

TOM KELLY HOLDS SWAY IN ABERDEEN

Imported "Cop" Wields Mysterious Influence Over City Council.

"FIRED," HE STILL SMILES

Solons at Secret Meeting Support Mayor and Chief, but Only After Much Pressure Is Brought to Bear.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—What is the mysterious power which Thomas W. Kelly, until recently a member of the Aberdeen police force, holds as a club over the members of the City Council? What secret knowledge, if any, does he possess as to become so potent that he has often declared practically in public: "They dare not fire me?" Almost immediately after coming here from the Tacoma police department and donning a blue uniform in this city, Kelly seemed to become a factor in local politics, and after a series of two or three semi-urgencies which have transferred with the inauguration of new chiefs of police, the "show-down" has come and plunged this city into one of the most interesting controversies of its existence.

Council meetings which the City Attorney declares to be illegal have been held despite his ruling, and action has been taken equally illegal, from the public prosecutor's point of view.

Chief Silent and Dignified.

Chief of Police George Dean maintains a dignified silence. When the Council, without authority, it is declared, demanded to know why Dean had dismissed Kelly, the chief replied with several reasons, such as inefficiency and insubordination, which should have been satisfactory.

"Kelly goes or I resign," said Dean; and the Council, thus brought to face a concrete proposition, hastily called a secret session last Sunday morning. This session was also hastened by Kelly's declaration that he had charges to file against Gilbert Dean, night sergeant and brother of the Chief.

The now famous secret meeting was held. Details are not complete, but while it is known that the charges against Kelly were to a great degree substantiated, those against Gilbert Dean were proved groundless by the witnesses whom Kelly himself called.

In the face of this, the Councilmen present at the meeting demanded that the resignation of Gilbert Dean be turned in. Why? "For the good of the city," said the department," reads the Councilmanic resolution.

Having no power of appointment or removal of police officers, no jurisdiction in the department, and being held guilty of its conduct, by what right does the Council assume to grant a dismissed policeman a hearing in the first place? The decision is regarded by the majority of citizens as simply an ultimatum to Chief Dean to let his brother be dismissed from the service or return Kelly to the force.

Public Calls It Childish.

Chief Dean, however, backed by his own convictions and public sentiment, declared that while he was at the head of things the department would be run as it should be, and that his brother, if necessary, should be sacrificed.

This ultimatum made it rather unpleasant for the Councilmen, and public feeling, growing more demonstrative as the childishness of the entire proceedings became known, caused several of the City Councilmen not present at the meeting to make derogatory statements, which brought on a controversy among the Councilmen themselves.

Wednesday night, urged perhaps by meditation as to what to come, the directors of Aberdeen's welfare, at their regular Council meeting, passed unanimously a resolution vesting in the Chief of Police and the Mayor absolute control of all matters in police-dom.

Kelly is "fired" to stay, apparently, and Gilbert Dean also is out. That much seems settled, but Kelly still remains a human interrogation point. That his "pull" is other than purely political is believed certain. Kelly wears a self-satisfied smile, and it is asserted, apparently, has made no move to obtain employment. Nervous looks still rest upon the faces of some of the Councilmen. Is this connected with fear of public censure, or with Kelly's smile? What is it that Kelly possesses to retain his power? At present there appears no answer.

NEWPORT ON EUREKA RUN

Portland to Have Direct Freight Service to Coos Bay.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The old steamer Newport, which has been laid up at Eureka, has been brought here by the North Pacific Steamship Company and will leave tomorrow for Portland, where she will be given an overhauling before being put on as a freight boat between Portland and Eureka.

She will stop each way at Coos Bay and the Coquille River, thus giving that port the first direct freight connection with Portland.

The North Pacific Company is negotiating with the Coquille River Transportation Company for the purchase of the latter's four river steamers, the Coquille, Favorite, Dispatch and Venus. A representative is now making the negotiations and if the deal is not consummated the company will put a big passenger boat of its own in service on the river.

COOS BAY STORMSWEEP

Worst Weather Ever Known Encountered by Vessels.

