

SYSTEM OF COVERT COURT DENIED

Grand Jury Says Officials Used Subterfuges When Under Investigation.

RIGID INQUIRY ADVISED

Kinship of Commissioners and Deputy District Attorneys Noted. Courthouse Bids' Regularity Questioned.

Criticism of the County Court is contained in a final report of the January county grand jury, made public yesterday. The members of the jury reported that they had found the methods in vogue by the County Court to be not up to date and also indefinite.

The jury criticized the County Court, saying: "Through our investigation we found that the County Court does not adhere to its methods in regard to its methods of doing business for the county. When the County Judge and Commissioners were before us the architects for the new Courthouse, they said they did not know and when told that the amount was \$55,000, they said: 'Have they been paid that much?' In explanation to all questions asked them they were ready with an answer as soon as questions were asked, all of which were nicely worded, using some subterfuge which the grand jury could not understand.

The only reference made to the sale of the Kenton gravel pit to a nephew of Moses Bloch for \$100,000 and the same transfer of the property to Robert Shaw, clerk of the County Court, is: "In regard to the sale of the gravel pit where there has been so much kick about, it seems to us a very peculiar transaction."

"We found a complete system of records or accounts in the Auditor's office," says another paragraph of the report.

"In regard to the contracts let for the County Court, we found one original contract, \$14,477, and extras, \$2,523; another original contract, \$37,587, and extras, \$13,945.52; another original contract, \$11,515.75; another original contract, \$1,239.50," continues the report. "All was given to Ira F. Powers Furniture Company. No bids were called for in Ira F. Powers Furniture Company. A similar bid was offered to the county by H. Jennings & Son for \$175. On January 22, 1911, the county paid \$3 cents a foot, amounting to \$162. We can buy the same thing for 3 cents a foot, a saving of \$40.75.

"No-Limit" Expense Reported. "In putting expensive carpets and window shades there was no limit. In the short space of time we had to investigate we are unable to locate the reason for this state of affairs. Many of the contracts that two County Commissioners have relatives in the District Attorney's office which is the reason we asked and received information from a special attorney in regard to a special investigation.

"There is one trouble with this system of law in regard to the grand jury and its duties. It is a body composed of men as a rule who do not understand anything about their real duties and it takes a great deal of time before they get into a great deal more fully than we have had time to do, and we would suggest that the next grand jury be instructed to take up and give a thorough investigation in all respects."

Frank D. Heneasy, a Deputy District Attorney, is a brother-in-law of County Commissioner Lightner, and Deputy District Attorney Desautels is a nephew of County Commissioner Hart. It was to these kinships that the grand jury had reference in its report.

Funeral Services Largely Attended. Mrs. Leuter is at rest. Floral Tributes Many.

The funeral services for the late Mrs. Clara May Leuter, wife of J. M. Leuter, were held yesterday afternoon from the family residence 1814 Olive street, and were largely attended by relatives and friends. The services were simple in character, and were conducted by Rev. W. B. Hinson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of which Mrs. Leuter was a member. Many beautiful floral tributes were received.

PIANOS FOR RENT. New Pianos in This Mahogany, Oak and Walnut for rent at \$4 per month. Cartage free; rent applied on the purchase. KOHLER & CHASE, 515 Washington St.

NOTED IRISH TENOR WILL SING IN PORTLAND AT HELLIG THEATER.



An event in the Portland musical season will be the coming of the Irish tenor, John McCormack, who will be at the Hellig February 16 under the auspices of Lois Steers-Wynn Coman. John McCormack, a London, he obtained an engagement at the "Pais Coci" of Dublin, a tournament of song, and there he created such enthusiasm among the musicians who were the judges, that he won a Fels scholarship, enabling him to travel in Italy for study. Upon his return to London, he obtained an engagement at Covent Garden. McCormack became the sensation of the hour. He shared honors with Melba in the leading tenor role of "La Boheme," and, if the truth be told, he carried off the lion's share of glory, for McCormack, in addition to his remarkable voice, has a wealth of emperament in which Melba lacks. Even at Melbourne, Australia, Melba's home city, where as a member of Melba's concert company he has been singing leading operatic roles with her, this fact was noted by the press. The stage was greater, and the great audience, of women mostly, who love Nellie Melba, worshipped the delightful tenor, McCormack.

