

### FREE RE-CHARGE

### Grand Jurors Indict George Sorenson.

### PERJURY IS THE CHARGE

### Judge Bellinger Accuses Him of False Testimony.

### GIVEN IN BRIBERY TRIAL

### Jury Is Discharged, and Two of Its Members Are Under Serious Suspicion of Having Been Secretly Influenced.

The Federal grand jury broke its long silence last night at 10 o'clock when it brought a new indictment into court charging George Sorenson with the crime of perjury.

The indictment came as the climax of an exciting morning session of the Federal court in which Judge Bellinger recommended that the testimony of Sorenson be examined, and if justifiable, an indictment for perjury be returned against him.

The action of the court took not only District Attorney Heney by surprise, but the defendant as well, and the sitting ended with some dramatic features which for a long time have been absent from the staid and quiet chamber.

When the court convened at 10 o'clock the Sorenson trial jury appeared before Judge Bellinger and reported that it was still unable to arrive at a verdict. The court dismissed the men abruptly and sent for Mr. Heney. When the District Attorney made his appearance, Judge Bellinger said:

### Testimony Manifestly False.

"I have sent for you, Mr. Heney, for the purpose of making a request. I desire that you present the manifestly false testimony of George Sorenson to the grand jury at your earliest convenience for such action as the grand jury may think proper to take in respect to it. I refer particularly to his testimony with reference to acknowledgement of the George Howe deed of relinquishment. That testimony was demonstrably false. I am satisfied that his testimony was equally false when he did not remember that he had made the statement to you that he did try to bribe John Hall."

### On the request of the court the truthfulness of Mr. Sorenson was investigated during the day and the indictment resulted at the adjournment hour.

The document recites that Sorenson was on trial for having offered a bribe of \$5000 to John Hall, and that, being a witness in his own behalf he had testified that he had not offered John Hall any bribe, but was in the employ of Hall to shadow the defendants, Peter Watson, McKinley and Ware; that if the defendant had ever said anything to Hall which might have appeared to have been an offer, it was simply a report made by him to his employer and not made as a bribe. This the indictment charges to be false and perjured testimony.

### No Such Person as George Howe.

The testimony is further called into question in relation to the statements of Sorenson when before Heney and before the grand jury. It is charged that he knew no one ever appeared before him to execute a deed of relinquishment who bore the name of George A. Howe, and his testimony says that such a person did appear. It is further held that his statements before the court he had never said that he had offered Hall a bribe were known to be false by the witness. On these grounds the jury returned a true bill against Sorenson.

### Upon the indictment being returned, Mr. Heney asked that the court issue a warrant for the arrest of the defendant and that he be placed under \$1000 bonds to insure his appearance. A bench warrant was issued at 6 o'clock for the arrest of the three-indicted men, but he has not as yet been found, and it is not thought that the Marshall will be able to locate him before Monday, as he is reported to have left the city for a short time. Sorenson is now under \$5000 bonds on the two indictments pending against him, and when he has furnished the additional bonds he will have \$10,000 pledged for his appearance at the coming trials.

### SORENSEN JURY IS DISCHARGED

### Prosecution Suspects That Two Members Were Influenced.

The Sorenson bribery trial came to a close yesterday morning when the jury was discharged by Judge Bellinger, after having been out two nights and a day without being able to come to an agreement.

The judge, in discharging the men, was caustic in his arraignment of the motives which would actuate the two men who were hanging the jury. After the judge had finished, Mr. Heney requested that all of the jurors come to this private office on the second floor of the building, where he gave the two men who held out for acquittal such a grilling that both left the room amid the applause of the remaining ten.

John Northup, of the Dalles, and A. G. Adkins are the two men who have for a time defied the course of justice, and both have escaped from prosecution for perjury. If they have escaped, by a very narrow margin. Neither of the men were asked at the time of their examination whether or not they were friends of the defendant, though it was supposed that they were not acquainted from the other questions put by Mr. Heney.

That the jury was influenced seems self-evident, and it is supported by some startling local entanglements which have come to light. It was supposed at the time the jury was impaneled that none of the men were friends of either Sorenson or any one connected with the land frauds in any way, but that time, however, Northup has admitted that he is an old friend of Sorenson's and knew the family. Adkins, on the other hand, is a very good friend of Judge Alex Sweek, of the firm of Sweek & Long, the attorneys for the defense in the case.

