

GRAND JURY QUILTS

Files Report in Court and Is Dismissed From Service.

FULL TEXT OF ITS FINDINGS

Pays Its Respects to City Administration on Several Heads—Doings of Circuit Court Yesterday.

The Clatsop County grand jury has concluded its labors, made, and filed its final report with the Hon. Circuit Court, received its formal dismissal from service, and gone about its normal work and interests. Following is the full text of its findings as reported to Judge McBride yesterday morning.

"To the Honorable Circuit Court of the County of Clatsop, State of Oregon:

"The grand jury duly empaneled for the February term of the circuit court of the County of Clatsop for the State of Oregon, for the year 1906, respectfully submit this, our final report as follows:

"We have inquired into all charges of crime that have been brought to our attention and have returned two true bills and one not-true bill.

"Our session has been somewhat lengthened on account of the detailed investigation which we have made of city and county affairs.

"Among the matters investigated, are the gambling and dance hall evils, and we find that under the power granted to the city council by the charter of the city, ordinances have been enacted prohibiting gambling and dance halls within the City of Astoria. These ordinances, if properly enforced by the municipal authorities of the City of Astoria, including the police force, are ample and sufficiently stringent to prohibit and suppress all gambling and dance halls within the city, and we see no necessity at the present time for compelling the county to go to the expense of prosecuting for offenses which ought to be prosecuted by the City authorities.

"We find that there exists in the City of Astoria a practice condoned by the city authorities, of sending the chief of police once each month to each gambling house or place where gambling is carried on in the city, and that such officer, with the consent of the city officials, at such time collects the sum of twenty-five dollars per month from each gambling game in operation. This money is turned over by the chief of police to the city auditor and police judge and thereupon the chief of police files a written complaint against each of such gambling games or the keeper thereof and the money so collected, so far as the record is concerned, is declared forfeited as bail, and by such manufacture of such record, is declared forfeited to the city. For the remainder of each month, each game is permitted to run without being molested, so that this so-called bail-money is in reality paid to the city for the privilege of

operating the gambling game. In justification of such practice, the city authorities claim that the city needs the revenue.

"We consider this policy wrong, but in attempting to thoroughly investigate the matter, we have had before the grand jury, the mayor, each member of the city council, all the police commissioners, the chief of police and the auditor and police judge and the city attorney of the City of Astoria, and so far, have failed to find any one who is willing to assume the responsibility of inaugurating this practice or giving the chief of police such authority.

"We further find that under the authority of the city charter, the city council has enacted an ordinance licensing nickel-in-the-slot machines, which are also gambling devices. This authority is found in the following provisions of the charter, here quoted:

"The common council has power and authority within the City of Astoria (among other things) 'to license, tax, regulate and restrain bar-rooms, drinking shops, gambling and gambling houses and places where liquors are sold, and to license and regulate nickel-in-the-slot machines.'"

"If the council has the power which it has exercised as to nickel-in-the-slot machines, it has equal power as to other gambling games, and while we are of the opinion that all gambling devices which include nickel-in-the-slot machines are equally vicious, and we are opposed to both, at the same time, if any justification for the existence of such evils is to be found in the city's need of revenue, it ought to be collected in accordance with the charter of the city. There is no legal justification for the present policy of the city government with respect to the gambling game as distinguished from the slot machines. The city having ample power to conduct its own affairs, ought either to entirely eradicate both evils or proceed as directed by the charter. As long as ordinances exist, they ought to be enforced by the city officials, or else they ought to be repealed.

"We further state that we have carefully investigated the so-called Barry-Goodin controversy, and while we find no statute in Oregon that would authorize a grand jury to return an indictment against either of these men, we are of the opinion that if the committee on streets and public ways of the city council were more careful in making contracts for city work of that character, such a cause could not arise. We therefore recommend that the city surveyor be required to make estimates not only for such contracts as he is in the habit of making estimates for, but that he be also required to make such estimates for all extra work and such work as was involved in the particular case in question.

