

CLASH MARKS PROBE OF BUILDING TRUST

Untermyer Brings Out Interesting Disclosures.

COMBINE'S SYSTEM AILED

Provision Made for Fixing Prices and for Punishment of Contractors Bidding Too Low.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Further testimony regarding the methods used by contractors' co-operative associations in alleged fixing of prices and punishment meted out to offending members whose low bids violated the association rules was given at today's hearing of the joint legislative committee investigating New York's alleged building trust.

Workings of the estimating bureau of the Concrete Fireproofers' association were related by Roswell F. Easton, its originator. Books of the builders' supply bureau, comprising 14 contracting firms, also were surrendered to the committee by Miss Elizabeth O'Lea, stenographer.

Earlier the hearing was marked by a sharp clash between Samuel Untermyer, committee counsel, and Grover Whalen, commissioner of plants and structures, formerly Mayor Hylan's private secretary, during his examination regarding city job dumping contracts. To these developments was added testimony of former Magistrate O'Reilly of Brooklyn and two attaches of the fifth district magistrate's court concerning "more or less close relations" between the mayor and Commissioner of Accounts Hirschfeld as law practitioners, with John T. Hettrick, who was court stenographer there.

Hettrick Central Figure. Hettrick is a central figure in the "building trust" as operator of a "code of practice" among New York master plumbers and plumbing contractors.

Easton told how the concrete fireproofers' estimating bureau, formed June 24, 1919, grew from the master league of cement workers' association, until it expanded to include the fireproofers' association with the membership of 12 firms which individually are members of the building trades employers' association.

It was agreed among the 12 members, Easton testified, to permit the bureau to make their estimates on all proposals, then 10 per cent was added to the estimate by the firm as an overhead charge before bidding. The contractor, if successful, paid the bureau 2 1/2 per cent of the contract. Then at the end of the year the bureau divided the money among the unsuccessful bidders proportionately.

"You may have been advised that the process was legal," Mr. Untermyer told the witness. "The committee believes it was far from legal."

GOOD WILL BEST ASSET

CONFIDENCE PRIME ESSENTIAL IN BUSINESS.

Truth in Advertising Always Pays, Says Richard H. Lee, Addressing Portland Clubmen.

Good will is the greatest of all assets in business, declared Richard H. Lee, director-counsel of the national advertising and trade journal, Ad. W. L. Walpole, who served as Lee's secretary. Both, it was said, "wrought better than they knew."

ELKS IN "MANDARIN" MAKE HIT AND HELP CHILDREN

Auditorium Packed for Gorgeous Production, Proceeds of Which Will Be Used at Christmas to Make Little Ones Happy.

BY EDITH KNIGHT HILL

THOSE big-hearted, whole-souled fellows, known to the public as members of the Portland lodge of Elks, might well have felt a thrill of pride last night when they saw the splendid operatic offering sponsored by them and heard the tuneful melodies and fascinating oriental music of the northwestern premier production, "Mandarin."

The municipal auditorium, packed almost to capacity, was the scene of the opera. The audience was responsive and appreciative, and the play, magnificent in costume, gorgeous in stage setting and remarkably well interpreted, was throughout a success.

But back of the play, with its choruses, beyond the orchestra so splendidly and ably directed by John R. Britz, those Elks who arranged for the production and the splendid costumes for hundreds of little children. That was why they were so glad to see the Elks, and that was why those simple-folked, clever, silver-tongued salesmen went through the audience and sold boxes of candy that went "like hot cakes." The Elks were getting ready to do things by halves. W. F. McKinney made a little speech and told of the plan.

To the choruses of the opera much credit was due, for it sang as well as many a chorus in a good professional show. It was well trained and well costumed. Sold back lent the Elks fully \$10,000 worth of real Chinese costumes, and a fine appearance. Walton J. Elliott, who had the title role, gave a superb Mandarin coat of royal blue, richly embroidered in gold. His headpiece was ornate and strikingly gorgeous. Mr. Elliott, by the way, sang with rich quality and a good stage presence.

Mrs. Fred Olson—wife of Fan Tan, a ne'er-do-well who was so like the Mandarin that he was mistaken for him—had some beautiful and valuable costumes which she wore as clear tones and light shades, her voice ringing clear as a bell and true at all times. Her acting, too, was quite of a professional type and she well deserved the generous bouquets and the applause she received.