At the outset the vote was nine to three for conviction and later this changed to ten to two, where it hung. Before the trial, so it is stated, Adkins was seen in the Chamber of Commerce building, on the same floor with the Sweek & Long office, and in conversation with a bar-tendered man who, so the informant says, bore a great resemblance to Mr. Long, though not knowing the lawyer, the man was unable to swear to the identity.

After the case had been sent to the jury it is stated that a man had a conversation with Alex Sweek in his office, at which time the outcome of the Sorenson case was discussed, and at this time Mr. Sweek is alleged to have said that there would be no conviction because he had a personal friend on the jury, as did Soren-

son, and that these two men would hold out against a conviction forever.

These circumstances lead the prosecution to believe that the jury was influenced even in the beginning, and an effort will be made to probe the question to the bottom to find out what the influence was.

It is further stated that Northup refused to abide by the ruling of Judge Bellinger on the law governing the case, but looked it up for himself. He is also said to have made the statement that it was nothing to offer a \$2000 bribe.

The statements of the members of the trial jury were taken by Mr. Heney and will be offered to the grand jury, in all probability, and it would not be a surprising thing if indictments for perjury were to be returned against both Northup and Adkins at an early date.

### BUILT FIRST WAGONS.

### Death of W. E. Harris, One of the Oregon Pioneers.

W. E. Harris was born near Nashville, Tenn., and while quite a young man crossed the plains to California 58 years ago, then came to Oregon on one of the first sailing vessels, the Emily Farnham, after



GEORGE SORENSON, WHO IS INDICTED ON CHARGE OF PERJURY.

which he settled in the little village of Butteville, Or. There he filed his trade, that of wagon making, and built the first wagons made in Oregon. Two years later he moved on to a donation land claim, one mile south of Aurora, where he has resided continually. His wife, nee Harriet Honney, preceded him two years across the plains. She died 23 years ago. Mr. Harris was a man of rare qualities. During his 28 years in Oregon he never made an enemy, and was highly respected in his neighborhood. He was known for his kindness and help to those in need. Mr. Harris raised a family of two sons and four daughters—W. E. Harris and H. E. Harris, of this city; Mrs. J. Peters, of Pendleton; Mrs. Alice Brown, of Klamath



William Harris.

### Falls, Mrs. Florence and Mrs. Emma Baker, of Wilsonville.

He came to Portland to spend the holidays with his two sons, and was stricken with paralysis while at the breakfast table at the home of his son, H. E. Harris, 21 East Eighth street. After lingering one week he died in the presence of all his children. Rev. W. S. Gilbert had charge of the services and made many references to the past life and high ideals of Mr. Harris. Many friends and neighbors were present at his burial in Lone Fir Cemetery.

### AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

### The B. B. Rich Curio Store Commences Tuesday Afternoon.

Commencing Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and in the evening at 7 the B. B. Rich Curio Store will sell without reserve the entire collection of art goods and relics from all over the world. This will be a rare opportunity to secure art treasures that have taken years to collect at a nominal price. The sale will be conducted by G. Lewit at the Curio Store, 132 Sixth street, near Washington.

### INQUIRIES AND ANSWERS.

Inquiries are often heard on the streets of our city, where is the best place to purchase gas and electric chandeliers, glassware, Lindsay burners, Weisbach burners, show-window and store-room lighting apparatus. The answer is at all times "The M. J. Walsh Co." They also make a specialty of electric light wiring, gas piping and all kinds of repair work. See them at their salesrooms, 243 Washington street, corner Seventh, or phone them for estimates.

### Hood's Sarsaparilla ensures good digestion and strength to the vital organs. Insist upon Hood's.

### REVIEWS GOOD YEAR

### Commercial Club Holds Its Annual Meeting.

### TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

### Reports Show Good Financial Footing and General Prosperity Throughout—Four New Members of Board Are Named.

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as members of the board of governors to serve a term of three years: I. L. Fiddle, R. B. Miller, N. M. Smith, R. F. Frazer and H. M. Calk.

