

SCANDAL IN IDAHO IS COMPROMISED

Land Register's Resignation Is Accepted, but Conduct Is Disapproved.

BOARD LONG DEADLOCKED

Official Brands His Accusers as "Liars"—Telegram to Secretary of Interior Holding Up Contests in Evidence.

BOISE, Idaho, April 30.—(Special.)—The curtain dropped tonight on the alleged graft scandal among the state officers here, which revolved about M. I. Church, Register of the State Land Office, when the Land Board officially accepted the resignation of Church with "unanimous disapproval of his conduct."

Governor James H. Brady lost in his fight to have the Register removed from office in disgrace, but there is little in the victory for Church, for he was not exonerated.

The action of the board, coming in the face of the accusations that Church held up promoters of the Lemhi project, demanding and securing an agreement to pay him \$2500 for services and that he approached Charles J. Perkins, promoter of the Dupuis project, first asking him for \$15,000 in water rights, \$5000 in cash and employment as attorney for his company at \$2000 a year and later telegraphing the Department of the Interior to hold up a contest on this \$2,000,000 project, "without knowledge of the board, and on his initiative, was the result of a compromise reached after a stormy session that lasted through the morning and late into the afternoon.

Register Is Defiant.

Through it all Church was defiant, declaring that he had done no legal wrong, and branding his accusers as liars. Just before adjourning the evening the Land Board gave out the following statement as the result of its deliberations:

"After hearing all the evidence in the investigation just closed and the statement of M. I. Church himself, relative to his actions while occupying the position of Register of the State Land Board, it is hereby ordered that the resignation of M. I. Church be and the same is hereby accepted, to be effective this date, and the board unanimously disapproves of his actions disclosed by the investigation."

The deliberations of two of the members of the board in not following the recommendation of Governor Brady to discharge the accused official was due to the fact, as stated by a prominent state officer, that the identical evidence aired at the hearing this week against Church was placed in the hands of the Governor before the board in open meeting by Secretary of State Landon six months ago, but no attempt was made to vote on it. These two members of the board resented this action then and refused at the recent hearing to bring a disgraced dismissal to Church.

Telegram Is Admitted.

One of the startling disclosures made at the hearing today came when Register Church admitted sending a telegram to the Secretary of the Interior requesting that the contest on the water rights and reserves be held up indefinitely. The inference was that the Register wished to have an agreement reached between the promoters whom C. J. Perkins was representing and the station-Spearman people, who were also attempting to secure the reserves. The Register's letter being in a position to buy or sell.

Church said in explanation that he sent the telegram at the suggestion of O. O. Haza, one of the prominent attorneys of this city, who represented the Mason-Spearman people. Brady told Church that he had no right to send the telegram and that it was his duty to consult the board in all such matters. Church replied that he did not think it was necessary.

Accusers Called Liars.

In his final reply to the charges against him, Church declared: "If I have been accused by any one as leaving the impression with any person or persons who appeared in my office on business in order that favorable action might be had by the Land Board and that I impressed them that they must pay me in order to get favorable action, whoever has made such statements, if they are made, is a liar, and I demand of them to produce the evidence substantiating such statements. My resignation was filed with the Governor on April 23, asking that it take effect as soon as my successor could be elected and qualified."

Governor Brady and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Miss Belle Chamberlain, voted for Church's dismissal. Secretary of State Landon and Attorney-General McDougall stood out to accept his resignation.

The board offered the vacated position to E. G. Gallert, County Auditor of Bannock County, but he refused to accept it. Further action was delayed a week.

Governor Brady leaves Monday for Northern Idaho. He is decidedly displeased with the board's action.

ORCHARD CARE ITS AIM

Hood River Company Has New Place in Apple Industry.

HOOD RIVER, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—A new feature was injected into the apple-growing industry here by the organization of a company that will make a business of planting and caring for orchards for non-residents. The organization of the company was brought about by the demand for the care of orchards until they became bearing by men of large means who could not leave their interests to superintend the work themselves.

A case in point is that of Marous & Mayer, members of the firm of Fielchmer, Mayer & Company, who recently bought 23 acres at Meier with the agreement that it would be developed by C. A. McCarger, from whom it was bought.

Many other similar cases resulted in the formation of the Hood River Realty Company which will take up this work.

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New Road Even Forgets to Pay for Recording Deeds.

