

CORRUPTION SCENTED IN MORE CITY WORK

Contracts Were Let by Portland Officers on an Admittedly High Basis of Prices for Concrete to Be Used in the Marquam Gulch Front Street Viaduct.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY MANNING INVESTIGATES GRAFT

Hoffman Bros. Took Sub-Contract From Pacific Construction Company of San Francisco, Were Refused Money by Wanner and Suit Against Contractors Exposed Scandal.

District Attorney Manning is investigating the alleged criminal irregularities in connection with the Marquam gulch front street viaduct contracts, as shown yesterday in the Journal. It is stated that questionable action was taken by the city officials in letting contracts on an admittedly high basis of prices, and in allowing estimates for work done there was a "graft" in favored contractors. City Auditor Devlin and others have been before the district attorney to testify, and the investigation will be pursued until the facts are laid bare to the public.

The records show that the city entered into a contract with the Pacific Construction company of San Francisco for building the viaduct for \$55,000, the \$15,000 bid of the Pacific Construction company of Washington, represented by J. J. Maney, manager, having been withdrawn, and the certified check for \$5,000 deposited with the bid returned by order of the city executive board in compliance with a request from Maney, and leaving the \$55,000 bid the only one to accept.

This contract called for the payment of \$9.75 a yard for the concrete work, the actual cost of the labor and materials entering into concrete work is usually reckoned at about \$4.50 a yard. The Hoffman Bros. took the sub-contract from the California Pacific Construction company for \$5.25 a yard, presumed to leave them a fair profit for their work, while the construction company was to receive from the city \$9.75 a yard, realizing the difference, \$4.50 a yard, as the profit for doing nothing. The Hoffmans expected to realize about \$2,000 profit, a reasonable sum, when it is considered that they had to invest about \$9,000 to do the work.

Wanner Refuses Suit.
City Engineer Wanner daily refused to consent that he be considered "graft" and insisted that the usual method followed by engineers must apply—that of measuring the actual work completed, and not allowing the contractor a theoretical yardage of one and one-quarter yards for each barrel of cement put into the work.

When the Hoffmans figured on their sub-contract, they were told that the city engineer always allowed one and one-quarter yards of concrete to each barrel of cement, and on this basis estimated that they would receive \$18,500 for the 1,531 barrels of cement that would be required to complete the concrete work.

Engineer Wanner's refusal to adopt the method of estimation previously in vogue resulted in a serious measurement of the work completed at the allowance of 1.2544 yards, instead of 2.000. This was a serious blow to the Hoffmans, because they received from the city under Engineer Wanner so much more than they expected that they were unable to pay for the materials bought. Demands were made on the men with whom they

had sub-contracted, Bowles, Heuser and the John Doe and Richard Roe named in the complaint, for the money due them, which was refused.

Suit Will Be Sensational.
Then came the suit filed yesterday by Brodie & Merges and D. R. Murphy, attorneys for the Hoffmans, seeking to join City Auditor Devlin from issuing warrants to the Pacific Construction company of San Francisco, who had not yet been paid in full on its \$9.75 a yard contract, and to retain City Treasurer Werlein from paying the warrants were they to be issued.

The assertion that a city engineer has been in the habit of allowing theoretical yardage, instead of measuring the work actually completed, affords opportunity for investigation. A feature of the investigation will be the attitude of city officials who had knowledge of these facts and who should have known that \$9.75 a yard was far above the cost of concrete work.

"If such flagrant disregard for the rights of property owners was manifested in this contract," said an official today, "what will be disclosed when other contracts are looked into? Apparently, Engineer Wanner, by refusing to allow yardage on the basis formerly allowed, has disclosed a system that, when thoroughly aired, will reveal startling scandals."

Contractors Fought.
The attitude of the executive board, in returning the certified check of \$5,000 in the \$55,000 bid of the Pacific Construction company of Washington, thus giving the Pacific Construction company of San Francisco the right of way to do the work, for \$55,000, and the fact that the concrete work was to be done on a basis of \$9.75 a yard, when labor and materials cost about \$4.50 a yard, will be inquired into thoroughly.