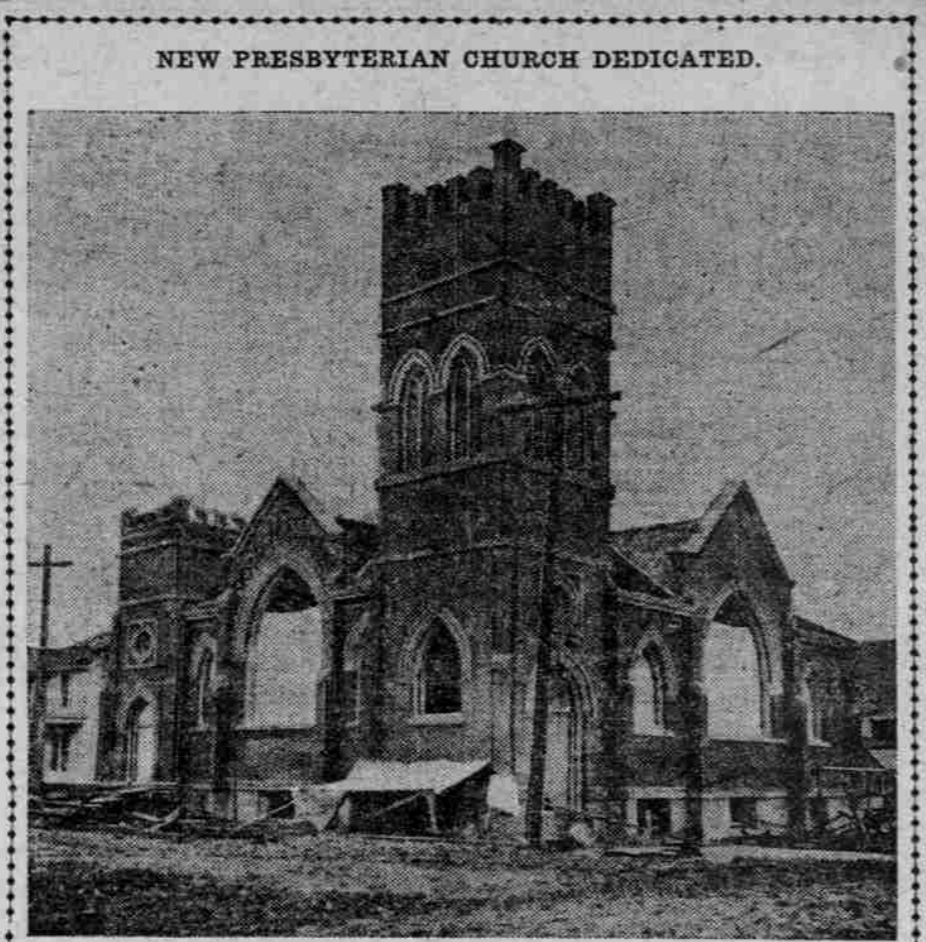
MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The storm along the Southern Oregon coast during the past week has been the most severe ever known here and still continues.

A number of boats were detained here and the steamer Elizabeth, which was the Coquille River today after being bar-bound outside for several days.

Boats coming in here report the worst weather outside they have encountered in this locality.

Foot of Snow Falls in Harney.

BURNS, Or., Dec. 17.—The first big snow of the season began falling here last night, and Harney Valley is covered by 12 inches of snow, while there is about five feet in the Blue Moun-



NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DEDICATED.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The new Presbyterian Church, dedicated on Sunday, December 12, is one of the finest structures in Southern Oregon, and cost \$15,000. The dedicatory services, beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning, were under the management of Rev. J. E. Burkhardt, assisted by Rev. Henry Harroette and Rev. Dr. J. A. Townsend, of Portland, and Rev. W. A. Smiek, of this city. The music in the evening by the Schubert Ladies' Quartet was one of the features of the service out of the ordinary. The church building, which is now almost completed, will be one of the best south of Eugene in the state. It is built entirely of red-faced brick in Gothic design. The windows are all fine art glass, and the finishing of the interior is of selected fir panels, stained and highly polished. The main auditorium has a seating capacity of 270, the parably room for the Sunday School will seat 150, the six classrooms under the gallery will seat 150 to 175, and the gallery will seat 150, which, if all thrown into one large room by opening the accordion doors, will give a seating capacity of from 750 to 800.

HANDSOME HOUSE OF WORSHIP WILL COST \$15,000.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—The stockmen will not suffer much loss from a cold winter unless the snow lies on till late in the Spring. A deep snow will insure good crops here next season, and will be the means of filling Malheur and Harney Lakes with water, which has not been the case for two years, resulting in Malheur Lake going dry near Narrows.

EIGHTH HIS SHARE

Cunningham Tried to Make Bargain, Neill Says.

