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 councilmen, one charged with being a ringleader, is cultered to have weakened today and told his story of graft conspiracy to the District Attorbey. This step and the unusual activity of county detectives, serving to indicate to councilmen that any audden departure from town would be hazardous, were the only developments of the day in the graft cases.

Charles Stewart, with his attorney.

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 definite statement.

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. If Stewart has made a clean breast of indictments against certain bankersers assured, it is thought.

Name of Chief Briber Known.

The grand jury yesterday in its pre-scriment said Stewart was the man who was paid \$45,000 in the Hotel Im-perial, New York. The name of the man who paid it is known and Stew-art's evidence would be in the line of corroboration.

Interest today centered about meetbugs of the directors of banks named by the grand jury yesterday. The bubject of a reply to the District Attorney's demands was not taken up at are Columbia National Bank or the Kierman National of Pittsburg, while the Farmers National Deposit Bank announced that it would readily com-ply. The Second National directorate prepared a statement, signed and certified as ordered, and forwarded it to Harrison Nesbit, foreman of the grand pury. 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

"Brand, \$15,000; Klein, \$14,600; Fer-Buson, \$12,650; Steward, \$12,150; Was-son, \$11,150; Morris Einstein, \$5000; Glenry M. Boiger, \$500; select council-men, \$12,000; common councilmen, \$9190; family of William Martin, \$2500; two city clorks, \$1000; defense fund. two city clerks, \$1000; defense fund, \$5000; set aside for newspapermen, \$17a'; total, \$102,500." The item "family of William Martin"

relates to the money set aside for the care of the family of former Council-man Martin while he was in the penitentiary. Martin was convicted in an-other graft case, and was receased a few months ago, having served his All this money was intended, it is al-

that affecting the banks, and further netalls of the story are to be obtained from the officers, directors and em-ployer of these bank on Monday.

Little Captain John F. Klein began today a postcard campaign for parole. A lot of sentiment is crowded onto these cards and a picture of the former skipper's steamer. "John F. Klein," with reminiscent stanzas, a picture of senting lid with the philosophical coma coffin lid with the philosophical com ment that no man is down until boxed up and nailed in, a skull and cross-bones and appeal for public sym-

ROAD CLEARED OF BLAME

Washington Disaster Found Due to Act of Providence.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 16 .- (SpeollyMPIA, Wash, March 26.—(Special).—The State Railroad Commission soday 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 that the railroad officials in charge of the train took every precaution that could reasonably have been ex-pected in view of the conditions that existed at the time, and that the catas-trophe was due to an act of Provi-dence which the officials could not reasonably be expected to have fore-

The investigation relative to this wreck by the Railroad Commission will be continued for the purpose of determining what steps should be taken to safeguard operations in the future under similar conditions, and to this end the commission will prob-ably call engineers of high standing to examine the conditions on the Great Northern, for the purpose of testify-ing on the subject before the commis-

FOUL PLAY IS SUSPECTED

Aberdeen Logger Draws Pay and Suddenly Disappears.

ABERDEEN, Wash., March 26 -(Spe ASERDEEN, Wash, March 25. (Special.)—Leaving nothing to furnish the slightest clue as to his whereabouts, C. E. Kentz, logger, disappeared four months ago, and after theless search it is now believed he is dead either through accident or foul play.

November 20 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

"I am sure he does not live," said Mrs.
Alfred Johnson, 169 Curtiss street, Aberdeen, niece of Kentz', today. "My uncle
always used to come and stay with me
when he came in from the camps." Kentz when he disappeared was in good standing in both the Oddfellows and Woodmen of the World.

BEND BULLETIN IS BOUGHT

George P. Putnam Purchases Ploneer Paper of Central Oregon.

BEND, Or., March 26,-(Special.)-Negotiations have been closed whereby the ownership of the Bend Bulletin, a weekly newspaper, has become the property of

nounced, is associated J. M. Lawrence who, up to January, was Receiver of the Roseburg United States Land Office, formerly proprietor of the Bulletin in Bend's merly proprietor of the Builetin in Beild's pioneer days, and once on the staff of The Oregonian. Mr. Putnam has at vari-ous times done work for The Oregonian, especially in connection with the Des-chutes railroad building, and has written exclusively upon Central Oregon subjects for both papers and magazines.

for both papers and magazines. For the time being, it is understood, the new proprietors will co-operate in the conduct of the Bulletin. The paper was founded eight years ago, being the pio-neer sheet of the Bend country and long controlling, without rivals, the very proftable business emanating from the lega-notices published in connection with the big timber and homestead rush to the Upper Deschutes region a few years ago. It now occupies a position of considerable importance as a journalistic leader of this

FORMER RESIDENT OF PORT-LAND, IN QUEST OF HIS HEALTH, DIES AT PUEB-LO. MEXICO.



