

BOOKS LIKE A WASHING

Seattle Grand Jury Feels Discouraged.

Corporation Influences Prevent Proper Investigation of the Municipal Scandal.

(Journal Special Service.) SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—Despite the convincing proof that individual members of the grand jury have heard, there seems every indication that the white wash brush is to be applied and the work of the grand jury brought to an end.

"To cover the very point in issue, a bill has been introduced in the Washington Legislature to allow the grand juries to select their own legal adviser, regarding the protests of the prosecuting attorney."

The anti-corporation members of the jury are said to be on the right track, and if the corporate influences would keep back, they would be able to show up cases in the local City Council where boodle played the all-powerful part.

Councilman J. E. Crichton, for 12 years a member of the Seattle Council, and for two years its president, was before the jury yesterday. General matters of franchise granting, corruption of councilmen, etc., were gone into, but it is claimed that Dr. Crichton disclaimed any knowledge of grafting. He declared that he did not know what became of the \$5,000 the liquor dealers had raised to defeat the high license measure.

GEARIN'S BODY FOUND AT LAST

The body of Peter Gearin, who fell overboard from the steamer Tahoma some three weeks ago, was found last night on the shore of the river. It had evidently been washed ashore, and had lodged against a clump of trees.

Efforts had been made repeatedly to locate the body of the drowned seaman, but in vain. The discovery, when made last night, was by accident. Some farm hands were walking along the river bank when they saw the body lying beneath the clump of shrubbery at the tree trunks. They thought at once that it was that of Gearin, and brought it to Dunning's establishment at Vancouver.

Was An Accident. The drowning, it is believed, was purely accidental, and was not suicide. At the time of the accident, he was with some who thought the man committed suicide.

LABOR IS SORE AT THE SENATE

The members of the Senate who have studied organized labor have treated with contempt the messages of advice of labor unions throughout the state regarding legislation are commencing to feel the lash of the people. At Oregon City yesterday, as reported in The Journal, the Federated Union took action toward condemning the action of the Legislature for spending Senate Bill 18 and 149, framed for the purpose of bettering the conditions of the workmen.

WILL BE DINED AND WINED

This evening the North Dakota Press Association is scheduled to arrive from Puget Sound. They will be taken out to view the city by the entertainment committee of the City Press Club and their friends. Tomorrow they will be given car rides and then luncheon will be served in the Commercial Club and the Portland Hotel.

CLIQUE TRIES RANK PIECE OF JOBBERY (Continued from First Page.) House adjourned at 4 o'clock, when the facts came to light. Then they learned that C. H. Carey, whom they had elected the night before, had been dropped from the list and that in his place Hodson had reported the name of E. W. Spencer.

Spencer was a slight concession to the demand of organized labor, which had groined too insistent to be ignored. Entered Indignant Protest.

Representatives Gill, Nottingham, Fisher, Banks and Orton, and Senators Myers, Sweek and Smith, all expressed great surprise when they learned the nature of the report, promptly called upon for explanation. Hodson's first excuse was that he had endeavored to notify a majority of the delegation yesterday morning that the appointments were to be reconsidered at noon.

"I asked Bailey and Hutchinson to speak to the other members of the delegation," said Hodson, "and I spoke to some myself. Between us we were a majority, so we did not need to notify the rest." Hodson could not explain why no notice was given to any of the members who might be expected to protect against the contemplated usurpation of the rights of the delegation. During the two hours of the morning session he sat within 20 feet of Gill, Nottingham, Orton and Banks, but they were not apprised of the scheme on foot, nor asked to attend the pretended caucus at noon.

That Convention Committee. This assertion was explained a moment later by the declaration of the list was revised by the special committee appointed Monday night.

"The committee had full power to fill vacancies, or make substitutions," said Hodson. "Had any of the caucus appointees resigned?" "Well, not exactly," admitted the irritated Representative, "but Judge Carey said he might not accept. No, there were no resignations."

Hodson's statement that his committee had power to make substitutions is contradicted by the minutes of the caucus meeting, and by the testimony of a number of the delegation. If any meeting of that committee was held at any time, no committee was formed, and the minutes of the committee, was not informed of it.

NO LAW WAS THE WORK WHICH WAS DONE IN CARRYING OUT THE DEBTS OF THE PORTLAND BOODLE TRUST. "TAKE PROGRAM" WITHOUT A MURKUS COULD NOT REFRAIN FROM CRISIS. "WE WANT THINGS TO BE REGULAR, AT LEAST."

Pushed the Job Through. No time was lost in rushing through the House the bill introduced in behalf of the boodles. At the evening session the alleged report of the delegation presented by Hodson was incorporated in the bill as an amendment, and the measure was passed.

