

# SPRECKELS CALLED "THE GREAT THIRST"

Attorney for R. A. Graham Characterizes His Client as "Well of Resource."

## TESTIMONY TAKING ENDS

Corporation Secretary Imputes All Manner of Crookedness to Plaintiffs, but Seems Unable to Give Any Facts.

The taking of testimony was finished yesterday in the case before Federal Judge Bean of R. A. Graham, builder and former owner of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railway, versus the J. D. Spreckels Corporation, of San Francisco. Arguments will begin this morning.

The whole affair is characterized by John McNab, former United States Attorney in San Francisco and attorney for Graham, as a "drama of thievery," in which Spreckels Bros. take the role of "the great thirst" and Graham "the well of resource."

P. S. Samuels, secretary of the company, was subjected to an all-day examination by the opposing attorneys, and the only defense that the company has offered against the charges made by John McNab, Mr. Graham's attorney, is that the Spreckels company was intent upon freezing Mr. Graham out of his holdings, was launched yesterday, when Mr. Samuels accused Mr. Graham of nearly everything in the category of crime.

Mr. Samuels seemed unable to furnish any concrete facts that would indicate that Mr. Graham was a criminal, but intimated he thought Graham had embezzled approximately \$100,000 by stuffing payrolls and otherwise diverting funds.

Mr. Graham and the Spreckels concern had their first business relations when Spreckels furnished Graham with rails to use on the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railroad in the early '90s. Spreckels later became further interested in the work of the railway construction, furnishing Graham with funds for the completion of the road to Myrtle Point.

Arrangement Related. As a result of the negotiations between the two, Spreckels Bros. signed a contract with Graham by which Graham was to deposit with the Spreckels all the bonds of the railroad from No. 1 to No. 662, and also a majority of the railroad stock as the security of the advances made to Graham. Interest was to be charged on the entire account at 7 per cent, and a 5 per cent bonus was to be allowed Spreckels on advances made after the agreement was signed. It was further agreed that Spreckels should be allowed a 10 per cent commission for the sale of the railroad bonds and a 13 per cent commission on the amount of profit in the cost of construction from Myrtle Point to Roseburg.

It is charged that the Spreckels did charge Graham with that 5 per cent on advances made after the contract was signed; that that 5 per cent was added to the entire account and another 7 per cent was charged after the advance money had become part of the entire account. Thus it is charged that Graham was presented with a note after he and Spreckels "fell out" that contained thousands of dollars of indebtedness that was merely compound interest.

Graham Is Discovered. According to the testimony introduced, Graham was once again liable for the discovery and most of the development of the Beaver Hill Coal Company that was formed to furnish freight for the railroad that was built.

The coal company became the life of the new road, it was said, and it was alleged that when Graham did not heed the wishes of the Spreckels Bros. in further developing the coal mines he was presented with a note for more than \$500,000. As much as 150 tons of coal a day was transported over the road that became self-supporting.

The Spreckels people took half of the \$500,000 worth of stock in the new coal company, and the other half was held in trust by them for Graham. Graham was also given \$150 per month as manager of the coal company.

## ROSS CASE IS UP AGAIN

Father Seeks to Have Divorced Wife Kept From Daughter.

Dr. R. M. Ross appeared yesterday before Circuit Judge Gatens in a second appeal to be given complete charge of his 9-year-old daughter, Betty Ross. Mrs. Daisy Ross, divorced wife, appeared also and made a tearful plea for the occasional custody of the girl. At the time Mrs. Ross denied this, but it was intimated his decision probably will be a modification of the decree awarding the father the sole custody of Betty. Two weeks ago he gave the mother to understand that the father was to have the child, but that Mrs. Ross could see her at stated intervals. The mother had the child on Sunday, but the father protested that an affinity of Mrs. Ross had been about at the time. Mrs. Ross denied this.

## \$5500 DAMAGES ALLOWED

Judgment Granted for Accident to E. V. Hutchinson on J. N. Teal.

Five thousand five hundred dollars was the amount of the judgment awarded Mrs. Ella A. Hutchinson against the Wilamette & Columbia River Towing Company in Federal Judge Wolverton's court yesterday. Mrs. Hutchinson sued for \$25,000. The suit was the result of the drowning of E. Verne Hutchinson, who was a passenger on the J. N. Teal May 3, 1915. It was alleged that he fell from the main to the upper deck after boarding the boat at Endicot, Wash., he broke through near the wheel casing, was precipitated into the water and drowned.

## ASTORIA IS RENDEZVOUS

Oregon Retail Merchants' Association Has 10th Annual Celebration.

Merchants from many state points were calling in Portland yesterday, the visitors being delegates to the annual convention of the Oregon Retail Merchants' Association, which meets in Astoria today for a three-day session. The meeting is the tenth annual one of the association, the last convention having been held in Portland.

