

GRAND JURY SAYS RUMELIN OFFERED BRIBE, SHARKEY SHOULD BE IMPEACHED, EXECUTIVE BOARD IS NEGLIGENT

"ROTTEN" DESCRIBES CONDUCT OF THE CITY

Councilmen in Employ of Corporations, Whose Interests They Guard, and Sacrifice Portland.

Mayor's Appointees Specifically Charged With Incompetency and Carelessness That Have Led to Scandals and Financial Loss.

The county grand jury yesterday afternoon handed to Judge Cleland its final report, therein passing severe censure on the methods that have been in vogue in the past three years in the handling of city business. Both the executive and legislative departments of the municipal government receive condemnation for irregularities of procedure, which the report declares have cost the taxpayers and property owners many thousands of dollars.

The jury examined 150 witnesses, of whom 111 were called to testify regarding the administration of city affairs, and regrets that the time allowed for deliberation was too brief to permit completing the work of investigating the city government, but the findings are such as to bring out clearly the incompetency that has characterized the management of affairs by the present head of the executive department.

The recommendation is made that the legislature enact a law making it a crime for any city official to be a partner in a firm of contractors doing work for the city, and other suggestions are made that are based on the discovery of favors that have been granted by corporations, to members of the municipal government forces.

The subject matter of the report is divided into six subheads, and first the Marquam gulch front street bridge contract is taken up, the conclusion being reached that Councilman C. E. Rumelin approached and offered a bribe to W. C. Elliott, then city engineer, and that the executive board was guilty of gross irregularities in handling this and other contracts.

In the matter of franchises granted to railway companies, the jury finds that, after the charter had been adopted and before it had gone into effect, the council adopted two ordinances that gave away at ridiculously low figures the valuable street rights utilized by the corporations.

South Portland fills and political favors dealt out by using the general repair fund are censured, and a number of other phases of municipal government are presented in a manner to constitute a strong commentary on the methods that have been in vogue.

The report in full, signed by A. J. Fanno, foreman; Frank B. Higgins, secretary; John Bays, W. H. Courtney, Penumbra Kelley, C. E. Potter and T. S. Townsend, follows:

TEXT OF REPORT BY GRAND JURY

To the Honorable A. L. Fraser, presiding judge of the circuit court of the state of Oregon in and for the county of Multnomah:

The grand jury for the May term of this court here leave to submit the following report:

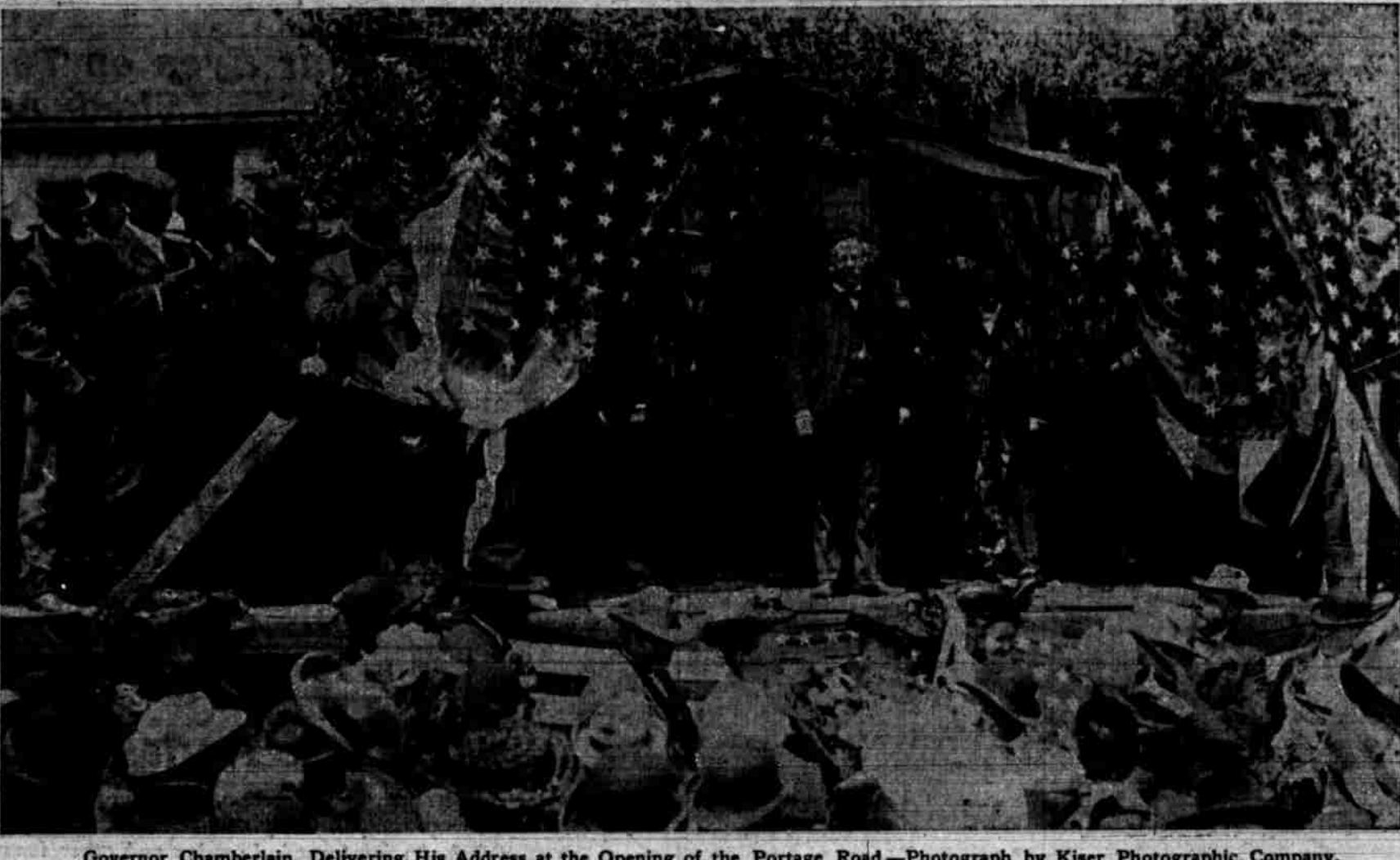
We have been in daily session from the first day of the term up to and including the date of this report, save and except Sundays and June 1, during which time we have examined 150 witnesses, of which number 111 were examined with reference to the conduct of the affairs of the city of Portland, and the balance were examined in ordinary state cases in which "true" and "not true" bills have been returned.

