

JUDGE MILO ROTO DEMANDS TRUTH

Member of Washington Supreme Bench Courts Investigation.

DENIES BRIBERY CHARGE

State Bar Association Requested to Thresh Out Story Involving Gordon's Losses With Name of Supreme Court Judge.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 7.—(Special.)—A searching investigation of rumors involving Justice Milo A. Roto, of the State Supreme Court, has been demanded by Roto. The Supreme Court Association, which has been organized to conduct the investigation, and President J. B. Bridges, of the Association, has appointed John H. Powell, of Spokane, chairman, Harold Preston, of Seattle, Judge T. L. Stiles, of Tacoma, R. G. Hudson, of Tacoma, and H. M. Stephens as such committee, who are expected to begin the investigation at once.

During the primary campaign Joseph Robinson, of this city, made charges of improper conduct against Judge Roto, who was a candidate for re-election and who won the nomination and has just been elected. At that time Judge Roto discussed those charges with his associates on the bench, and on his positive denial of their truth, coupled with the fact that the court had previously disbarred Robinson for making improper charges against the bench, no investigation was thought necessary.

Story of Bribery Revived.

Since the recent publication of the shortage in the accounts of Judge Gordon, ex-attorney for the Great Northern at Spokane, reports have been circulated about the state to the effect that Gordon's friends or attorneys have been asserting that large sums of Gordon's alleged shortage were paid to Judge Roto for the purpose of influencing the State Supreme Court.

These rumors were promptly characterized as false by Roto, but as they kept growing and becoming more general, he laid the matter before his associates. Chief Justice Hiram E. Hadley then addressed the following letter to T. B. Bridges, President of the Washington State Bar Association, Aberdeen, Wash.: Honorable Milo A. Roto, one of the associate judges of the Supreme Court of the State of Washington, has, of his own motion, today made certain statements to all the judges of said court, while in an assembled capacity, in the effect that his integrity as a man and as a judge has been and is being assailed by certain persons who charge him with having corruptly solicited and accepted money to influence his decisions in cases which have been before this court.

Judge Roto Begs Investigation.

"The charges, attributing to him, as they do, conduct of a highly criminal nature, are such as will seriously impair his usefulness as a judge, unless it shall be ascertained that they are false. Judge Roto emphatically denies their truthfulness and asserts that they are unqualifiedly false. He requests his associates to take such steps as they deem proper in the premises to the end that the truth may be known.

"It is the desire of all of Judge Roto's associates in this court that there shall be no delay in endeavoring to discover the truth with reference to these charges. If Judge Roto is guilty of so grave a crime he should be promptly brought to punishment, and if he is not guilty he should be speedily exonerated and his traducers as speedily silenced. By way of initiating an investigation into this matter it is the request of this court that you as president of the Washington State Bar Association shall appoint an appropriate committee composed of members of that association, who may institute such preliminary investigation as shall ultimately lead to a conclusive determination as to whether the charges are true or false.

Bar Association Takes Up Case.

"We request that such committee, as members of the bar of this court and for the credit of the bench and bar of the state, may consent to act in the premises, and we desire that their action shall be wholly impartial and as severe as the necessities of the truth may require. We suggest that the committee shall recommend such criminal prosecutions and disbarment proceedings as in their judgment the facts which they may discover shall demand. In behalf of and with the concurrence of the entire court I have addressed this communication to you, and I have the honor to be, yours very truly, HIRAM E. HADLEY, Chief Justice."

Begins Inquiry at Once.

President Bridges here today, after consulting with Judge Hadley, announced the membership of the committee as given. He will at once communicate with the members of the committee, urging a meeting at the earliest time and at a place most convenient to the members. The members of the Supreme Court are much aroused and will demand the investigation be searching and complete. The bar committee cannot do more than investigate and then report its findings to prosecuting officers or the courts for final action.

Judge Gordon, formerly of the State Supreme Court, was charged recently of being short \$50,000 in his accounts with the Northern Pacific, for which company he served as counsel for many years. Although Gordon denied the story, which public officials asserted it was true, but said no prosecution would follow, as Gordon had turned over much property in order to make good the amount due the company.

ERICKSONS PLEAD TUESDAY

Father and Son Accused of Selling Liquor at Clackamas Tavern.

