

ASSESSOR DALTON IS FOUND GUILTY

Politician Long Thought Impregnable Convicted on Charge of Bribery.

PRISON TERM SEEMS NEAR

Trap in Which Old-Time Official Is Caught Laid by Water Company Officials and City Prosecutor of Oakland.

OAKLAND, July 15.—Henry P. Dalton, for 17 years Assessor of Alameda County, was found guilty by a jury in the Superior Court here Saturday.

He then entered the residence of Mrs. J. F. Rathkey, next door, and chased the family into the street. Mrs. Rathkey telephoned to the police and Motorcycle Patrolman Royce responded.

Royce found Simmons hid in the brush near the residence and when the officer approached Simmons the latter ran down the hill. At the Linnton road Royce caught him and Simmons fought. In the scuffle Royce threw the insane man face foremost to the ground and succeeded in handcuffing his hands behind his back.

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5000 AT FAIR CELEBRATION

Ex-Residents of San Francisco Attend Demonstration at Oaks.

Approximately 5000 ex-residents of San Francisco, who now live in Portland, gathered around the bandstand at the Oaks last night in a celebration in honor of the Panama Exposition.

The principal feature of the entertainment was an address of welcome by A. A. Schell, on behalf of the Portland Commercial Club. Mr. Schell said that if there is one thing that Portland needs, it is the San Francisco spirit.

Every mention of San Francisco was greeted with applause. Mrs. Joseph Dumfee sang "My Heart Goes Back to San Francisco" and Patrick Conway's band played special California selections.

INLAND EMPIRE BAKES

Crops Out of Danger, Is Belief of Grain Experts.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 15.—(Special.)—Reports from various points in the Inland Empire show today to have been the hottest since the season, but not unusual weather, however, for this time of year and as wheat is supposed to be beyond the point of danger by harvest, the heat will ripen the grain more rapidly.

CARS HIT MOTORCYCLIST

J. Tregenhorn's Arm and Leg Broken in Collision.

Caught between two rapidly moving streetcars at the corner of Union avenue and Monroe street, Friday night, and unable to turn his motorcycle out of the way, J. Tregenhorn, aged 18, was severely crushed before the cars could be stopped and his body extricated.

DATE FOR HEARING SET

Governor Johnson to Consider Wilde Extradition Case Tuesday.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 15.—(Special.)—Tuesday morning was set today by Governor Johnson as the time for a hearing of the application of Oregon authorities for the extradition of Louis J. Wilde, of San Diego, who is wanted in Portland to answer a charge of embezzlement.

FOOD BEGGED, IS SPURNED

Supposedly Insane Man Causes Panic on Willamette Heights.

Matt Simmons, said to be demented, caused a panic in the Willamette Heights district yesterday afternoon by knocking at back doors, asking for something to eat and throwing what was given him on the floor.

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