Late Victor E. Ford. News of the death, March 14 f Victor E. Ford, formerly of ter, Mrs. Eva Cline Smith, and his mother, Mrs. Mary A. Knov, of this city. Mr. Ford was born in Montpeller, Vermont, April 11, 1859, and removed with his parents to California in 1869, coming to Portland the following year. In 1898 Mr. Ford was freight conductor on a railroad Arizons, and two years later he ran a passenger train out of Parral, Mexico for the Hidalgo Mining Company. He moved from Parral to Pueblo in 1901 and in September, 1905, returned to Portland, suffering from malaries fever. He was treated for four weeks at St. Vincent's Hospital and returned to Pueblo in Noand returned to Pueblo in November of the same year. He returned to Portland in 1907, remaining here from April until July of that year. He went to Mexico again and remained there until last Summer, when he and Mrs. Ford visited Portland in an effort to regain his health. Mr. Ford went to Vera Cruz February 8, but soon returned to his home in Pueblo, feeling no better. Mr. Ford's father, Abraham Ford, is a resident of Orting, Wash. Dr. Jean Cline, his nephew, is r dentist of this city. In 1883 Mr. Ford was married to Miss Eredrika Hornshulle.

late has particularly come to the fore as a chronicler of railroad and general development news of Central Oregon.

MONTAVILLA PLANS FLOAT

More Than 900 Roses Set Out as Result of Recent Contest.

The Montavilla Rose Association is making arrangements to co-operate with the Rose Festival Association and build a float that will maintain the reputation Montavilla gained last year at the Rose

William Bartlett, the president, said resterday that 900 new roses had been set out in Montavilla as the result of the recent contest under the auspices of the association. These roses will yield many thousands of roses this year, as the set-tings were mostl ytwo years old. The association has a balance of more than \$300

The Sunnyside Push Club has not yet decided what action it will take. The subject will be considered at the next

INSURGENTS WOULD TRY ENGLISH PLAN

Deposition of Cannon, Election of Hinds, Non-Member, Is Suggested.

MEMBERS HEAR FROM HOME

Poindexter Says Trouble Is Caused by Combining Office of Speaker With Party Leadership-More Reform Is Badly Wanted.

WASHINGTON, March 36.-Many o washing too. March 2.—Many of the House, who just Saturday vated to retain Speaker Cannon in the chair are "bearing from home," according to reports in circulation about the Capitol. These advices are said to be not at all reassuring.

Following closely upon this information comes statements from several that war against "Cannonism" is to go on to the extent of ultimately causing the de-thronoment of Speaker Cannon, the elec-tion of his successor and the complete reformation of the rules of the House. The overthrow of the Speaker and the taking away from the Speakership of all power to influence legislation unduly are aimed at.
Some of the insuregnis discussed these subjects freely today.

Some Would Elect Hinds.

A proposal to remove Speaker Cannon by means of the combined vote of non by means of the combined vote of Damocrais and insurgents and substitute in his place Asher C. Hinds, the parliamentarian of the House, is one of the plans which several insurgents advocated today. The idea of placing in the Speaker's chair a pure parliamentarian, not a member of the House, who would be entirely uninfluenced by considerations of partisan advantage, was pointed out by Representative Poindexter of Washington and others Poindexter of Washington and others as the logical and proper course. Un-der the Constitution the House may ose a Speaker who is not a member

Representative Poindexter, who is one of the prominent members of the Insurgent body, said:

Insurgent body, said:

"This initial reform which we have accomplished must be followed by others. The whole trouble in which joining of the power of the Speaker the House finds itself is caused by the with that of leader of the majority.

English Precedent Found.

"The English plan of having an ex-pert parliamentarian instead of a poli-correct one. As long as we select tician as apresiding officer is the only a party leader as Speaker, just so long will we have partisan and unfair rul-ings.