Company, and A. L. French, of French Fur-nishing Company, Bend, Or.; E. C. Benson, secretary Douglas County Merchants' Association, Roseburg; F. L. Shell, of the Shell Mercantile Company, Wallawa, Or.; M. Jacobs, of C. C. Martin Company, McMinnville; F. X. Beck, clothier, Woodburn; Fred D. Halsten, La Grande, Or.; I. T. Nicklin, secretary Lane County Credit Association, Eugene, Or.; W. A. Bell, Mayor of Eugene; George McMoran, Eugene; Robert Kidd, Roseburg; P. J. Fitzpatrick, Baker, Or.; N. A. Perry, Houlton, Or.; A. T. Johnson, Corvallis; L. D. Pierce, Harrisburg; F. A. Patrick, Newport; J. T. Hughes, Heppner; Earl L. Powell, secretary Coos County Merchants' Association, Marshfield; George Hocken-smith, Albany; Herman Goodwin, Weston, Or.; Aaron Fox, Troutdale, Or.; and A. M. Reeves, Lebanon.

## CIVIL WAR VETERAN OF 77 LEAVES SIX SONS.



Hartes Dickinson, veteran of the Civil War and resident of Oregon for 33 years, were conducted yesterday by Rev. George Darsie, of the First Christian Church. Comrade Dickinson was born in England 77 years ago and came to the United States when 20 years old. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Samuel F., Tacoma, Wash.; Joseph C., Salem, Or.; Ashley M., Astoria, Or.; George B., Raymond, Wash.; Edgar H., Portland, and William T., Centralia, Wash.

Funeral services for the late Hartes Dickinson, veteran of the Civil War and resident of Oregon for 33 years, were conducted yesterday by Rev. George Darsie, of the First Christian Church.

## COMMANDERY PLANS TRIP

A large representation from the Grand Commandery of Oregon Knights Templar will make the pilgrimage to the triennial convolve in Los Angeles, June 17-23, and a call has been issued announcing the itinerary and calling attention to the principal features of attraction in the trip. The party will leave from Flavel by steamer Great Northern on Saturday, June 17, arriving in San Francisco on the 18th, and proceeding on the following day to Los Angeles.

## INSURANCE ADDRESS SET

State Federation Expects to Have 5000 Members. At a meeting of the officers and board of directors of the Insurance Federation of Oregon yesterday, Louis Sondheim, secretary of the organization, was invited to address the insurance class of the University of Oregon on the objects and scope of the federation.

## C. B. PFAHLER IS INDICTED

Destruction of Diocesan Records Is Charged. Charles B. Pfahler, secretary to the late Bishop Scadding, who was bound over recently to the grand jury by District Judge Jones to answer to the charge of destroying corporation records, was indicted yesterday. He will have trial in the Circuit Court within a few weeks.

## JITNEY LAW CHANGE UP

Council Will Pass on Amendment With Emergency Clause. With an emergency clause attached, the proposed amendment to the city's jitney ordinance to require the jitneys to give at least eight hours' service daily will be up for passage tomorrow morning.

## RUSSIAN WILL BE GUEST

Exiled Officer to Tell Experiences at University Club Dinner. At the dinner tonight at 6:30 at the University Club, Lieutenant M. Schwarzikopinski will speak. The Russian officer will be the honor guest and R. A. Leiter will preside.

## SCHOOL BONDS ARE VOTED

Cosmopolis to Spend \$10,500 and Have Manual Training. ABERDEEN, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—Cosmopolis has voted three to one in favor of the school district of that city being bonded for \$10,500 to build a new four-room frame school-house.

## MOTHERS AND WIVES

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## MR. YEON OFFERS TO PAY

TAXPAYERS' VISTA HOUSE PROTEST PRESENTED TO COMMISSIONERS. Several Leading Civic Organizations Represented and Plea of President Pittock Is Cheered.

## CHAMBER DELAYS ELECTION

Absence of Many Members on Yakima Excursion Is Cause. Election of officers of the Chamber of Commerce will not be held until next week, owing to the absence of many of the directors with the excursion to North Yakima.

## SPECULATORS ARE SCORED

C. L. Smith Speaks on Fostering Development of State. Land speculators were arraigned for having retarded seriously the development of the agricultural resources of the state and thus indirectly checked

the whole progress of the state, in the address of C. L. Smith, agriculturist of the O.-W. R. & N., at the members' council of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday.

"The prosperity of the towns and cities depends upon the development of the agricultural sections," he declared, "and it is up to the business men of this and every other community to foster effort to stimulate interest in better farming, better business methods and better understanding between individuals engaged in all lines of business."

The directors decided at their meeting yesterday, however, to postpone it until the full membership of the board can be in attendance.

The peak of Teneriff, in the Canary Islands, throws a shadow stretching across the sea for a distance of 50 miles.

The members of the Rotary Club will be entertained at the Portland Biscuit Company, at Twelfth and Davis streets, at noon today, and following luncheon, will be escorted on a tour of inspection of the plant by A. J. Bale, manager of the plant, will be host to the party.

Wives of the Rotary members will be guests also at the meeting, and will be personally conducted on the inspection tour by men who will be able to explain the operations of the big plant in detail.

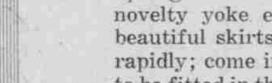
The club is to take a straw vote on the Presidential election at this meeting.

## TRENCH FOOT NEW DISEASE

Sufferers Barred From Immigration to United States. Now comes a new disease for modern science to control. The European war has been known to be productive of numerous cases of stammering, resulting from the excessive nervous strain put upon those at the front, but "trench foot" is the latest disability reported.

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