber, under the auspices of the State Board of Tax Commissioners. W. D. McNair, of Yakima County, was elected president; R. E. Nichols, of Klickitat County, vice-president; Blanche Beckett, of Columbia County, secretary.

Washington's 18th Annual Convention On at Olympia.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The address of H. D. McArthur, Whatcom County, retiring president, and an interpretation of the bank assessment by C. R. Jackson, of the State Tax Commission, were prominent on the day's programme. J. M. Thatcher, of Seattle, reported the National Tax Association meeting. E. D. Purchase,

of Pend Oreille, discussed mining assessment, and T. D. Davies, of Everett, assessment of motor vehicles.

J. W. Brislawn, of the State Tax Commission, will discuss relations of County Assessors and the State Board of Equalization tomorrow. The convention will close Wednesday.

Widow Finds 12 Sticks of Dynamite Beneath Floor of Dwelling.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—Mrs. Anna James, a widow whose husband was killed about 15 years ago in a feud with a neighbor, has been living for more than a decade, it is believed, with 12 sticks of dynamite under her house. Today, when thawing out a frozen pipe under her home, she made the discovery. The explosive had undoubtedly been under the house for a long period. It was wrapped in a paper published in Union and which bore the date of 1892. Other indications showed that the sticks had been placed there many years ago.

recently a fire broke out in the James building.

RICH MAN IS REARRESTED. Spokane Hotel Proprietor Loses \$500 Bond for Liquor Hearing.

SPOKANE, Jan. 18.—The \$500 bond of Allen S. Deriemer, a wealthy hotel proprietor, was declared forfeited in police court today after he had failed to appear to stand trial on a charge of selling liquor illegally.

He was rearrested on bench warrants on city and state charges of selling liquor. He was placed in jail until a new bond of \$1200 would be furnished. Deriemer was released three hours later on his own recognizance to appear for a hearing on the bench warrants tomorrow.

Vale Fines Aggregate \$750. VALE, Or., Jan. 18.—(Special.)—The close of the criminal trials resulted in an addition of \$750 to the general fund by 16 gamblers and blind pig agents from Riverdale. Several cases were dismissed on account of insufficiency of evidence.



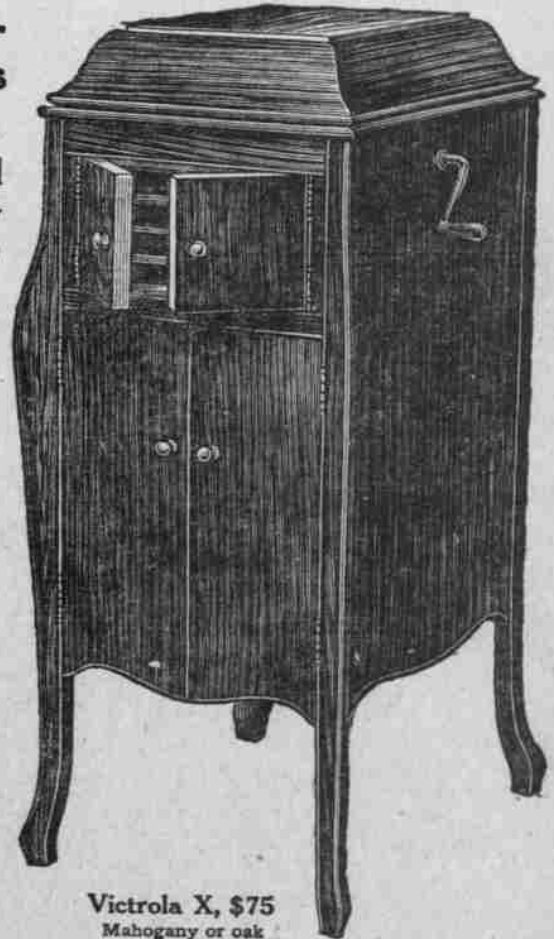
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