"When the House adopted the Norris resolution the other day it was a vote of no confidence in Speaker Cannon, of no confidence in Speaker Cannon, and he should have resigned. As he did not do so, we should depose him. With that accomplishment, I think we should elect Mr. Hinds. I believe a majority of the House would vote for it, the Democrats and the insurgents who voted against Cannot last Sat-urday, and I believe a large number of other insurgents and so-called near insurgents, will vote for it when the temper of the people is accurately judged on this question."

Reform Only Beginning.

Rpresentative Murdock, of Kansas, another insurgent leader, said:
"The movement to reform the pro-The movement to retorm the pro-cedure of the House has just begun-Before this session adjourns we will have accomplished a great many things. I hear radicals on this side who never i before were willing to admit that the rules or anything else needed changing how discussing ways and means of renow discussing ways and means of re-vising the rules and making them bet-

Not in 50 years have such liberal ideas entered the government of this House. I expect to see, in a comparatively short time, the standing com-mittee of this House meeting in open and perhaps other committee, would have to meet in secret occasionally, as a matter of public policy. But secret ways of doing business here are on the wane and soon will be over. Many in-teresting and perhaps startling de-velopments will result before this House adjourns sine die, Other insurgents expressed themselves

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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 retires; 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 hotilitis broke out again.

One insurgent, who would not allow the One insurgent, who would not allow th

One insurgent, who would not allow the use of his name, said:

"Unless Speaker Cannon resigns we will depose him before this season ends. He is a part of this eytem and must go. If it does not happen before, I look for it to come about the last day of the session."

The proposal to elect Asher C. Hinds as Speaker elicited much comment from those who were made aware of it.

Mr. Hinds is a Republican and is a candidate for nomination for Congress from New England. His present duty is to formulate rulings for Speaker Cannon.

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 Rallroad Commission will go o Portland Monday with the engineer employed by the commission in check employed by the commission in checking up the reproduction cost figures
of the O. R. & N. The commission has
practically completed checking the figures of the road, as submitted by the
company, with the exception of the
cost of terminal grounds 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 50 days the commission will know to a cent what it mission will know to a cent what it would cost to reproduce the O. R. & N. at this time. Substantial progress also has been

checking up the figures of reprodu tion of the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad, The Salem, Falls City & Western, the Oregon & Southeastern

and the Corvallis & Eastern.
The greater part of the time of the commission's engineers, however, has been devoted to the O. R. & N., and there are numerous instances in which the railroad's figures and the state's figures do not agree, and these will have to be taken up in detail and reconciled. Chief Engineer Gray, of the Washington commission, will attend the meeting in Portland and will as

sist the Oregon engineers. The Southern Pacific has been worksession instead of secret sessions, as The Southern Pacific has been work-now. Of course, the military and naval ing on its report of original cost and cost of reproduction, and Engineer Pope of the Harriman lines has prom-ised the commission that the Southern Pacific's report will be in the hands of the commission in June. The Rail-road Commission law provides that the cost and reproduction cost of all the commission shall ascertain the original roads in the state, and although a prodiglous undertaking, the work is ex-pected to be valuable as a guide to the ommission in fixing rates in the future and also as an aid in arriving at an equitable basis for the taxation of the roads, which under the new tax code are to be assessed by the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

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In ascertaining the value of terminal grounds and rights of way, the state sagent goes over the records of property transferred in the vicinity of the railroad company's holdings, computes the actual cash value as shown by the

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transfers, and in that way arrives at the actual cash value of the railroad's property.

It is expected that the engineers employed by the state will be engaged for a week or more in their final re-view of the O. R. & N. figures.

to \$200.

\$20 to \$50.

CLAM SPRING IS PUZZLE J. G. Malone, of Portland, Is In

quiring Into Mystery

ALBANY, Or., March 25.—(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 the First National Bank 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 him-self. Mr. Smith sent bim a large number of the little bivalves. Mr. Smith still holds to the theory that the clams must come from some subterranean lake, which he believes is the source of supply for the springs.

Officers Will Play Ball.

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 26 .-(Special.)-A baseball game between (Special.)—A baseban game between teams composed of the battallon ser-geant-majors, first sergeants and quartermaster sergeants of the first and third battallons of the First In-fantry is scheduled for Tuesday after-

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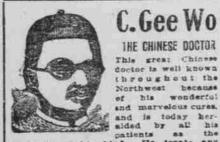


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