

ANOTHER GRAFTER TELLS HIS STORY

Stewart Said to Hold Key to Pittsburg Conspiracy of Corruption.

BANKERS MAY BE INDICTED

Prosecutor Interviews Stewart and Hopes to Learn Who Paid Him \$45,000—Some Banks Comply With Demand for Truth.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 26.—Another of the grafters, one charged with being a ringleader, is believed to have weakened today and told his story of graft conspiracy to the District Attorney. This step and the unusual activity of county detectives, serving to incite to conviction that any sudden departure from town would be hazardous, were the only developments of the day in the graft cases.

Charles Stewart, with his attorney, ex-Governor W. A. Stone, called on District Attorney Blakeley today. Three hours later when they emerged from his office Mr. Blakeley would give out no definite statement.

The District Attorney, however, has repeatedly announced that Stewart held the key to some of the "big ones" implicated in the graft conspiracy. It is Stewart has made a clean breast of it, indictments against certain bankers are assured, it is thought.

Name of Chief Briber Known.

The grand jury yesterday in its presentment said Stewart was the man who was paid \$45,000 in the Hotel Imperial, New York. The name of the man who paid it is known and Stewart's evidence would be in the line of corroboration.

Intarsal today centered about meetings of the directors of banks named by the grand jury yesterday. The subject of a reply to the District Attorney's demands was taken up at the Columbia National Bank of the Kierman National of Pittsburg, while the Farmers National Deposit Bank announced that it would readily comply. The Second National directorate prepared a statement, signed and certified as ordered, and forwarded it to Harrison Nesbit, foreman of the grand jury. The German National Bank of Albany had no statement to make, while the Workingman's Savings & Trust Company held no meeting.

How Graft Was Distributed.

The following table compiled from the grand jury's latest reports on the status of graft, shows where the \$102,500 received from the banks was distributed:

Brand, \$15,000; Klein, \$14,500; Ferguson, \$12,500; Stewart, \$12,150; Wasson, \$11,150; Kline, \$10,000; H. M. Bolger, \$500; select councilmen, \$12,000; common councilmen, \$9,100; families of William Martin, \$2,000; city clerks, \$1,000; defense fund, \$500; set aside for newspapermen, \$15; total, \$102,500.

The item "family of William Martin" relates to the money set aside for the care of the family of former Councilman Martin while he was in the penitentiary. Martin was convicted in another graft case, and was released a few months ago, having served his term.

ROAD CLEARED OF BLAME

Washington Disaster Found Due to Act of Providence.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—The State Railroad Commission today gave out the following: "After its investigation, held jointly with the coroner's jury, of the Wellington disaster, the Railroad Commission has reached the conclusion that the railroad officials in charge of the train took every precaution that could reasonably have been expected in view of the conditions that existed at the time, and that the catastrophe was due to an act of Providence which the officials could not reasonably be expected to have foreseen."

FOUL PLAY IS SUSPECTED

Aberdeen Logger Draws Pay and Suddenly Disappears.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—Leaving nothing to furnish the slightest clue as to his whereabouts, C. E. Kentz, logger, disappeared four months ago, and after tireless search it is now believed he is dead either through accident or foul play.

November 29 of last year he came in from the Nelson Logging company's camp and drew his pay at Hoquiam. Immediately after securing the money he was lost sight of.

BEND BULLETIN IS BOUGHT

George P. Putnam Purchases Pioneer Paper of Central Oregon.

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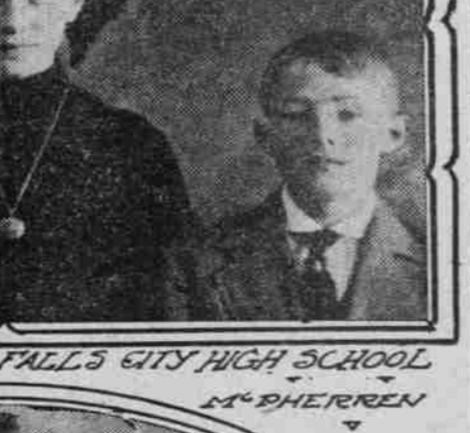
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along similar lines. It is certain that a number of insurgent leaders have in mind at least two things for this session: First, the deposition of Speaker Cannon, unless he voluntarily resigns; second, the establishment of a committee on committees. All of the insurgents expressed themselves as desiring to see the President's legislation out of the way before the session broke out again.

One insurgent, who would not allow the use of his name, said: "Unless Speaker Cannon resigns we will depose him before this session ends. He is a part of this system and must go. If it does not happen before, I look for it to come about the last day of the session."

COST FIGURES CHECKED

RAILROAD BOARD GETS DATA ON OREGON RAILROADS.

Information Will Be Used by Tax Commission in Assessing Properties in State.

SALEM, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—The State Railroad Commission will go to Portland Monday with the engineers employed by the commission in checking up the reproduction cost figures of the O. R. & N. The commission is practically completed checking the figures of the road, as submitted by the company, with the exception of the cost of terminal structures and rights of way used by the railroad. A man is now at work on the O. R. & N. and branches ascertaining these items, and it is expected that in 60 days the commission will know to a cent what it would cost to reproduce the O. R. & N. at this time.

CLAM SPRING IS PUZZLE

J. G. Malone, of Portland, Is Inquiring Into Mystery.

ALBANY, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—Joseph A. Smith, of Lebanon, owner of the farm three miles northeast of Lebanon on which are situated three springs in which fresh water clams mysteriously appear, has received a letter from J. G. Malone, of Portland, who said that he was interested in fresh water bivalves and asked for some specimens. He said that he did not doubt the authenticity of the story or the University of Oregon's report that the clams so developed were ordinary fresh water clams, but he wanted to see for himself. Mr. Smith sent him a large number of the little bivalves.

Officers Will Play Ball.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—A baseball game between teams composed of the battalion sergeant-major's, first sergeants and quartermaster sergeants of the first and third battalions of the First Infantry is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon on the post diamond at Vancouver barracks. Eight of the 18 men on both teams weigh more than 200 pounds each. The losing team is to give a smoker at the post gymnasium some evening later in the week.

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