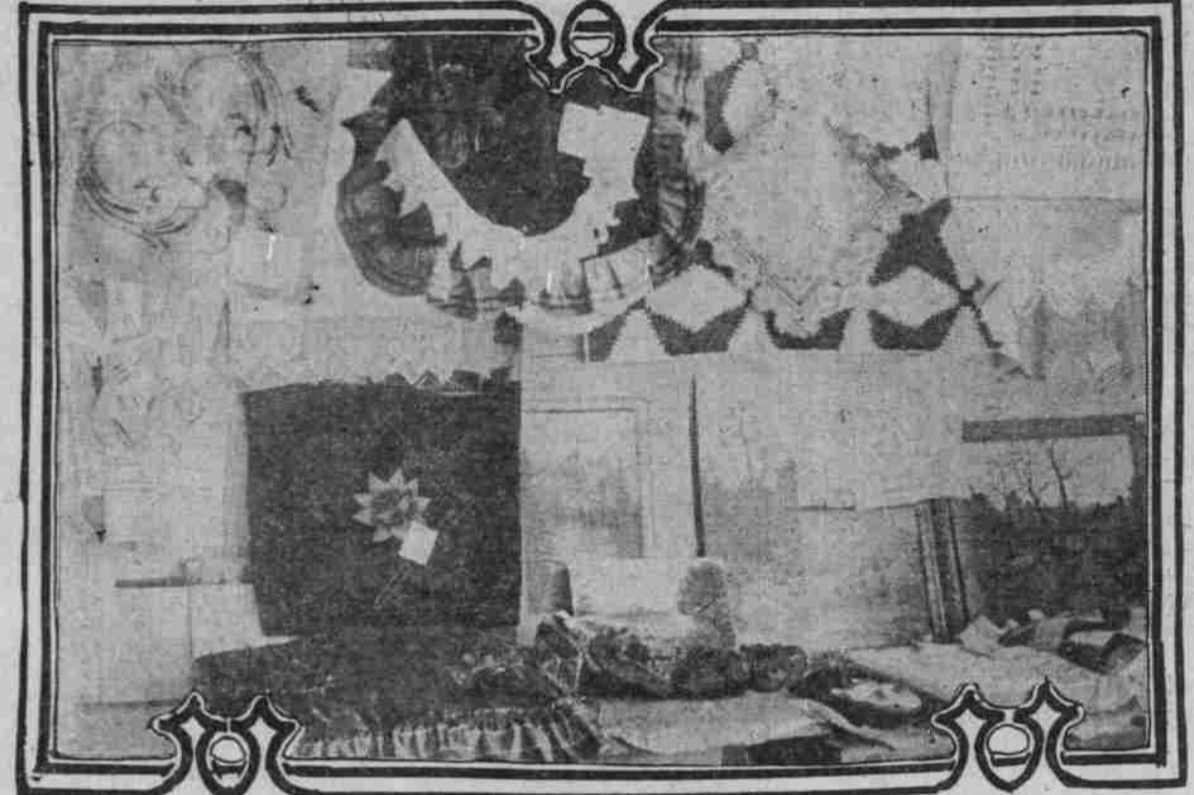
OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 7.—(Special.)—The grand jury, which has been in session since last Wednesday, this afternoon returns indictments against John Wallace, charged with burglary; John M. Rottenstein, on two charges of forgery; Math Janciga, who will be tried next week on a charge of murder, and August Erickson and his son Arthur Erickson, who are accused of selling liquor at Clackamas Tavern without a license.

Rottenstein pleaded guilty to one count and was given a minimum sentence of two years in the penitentiary. Wallace, who is an old offender, and who was charged with stealing a watch

VIEWS OF EXHIBITS AT RECENT GRANGE FAIR AT SPRINGFIELD, OREGON



SECTION OF THE FRUIT AND APPLE EXHIBIT AT THE GRANGE INSTITUTE AND FAIR. J. W. BAILEY SAID OF THE APPLES: "SOME VARIETIES ARE THE FINEST I HAVE EVER SEEN ANY PLACE."



DEPARTMENT OF ART AND HANDICRAFTS AT THE GRANGE INSTITUTE AND FAIR HELD AT SPRINGFIELD.



MATCHES MANUFACTURED AT SPRINGFIELD AND EXHIBITED AT THE INSTITUTE AND FAIR HELD BY THE GRANGERS AT SPRINGFIELD FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

from a Clackamas Station farmer, entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve three years. Both men were taken to Salem tonight by Sheriff Beatie.

The Ericksons were arraigned this afternoon and given until Tuesday to plead. Janciga will plead next Monday. He has no hope of escaping the gallows for the murder of 14-year-old Mary Smeekar last summer.

HUNTING FOR LOST FARMER
Whole Molalla Country Searching for Louis Warner.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 7.—(Special.)—Louis Warner, a farmer who for the last two years has been living about 12 miles from Molalla, Corvallis, is missing, and nearly every man in that section of the country is in search of him.

Warner went out yesterday morning to salt his cattle, about four miles from his home, and he failed to return. The hoof prints of his horses were tracked a portion of the distance, when they were lost. The country is very wild, and it is feared that Warner met with an accident. He has been living with his granddaughter.

He has a son that was formerly a member of the Portland police force, and who spent a year at Molalla, but returned to Portland last Spring.

WEDS MAN HUSBAND SUED
Divorcee Now Wife of Defendant in \$50,000 Suit.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 7.—(Special.)—Charlotte Milham, formerly Mrs. John Gans, of this city, and J. C. Donnelly, of the Donnelly Hotel and one of the wealthiest men in Tacoma, were married in New York last week and are now on their way to Europe. Mrs. Gans was the plaintiff in a sensational divorce suit last April. Donnelly was also prominent throughout the case by reason of the fact that Gans sued him for \$50,000 for alienating his wife's affections.