WALLA WALLA GETS LINE

Strahorn Believed to Be Moving on Spokane With Trackage 60 Miles Shorter Than O. R. & N. and 100 Miles Less Than N. P.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—Because the cash did not accompany the papers, County Auditor John McCaw today refused to record three rights of way, the first secured in this county, of the North Coast Railroad.

The filing of the documents is proof that the line to Spokane is to be constructed from this city in the near future. The documents call for a strip of land 100 feet wide. All the land so far secured is in the north eastern end of the county.

The route proposed bids Walla Walla County at the county boundary in the middle of Snake River. Pleasant View is touched and then the road travels in a south-westerly direction through Reser, where it leaves the Northern Pacific, and starts southward to Walla Walla, passing through Climax and Dry Creek into Walla Walla, where connection with the main line is to be made.

The Spokane line will be 30 miles shorter than the O. R. & N. road and about 100 miles shorter than the Northern Pacific.

"Hit Walla Walla at Any Cost."

An incident developed today, going to show Walla Walla will be on the Spokane branch. One of the engineers superintending the survey, just completed, found that by running the line to River side, north of Climax he could secure a faultless grade to the main line by hitting Touchet instead of Walla Walla. He made a telephonic report and received a reply by wire which instructed him to "Hit Walla Walla at any cost."

The line going east through Idaho will follow Blue Creek, it is believed, while the actual work of construction is being done at Attalla on the main line west of this city. Several ranchers living along the proposed route of the main line west of Walla Walla have donated the right of way and this has been accepted by the North Coast.

It was learned from one in this city today in the interest of the company that Walla Walla in all probability will become a division point for the new road as it would be impossible for them to start into the mountains without having a base of supplies in this city.

Walla Walla Expects Results.

Wallas Walla, in all probability, will be the last largest city on the main line of the new road, as it is proposed to build two branches, one to Seattle and the other to Portland, about 100 miles west of this city.

Survivors are still at work on the Oregon Central Road to be built from Walla Walla to Elgin, Or. It has been admitted the Oregon Road is but a branch of the Hill system and that within a few years it will be extended to Coos Bay.

LAWYER'S CLIENT IS DEAD

Objection to Appeal, in Name of Former Litigant, Overruled.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—Judge Campbell overruled today the motion of Frank Hesse, of Portland, attorney of record for Bernard Haist, to the appeal of Mrs. Effie B. Robinson, who was removed as administratrix of the estate of F. A. Williamson road. Attorney Gilbert L. Hedges informed the court

GAS FRANCHISE IS SOUGHT

Pasadena Man Would Supply Both Ashland and Medford.

Ashland Opens Fine Hospital.

A Healthful Hint.

ASHLAND, Or., April 30.—(Special.)—J. H. Anderson, of Pasadena, Cal., is in Ashland starting the initiative for a vote on the starting of an ordinance to grant him a 25-year franchise on a gas plant in this city.

Anderson has secured a franchise in Medford, and if granted one in Ashland has under consideration a plan of locating the manufacturing plant for both towns half way between them and piping all gas to supply both with gas from the central plant.

Ashland continued to carry things with a high hand. Exerting a powerful political influence and having behind him and the crew who stood by his bidding, wise, stop at nothing to do his bidding. He met with but little opposition. Several times, however, men threatened his life, and in each instance Gohl showed the white feather.

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GOHL TRIAL WILL BEGIN TOMORROW

Aberdeen Murder Case Expected to Bring Out Much Sensational Testimony.

SUSPECT'S RECORD IS BAD

Sailor's Union Agent Ran Things at Aberdeen With High Hand Until Arrested, Charged With Killing Two Associates.

BY D. V. O'VITT. ABERDEEN, Wash., April 30.—(Special.)—There will open in the superior court of this county at Montesano, Monday morning, a murder trial which, if rumors and present statements are to be believed, will surpass the Guinness murder farm episode and establish a new criminal record for the entire United States.

William Gohl, until his arrest some weeks ago, agent of the local Sailors' Union, is specifically charged with the murders of Charles Hadberg, sailor and John Hoffman, formerly clear manufacturer of this city, but it is thoroughly believed by the sheriff's office, the police department and municipal authorities of Aberdeen that before the trial is over a horrible story of crime and corruption extending some years ago in this city, will be revealed and that not only the two murders be brought to light, but that more names, at present well known here, will be dragged into the affair.