"In the investigation of the county matters, we find a provision of the law, that before entering on the duties of his office, the county roadmaster shall take and subscribe an oath to faithfully and impartially perform the duties of his office, and that he will not for compensation directly or indirectly act as agent for the sale of machinery, tools or implements of material of any kind to be used for road purposes. We find that the present county roadmaster is the owner of six shares out of a total of thirty shares of the stock of the Astoria Crushed Rock Company, which company has been

supplying to the county court and the City of Astoria large quantities of crushed rock for public improvements. Upon such stock, the roadmaster has received dividends. Under the law and practice, the county roadmaster approves and has approved the bills of the Astoria Crushed Rock Company for rock sold to the county, and while we do not consider that there is anything criminal in the conduct of the roadmaster, it is certainly in violation of the spirit of the law above quoted, and it is a practice to be condemned. The county court possesses ample authority to remedy this, and we call attention to the matter with the expectation that the same shall be remedied.

"We recommend that the county, through its proper officers, once every six months, furnish each road district in the county an itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements of the funds of such district during the period, and that the same be mailed to the supervisor of the district and posted by the road supervisor or at the post office in his district.

"We have not followed the usual custom of Grand Jurors by visiting the county court house and jail, as they speak for themselves.

"Now having completed our labors, we beg to be discharged.

"R. CARRUTHERS, Foreman,
"JAMES FINLAYSON, Clerk,
"S. D. ADAIR,
"THOMAS DOIG,
"ASMUS BRIX,
"L. R. ABERCROMBIE,
"F. E. BRALLIER."

In the circuit court yesterday the only matter disposed of by Judge McBride, was an order of dismissal in the case of George W. McAnley, versus the Seaside Spruce Lumber Company.

The court also ordered the issuance of a warrant in the sum of \$27.00 in payment of L. E. Selig, for services as bailiff for the grand jury.

Alleging cruel and inhuman treatment Mrs. Nellie Hayes yesterday filed a suit for divorce from Albert N. Hayes in the circuit court.

Notice was filed yesterday with the county clerk by John Frye of his candidacy at the Republican primaries, for the office of Sheriff.

Ocean Circle No. 145, Women of Woodcraft, will give a Tea and Apron Sale on the afternoon and evening of Friday, March 2nd, in the A. O. U. W. hall. All are invited.

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ASTORIA--SEASIDE

What Mr. W. L. Dudley Has to Say After New Line.

IT'S CONSTRUCTION CERTAIN

Articles of Incorporation to Be Filed Next Week—Construction Work to Be Begun at Once—Orders Equipment.

W. L. Dudley, the representative of the promoters of the electric railway line between this city and Seaside, in an interview with the Astorian reporter yesterday morning, announced that the agreements covering the right-of-way between the two terminals were all concluded; that the line had just been subjected to close and rigid scrutiny by the supervising engineer of the company controlling the enterprise, H. Day Hanford, of Seattle, the man who constructed the Seattle-Tacoma inter-urban system, and his verdict, in favor of the line laid out had been sent in to headquarters.

The road according to Mr. Dudley will be exactly 13.95 miles long, including the terminal grounds at Seaside and at Astoria, the terminal points here being at the junction of Fourteenth and Bond streets, and the nearest estimate to be relied upon called for seven months time in which to complete the line, subject to such amplification as may be imposed in the fulfillment of the orders for materials already filed in the East for the equipment, comprehending the rails and rolling stock.

There is still some work to be closed in the matter of the surveys, before the work profile of the system will be ready for the construction people, but this is but a matter of only a few days, and the middle of the present month will see the construction outfit in full force on the western end of the route, the eastern end not being yet in readiness for the beginning of building operations, as there are several matters of importance to arrange with private individuals and with the city before the status here would be conducive for the opening up of work at this end; these reports are not of a nature to retard the project in any way, but will take time for adjustment, especially in the matter of bridging Young's Bay, etc.

The company intends to run a branch to the Ocean View cemetery and will run at funeral par on order between this city and all other points depending upon that cemetery for interment purposes. The branch will be about two miles in length.

The articles of incorporation will be filed in this county during the coming week and they will afford details and particulars as to the personnel, and financial competency of the company behind this venture. That will prove eminently satisfactory to all interested in such information, but of which Mr. Dudley, for reasons of his own, and



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