The reports of the president, treasurer and secretary were read and showed that the cash received during the year of 1904, exclusive of the exploitation fund, aggregated \$51,588.52. Expenditures for the replacing of equipment amounted to \$2891.35, while \$4790 was devoted to permanent fixtures. The sum of \$48 was expended for public entertainments.

One hundred and twenty-seven new members were admitted who, in initiation fees paid into the treasury \$117. The total net profit for the year is estimated at \$1000.

During this year it is proposed to increase the membership, at present 635, to 1000, and it is hoped this may be done in six months.

Next Saturday night the annual dinner will be held. It is expected that Governor Gooding, of Idaho, will attend, as will also the Mayor, Captain and Governor Mead, of Washington.

### Foundling Home Loses Children.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 21.—The Supreme Court today denied the writ of habeas corpus in the case of the New York orphan brought to Clifton, Ariz., from

### Death of Mrs. Marshall.

Mrs. Maud Ethelyn Marshall, wife of Dr. A. E. Marshall, of this city, died Friday evening at the family residence, 704 Gibson street. Mrs. Marshall had been ill a week at the time of her death.

### COMPLAINS OF CAR COMPANY

### New Transfer System and Other Practices Cause Discontent.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(To the Editor.)—A few months ago Portland had two street-car lines or companies. The service was fairly good. The conductors and other employees were reasonably polite and accommodating. The two lines were merged into one and within a few days thereafter a marked change came over the whole situation. An air of indifference to the interests and comfort of the people showed itself in every department. Conductors that had always been uniformly polite and accommodating became exacting and unkind. The go-ahead bell would ring while passengers were getting on and off, not infrequently throwing ladies to the ground and inflicting more or less injury and humiliation upon them. Short and hasty answers would be given to civil questions; everything showed that these servants were acting under stress, under pressure from within. Men do not change from gentlemen to bores in 48 hours without a great moving cause. More money must be made out of the same effort, at whatever cost. "The public be damned." Competition has been eliminated and the Consolidated does the rest. In a short time a placard was stuck up in one end of the cars in the archway of the roof, notifying the people that unless they asked for transfers when they paid their fares they forfeited their rights to a transfer. This notice is printed, some portions of it in large letters and some portions in letters so small that the best eyes can hardly make them out at the length of the car.

Then the fun began. Persons would forget to demand transfers when they paid their fare, or perhaps concluded later to go to some other portion of the city, or would not see the notice, or perhaps could not read. On asking for a transfer they received an insolent answer, perhaps a reprimand and a refusal, with a pointing to the obscure notice in the gable end of the car, and the parties were forced to pay another fare. In this there seems to be method to increase earnings. That condition continues to this day. There is scarcely a car in any part of the city but what a scene is enacted over this outrage, and parties are forced to pay two fares and the corporation is ahead that much. Today, on an Upper Albina car, three cases of this outrage took place—two strangers going to St. Johns, that were not aware of the necessity of a transfer, and the writer. When I paid my fare, my attention was drawn to other matters, and it slipped my mind, as formerly transfers were not given out till the last end of the trip. A few minutes later I applied for a transfer and was insolently refused, and my attention was called to the notice

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It may create a great deal of wonder that we will continue to sell these pianos at these tremendous reductions when only a little labor would put them in perfect condition. It is well known, it is the policy of the Elfers Piano House to never sell a damaged piano at the price of a new one. In addition to this, our repair department now has its hands more than full, and, as stated before, our ceiling in the main showroom is in danger of falling as a result of the wetting it got through the bursting of a defective water-pipe above stairs. It was the water pouring through our ceiling which damaged the pianos that we have been selling at such tremendous reductions the past few days. The four that remain will go tomorrow.

This sale, which commenced only last Friday morning, has created a tremendous amount of buying and purchasers have without exception been delighted with their bargain.

Every instrument is fully guaranteed and should any defect develop in the piano as a result of this accident, same will be cheerfully repaired without a cent of charge. Were it not for the crowded condition of our floors and the fact that we have promised the public to sell 34 pianos at these prices, we would not bother with selling these and remaining pianos at the tremendous reductions. But these prices will hold good for Monday. Only the early callers need hope to secure one of these pianos, as we do not anticipate having one in the store by noon. Elfers Piano House, 217 Washington street, corner Park. Home of the Chickering, Weber, Kimball, Hazeltin, Lester, Horbart & Cable, Rory & Clark, Schumann and many other highest grade pianos.