FILM PRODUCER HERE

VITAGRAPH AGENT TO EXPLAIN MAKING OF PICTURES.

From Outline of Theme to Last Act of Subjects to Be Shown by Reels at People's.

C. Lawrence Fuller, special representative of the Vitagraph Company of America, one of the largest film-producing companies of the world, arrived in Portland yesterday and was the guest of Messrs. Stevens, of the General Film Company, and Winstock & McCullough. Miss Lyman showed how, from the earliest age, the child may receive training in art, literature and music, through the legends, folk-tales and folk-songs which are the products of the childhood of the race and adapted to the awakening mind of the individual. She pointed out how, through the simple story, high ideals, poetry, humor and moral sense might be developed. In illustration Miss Lyman told of "Antoinette the Clockmaker," "The Little Red Hen," "Sneakers," a Russian folk-tale, and a Norwegian story of "The Princess Who Could Not Be Silenced."

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Lewiston Fire Loss Is \$20,000. LEWISTON, Idaho, Feb. 3.—Fire of unknown origin today damaged the Lewiston Mercantile Company's wholesale warehouse to the amount of \$20,000.

SIX PICKETS GUILTY

Tazwell Convicts Men Who Followed Shop Workers.

'SCAB' INTERPRETED ANEW

Police Judge Holds It Properly Defines Non-Union Workers, but That It Must Not Be Used in Disorderly Manner.

Adjudication of the right of strikers to use the word "scab" in addressing men who continue at work when a strike is going on, probably will be sought in the Circuit Court, as the result of a decision in the Municipal Court yesterday, wherein six men were found guilty of disorderly conduct while following workmen home from the Brooklyn carshops. Imposition of sentence was deferred until Attorney Charles A. Petrain has time to take up the question with his clients and determine whether it is "wholesome" to make the issue. If an appeal is decided upon, fines will be imposed sufficiently high to allow the case to be appealed.

Judge Tazwell virtually sanctioned the use of the obnoxious term as applied to any non-union worker and to some extent receded from his recent ruling in which it is held that the word might be applied only to deserters from the union or professional strikebreakers. He found the men guilty upon a showing that in calling "scab" they had done so in a boisterous manner, tending to disturb the public peace.

By implication, the strikers are held guilty of offense in flocking together to follow workmen long distances to their homes, calling "scab" after them, if they had not done so in a boisterous manner, tending to disturb the public peace. The court made the ruling on the definition of the term "scab" in standard dictionaries.

STEAMER LEONA BURNED

Craft Valued at \$5000 Total Loss. Fire Occurs at La Center.

Word was brought to Portland last night of the burning yesterday at La Center, Wash., of the steamer Leona, owned by W. H. Hemmers. The Leona has been lying at that point for several weeks undergoing repairs. Just how the fire started is not known. Captain J. W. Ekorn, of the steamer Modoc, who was in La Center yesterday, said the vessel would be a total loss.

Childhood Tales Told

Chicago Woman Shows Value of Training Young Minds.

The need for developing in children an appreciation of beauty and a spirit that shall offset National overemphasis of the utilitarian side of life was the theme of a lecture-recital given by Miss Eda Lyman, of Chicago, last Thursday afternoon to a number of guests at the home of Mrs. Charles McCullough. Miss Lyman showed how, from the earliest age, the child may receive training in art, literature and music, through the legends, folk-tales and folk-songs which are the products of the childhood of the race and adapted to the awakening mind of the individual. She pointed out how, through the simple story, high ideals, poetry, humor and moral sense might be developed. In illustration Miss Lyman told of "Antoinette the Clockmaker," "The Little Red Hen," "Sneakers," a Russian folk-tale, and a Norwegian story of "The Princess Who Could Not Be Silenced."