LANE SHOWS FINE FRUIT
SPLENDID EXHIBIT AT FAIR AT SPRINGFIELD.

Food Commissioner Bailey Praises Baldwin and Northern Spies as Best He Has Ever Seen.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 7.—(Special.)—The Farmers' Institute and Fair, held at Springfield, Friday and Saturday of last week under the auspices of the Springfield Grange, was probably the best farmers' meeting ever held in this part of Oregon. Some of the most eminent speakers in the state took part in the programme, and the exhibits of farm products and handicraft proved a source of information to many who felt they knew little of the possibilities of the farms of this section.

The principal speakers on Friday were: President Campbell of the University of Oregon, and J. W. Bailey, State Food and Dairy Commissioner. In the evening Professor Joseph Schaffer, of the University of Oregon, spoke on Oregon history.

Saturday afternoon's programme opened with the baby show in which there were 22 entries. The daughter of Mrs. D. W. Root, of Springfield, received the blue ribbon. The speakers for the afternoon were: Professor Lewis, of the Oregon Agricultural College, State School Superintendent J. B. Ackerman and J. W. Bailey. In the evening Professor H. C. Howe, of the University of Oregon, gave an illustrated lecture on the "Art of Millet."

The exhibit of art and handicraft work showed many articles of merit, among them being paintings, photographs, furniture, quilts, needlework of many kinds and curios and relics. Among the latter were many articles brought across the plains by Oregon pioneers, or by forefathers from their native lands, and a number of relics of the Civil War and Spanish Wars.

The most remarkable feature of the Fair was the exhibit of apples, which

was quite the best ever made in this county. The exhibit was in charge of Secretary Holt of the Lane County Fruit and Vegetable Association, and County Fruit Inspector Beebe. Special exhibits were shown from the orchards of Colonel C. J. Dodd, Inspector Beebe, Henry Wiley and W. G. MacCallum. Of the apple exhibit State Food and Dairy Commissioner Bailey said:

"This was a remarkable exhibit in many respects. I have seen the best apple shows from Hood River and Southern Oregon and I have seen what was pronounced the best exhibits of apples in the Eastern states, and I am sure I have never seen anywhere or at any time as fine Baldwins, or Northern Spies as were on exhibit here today. And I never have seen better Spitzenbergs than these, and I don't believe they grow anywhere." After the show was over the finest boxes of apples were sold at \$1 a box.

RODGERS IS RENOMINATED
Mayor of Salem Requested by People to Retain Office.

SALM, Or., Nov. 7.—(Special.)—The city renomination today resulted in the renomination of George F. Rodgers for Mayor, though his name was not printed on the ballot. W. A. Moore, for City Recorder, W. D. Gibson for Chief of Police and Frank Meredith for Treasurer were also renominated.

For Councilmen the following were nominated: First ward, Fred Waters; Second ward, A. S. Gilbert; Third ward, Gideon Stoltz; Fourth ward, E. J. Sauter; Fifth ward, W. W. Hill; Sixth ward, L. Greenbaum; Seventh ward, H. S. Hatchell.

Hard Fight to Secure License.
OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 7.—(Special.)—Failing to produce the necessary bond, the petition of Williams & Williams for a license to establish a saloon and retail liquor store at Macksburg has been continued until the December term of the County Court. It is stated by one of the brothers that they expect to abandon their attempt to obtain a license, but this assertion will not stop the opponents of the movement from presenting a remonstrance when court meets in December.

OPPORTUNITIES

For the Trusty and Energetic Young Men.
A Showing From One Place of Business.



Harold Newcomb. This young gentleman is a full-fledged lens grinder, and has worked up to his present position from an errand boy. He is a young man of ability and energy—for such there are plenty of openings—not yet 20 years of age. He can grind and edge the most difficult and complicated lens, and has entire supervision of the lens-grinding department of Staples the Jeweler.



Ellis Ewing. An Oregon-born boy, a fine and finished watchmaker, began as an apprentice in Staples the Jeweler's clock repair shop, and has kept climbing up until he is one of Staples' trusted watchmakers, capable of drawing good salary, has a family and his own home. A good workman and a splendid citizen. He began at the bottom.



Carl Greve. Nearly every one entering the store of Staples the Jeweler thinks this young man is Mr. Staples' son. Many call him Staples. He is in full charge of the store from opening to shutting here. If you come in contact with him you will at once realize his worth, integrity and ability. Born at La Center, Washington, came to Portland 8 years ago, worked his way through high school and finally landed with Staples the Jeweler. Married and owns his own home. Do you wonder that Staples the Jeweler succeeds with such a bunch of young men, and these are only 3 out of 12 of his workmen. Now, young man, get in with some good, reliable, live house that does business on the square, that treats its men and the general public right. Get in, we say, if you have to start at the bottom—regardless of pay. You will surely get what you are worth in a short time.



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