

USES FISTS TO RESENT INSULTS

At Meeting of Public Utilities Committee Calhoun Is Accused of Bribery--Violence Ensues

POLICE ARE CALLED

San Francisco, May 24.—At a meeting yesterday afternoon of the public utilities committee board of supervisors, called to consider a resolution declaring forfeited the franchises of the United Railroads. President Calhoun of that corporation was virtually called a liar by E. P. E. Troy, municipal ownership advocate. Calhoun's reply was a blow that caught his antagonist in the face and nearly knocked him from his feet. Boxton sprang from the chairman's seat and ordered Troy from the room. Troys reply was to fling into Boxton's teeth that he had taken bribe money from Calhoun. Boxton ran toward Troy, but others intervened and held the supervisor and Troy was forced take a seat outside the rail. A resolution was drawn at the instance of the San Francisco labor council, and today's meeting of the utilities committee was to give both sides an opportunity to present their case. Troy asked for and was granted the floor and launched into a savage attack on the United Railroads. In the course of his remarks Troy said Calhoun in a Philadelphia speech three days after the fire, had declared the disaster would benefit instead of injure his corporation financially and that Calhoun further declared the earthquake had destroyed asphalt pavements containing the company's cable slots.

"That statement," said Troy, "is absolutely false."

Calhoun who had been sitting at one of the desks regarding Troy intently arose and passed up to his accuser and the center of the floor.

"I will not, sir, allow any man to speak of my statements as false," he said.

"I stand by what I said," Troy retorted.

Calhoun deliberately raised his right arm and dealt Troy a stinging blow in the face. Troy reeled back several steps but made no attempt to return the blow. Immediately the room was in a turmoil.

As Calhoun quietly resumed his seat, Boxton jumped to his feet and cried out to Troy "You come in here to get the privilege of the floor to present arguments, that you can use that privilege to indulge in personal attack. Let me tell you we dont allow men to be called liars in our presence."

"I did not call that hoodlum president of a corporation, a liar," retorted Troy.

"You did," shouted Boxton, "Now you shut up—you get."

"I'll not shut up, I'll not get out," cried Troy.

"Then by—I'll put you out," said Boxton and he started on a run for Troy.

Supervisors intervened. They blocked the chairman's progress while other members of the committee tried to push Troy into his seat.

Struggling to get free, Troy thrust up his arm and shouted sneeringly to Boxton, "Yes, I've no doubt you will stand by the man whose money you took."

"You say that to me?" demanded Boxton.

SAN FRANCISCO MEN INDICTED

Eighty-Four Counts Are Returned Jointly Against Mayor Schmitz Rnef And Other Officials

CHARGE BRIBERY

Accused of Bribing Supervisors in Amounts Ranging From \$4,000 to \$15,000.

San Francisco, May 24.—The speculation which has been rife for weeks as to what the grand jury would do in the matter of the indictments of the high corporation officials and municipal officers for alleged bribery in connection with the granting of the overhead trolley franchises to the United Railways ended tonight when the inquisitorial body returned nine indictments on nine counts charging the crimes of giving and accepting bribes and naming as guilty the following persons; Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, Abraham Ruef, President Patrick Calhoun, and Assistant President Thornwall Mullyally of United Railways; and attorneys Tiry L. Ford and William M. Abbott of that corporation also President Louis G. Halsey and Former Agent Theodore B. Halsey of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

The last named indictments are in connection with a deal by which the established telephone corporation sought to prevent the granting of a competitive franchise to the Home Telephone company. Fourteen indictments containing 84 counts were returned jointly against Schmitz, Ruef Calhoun, Mullyally, Ford and Abbott, whom the grand jury accused of bribing fourteen supervisors in amounts ranging from \$4,000 to 15,000 each, to vote a change in the franchise of the United Railways by which that corporation, immediately after the fire of last year, gained authority to electrify 250 miles of the street railway system in San Francisco.

PADDY COYNE WILL FIGHT BERT PETERSON

As a preliminary too the twenty round contest between Jack Williams and Charles Ross Paddy Coyne and Bert Peterson will fight a six round bout. Coyne is a fighter of several years ring experience and Peterson is still known as a local fighter.

J. O'Kelly, the Marshfield boatman will act as official referee and stakeholder for the Williams-Ross fight. The contest will take place at the North Bend pavilion.

ALLIANCE CHANGES SAILING DATES

The sailing date of the steamer Alliance was changed from Tuesday until wednesday night out of Portland in order to do away with the arriving on Sunday morning. During the summer months it is the intention of the company to operate a weekly schedule between Portland and all points on Coos Bay.

"Oh, you——, now I will put you out." He started again across the floor, his face set and eyes flashing. Aorden was quickly formed about Troy and he was forced into his seat. Boxton was induced to desist. Word of the trouble spread down the stairs to the police headquarters and Captain Conboy and a patrolman hurried up to guard the peace. Troy was required to take his seat outside the rail. He made no further effort to address the meeting and no action was taken on the resolution which will probably be brought up tomorrow.

"NOT MARRIED," SAYS GORDON

Former Resident Of Coos Bay Says Dummy Was Substituted At Mock Wedding.