The civil suit which was fought with vigor, declares Attorney Merges, who states that he only seeks to secure for his clients the money due them. When it comes to trial, the identity of John Doe and Richard Roe, named as defendants, will be revealed. It is hinted that these men are prominent politically and socially.

Not in the Complaint.
Although City Auditor T. C. Devlin and City Treasurer J. E. Werlein were made defendants in the action brought by Hoffman Bros., they were connected with the complaint by the fraud in no way. It is for the purpose only of restraining them from paying to the other defendants any money that they do the work contracted for from this city for the building of the bridge, until the plaintiffs have secured their money.

Hoffman Bros., at the time they took the contract for the concrete work, it is alleged, were entirely ignorant of any conspiracy on the part of the other contractors to defraud the people of a large sum of money and acted in good faith.

LAUNCH SHIP FOR NORTH POLE TRIP

Peary's Arctic Exploration Steamship, Charles H. Darling, Leaves the Ways.

VESSEL BUILT TO RESIST PRESSURE FROM ICEBERGS

Three Frames of Solid Oak Are Bolted Together—Boat Is Oval in Shape.

(Journal Special Service.)
Bangor, Me., March 23.—Peary's Arctic exploration steamship, the Charles H. Darling, was successfully launched at 12:35 o'clock this noon. The vessel is considered the best equipped craft for the purpose ever built and was constructed with funds supplied by the Peary Arctic club of New York.

Lieutenant Peary will make his next dash for the north pole in this vessel. Many persons of prominence from all over the country witnessed the launching and the event was one of the most brilliant and remarkable in the history of the old town of Bangor.

Commander Peary has been watching closely the building of his new craft and probably never before was a wooden vessel so constructed. Nothing like it has ever been seen in the state of Maine and, in fact, will be, without exception, the strongest wooden vessel that was ever built.

The vessel is to be 181 feet over all feet—beam of a mean draught of 116 feet and a displacement of 700 tons. The keel, keelson, stern and stern post are of solid white oak timber, well-seasoned and brought from the forests of Virginia. The ribs, or frames, are of white oak sawed into their curved shape and made triple, three frames bolted together, where but one is usually placed.

The shape of the Peary vessel is oval, which cannot easily be caught and held by outward pressure. She is to be a steamship, her sail power being merely auxiliary. The motive power will be a single inverted compound engine, driving a single 10-foot screw, the steam being supplied by two water tube boilers. Under forced draught, this engine should develop 1,400 indicated horse power.

The vessel will be towed to Portland, Me., where her engines will be set up and her rigging completed. The start for the north pole will be made on July 1.

SAYS JIU-JITSU WAS USED ON HIM

Norman Davenport Lying in Hospital Apparently Paralyzed in Lower Limbs.

PHYSICIAN AND SHERIFF BELIEVE HE IS FEIGNING

Allege While Taking Stroll Two Highwaymen Attacked and Injured Him.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., March 23.—Lying in the hospital, with his lower limbs apparently paralyzed, and minus \$400 and a gold watch, is Norman Davenport, who alleges that he was the victim of highwaymen in this city last night. Sheriff Culver and Dr. Byrd, who was called to attend the man, are both inclined to believe that the man is feigning illness. There are many reasons which led them to think this. The sheriff thinks it queer that a business man with that amount of money on his person should be found at night wandering along one of the darkest streets in the city. Then the story he told last night does not coincide very closely with the one he tells this morning.

Dr. Byrd's skepticism was aroused by the fact that an injury to the spine as low down as he claims to be injured would not cause paralysis, and even if the muscles that appear paralyzed were really so, other muscles which now appear all right would also be paralyzed. If he is feigning, however, he is a good actor, for his limbs do not give any more signs of life than if he were dead.

Every conceivable test was made on these, with no result. Davenport claims to come from New York, and had intended to operate a Turkish bath establishment in this city. He came from Portland yesterday noon, and while taking a stroll before retiring was attacked by two men, one of whom was named Jiu-jitsu on him and strained his back with the above result.

Norman Davenport met a stranger at one of the dime vaudeville houses in Portland Tuesday evening and asked him if he thought a Turkish bath here would pay.

