

# LIKE DEWEY'S POLICE COURTS

## Lacking the Humor of Those of New York Is That of Portland.

### CHARGES AGAINST SLEUTHS

#### Hartman Must Make Further Showing—No Written Charge Against Snow and Kerrigan—Peterson Is Reprimanded.

Once upon a time New York had a Police Chief named Bill Dewey. He was chief executive officer of the police trial board and was heralded as the "best Chief of Police New York ever had." Bill Dewey gave to the world that elegant epigram, "touching on and appealing to," and he gave it while he was passing sentences upon policemen and detectives who were brought before him for various infractions of the police regulations. Chief Bill Dewey's police trial courts begin the greatest of American jokes. His wit and caustic comments were tipped around the world, thanks to the telegraph.

#### Portland's Police Committee.

Of course, this might strike the lay mind as having nothing to do with the Portland Police Committee, provided under the new charter, but if yesterday's proceedings of this board is a sample of what is to follow, it will have Bill Dewey's court beaten as decisively as the Jews have beaten the Russians. This new Police Committee is made up of Mayor Harry Lane, Attorney T. G. Green, R. L. Sablin and Niels J. Biagen. Attorney Green seems to be the chairman of the committee, for he administered the oath and leads off in the examination of principals and witnesses. The other members of the board or committee have the divine right of interrogation and several times during the three hearings yesterday they made good use of that prerogative. There is little chance of the Portland Police Trial Court becoming as famous for wit and humor as that once conducted by Bill Dewey, but if other hearings furnish as much unalloyed amusement as the three cases heard yesterday, there will be no more need of attending a ten, twenty and thirty show, whenever these hearings are on.

#### Hartman's, the First Case.

The first case taken was that of Detective L. C. Hartman. The next was the case against Ben Peterson, who smote a barber citizen of the city on the cheek. The third was charged against Policeman Rogers, which exposed to the enlightenment of the committee the love affairs of a policeman and an ancient real estate dealer. The fourth case never came to hearing. This was supposed to have been, to state it legally the case of Kerrigan and Snow vs. the Police Committee. It was 2:30 o'clock when this case was reached and it was 2:32 when the case against them was dismissed because there were no written charges filed against the two city sleuths. Attorney and Chairman Green made this startling discovery, although the newspapers have been teeming with stories, telling how this pair of city thieftakers, Kerrigan and Snow, tried to escape punishment by falling to appear against him.

Next to the scandalous profane vocabulary of Joe Day, the case against Kerrigan and Snow were scheduled as reaching the high-water mark in connection with the recent police scandals. The story goes that Mayor Lane himself had ordered Acting Chief of Police Gritzmacher to summon the two detectives before the committee. Perhaps the Mayor did not know that it was necessary to make written charges against them. When he telephoned his acting Chief to have them appear. When the third case before the committee was concluded, the Mayor and Attorney Green seemed to be surprised to see Kerrigan and Snow still lingering. Some one present asked the detectives what they were there for. They did not seem to know.

#### No Written Charges.

Suddenly Attorney Green stated that inasmuch as there were no written charges against them they could not be heard. Both detectives stated that Assistant District Attorney Bert Haney was present and would explain everything, but both Attorney Green and Mayor Lane stated that they had no account of certain legal safeguards, the committee was not empowered to hear evidence where there were no charges in writing. So if Messrs. Kerrigan and Snow, who proclaim their innocence to the high heavens, but who promised themselves in the future to prosecute every prisoner they arrest to the limit, are to be hauled before this committee again, some one must hand in written charges.

The case of Detective L. C. Hartman was brought up with its four charges, namely, neglect of duty, disobedience of orders, absence and breach of discipline. Well, rather than Hartman had gone to Chicago to get a prisoner, Hal Lawrence, and while on the way a couple of shrewd lawyers "sprung him on a wire," and the findings of the board were that Price should be adjudged technically guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer in connection with taking a suicide to the Good Samaritan Hospital, and was reprimanded accordingly. It was the judgment of the commissioners that Price was a good officer, outside of a prank which he delivered in connection with the case of the woman in the North End, and was recommended for a reprimand.