ASKS QUIET TITLE

Will Also Bring Suit For Decree Prohibiting Bertha Lurch Claiming to be Wife.

Of interest to Coos Bay people will be the following article taken from the Journal of Portland.

The strange case of Edward Sam Gordon, the wealthy timberman of Coos county, who was lured by the wiles of a woman and has had endless trouble in extricating himself, and Bertha Etta Lurch, his Nemesis, has been revived by the filing of a suit in this county to quiet title to his property here.

The woman claims to be his wife and has succeeded in preventing him from disposing of his property interests in various parts of the state, he claims. The case will be remembered as the one in which the woman was accused of having procured a "dummy" representing Gordon and marrying him at Vancouver, Washington.

The woman later created quite a sensation in Portland by being arrested at the Portland hotel on the charge of counterfeiting. In her apartments at the hotel a coining outfit was found. She was confined in the women's ward at the city jail for several weeks and then removed to San Francisco, where she was wanted by the authorities on the charge of forgery. She and Gordon were accused of having defrauded a physician of that city of a considerable sum.

The peculiar case of Gordon and the woman was one of the most complicated and peculiar that was ever reported to the police of San Francisco or Portland. Those who followed the case were thwarted in their efforts to unravel the mystery surrounding both. They finally agreed, however, that though Gordon professed not to love the woman, he is still infatuated with her.

The woman in the case is remarkably shrewd and clever. By her protestations of love for Gordon she is said to have succeeded in gaining large sums of money and valuable property from him. During her imprisonment in Portland she maintained that she was his wife and claimed that he had participated in all the crimes of which she was accused.

In the suit filed here Gordon claims that he was never married to the woman. He repeats his former charges that she secured a "dummy" to represent him at the Vancouver wedding, which was performed, he says, so that the woman could claim his property at the time of his death.

The woman has a marriage license which shows she and Edward Sam Gordon were duly married at Vancouver, Washington, October 21, 1905, by Rev. Robert Yeatman, the Baptist minister, in the presence of W. E. Wilson and Ora Mohley. Mr. Gordon, who owns considerable property in Clackamas county as well as in other parts of the state, says he was not present at the time of the wedding.

He further says it is a scheme concocted by the woman in the case to secure a portion of his property. Gordon claims that the woman has carried the idea for

some time that she is his wife.

She went to Coos Bay, where she backed her claim to be his wife by showing her marriage certificate which she had in her possession.

He also claims that she caused him much trouble in selling property, as when he had a sale ready to close she would appear, saying she was his wife and the sale would not be legal.

Gordon states that after a continuation of this for some time he went to Vancouver, where he secured an affidavit from the minister that he was not the "Gordon" that was married some time ago.

Mr. Gordon now brings suit through his attorneys, Dimick & Dimick, to quiet title to his property in this county. He will further ask the court to give him a decree as absolute owner of the property, which shall declare that Bertha Ella Lurch has no right to any part of it, and to prohibit her from claiming to be his wife.

RUN EXCURSION.

Postponed Bandon Trip Will Come Off Sunday.

An excursion is to be run Sunday from Marshfield to Bandon providing the weather permits. The train will leave Marshfield at 8 a. m. sharp and will return from Bandon, leaving there at 4 p. m. This trip will afford a great many people an opportunity to see the rich Coquille Valley and the beach, about which so much has been written and said. Every one is expected to take a well filled lunch basket and be prepared to have a good time.

ROLL OF HONOR

Following is a list of subscribers to the Marshfield Publicity Fund. The amounts opposite the names are the monthly installments for the period of one year.

- J. E. Oren, \$50
Dr. J. T. McCormac, 50
I. S. Kaufman, 10
F. S. Dow, 10
Robert Marsden, 10
Edgar Wheeler, 15
Herbert Lockhart, 10
Merchant Estate, 10
C. W. Tower, 10
P. A. Devers, 10
Jim Bains, 10
W. U. Douglas, 5
McClelland Investment Co., 10
I. S. Smith, 10
Anson Rogers, 15
S. Rogers, 15
Title Guarantee and Abstract Co., 15
W. P. Murphy, 10
J. H. Milner, 10
Dr. E. E. Straw, 5
D. W. Small, 10
F. P. Norton, 5
Pioneer Hardware Co., 30
Magnes and Matson, 10
John Preuss, 10
J. M. Blake, 10
Flannagan & Bennet Bank, 30
F. S. Lambertson, 5
Mrs Emma Nasburg, 10
Claude Nasburg, 5
C. A. Johnson, 5
Bradley & Traver, 3
C. A. Moffett, 2.50
C. A. Nicholson, 2
P. Metzlerlow, 2.50
John Bear, 2.50
Going & Harvey, 10
J. L. Brown, 2.50
F. E. Allen, 2
J. W. Tibbets, 2
H. S. Thrift, 2
Merchant Brothers, 10
E. Mingus, 5
Hall & Hall, 2.50
W. A. Toye, 2.50
Dr. Leslie, 1
Helming & Company, 1
W. B. Curtis, 5
M. A. Sweetman, 2.50
B. M. Richardson, 2.50
J. W. Ingram, 2.50
McNeil & Ferguson, 5
H. S. Tower, 2.50
Father Donnelly, 5
E. L. C. Farrin, 5
Frank Sagchi, 2.50
First National Bank, 30
Henry Holm, 2.50
Seymour Bell--flat, 50
I. Condon--flat, 20
W. R. Haines, 5
Gow Why, 2.50

NEW OFFICERS ARE APPOINTED

Marshfield Chamber Of Commerce Hobbs Meeting For Purpose Of Reorganization

OLD OFFICERS RESIGN

Members of Executive Committee Meet Tonight to Formulate Plans For Publicity Fund.