"Yes," was the answer, "but there are several places here that kind already. Salem is the place you should go. Have you much money?"

Unwittingly Davenport replied that he had about \$400 with him, but could get a great deal more if it was needed. He was again advised to go to Salem, and did so. When he left here yesterday morning he noticed the stranger with whom he had the conversation the previous night was at the depot, accompanied by another man.

While walking along the street at Salem last night Davenport was set upon and beaten with clubs by two men. Every detective on the force is engaged today in looking for the men Davenport suspects, descriptions of whom were furnished Chief of Police Cornelius of Salem by Davenport.

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FIGHTING THE DEVIL

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fore, for what intent ye have sent for me."

In his experience, Dr. Chapman said, it had been demonstrated to his satisfaction that a new voice and a new method awaken people to the cause of righteousness.

"We want a revival here," he said, "for poor and rich, outcasts and righteously. There is no question in my mind that God has been preparing me and you for this revival. Of all the cities I have ever visited, nothing has clung to me as has the recollection of my visit here 15 months ago. I only hope that we will accomplish here what has been accomplished elsewhere. For I have seen them coming to Christ literally by the hundred, bathed in tears, crying from the audience for salvation. I am just a man, but I have a message from God. And I will tell you now before God that I will ask you to do

nothing that I will not do myself and promise God I will do. I will speak no word I have not found in this book," exclaimed Dr. Chapman, holding up the Bible, "and I tell you we shall see mighty days in Portland."

There were hearty "amens" from the audience at this expression.

"With what intent have ye sent for me?" Hill tells you how I have turned away his invitations to return, because I could not. But now I am here among you. Why? Because there has been a mighty volume of prayer for that end. It is but a repetition of the story of the old lady who prayed Moody and Sankey into England.

Dr. Chapman described the scenes of enthusiasm that attended the meetings of his band in Denver and other cities and interrupted his sermon with interesting incidents of conversions.

"God is no respecter of persons, nor of cities," he said. "What He has done for Denver He can do for Portland; and He can shake from center to circumference this beautiful city of yours. I promise you I will not say sharp things about the sinners, for Christ did not, but we will gather them into the fold. Nor will I preach denominationalism while here. I cannot, I am myself. I am teaching Jesus Christ, nothing else. No evangelist undermines a church, for every live church today was born in a revival.

"There are some things I can do. I can show you what is wrong. I can recall to you the memories of youth. Some of you may be rich, but all you have is nothing to what you had when you spoke those words. 'Now, I lay me down to sleep. I can bring back to you mother, home, heaven, Christ. God will help me to stir your memories. The blind man who was cured by an eminent surgeon cried, 'Glory to God, I can see. I can see.' You will say it, I tell you; you will say it."

"Why have ye sent for me?" Gentlemen, I know, I know."

There were moments in Dr. Chapman's sermon when sorrowfully an eye was dry. Especially touching was his reference to the homes of long ago and the mother love. His eloquence and straightforwardness created a fine impression.

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SECRET OF CHARTREUSE HAS NOT BEEN SOLD

Carthusian Monks Have Not Disclosed of Control of Their Famous Liqueur.

Since the expulsion from France of the Carthusian monks various reports have been circulated as to the disposition of their estates and the secret formula under which their cordial is made. Some of the American newspapers recently published a dispatch from Paris to the effect that an English syndicate had purchased both and would control the production of the liqueur.

Inquiry into this report was made by Batjer & Co., of New York, the American agents for the Carthusians, and a statement has been issued by the firm declaring it to be unfounded. The Carthusian monks are now manufacturing Chartreuse under the name of Liqueur Peres Chartreux at Tarragona, Spain.

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TAFT VICE HAY IS SAID TO BE PLAIN

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, March 23.—A story is going the rounds of the Republican political circles today that the resignation of Secretary Hay is actually in the hands of the president and that Secretary Taft will be transferred to the state department and Secretary Morton to the war portfolio.

Woodbury is one of the richest young men in Michigan and an ardent admirer of Roosevelt.

FEARS TO MOVE COW THAT ATE DYNAMITE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Silverton, Or., March 23.—There is a dead cow, the property of G. E. Winger, whose carcass its owner and his neighbors are afraid to move.