A new star in the musical firmament was discovered when Maybelle Hastings sang the part of Ting Ling, favorite wife of the Mandarin. Miss Hastings is a gifted singer, with a voice fresh and sweet and the true arts and graces of an actress. Her duet with G. Arthur Peake, Hoo Sing.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 23.—Detective J. H. Fox of the Everett (Wash.) police department was shot and killed in Everett last night by an unknown man for whom Snohomish and King county officers are searching.

Fox and Detective H. J. Miller responded to a holdup call in the Everett residence district. Their suspicions were aroused by the presence of a man hurrying along one of the streets and Fox, who was riding on the running board of the police car, called to him to stop. The man turned and fired six times, according to Detective Miller, five bullets striking Fox.

WAR PLOT IS UNFOLDED

NEW YORK EVENING MAIL BACKED BY 'COFFEE KING.'

German Fiscal Agent Gives Money to Dr. Rumely, Testifies Lawyer Involved in Teuton Conspiracy.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Loans aggregating more than \$500,000, furnished by Hermann Slielken, "American coffee king," were advanced through the German fiscal agent in 1915 to Dr. Edward A. Rumely, then publisher of the Evening Mail, Walter S. Kaufman, attorney, testified today at the trial in which he, his law partner and Dr. Rumely, are charged with concealing true ownership of the paper from the alien enemy custodian Slielken, then was a resident of Germany, Kaufman testified, and the loan was made in the interest of the German government's desire to acquire in the United States a newspaper with which to "nourish the true German viewpoint." Dr. Rumely obtained the first loan, \$750,000, when he was heavily in debt, the witness said, and later was advanced \$75,000.

Dr. Rumely, he continued, gave his note for the loan with an understanding that they would be cancelled

SCHOOL BOARD HEARS FOOTBALL CHARGES

Irregularities by Washington High Are Charged.

SOME HELD INELIGIBLE

Frank L. Shull Declares System Was Known to Hugh Boyd, Principal.

Charges that some of the boys of the Washington high school, who were not eligible to play football, because of low grades, were permitted by the principal, Hugh Boyd, to play in a recent football game, were made at the school board meeting last night by Frank L. Shull, director. Mr. Shull stated that he had his information on good authority and A. C. Newell, director, said that he had the same information.

D. A. Grout, city superintendent of schools, said that he had heard nothing of the matter, but would investigate at once and asked for the names of the players.

"Boys in the school knew that some of the players were not eligible to play and yet were in the game," said Mr. Shull. "That destroys honesty. I do not know Mr. Boyd, the principal, but I think this matter should be investigated at once."

Grades Are Reported. Mr. Shull said that he understood that teachers of the boys had said that they were not up in their studies and yet the principal had permitted them to play in the game.

The question of salaries for teachers and principals in the schools of the city will be discussed at a meeting of the board December 2, it was decided last night. Suggested schedules of the salaries which each group of teachers thinks necessary have been submitted to the board, but no formal action has been taken. The school board members have expressed themselves as eager to do whatever is possible in the way of increasing the salaries of the teachers.

Teacher Put in Charge. "I like to see one man in charge," said Mr. Shull. "Assistant principals would add more expense, too," Mr. Grout explained in answer to questions from board members that at present in the absence of the prin-

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GIRLS TRY TO ROB BANK

Gypsy Maid Tells Cashier's Fortune, Companion Grabs Money.

MARINETTE, Wis., Nov. 23.—Robbery of the Farmers' Savings & Trust bank was attempted today by two members of a gypsy tribe encamped near here.

While the attention of the cashier was diverted by one of the girls, who told him his fortune, the other grabbed a roll of bills containing more than \$500.

MORNINGSIDE INMATE CAUGHT.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Amos John, who escaped from the Morningside reformatory in Portland, was picked up here and later it was learned where he came from.

The Sanitarium was notified and John was taken back to that institution to which, Charles Grubb, who was arrested

BRIDGE ESTIMATE FILED.

To construct a bridge across the south channel of the Columbia river between Government island and the main land in Multnomah county, with a road to connect with Columbia boulevard, would cost \$80,000, according to figures prepared by County Roadmaster Etchell. A pile trestle alone, he estimates, would cost \$60,000. The road was petitioned for by a number of Portland business men.

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