The Marshfield Chamber of Commerce meeting held last night in the offices of the Securities Company was one of the most enthusiastic and largely attended meetings held since the organization of the Coos Bay Chamber of Commerce. On motion the appointment of the executive committee, selected by the subscribers to the "Publicity Fund" was ratified.

Following this action the officers holding office for the past several months resigned. They are J. M. Blake president; Dr. J. T. McCormac vice president; I. S. Kaufman, corresponding secretary; F. S. Dow, secretary and treasurer. The new officers elected to hold office the ensuing year are Dr. J. T. McCormac, president; I. S. Smith, vice president; F. S. Dow, secretary, and James Flanagan.

The meeting was turned in to a general discussion of ways and means of running a Chamber of Commerce as it should be. Several of the members gave their views regarding the manner in which the Chamber of Commerce should be handled. The members of the executive committee of the publicity fund will meet tonight in Dr. Tower's office.

MAY CALL THIRD SPECIAL VENIRE

First Half of Second Venire in Boise Trial Yields Only One Juror.

Boise, May 24.—The second special venire in Steuenburg murder case is providing barren of men qualified to act as jurors and unless conditions speedily change there must be another special venire summoned. The first half of the venire present has yielded only one man who has actually qualified and only one other who may qualify. Only twenty six of the present venire remain to be examined and the assumption that all of the peremptory challenges will be used soon more jurors must be found.

Talesman Henry Curtis qualified for the vacant seat of Juror Orrie Cole and the defense examined and finally passed Juror John Whitlock. That opened the way for peremptory again. The state challenged Juror Isaac Bedell of seat number 2 and there the proceedings halted for the day. Nineteen talesmen occupied the chair during the day and the only one who may occupy it is Finley Mc Bean, the last man to reach it late this afternoon. Finley satisfied the state and passed to the hands of the defense just before adjournment.

Free Room Directory

The Times desires to state that anyone wishing to obtain rooms call at its office any day during the week. Quite a number of desirable rooms have been listed and we will be very glad to direct all inquiries. Those having rooms to rent will please list them at the

Times Office

BRINGS RECORD CARGO TO BAY

Alliance Comes In With Three Hundred and Fifty Tons For Marshfield from Portland

MAKES QUICK TRIP

Leaves Rose City Thursday Morning And Arrives Here 24 Hours Later.

The steamer Alliance arrived in this port yesterday from Portland with the largest cargo ever brought to Marshfield, 350 tons. This is not the largest cargo the ship has carried to Coos Bay but the largest for this one port. Following is the tonnage list; Empire 8 tons; North Bend 96; Marshfield 350 tons; railroad freight for Coquille valley points 180 tons.

The entire lot of machinery for the Courtney mill at Flagstaff was received on this trip and includes their engines, three large boilers, and several other large pieces. In addition to this machinery the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Company received a gangedger and large planer. A large donkey engine was received on this trip of the boat for the Coos Bay Lumber and Coal Company.

All of the heavy pieces of machinery were unloaded direct from the ship and towed to their locations. The reason for a such a large shipment of machinery at this time is that the water was within five inches of the Couch Street dock at the time of sailing, 4 a. m. Thursday and still rising fast. It is expected that the ship will be unable to load at Couch street next trip owing to the high stage of water. The Alliance made better time down from Portland this trip than she has probably 4 a. m. Thursday and arrived here at 8 a. m. yesterday, making the entire trip in 28 hours. She will leave for Portland at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

EXTENSION TO ELECTRIC LINE

Cottage Grove Citizens Inaugurate Movement For Road From Portland to Roseburg

Cottage Grove, May 24.—Smarting under the continued car shortage at this place by which the local lumber industry is completely paralyzed the Commercial club at its meeting Monday evening turned its whole attention to the transportation problem.

The situation was fully discussed and a movement inaugurated looking to the building of a road from Portland to Roseburg via the Coast Fork to connect with the proposed road from Roseburg to Marshfield and for which Douglas and Coos counties have already subscribed over \$200,000.

A committee of three consisting of A. L. Woodward, T. D. Wheeler and D. M. C. Gault was appointed to confer with like committees from all commercial clubs along the proposed route, the Western Oregon Lumber Manufacturer's association and the Oregon and Washington association.

The call is for all these committees to meet at Cottage Grove in the Commercial club rooms on June 25 to devise ways and means for construction of such a road in order to relieve the transportation situation throughout the valley.

This project may be dubbed another paper railroad but the citizens here declare it if as feasible as the Drain-Coos Bay line and funds can be secured to build it.