

### THREE GRAFT INQUIRY

Captain Bailey, ex-Police Sergeant Cole and Singer Charged as Corrupt.

### WILDE IS ACCUSED ANEW

Promoter Nearing Trial for Alleged \$90,000 Embezzlement Is Held With W. Cooper Morris for \$12,500 Bond Deal.

A true bill charging Louis J. Wilde and W. Cooper Morris jointly with the embezzlement, January 7, 1907, of \$12,500 of the funds of the now defunct Oregon Savings & Trust Bank, was returned yesterday by the grand jury.

The money is alleged to have been converted in connection with the purchase of bonds of the Home Telephone Company of Puget Sound.

George H. Bailey, a captain in the Police Department, was indicted on a charge of accepting a bribe of \$125 from Anna Gelette, agreeing that she should be allowed to operate a disorderly house, at 235 Clay street, without molestation from the police.

Joseph Singer, elected additional market inspector by the City Health Board at Mayor Rosenthal's nomination, is charged in another indictment with endeavoring to prevent a person from working for another. It is alleged that he prevailed upon Jake Kessler, proprietor of a restaurant at 249 Yamhill street, to discharge his brother-in-law, in charge of that Singer intimidated Kessler.

E. W. Cole, a police sergeant who was dismissed from the service July 29, was indicted on a charge of grafting. It is charged that on April 24 he accepted money from an immoral woman on agreement not to molest her.

Four bills kept secret. Joseph Iyer and George Sanborn were the subjects of another indictment. They are charged with knowingly uttering a forged deed on April 28, 1911. A third man, named in the same bill under the name of John Doe.

Four other true bills were kept secret for the reason that the persons charged with crimes in them have not yet been apprehended.

The graft charges against Singer did not result in indictments. It is said that the fact that he was subpoenaed to appear before the jury in this connection deterred the jury, under the law, from taking the January grand jury may take up the graft charges, among which is one that Singer accepted \$25 from Jake Kessler to force the discharge of a partner existing between Kessler and L. L. Langan, whom Kessler is reported to have believed to be guilty of white slavery. Charges have also been preferred against Singer in the profits of North End gambling establishments.

The indictment against Wilde and Morris is the first in which they are charged jointly. The trial of Wilde on the first, in which they are charged with embezzling \$90,000 of the funds of the Oregon Savings & Trust Bank in the Omaha bond deal, will begin January 8.

Krasner Not Indicted. Sam Krasner, called "the administration stool-pigeon," escaped indictment. There are already two bills against him, one of which charges placing his wife in a house of prostitution and the other accepting the earnings of Pauline Kristal, a fallen woman. More recent charges against Krasner were that he was conducting a gambling establishment in his saloon, at Fifth and Couch streets; that he plotted with H. Gierman to liquor and enticed him into a gambling game in which Gierman lost \$1500; that he accepted \$50 from L. Langan as protection money, offering to prevent Langan's arrest. Through the agency of Singer he is said to have returned the money to the restaurant at 249 Yamhill street when Kessler, Langan's partner, threatened trouble. The money is alleged to have been taken from the receipts of the restaurant. He is also depicted to have endeavored to intimidate Jennie Friedman, a North End woman, into giving him \$50 protection money. The Friedman was also a witness before the grand jury.

Many Witnesses Heard. The charges against Captain Bailey, Singer and Krasner were considerably interwoven. Among the witnesses called to testify in the Bailey case were patrolmen Huntington, Larfield, Leaven, Griffith, McCarthy, Stillwell and Hirsch; Joseph E. Moran, until a few days ago guard at the Linton hotel; H. Gierman, who alleges that he lost \$1500 in Krasner's establishment; Charles Jones, a resident of Hillsboro and a former saloon proprietor of Portland, who testified that overtures to pay protection money had been made to him by Bailey; Louis Roseman, who declared that he was "hooked" into accepting a term on the rockpile; Jennie Friedman, a North End woman; Ido Strassberg, a waiter in Kessler's restaurant at 249 Yamhill street, who testified that he was forced to leave the city because he had given evidence against Krasner; Meyer Kaplan, who was arrested at the same street, who testified that he was forced to leave the city because he had given evidence against Krasner; Annie Wolfe, Anna Gelette, Louise Olcese, Allie Bell, Violet Martin, women of the underworld; Captain Bailey (at his own request); James Leaveney, James Feldman, Police Commissioner Coffey, John L. Reid, Jake Kessler and Singer.