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Electric line on 4th Street

Full Copy of Proposed Ordinance to Permit Southern Pacific Company to Electrify 4th Street. To Be Introduced in the Common Council at Once.

Section 6. Nothing in this ordinance, nor any other ordinance of the City of Portland, shall be construed to prevent the municipal authorities of the City of Portland from exercising, paving, planning, macadamizing, improving, altering or repairing any of the streets over which the railways authorized by this ordinance are to be operated, but all such work shall be done so as to cause as little obstruction or hindrance as possible to the operation of cars thereon, and the said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall be held to the same obligation, and shall be held to the same obligation to the operation of cars thereon, and shall be held to the same obligation to the improvement, macadamizing, paving, planning, macadamizing, improving, altering or repairing.

Section 7. Said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall improve or repair and keep in good condition, from time to time whenever directed by the Council or Executive Board, and in such manner as the municipal authorities may direct, those portions of the street or streets and other public places along and over which the said railways are or shall hereafter be operated, and between the tracks and for the width of one (1) foot on the outside of the outermost rails and said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall be held to the same obligation within the time fixed by the Executive Board.

Section 8. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to obstruct the laying down, construction, maintenance or operation of the railways, poles, wires, underground conduits or conduits mentioned in this ordinance, and any person or persons who shall violate the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than five (\$5.00) dollars and not more than twenty (\$20.00) dollars for each and every offense.

Section 9. Any conductor, motorman or other employee of or upon the said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, or any passenger thereon, who shall be guilty of using obscene or profane language, or of using abusive or insulting language, or of using any language which shall be deemed to be obscene or profane, or of using any language which shall be deemed to be abusive or insulting, or of using any language which shall be deemed to be obscene or profane, or of using any language which shall be deemed to be abusive or insulting, shall be held to the same obligation as provided in this ordinance.

Section 10. Said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall commence the construction of the railways herein mentioned within ninety (90) days after the date of the final approval of this ordinance, and shall complete the construction thereof and commence the operation thereof on or before the date of the final approval of this ordinance. PROVIDED, however, that the said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, may in the construction of said railways be authorized to lay down and operate the railway now operated over and along said route as may be necessary to enable the removal of said tracks and the construction of said railways authorized hereby.

Section 11. The said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall, within thirty (30) days after the final approval of this ordinance, and the date of the final approval of this ordinance, file with the Auditor of the City of Portland a written acceptance of this ordinance and the privileges herein granted, and the said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall be deemed to have accepted this ordinance and the privileges herein conferred, and this ordinance shall be deemed to have been accepted by the Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, and shall be held to the same obligation as provided in this ordinance.

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Section 13. The Executive Board of the City of Portland, or other legally constituted authority, shall have the right to regulate the manner of constructing and maintaining said tracks and the carrying out of the provisions of this ordinance relative thereto.

Section 14. Said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall keep and maintain its railway tracks in good condition, order and efficient service to the public, and if the said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall at any time fail to keep its said railway tracks in good condition, order and repair, or shall fail to perform its duties as provided in this ordinance, the Council of said city may, upon thirty (30) days' notice, declare this ordinance, and the privileges herein granted, forfeited, and in the event of the declaration of said forfeiture, the tracks constructed thereunder shall likewise be forfeited.

Section 15. After the construction of the railways provided for in this ordinance, the said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall be held to the same obligation as provided in this ordinance, and the said Oregon & California Railroad Company, its successors, lessees and assigns, shall be held to the same obligation as provided in this ordinance.

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DON'T EVER BELIEVE

that opportunity knocks but once. She is on the job hammering away night and day. If you are too deaf to hear, too slothful to heed, too slow or cowardly to act

IT IS YOUR FAULT not Opportunity's, if you lead a laborious, unsuccessful life and die dependent upon others. If you hear, heed and act, OPPORTUNITY AND FORTUNE smile upon you. You lead a contented life, enjoy a respected old age and leave blessings to your children. There are two kinds of people, SUCCESSSES AND FAILURES To which class will you belong? It is up to you to decide, and opportunity is awaiting your decision. We are ready to help you. HOW TO SECURE THEM

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