

BRIBERY AND LIQUOR PLOTS ARE CHARGED

Pendleton Police Officials and County Court Figure.

UMATILLA IS IN UPHEAVAL

Prohibition Agent, Prosecutor, Chief of Police and Former State Officer Involved.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Charges of crookedness and incompetence in office have been lodged by the Pendleton Tribune against the members of the Umatilla county court and Pendleton police officers, the paper declaring it has in hand affidavits proving bribery and illegal liquor transactions against E. F. B. Ridgway, until the first of the year the special prohibition officer, appointed by the governor and paid by the county.

The upheaval started with the alleged refusal of Zoeth Houser, sheriff, vigorously to enforce the prohibition law when the county court would not allow his expenses for this work.

Agent Ridgway Assailed.

The court then followed with the designation of Prohibition Agent Ridgway as special prohibition officer, and when the question of his reappointment came up in January charges were made by the Tribune of alleged crooked dealings with bootleggers and moonshiners.

A grand jury investigation was held and when the secret investigators reported a clean bill of health for Mr. Ridgway the Tribune resumed its attack with more affidavits. Following came a series of newspaper articles assailing the integrity of the district attorney and questioning the grand jury report.

Next Monday a new grand jury will convene under the direction of A. J. Liljequist, assistant attorney-general of the state, for a sweeping investigation of the charges preferred against public officers by the Tribune. The paper claims to have nearly doubled its circulation since beginning the attacks.

Sensational Charges Made.

Among the sensational charges brought against the officers are the following: E. F. B. Ridgway, prohibition officer, promiscuous raiding of homes with warrants sworn out by himself; failure to make returns on liquor destruction orders, bribery, confiscation of liquor and use by himself, and improper conduct; R. I. Keator, district attorney, malfeasance in office, among which is failure to prosecute a sensational case of libelous anonymous letter-writing and failure to inform the sheriff of a suspected crooked deputy; W. E. Taylor, chief of police, for illegal liquor deals; Bob Sinclair, ex-state officer, illegal booze deals.

Recall Movement Reported.

Circuit Judge Phelps instructed the new grand jurors, drawn a few days ago, to keep open minds until the evidence was all presented before them, and told them that they had power to call any and all witnesses to get at the entire truth.

An attempt to recall the district attorney has been publicly talked of, following the Tribune's demand that he resign from office.

POWER CONTRACT SIGNED

CALIFORNIA - OREGON COMPANY TO FURNISH CURRENT.

Line to Be Constructed 115 Miles, From Near Medford to Cities in Upper Willamette.

MEDFORD, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The California-Oregon Power company headquarters offices here today announced that the company had entered into an interconnection contract to supply power to the Mountain States Power company for a period of 20 years, which power is to be used throughout the Willamette valley. In order to supply this power, the California-Oregon Power company will construct a 115-mile high-tension transmission line of 110,000-volt construction which will extend from the Prospect plant of the company, near Medford, through the Rogue river and Umpqua valleys into the upper Willamette valley, where it will connect with the transmission system of the Mountain States Power company at Eugene.

This project stands out as one of the most important power developments of recent times, as it will close the last gap of the longest inter-connected power transmission system in the world, extending from northern Oregon to the Mexican border. The construction of the power line will begin at once.

This interconnection to the north, together with the connection with the Pacific Gas & Electric company to the south, makes the California-Oregon Power company one of the most important links in the interconnection of power lines which now reach almost from Portland to San Diego and will eventually embrace the entire Pacific coast. The California-Oregon Power company's lines already extend from Glendale in Douglas county, Oregon, 223 miles south to Kennel in Shasta county, California.

MUCH BUILDING PROMISED

Coos Bay Activity Held Due to Cut in Cost of Material.

NORTH BEND, Or., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Much building is promised on Coos bay during the present season, accountants, contractors and builders say, to the reduction in cost of material and a lessening of freight rates.

Of the larger buildings to be started as early as possible, three are concrete garages, one in this city and two in Marshfield. None will cost less than \$15,000. A copartnership is looking for a tenant to occupy a one-story building 100x100, to be constructed in the downtown district of Marshfield, which would furnish a fine location for a department store.

Many residences will be built in the two cities and the surrounding suburbs.

Hope for Missing Man Given Up.

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 20.—After two days search, relatives and friends of V. H. Grayson, 29, who disappeared from his home here Wednesday morning, had abandoned hope he might be alive. He has been ill several days and unable to sleep for four nights, his wife said. It was believed he wandered away under the influence of a sleep potion taken Tuesday night.

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