New York by founding asylum officers and placed in Mexican families and later removed by force and since regularly adopted by the families through probate proceedings. The founding home asked for the writ, claiming it had never lost legal guardianship. Upon announcement of the judgment leaving the children with their foster parents, the founding home gave notice of an appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

### NAMES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### President of Traveling Passenger Agents Announces Appointments.

Jay W. Adams, of Seattle, president of the American Association of Traveling Passenger Agents, and Pacific Coast agent of the Nickel Plate Road, was a Portland visitor yesterday.

Mr. Adams, who was elected to preside over the Traffic Association at the annual meeting in Mexico City a short time ago, has announced the appointment of his executive committee. It is as follows and is composed of representative and well-known traveling passenger agents of the United States: J. M. Cornell, of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, at Chicago; W. T. Pratt, Wisconsin Central, at New York; R. F. Kelly, Wabash, at Buffalo; M. J. Roche, Denver & Rio Grande, at Portland; and W. B. Hutter, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, at St. Paul.

R. H. Trumbull, the commercial agent of the Illinois Central in this city, was appointed district deputy by President Adams for the Portland district.

It has been announced on the new letter-heads now being used by the association in its official business that the annual convention for 1905 will be held in Portland during the month of September. Heretofore the time has not been stated, as it was left to the decision of the executive committee.

### CONTRACTORS' FIREPLACE APPARATUS.

Contractors can at all times find a complete line of hearth, floor and rail tiling at The M. J. Walsh Co., 343 Washington street corner Seventh. They also carry a complete line of ash dumps, dampers, grates, frames and ash-pit doors, at very reasonable prices.

### Desks Go

If you are going to want a desk of any kind for office or home, now is the time and at Calif Bros. is the place to buy. We have a complete line, ranging in prices from \$4.50 to \$120. The desk here shown is solid oak. We are selling now for \$22.50.

### A Clean-Up

The shrewd buyer knows that prices are lower now than at any other time. If you have not seen Calif Bros.' prices you have not seen the best place to buy. Just think of a firm that hasn't a dissatisfied customer. It means that we do the right thing, and we are that firm.

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BOYS' SCHOOL SUITS, DICKEY CASSIMERES, the best wear-resisting fabric known, all sizes, 7 to 15 years, value \$3.95. SALE PRICE \$2.95

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\$2.50 SAILOR SUITS \$1.25

\$3.00 SAILOR SUITS \$1.50

\$5.00 SAILOR SUITS \$2.50



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\$ 6.00 OVERCOATS \$4.95

\$ 5.00 OVERCOATS \$3.95

\$10.00 OVERCOATS \$6.95

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# MOYER THIRD AND OAK

She was 27 years old and a native of Iowa. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thompson, reside at Blounton, Or.

The funeral services will be held at Finley's undertaking parlors at 2:30 this afternoon and the remains will be cremated. Besides her husband Mrs. Marshall is survived by a daughter one year of age.

### HELLO!

Is That the M. J. Walsh Co.? Yes, ma'am. Will you please send up six of your new Lindsay gas burners, with Walco mantles, and place them in my parlor, dining-room and kitchen? This is how The M. J. Walsh

Co.'s phone keeps up all day since securing the agency for the new Lindsay Gas Burner. Ask your neighbor what they are.

To Aid Home Industry. There was a second meeting of the Women's Labor League yesterday afternoon at Drew Hall, with Mrs. L. A. Hel-

lock presiding. Women laborers and the wives, mothers and sisters of members of the labor union were admitted to membership. There were a number of new names added to the charter list of last week. The object of the league is the patronage of home industry and labor, and, as far as possible, the abolishment of alien labor classes.

### Don't miss the opportunity to dress well at small cost

We're closing out stocks on hand at greatly reduced prices to make room for new Spring goods. Suit and extra pants of same or striped material to order for \$25.00 and \$30.00. All garments to order for cost of material and making for the next ten days.

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