Gohl in Trouble Before.

Bearing a history that has several times crossed the police records, Gohl, if accounts are to be believed, has at last reached the end of his rope, but has saved enough to hang himself. The prosecution feels confident of his outcome. It has massed a great volume of evidence, both circumstantial and absolute, seriously damaging Gohl.

Gohl's life since he came to this city several years ago, becoming a dominant influence both politically and in the unions, has been thoroughly gone over and the result has not bettered the character of the former sailor's union agent. Time was when he ran affairs with a free hand. He was arrested for assault, for burglary and on other charges, but each time he either managed to escape or the cases were for some reason or another dismissed.

Gohl's description on the witness stand of his revolver battle with the crew and captain of the schooner Fearless some years ago still forms ample subject for conversation. Gohl and a number of men hired a launch one night and set down the boat bound for the Fearless, which was anchored inside the bar. It was the sailor's agent's intention to take certain men from the vessel.

Battle Fought on Launch.

The captain of the launch, under threats of death, was forced, according to Gohl's testimony, to extinguish all lights, in violation of the harbor laws, and enabled the craft to steal alongside the Fearless. The men were secured, but not until Gohl and his gang had been discovered.

Owing to the darkness accurate marksmanship was not possible, but the captain and crew who stood by him fought a desperate battle with Gohl. According to Gohl some 150 shots were exchanged, but no one was killed. Gohl, for this escape, was fined \$200, which was paid by the union, and the captain of the launch was penalized \$250 for extinguishing his lights.

On one of the trips of the schooner Fearless to this harbor her watchman was accidentally drowned and the vessel left in the stream unguarded. This was in the summer of 1909, and that night Gohl, together with men named Bill Johnson and McKinzie, were arrested on board her for burglary.

A clear case was said to have been established, but before the affair could come to trial the captain, who was the chief witness, was forced to put to sea or lose his ship, and Chief Schneider, with his witnesses gone, let the case drop.

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Gohl Shows White Feather.

Charles Buck tried to kill Gohl one night, but the presence of a man named Hamilton saved Gohl's life. Gohl had gone to a machine shop and Buck expected him to return alone. But Hamilton accompanied him on his way back.

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and Buck refrained from firing. Gohl, although armed himself, fled to the police station. Schneider brought Buck to the station, where he called Gohl all the names on the calendar from murderer down. He begged the chief to be allowed to whip Gohl with his bare hands, but Gohl refused to fight. Gohl's final arrest hung on two minor things, one due to the hand of man and the other to the workings of Mother Nature and the great ocean itself.

Had Gohl's launch not broken down when it is said it did, the body of Charles Hadberg, weighted by the stolen anchor, would have been carried into deeper water and never found. Furthermore, had the tide not been very low on the day the corpse was discovered, the remains of Hadberg would never have been brought to light. After many days of search, the determined men accompanying Chief of Police Dean in the search had arrived at a point on Indian Creek on a day when the tide was the lowest of the entire year.

A tiny ripple, as of a twig bearing against the flowing water, caught the searching eye of one of the men. Wading through the shallow water, impelled perhaps by intuition, the officer found that for which they had searched carefully for five days—the mutilated, bullet-pierced corpse of Hadberg. The ripple had been caused by the point of the man's nose. A half-inch more and the waters above the dead man would forever have remained calm, the story of Billy Montyee, better known as "Monty," would have been unverified, and Gohl, under suspicion always, but free from arrest, would still be at liberty.

To Billy Montyee is due Gohl's arrest. Montyee, of all who knew of Gohl's experiences, was the only one who dared tell what he knew.

Side by side with Hadberg, Montyee worked about Indian Creek. Gohl frequently came to Hadberg's cabin, and Montyee says the talk between the two was such as convinced him that foul play was, and had been, afoot. At last one night Gohl appeared and, drawing a revolver, told Montyee to "get out," as he had "private business with Hadberg."

Montyee Tells Story.

Montyee lost no time in obeying. He walked to Aberdeen that night and in the next few days secured employment in a logging camp near this city. It was between Christmas and New Year's that he returned to this city and ran across Gohl. In the conversation that followed, it is alleged, Gohl told Montyee what he had done, threatening death if Montyee "peached."

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