TEACHERS' PAY INCREASED

Grants Pass Pedagogues Heard by Board—New School Planned.

GRANTS PASS, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Twenty-six teachers employed in the city schools petitioned the School Board for an increase in salary. In the petition was a comparison of the salaries paid by all the schools of the Northwest, showing that the teachers here were not paid in proportion to other cities. The Board ordered the prayer of the petition to be granted.

Taxable property in the district amounts to \$2,500,000. Upon this amount the taxpayers have voted a tax of 5 1/2 mills to meet the teachers' demand, and also to purchase a High School building site. The Board intends to erect a modern High School building next summer.

STAYTON AGAIN HAS WATER

City System Working for First Time Since Big Flood.

STAYTON, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—For the first time since the flood of nearly three weeks ago, Stayton is today enjoying a return of city water in its main. The High School building site here was upriver mud and silt in the recent rise of the Santiam.

All damage has not been repaired, however, and people here expect to have the water shut off at intervals for two or three weeks to come. One cause for this is the fact that the Santiam River has again shifted its channel, the Linn County side, leaving the lesser channel near Stayton practically dry.

LODGE CROWD FILLS TOWN

At Willamina Class of 129 Is Initiated Amid Festivities.

WILLAMINA, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Last night one of the biggest crowds in the history of this place gathered for a Woodmen of the World initiation. More than 500 visitors saw a class of 129 enter the lodge and people came from many surrounding towns. The delegation from Sheridan brought the Sheridan Brass Band along with it.

The opera-house was the scene of the festivities and degree teams from McMinnville and Sheridan did the work. F. B. Tichenor, general organizer, and F. M. Simpson, special organizer, came from Portland. Both hotels of Willamina were pressed into service to provide banquets for the visitors after the ceremonies.

WOMAN THIEF SENTENCED

Judge Coke Suspends Sentence During Good Behavior.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. J. H. Ellery, who was charged with robbing the residence of Thomas Barry, in Empire City, pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court today.

Judge Coke sentenced her to four years in the penitentiary, but because of the circumstances paroled the woman during good behavior.

Broke Game Laws, Is Charged.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Found with wild duck in their possession out of season, contrary to law, was the charge filed today against John Padden and Joseph McGoldrick by Deputy Game Warden Walters.

Two Hurt in Mill Accident.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—A cylinder at the C. A. Smith mill exploded today and two men, Cody and Summer, were badly scalded. The accident followed the repair of the engines which broke down yesterday.

Medford Pastor Accepts Call.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Rev. C. L. Hall, of Medford, has accepted a call as pastor of the Marshfield Baptist Church and will assume the duties the first of the year.

New Road to Build to Lyle.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—

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PROBING ENDS QUICKLY

MAYOR DIRECTS HEARING OF CHARGES AGAINST HIMSELF.

Accused of Favoring Certain Saloon by Defeated Candidate—Council Investigation Called For.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—Farouk in the extreme was an investigation conducted last night by Mayor Carl and the City Council after charges had been made by O. W. Eastham, late candidate for Mayor, that the saloon of Cole & Reckner had violated the Sunday-closing law. Mr. Eastham intimated the administration had been showing favors upon this record, and after the election was over Mayor Carl cited Eastham to appear before the Council and prove his charges. Last night's meeting, however, is taken to indicate that the Mayor-ally candidate will not be permitted to make good.

The Council chamber was packed to its doors with interested spectators, and Mayor Carl directed the hearing. The matter was placed in the hands of the Mayor and City Recorder Dimick by a vote of 5 to 4, those favoring placing the whole matter over to the District Attorney. State Senator Hedges appeared as counsel for Mr. Eastham, and created a sensation by exclaiming: "If you will allow this investigation to proceed, I am prepared to show the Mayor himself is guilty of patronizing this place illegally." Chief of Police Burns cautioned Mr. Hedges, and the latter angrily left the hall. John Douthitt testified he had seen

300-ACRE ORCHARD SOLD

Property Near Ashland Brings \$60,000 for Subdivision.

ASHLAND, Or., Dec. 11.—(Special.)—A 300-acre apple orchard, 40 of it in bearing, the remainder set to fruit trees within the past year or two, three miles from Ashland, known as the E. Patterson orchards, has been sold for \$60,000, the purchasers being D. W. Meier, of Toledo, Or., and A. D. Graham, of Detroit, Mich. They will subdivide most of it into small holdings and sell to homesteaders.

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