#### Hartman Makes Denial.

Hartman denied receiving the "recall" telegram, and told of his arrival in Chicago, how he was told on the night of his arrival that Lawrence was in jail, and that on the following morning he was informed when he made a second call at headquarters that Lawrence had been turned loose. Attorney Green, whose legal training has made him a good cross-examiner, pressed the witness very close. Hartman stated that the reason he had not wired the department here that Lawrence had been liberated was because the Judge—he did not remember which Judge—and two Chicago detectives, one whose name was Morgan, told him not to do so, for Lawrence and his lawyers had a perfect underground system of obtaining access to all the telegrams sent out of Chicago, and that if he (Hartman) attempted to communicate with his Chief here, Lawrence would get "next" and would disappear. Hartman shouldn't have taken Morgan's word for anything. He's a second edition of Joe Day, only on a larger scale.

#### Case Under Adjudication.

Hartman produced a lot of legal papers which he received from Springfield, Ill., to show that he was trying hard to rearrest Lawrence. He assured the committee that if he was

given time he could secure affidavits from Morgan, his partner and the Chicago wire-tapper, and he acted. He was also given time to get an affidavit from the conductor who is alleged to have delivered the telegram to him. The board has the case under advisement. Chairman Green thought that the detective should have inquired for a telegram at every division. On the way to Chicago, Hartman stated he stopped at Columbus, Neb., and visited his father, and that he stopped in Kansas City on his return home to see another relative. The trip cost the city \$152.

Mayor Lane took an interest—in what the two Chicago detectives and the Chicago Judge told Hartman, and wanted to know of Hartman if he (Hartman) did not think they were joking. Hartman said he wrote to Acting Chief Gritzmacher, but this letter never was received. He was pending until he furnishes further proof of his innocence.

#### Peterson Up for Brutality.

The next case taken up was that of Policeman Ben Peterson, charged with brutality, in that he was accused by H. M. Howorth, a barber, of having slapped him in the face and shoved him rudely. Howorth is one of a crowd that surrounded a man who was recently injured in a street-car accident. The barber stated that he was on his way home, and was attracted by the crowd. Just as he arrived, he says, Peterson plucked through the crowd and ordered everybody back. He said that Peterson was an amiable person, and so far that he asked the policeman "if he wanted him to get off the earth." Howorth said that when he asked Peterson this question he slapped him in the face. While Peterson was telling his side of the story, Mayor Lane wanted to know if (Peterson) was an amiable person. The word amiable wasn't in the police manual, so the policeman could not answer. Then the Mayor called for a vocal demonstration. He wanted to hear how Peterson's voice sounded when he ordered Howorth and the crowd back. Peterson stated that he used the same tone of voice in speaking to Howorth as he did to the crowd. He stated that Peterson intimated that there were few gentlemen on his beat, and that when Howorth refused to get back, that he thought he "had a couple of jolts of whiskey." Several witnesses were heard. When Peterson attempted to cross-examine Howorth an incipient squabble started, but Mayor Lane shut them off. Peterson's case was under advisement for a time, and finally he was ordered reprimanded.

#### Love Affair in This.

The third case produced a love affair. E. Simpson, who lives on Second street, between Columbia and Clay streets, was the complainant against Policeman W. H. Rogers. Simpson brought the charges, whatever they were, against Rogers because he is a citizen tried and true. Policeman Rogers' conduct was the result of his love for Mrs. Belle Daughton. While the policeman did not admit under oath that he was engaged to Mrs. Daughton, he stated that it amounted to the same thing, for he had an understanding with her. It seems that J. L. Wigle, a real estate dealer, old enough to know better, was actually engaged to her. Wigle is a real estate dealer and it seems that he has some business dealings with Mrs. Daughton. On the day of the trouble, Wigle had called upon Mrs. Daughton for a settlement on her real estate. Mrs. Daughton, it seems, had two strings to her bow, and when Wigle became effusive, she hunted up her policeman sweetheart, and called him into action.

