

TREATEN LAWYER WITH DISBARMENT

Anti-Saloon League May Prosecute J. R. Wyatt, Albany Attorney.

TAMPERS WITH WITNESS?

Reformers Say He Gave W. L. Pason, Private Detective, Money to Leave the State to Prevent Him From Testifying.

As a sequel to the recent local option trials at Albany, J. R. Wyatt, a prominent lawyer of that city, is threatened with disbarment proceedings that may be instituted by the Anti-Saloon League and the Hartman Detective Agency. It is alleged that Wyatt furnished William L. Pason, a detective in the employ of the Anti-Saloon League, money with which to leave the state so that he might not appear as a witness for the prosecution in several of the cases in which Wyatt was attorney for the defendants. Wyatt declares that he will cause the arrest of Pason, either for malicious slander or for perjury, if he is alleged to have tampered with the witness.

Pason, who is connected with the Hartman Detective Agency, charges that on Tuesday, February 25, at Albany, Wyatt paid him \$50 as an installment on an agreed consideration of \$500, with the understanding that he (Pason) should leave the state before he could be served with the subpoena that would require him to appear as chief witness for the state against Wyatt's clients for alleged violations of the local option law. Pason further charges that Wyatt provided him with a buggy in which he was driven from Albany to Jefferson, where he boarded the Southern Pacific train for Portland, leaving the following day for Spokane.

Pason has alleged that the scheme to buy him off was first proposed to him at Albany by someone in a conversation over the telephone. The offer of \$500 included a job as detective in the employ of the Northern Pacific at Spokane. Later, he says, he met Wyatt at the latter's room in the St. Charles Hotel at Albany, when Wyatt repeated his proposal of bribery. But the deal was not concluded at that meeting, declares Pason, who says he afterwards consulted with Hartman and it was decided to accept the offer and secure evidence on which the bribers might be convicted. Accordingly, another meeting was afterwards arranged, but again, it is admitted, Wyatt did not produce the first payment of \$50, which, it is alleged, was not paid over until two days later, just before Pason left Albany.

Wyatt Denies Charges.

"These charges brought by Pason are entirely false," said Mr. Wyatt at Albany in a letter last night. "I never Pason nor any other person connected with the prosecution of the alleged violations of the local option law in Linn County ever received any consideration either from me or from any of my defendants. The facts are that Pason came to me on two different occasions before the trial of these cases and told me that he was getting tired of his work with the Anti-Saloon League and would like to get something else to do. Coming to Albany just before the trials were begun at the present term of the State Circuit Court, Pason asked me, when, clerk in one of the Albany districts, and said he was very desirous of having an interview with me.

A few days later he came to my room—he falsified when he says he talked with me at the St. Charles Hotel—when he again told me he had tired of working for the local option people and had received employment with the Northern Pacific Railroad at downtown Spokane. He said that he was afraid he would lose the job if he remained in Albany until after he had testified in the different cases that were awaiting trial. He then wanted to know what the law in this state was as to witnesses, that was to say, if he should leave the state and go to Spokane, could he be required to re-appear in Oregon and be subject to punishment, I told him that I did not know that he could be extradited and made to return to this state under those circumstances.

Told to See "the Boys."

"What will the boys do?" he asked. I inferred from this that he referred to the men charged with breaking the local option law and I told him he had better see them.

"Those were the only conversations I have had with the man and I did not hear from him again until he had reached Spokane, when he sent me a letter by special delivery. In that letter he requested me to send him a general letter of recommendation, explaining that the people 'down there' were after him and he needed the credentials to square himself with the railroad people. I did not answer the letter; neither did I make any answer to the telegram he afterwards sent me. In the telegram he asked me to telegraph him some money, giving identification. I immediately went to Fred Dawson and Otto Lee, both of whom emphatically declared that they had made no arrangement of any kind with Pason by which he was to receive money or anything else; that they had decided to stand trial on the charges with the evidence the prosecution had collected through Pason's efforts.

"As a result Pason afterwards returned to Portland and last week testified as chief witness for the prosecution in the case against Fred Dawson, one of the defendants, who was acquitted of the charge by the jury in 15 minutes. During the trial it was proved by the defense that Pason is an ex-convict, having served a sentence in the Wisconsin state penitentiary under the name of L. W. Mason, for the theft of a motor cycle. Pason's identity was established by photographs we had secured from the Wisconsin penitentiary and he was further connected with that institution by a certified record of his imprisonment at the court at Racine by which he was sentenced to two years in prison for the crime.

Pason was largely discredited as a witness by this unexpected sensation.

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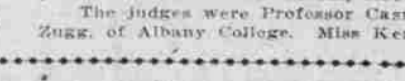
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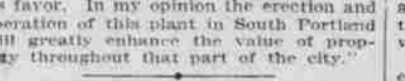
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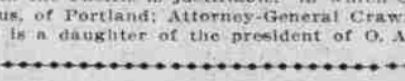
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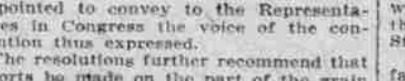
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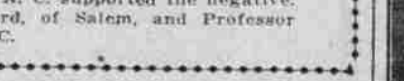
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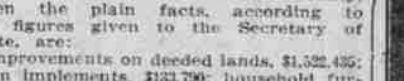
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