The cow met her death the other day in a strange and unusual manner. Winger has been blasting stumps in the pasture, and had carelessly left a loaded shell of dynamite, which Bossy found and made a meal of. She exploded did not explode, but Bossy died. Now Mr. Winger is afraid to remove the dead animal, or to take its hide, lest the dynamite explode, sending him to search for Bossy in spirit pastures.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA IS FETED IN PORTUGAL

(Journal Special Service.)
Lisbon, March 23.—Queen Alexandra of Great Britain is being royally entertained by King Charles and the queen dowager. She arrived yesterday and was met by two golden galleys pulled by 40 boatsmen in costume of scarlet and gold, and escorted to a pavilion erected on the quay. The demonstration took the form of a floral parade, which was followed by a state banquet at the palace.

HUNGARIANS REFUSE TO YIELD TO EMPEROR

(Journal Special Service.)
Bremen, March 23.—At a banquet in the town hall last night, given in honor of the unveiling of a monument of Emperor Frederick, the Kaiser stated that his ambition was to create a world power for the German empire, not based upon conquest, but brought about through mutual striving of nations after common purposes. He stated that every new battleship is a new guarantee of peace to the world.

Rates to W. O. W. Convention at Los Angeles.

Account of convention—Woodmen of the World and Women of Woodcraft to be held at Los Angeles April 18, 1905, the Southern Pacific Co. will sell on April 12, 13 and 14, round trip tickets Portland to Los Angeles, limit 60 days at rate of \$31. Tickets can be purchased at any Southern Pacific ticket office.

KAISER AMBITIOUS TO CREATE WORLD POWER

(Journal Special Service.)
Budapest, March 23.—Andrassy, former premier, has failed to form a new cabinet and relinquished the task. The deadlock between the emperor and parliament continues and the Hungarians refuse to make any concessions to the crown, standing as a unit in their demands.

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WHO KNOWS WHERE CLEVER SMARTY IS?

"Smarty," the fine Esquimaux-Spitz dog, known as the pride of the local fire department, belonging to former Captain Eddie Davey of chemical No. 1, is lost, and the fire laddies as well as the owner are searching every nook and corner of the city for their pet.

"Smarty" is well known to the local public, for he was frequently seen running with the apparatus in answer to an alarm. The men believe the dog has been stolen and are endeavoring to ascertain the identity of the guilty parties and secure the return of their pet.

"Smarty" was to have been entered in the coming bench show of the Portland Kennel club and his owner expected him to carry off first prize, as the dog is one of the handsomest specimens of this species in the northwest.

BOTH SIDES PREPARE TO APPEAL CODY CASE

(Journal Special Service.)
Sheridan, Wyo., March 23.—The Cody divorce case closed this morning with a citation of authorities by counsel of both parties. The court has taken no case under advisement. A ruling is not expected until next week. It is understood that both sides have prepared an appeal to the supreme court.

KAISER ON TOUR OF MEDITERRANEAN SEA

(Journal Special Service.)
Berlin, March 23.—The Kaiser started today on a trip of the Mediterranean on board the steamer Hamburg. The tour is expected to last several weeks. The Hamburg was escorted by an armored cruiser, the Prinz Frederich Karl.

SCIENTISTS MUST PASS DOCTOR'S EXAMINATION

(Journal Special Service.)
Lincoln, Neb., March 23.—The senate today passed the Christian Science bill, which has already passed the house, requiring all healers to take a four years' course in medicine and pass the examination required of regular physicians.

MAY NOT RECOVER

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Dallas, Or., March 23.—C. Brown, a son of H. M. Brown, well known as a real estate dealer, was operated upon yesterday for appendicitis. Physicians state that the chances for recovery are slight.

CHIEF

FUNERAL SERVICES OF FORTY-FIVE VICTIMS

(Journal Special Service.)
Brookton, Mass., March 23.—Business was suspended today while public funeral services were held for 45 victims of the Grover shoe factory explosion and fire. Flags were half-masted and street cars stopped. Services were held at the City theatre, the Porter Congregational church and the St. Paul Episcopal Church.

The body of Mrs. Lillian Hurd was identified this morning.

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