#### Witness and Accused in Altercation.

Simpson stated that he heard Rogers threaten to sweep up the sidewalk with Wigle, and saw him take a picture out of a pocket. Wigle said that he was engaged to Mrs. Daughton, and that she had two strings to her bow, and when Wigle became effusive, she hunted up her policeman sweetheart, and called him into action. Simpson stated that he heard Rogers threaten to sweep up the sidewalk with Wigle, and saw him take a picture out of a pocket. Wigle said that he was engaged to Mrs. Daughton, and that she had two strings to her bow, and when Wigle became effusive, she hunted up her policeman sweetheart, and called him into action.

#### Rogers Is Discharged.

Rogers confessed that he had been in love with Mrs. Daughton, but admitted that since he discovered that she had been engaged to Wigle also, that he had "kissed her and the woman in the case disappeared last Monday, so she was not present. Evidently, the committee did not like the looks of the case, and it discharged Rogers from the police force. Before his discharge, Rogers was charged with assault on Mayor Lane, because the policeman reprimanded Simpson "butting in," delivered himself of a lecture, in which he informed his associates with certain elements in the North End, and was recommended for a reprimand.

#### Action Taken in Other Cases.

Action was also taken in the cases of Night Patrol Driver J. H. Price and Patrolmen L. K. Evans and C. B. Jodon, who were tried by the commissioners yesterday morning. The findings of the board were that Price should be adjudged technically guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer in connection with taking a suicide to the Good Samaritan Hospital, and was reprimanded accordingly. It was the judgment of the commissioners that Price was a good officer, outside of a prank which he delivered in connection with the case of the woman in the North End, and was recommended for a reprimand.

#### Police Officer C. B. Jodon was found guilty of "frisking the growler" for two women on his East Side beat.

#### UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

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# GOING TO BUFFALO

## Foresters Will Represent Oregon at Session of the Supreme Court.

### KAFKA AND SNYDER NAMED

#### Topics Which Will Come Up for Discussion and Proposed Changes in the Ritual Are to Be Considered.

S. Kafka, past grand chief ranger of the Grand Court of Oregon, and W. E. Snyder, past chief ranger and financial secretary of Court Mount Hood, No. 1, of Portland, who were elected supreme representatives at the recent session of the Grand Court of Oregon, Foresters of



W. E. Snyder, Past Chief Ranger.

America, will leave for the East next Tuesday, to attend the ninth session of the Supreme Court of the Foresters of America, which will meet in the city of Buffalo, Tuesday, August 22 to 26.

Much interest is being manifested by the members of the fraternity of Oregon in the forthcoming session of the Supreme Court. Among subjects to be considered are: A more strict medical examination for admission into the order; compulsory voting for or against the admission of candidates into the order; to furnish dismissal cards to precluded members for the sum of \$1 instead of \$5; the grand chief ranger to appoint Grand Court arbitrator committees contiguous to the locality in which the charges or appeal originated; to do away with transfer cards; nomination of officers of a subordinate



S. Kafka, Past Grand Chief Ranger.

court to be made at the regular meeting night previous to the election; to provide a three-degree ritual. The following programme for the entertainment of the supreme representatives was prepared by the local courts of Buffalo: Monday, August 21, excursion to Niagara Falls; Tuesday evening, parade of Foresters and Knights of Sherwood Forest; Wednesday evening, vaudeville entertainment and union meeting at convention hall; Thursday evening, banquet. There will be 25 supreme representatives and officers in attendance, representing a membership of more than 250,000.

