

TUCK INVESTIGATION NOT TO BE WHITEWASH

Grand Jury Reported as Being Greatly Interested.

CITY PROBE IS IGNORED

Prisoner Asserts Man Was in Critical Condition When Taken to County Jail.

Privately expressed convictions of grand jurors who have been conducting a probe into the Eugene Tuck case all week and rumors, authoritative and otherwise, which have been floating about the courthouse, give rise to the belief that the results of the investigation, which may be made public today, will not be in the nature of a whitewash. It is known that several public officials who came before that body received a severe grilling and left the grand jury room with little consolation more than they possessed upon entering.

The grand jury is paying no attention to the special public investigation being carried on by Mayor Baker and its decision will be entirely independent of any conclusions arrived at by the persons who have been listening to the testimony at the city hall.

Prisoner Tells Story. Julius S. Ward, a prisoner in the county jail who was taken there in a patrol wagon with Tuck and who occupied the same jail corridor as the man who died, was brought before the grand jury yesterday. When asked by the person who has been listening to the testimony at the city hall, where there are no facilities to care for the sick.

Two men supported him to the wagon, said Ward. "When he got inside, his head drooped, his arms hung limp at his sides and his eyes were closed." He maintained that Tuck's appearance was that of a man close to death. Not long before his death, Tuck was able to talk to him and professed his innocence of the crime with which he was charged—the shooting of Mrs. Tuck.

Police Charged. "He told me the police had given him the third degree, trying to force him to admit he fired the shot that killed his wife," declared Ward. When he arrived at the county jail, according to his fellow-prisoner, Tuck scarcely could walk and staggered about 30 feet on his own, which he fell.

Ward was much perturbed with the fear that what he said about the treatment of Tuck might cause the police to make trouble for him when he was released from jail, and prejudice him in the trial of his case.

John A. Collier, attorney for Tuck, was much incensed yesterday at the report of prisoners in the county jail that a man representing himself to be Collier had called on the grand jury to make trouble for him when he was released from jail, and prejudice him in the trial of his case.

CITY EMPLOYE IN WRECK

P. J. HUTTER IS CHARGED WITH INTOXICATION. Auto Collides with Hawthorne-Avenue Street Car. The Skids Across the Street.

After colliding with a Hawthorne-avenue street car at East Eighth street and skidding 32 feet across the street, the automobile driven by Lieutenant P. J. Hutter of the fire boat David Campbell, residing at 4609 Sixty-sixth street, South Park, yesterday afternoon, and continued on its course until it broke through a wire fence at Thirty-eighth and Division streets.

Rear, was charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated. The officer reported that he smelled liquor on his breath. Officers Klingensmith and Hamaker took possession of the machine, which was badly demolished.

It was said in the report that Hutter was on his way home from work when the accident occurred.

Kate Byron of 608 Water street was severely cut about the head and hands yesterday when the automobile he was driving collided with another machine at Twenty-third and Washington streets, driven by H. M. Cofold of 599 East Twenty-seventh street, North.

Cofold reported that he was driving east on Washington street and had come to a full stop at the street intersection when Byron, who had apparently lost control of his machine, suddenly rounded the corner at Twenty-third street and careening across the street crashed into his machine, striking the rear fender. Byron was showered with flying glass from the shattered windshield. He was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

WOMAN DENIES CHARGES

FORMER ASTORIA PRINCIPAL SAYS HE WILL SUE FOES.

Lovelorn Man Admits He Was Married When Wooing Girl, but Says Divorce Was Obtained.

Merrill Hanville, dismissed Astoria school principal, sought in that city to answer a charge of assault and battery preferred by H. L. Huson, city superintendent of schools, who appeared in Portland yesterday to voice complete denial of charges that have been made against him in the city at the Columbia mouth.

Hanville, who assaulted Superintendent Huson several days ago, maintains that he is the victim of persecution by the school superintendent, the school board, and M. H. Ashworth, father of Miss Letta Ashworth, who was the object of Hanville's desires when in Astoria, and the indirect cause of his dismissal from Astoria school there. In Astoria he charged that Hanville made himself generally obnoxious, and that his removal from the principalship was for the good of the school system.

TUCK HEARING BRINGS ON SHARP CONFLICT

Doctors Disagree and Attorneys Wrangle at City Probe.

INCOMPETENCE IS CHARGED

City Officials Deny Neglect of Duty in Handling Sick Man While Prisoner.

TAX TOTAL SHOWS GAIN

\$8,057,647 COLLECTED IN FIRST INSTALLMENT PERIOD.

Percentage of Roll Paid by Early April Reduced Since Days of Rebate System.

Tax collection in Multnomah county reached the total of \$8,057,647, more than the total tax roll in 1918 years preceding—by April 5, the close of the first installment period, by figures compiled yesterday by Chief Deputy E. S. Hucklebay in the tax department of Sheriff Hurlburt's office.

This is 57.3 per cent of the total tax roll of \$14,064,449, the remainder of which should be collected by next October. Second installments may be paid without interest and first installments with interest to and including Saturday, October 4, this year. The five per cent penalty is added to tax bills delinquent after that date.

The percentage of the roll collected before the first part of April has been greatly reduced since the days when the rebate system was in effect. That allowed taxpayers a rebate of three per cent on tax paid before March 15, in full or in part and was in effect up to 1914.

In 1907, under the rebate system, 52 per cent of the tax had been collected up to April 1. In 1914, the system changed and the collections slumped to 57 per cent, the highest collection since the new law has been in effect. Chiefly for the reason that many taxpayers did not know the rebate had been discontinued.

The tax roll has increased from \$2,225,542.25 to \$9,807,654.59 since 1907, being an increase of \$7,582,112.34, or 341.5 per cent. The total tax roll in 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 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