Police Department Censured. The grand jury in its report referred to the lack of harmony in the Police Department as follows: "From casual observation and from testimony given before this body we find the city Police Department torn by dissension and petty jealousy. We would recommend more harmony throughout the department and closer relation between the Police Commissioners and Chief of Police. It is plain that better discipline is sadly needed."

Commenting on the indictment of Captain Bailey the Mayor last night said: "Graft in whatever form it exists in the departments under my jurisdiction must be stopped. If I am dishonest in my city affairs and I have conclusive proof, he must go."

Mayor Leaves All to Slover. "I have established the policy of being careful in all graft inquiries and I refrain from saying or intimating anything against a man until I have conclusive proof of his guilt. I believe in giving every man a fair trial and do not intend to persecute him in any way by making accusations against him until I have conclusive evidence."

"In the case of Captain Bailey I can say that I had heard charges against him and against others which some might have considered ground for their dismissal, but I want all to have a fair deal. I still do not care to make any statement regarding these men. The place to determine their guilt or innocence is in the courts."

"Chief Slover conducted this investigation under my directions and he presented facts to me which might have been used to persecute officials, but I refrained from making them public and still refuse to say anything about them publicly or in any way that will do them any injustice."

"Chief Slover is the head of the Police Department and it is up to him to suspend the indicted officers if they are to be suspended. It is not my duty as Market Inspector-Singer I don't know yet whether he will be suspended."

Chief of Police Slover said last night that he will take no action suspending Captain Bailey unless he receives instructions from the Mayor to do so. Captain Bailey therefore is still in command of the first night relief at headquarters.

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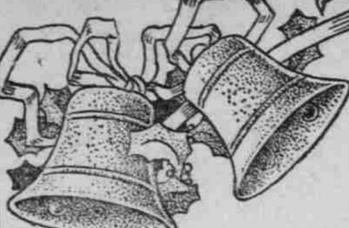
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And as for the New Year—the united, determined efforts of the 72 departments of this great 56-year-old institution will result in better and bigger things for you. In a greater and broader sense—

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Section 239 of the code, providing a fine of from \$10 to \$50 for advertising any false statement of the quality, quantity, value, price, method of production or source of any goods.

What Number Did You Wish? We have it. Our stock of Victor records is complete. Sherman, Clay & Co., Morrison at Sixth.



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Great Masterpiece of Chopin's Genius Will Be Played by Wonderful Pianist in His Final Musical Appearance Here.



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The coming de Pachmann piano recital Friday, January 5, at the Heilig will be a notable event. It is the farewell appearance after an absence of six years, of the greatest pianist of the world and one of the greatest of the world as ever known.

By special request on the part of the management, Louis Steers, Wynan, Connors and Pachmann has consented to change his Portland programme so as to include Chopin's great Scherzo in C sharp minor, the third, which is one of the greatest masterpieces ever created for the piano. One Portland musician remarked that she would gladly travel a hundred miles just to hear de Pachmann play it, so rarely is it placed upon programmes. A scherzo commonly in music represents the comical, the grotesque, the humorous, the playful mood. But this one of Chopin's is the play of thunder and lightning, broken by passages of soft, fairy laughter of the most exquisite beauty and grace. The series of contrasts thus engendered is as dynamic and exciting as is probably to be found in the whole range of piano music.

by a staccato octave passage, fortissimo. Softly uttered phrases develop into rising crescendo, each attaining a new height of power. When the key changes to D flat, and a gentle chorale of the most exquisite beauty and serenity is introduced, which is more like Beethoven's style than anything else, Chopin has written. This chorale is interrupted by delicate cascades of fairy music, descending arpeggios breathing calm grace and speed will, such the most enchanting because of their background of grim, Titanic scorn. Through this delicate veil of fairy laughter the last chord of each section of the chorale is heard, an effect as original as it is ravishing to the ear.

Wondrous, beautiful modulations follow, stranger than any composer Chopin ever imagined. Grieg and Wagner notwithstanding. A passage of entrancing beauty leads to a final supreme moment of scorn and frenzy, closing to the intense surprise of the hearer, grandly in the major key, defiance merging into a sublime splendor of optimism, although, after all, this whole great work is merely a Titan at play. Hineker says of this Scherzo, "It is all extravagance, fire and fury; but it signifies something." What that something is, each hearer will have to decide for himself.

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