# ENDS HIS LIFE BY POISON

## FRANK ROSS SWALLOWS DEADLY DRAUGHT.

### He Thinks Chambermaid to Call a Priest as He Is Dying.

"Get me a priest. I've swallowed poison!" With the foregoing exclamation, Frank Ross rushed from his room in a hotel at 171 North Sixth street at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, addressing a chambermaid whom he met in a hallway. Before he reached his apartments, returning, he fell to the floor and expired. Mrs. B. Ehrlich, the chambermaid to whom the dying man called to summon a priest, telephoned for Father McDevitt, who hurried to the scene, but arrived too late to administer the rites of the church. The police and Coroner Finley were notified. Captain Quinlan dispatched an ambulance in charge of Policemen Lillis and Seymour, but they returned to headquarters immediately. Coroner Finley took charge of the suicide's body. Coroner Finley investigated the case, learning that the suicide had not been here long. During his short sojourn he had consorted with women of evil repute. It is said, and had spent considerable money in dissipation in various resorts. It is presumed that he had expended what funds he possessed in that manner, had grown despondent and decided to take his own life. Ross swallowed carbolic acid to accomplish his purpose, and in a letter left by him in his room stated that he had meditated upon the act and had de-

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Wielder Will Fight Action Removing Him. Records of Commission. Ex-Mayor Williams Has Been Retained as Counsel, and Says Civil Service Commission Exceeded Its Powers.

# PERSONAL MENTION.

Leo Shapirer has returned from a four-weeks' vacation at Troutdale. William Basil White, an attorney of San Francisco, is the guest of John T. McDonnell. Mr. White is in Portland on business and will remain several weeks. John C. Lynch, United States Collector of Internal Revenue for the District of California, passed through Portland yesterday on his way to Sitka. Mr. Lynch has been mixed up in San Francisco politics so long that he should know what he is talking about when he declares Mayor Schmitz will serve a third term. Mr. Lynch does not see anything ominous in the defeat of Abe Ruef in the primaries.

# CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—(Special.)—Oregonians registered today as follows: Auditorium—S. Abbott, C. Wood, Portland. Sherman—W. B. Stevens, Salem. Morrison—E. W. Crowell, S. H. Caminsky, Oregon. Kaiserhof—E. C. Curtis, Portland. Grace—A. S. Roberts, Salem. Of Great Northern—J. M. Fleming, H. J. Rust, Oregon. Windsor—Clifton—Mrs. L. Blakewell, Portland. Palmer House—J. D. O'Leary.

# OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

Washington, Aug. 12.—Contract Surgeon Harper published will proceed to Fort Worden, Wash., for duty.

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A Card. My mother, sisters and myself wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to all who were so kind at the death of our dear ones, Fred and Madeline Steffensen, drowned in a boat collision in the Willamette River, August 6. Mrs. Andrew Buckley, nee Margaret Thompson. (Formerly of Meier & Frank Co.'s store.)

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# RECORD OF APPOINTMENT

Ex-Mayor Williams has been retained as attorney for M. W. Wielder, secretary for the Fire Department, suspended by the Civil Service Commission, and was at the office of the Civil Service Commission for some time yesterday afternoon preparing his case for whatever action is necessary when the next move is made, which will probably take place in case Mr. Wielder's salary is held-up by the body. In discussing the situation yesterday ex-Mayor Williams said the matter of Wielder's appointment had been decided under section 215 of the charter, which provides that "No person shall be appointed or employed under any title not appropriate to the duties to be performed, and no person shall, without examination, be transferred or assigned to perform the duties or any position in the classified civil service unless he shall have been appointed to the position from which such transfer is made as the result of an open competitive examination, equivalent to that required for the position to which the transfer is made, or unless he shall have served with fidelity for at least six years in a like position in the service of the city."

# SAYS COMMISSION ERRED.

"I do not think," said ex-Mayor Williams, "that the Civil Service Commission had any power to remove him—in fact, I am sure it has no such right, as its appointment has been confirmed by subsequent commissions, and if such a condition prevailed it would result in all sorts of complications, because it could go over all the papers in every examination that has taken place before the commission, and find enough fault to throw every person employed under the civil service rules out of a job. No court will uphold any such doctrine as that two minutes, and I am surprised that any member of the com-

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