The bill will go to the Senate today, where McGinn will be relied upon to carry it through to third reading and passage. As a rule, local bills are allowed to go through without interference by members from other countries, and there is little prospect of successful opposition to the worst piece of jobbery that has been perpetrated at this session.

Marine Notes. The steamer Ilwaco has arrived at Astoria from Port Angeles, making the run in 24 hours. The leather case containing \$2,000 worth of stamps and belonging to the captain of the Alsterix, which was lost at the time the vessel became stranded off the coast, was recovered. It had been swept ashore and was found by a boy who will receive a reward of \$50.

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While the hopes of the friends of ex-Governor Geer have been raised by the 11 accessions received yesterday and today, there is little reason to regard these gains as permanent. It is no secret that Geer is not the real choice of any considerable part of the Multnomah delegation, and the votes he is receiving now from that source are merely a bait to draw the Geer following to Multnomah's candidate, when he shall appear.

The more sanguine of the Geer supporters have indulged in the hope that the Democrats might come over in a body to their candidate, whenever their votes would elect him. Such expectations are unwarranted, for the Democrats are standing firmly by their party candidate, and are determined not to desert now from that position.

TO IMPROVE STATE PRISON DEFEATED (Journal Special Service.) SALEM, Feb. 18.—Governor Chamberlain has been making a thorough investigation of the state penitentiary since his inauguration and has found many suggestions which he embodied in a bill introduced by Eddy of Tillamook, which passed the House this morning.

McGinn Again Loses and Bluster Fails to Aid Him. SALEM, Feb. 18.—Senator Henry McGinn made the fight of his life to prevent the passage of House Bill No. 23 repealing the statute which exempts the salaries of those in the employ of the state from garnishment in case of debt.

Portage Bill Becomes Law (Journal Special Service.) SALEM, Feb. 18.—The Governor has signed the following bills: Creating State and County Boards of Health, prohibiting sale of adulterated illuminating oil, requiring fenders on street cars, prohibiting sale of adulterated linseed oil, and authorizing the portage railroad from The Dalles to Celilo.

Plaintiffs and Defendants Cannot See Things in Same Light. "He'll give 'em the glassy stare." "Why so?" "He's got a glass eye." Dr. Hicks Denton and Dr. G. E. Watts are suing Jacob Busch in Justice Reid's court today. It is an action to collect \$60 for professional services, alleged to have been rendered to the defendant.

COURT NOTES. This afternoon a payment of \$2,500 was made to Contractor Wakefield by order of the County Court. This money is in part payment for putting in new benches.

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Draws the Fire. "I wish to see it amended to omit the judiciary," he said. "If that is done I will support the bill. I know judges whose families would be subjected to actual war through its working. It is not right that they should be so treated. They ought to be protected."

May Continue Until Saturday Night (Journal Special Service.) SALEM, Feb. 18.—The House this morning amended the Senate resolution to end the session at midnight Friday and made a Saturday session necessary. The Senate this afternoon refused to concur and a conference committee was appointed.

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CORPORATIONS WIN A POINT (Journal Special Service.) SALEM, Feb. 18.—Although their margin of victory was small, the horde of "pluggers" who descended upon the Legislature at the command of the great corporations succeeded in defeating House Bill No. 196, of which Speaker Harris was author. It was a measure to amend the act relating to the right of their stock, had been carefully drawn and was ably presented by Mr. Harris.

Corporations Feared It. "So great was the fear of the large corporations that this bill would pass that armies of editarians were sent to labor against it in every way known to obstructive legislation. The private car of one prominent railroad attorney arrived here a day ahead of the date set for consideration and he was prominently in evidence in the lobbies. Another company forwarded representatives from San Francisco to work against Mr. Harris' bill."

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Get Together on Bond Interest (Journal Special Service.) SALEM, Feb. 18.—In the House this morning Sanderson Reed moved a reconsideration of the action by which the Senate amended reducing the rate of interest on Port of Portland bonds from 5 to 4 per cent was occurred in yesterday.

Storage Practically Safe. The report of this committee, adopted in substance by the Council committee, was that the storage of crude oil on blocks 15 and 14 can be surrounded with such reasonable safeguards as to make the storage practically safe. It was also reported that such storage would not materially affect the rates of insurance or the insurance risk any more than other warehouse would.

ASK INCREASE. The Electrical Workers are asking for a minimum wage scale of \$2.50 per day, and before the demand was made had assumed that it would be granted. This matter was fully reported in The Journal some time ago.

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SAY TANKS ARE SAFE. The special committee of the Council appointed to consider regulations of the location of oil tanks and the storage and keeping of petroleum and crude petroleum within the city limits made its report yesterday afternoon.

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