It has been the purpose of the jury to devote most of its time to the consideration of the affairs of the city of Portland, and it is a matter of regret that the term is not a longer one so that we have permitted us to have completed in a thorough manner this investigation.

Front Street Improvement.
Our attention was first called to the letting of the contract to the Pacific Construction company of California for the construction of the bridge known as the "Front Street Improvement." There were several bids submitted by contractors for the construction of this bridge, the lowest one being by the Pacific Construction company of Washington by J. J. Maney, its manager. This bid was for the sum of \$35,131, and was in strict accordance with the advertisement for bids, and with the bid said J. J. Maney deposited a certificate of deposit on the First National bank of Everett, Washington, payable to the mayor of the city of Portland, in the sum of 10 per cent of his bid, conditioned that if his bid was accepted such company would enter into a contract with the city to construct such improvement for the price of said bid. After the bids were received and opened they were all referred to the city engineer, William C. Elliott, by the street committee of the executive board of the city, and he was instructed to examine said bids and report if said bids were in accordance with the advertisements.

Jury Says Rumelin Offered Bribe.
Pending the time the said engineer had said bids in his hands, and prior to his report, C. E. Rumelin, councilman of the city of Portland, approached said Elliott and offered him a bribe if he would find some defect in the said bid, and so that the same might be rejected for such informality; said C. E. Rumelin has been informed against by the district attorney for this offense. The said Elliott reported to the executive board that the Maney bid was in accordance with the advertisement and was the lowest bid, and recommended that the contract be awarded him, which the executive board did. After the contract was awarded to the Pacific Construction company of Washington J. J. Maney, acting for the construction company he was representing, assigned and transferred his right and interest in and to the contract to be let to him by reason of said bid to George E. Heuser of the city of Portland, the said Heuser having associated with him other people. Subsequent to such transfer and assignment there was presented to the executive board of the city a petition purporting to have emanated from J. J. Maney, acting for the construction company that he represented in making his bid, and had failed to figure the discount on the warrants, believing at the time he made said bid that he could dispose of the warrants at par, which subsequent to the making of said bid he found he would be unable to do.

But Error Was Never Shown.
The mistake of \$4,000 was not pointed out in said petition, nor has it been to this grand jury, though opportunity has been afforded so to do. Prior to the filing of the petition of the said J. J. Maney with the executive board asking to be relieved from his bid, said George E. Heuser and his associates had succeeded to the interest of the Pacific Construction company of California, of which F. M. Butler was secretary, in the said construction company's bid for this improvement, which said bid was the bid next highest to that of Maney, and was in the sum of \$31,131, so that



Governor Chamberlain, Delivering His Address at the Opening of the Portage Road.—Photograph by Kiser Photographic Company.

PLOT TO ELECT MAYOR WILLIAMS BY ILLEGAL VOTES IN THE NORTH END

Evidences are numerous that bold frauds are contemplated in tomorrow's election. Fraudulent registration has been practiced on a large scale in the north end and illegal voting will undoubtedly be attempted. Agents of the liquor dealers and the gamblers who are behind the candidacy of Mayor Williams were actively engaged during all the time that registration books were open in registering voters from the north end. Tramps, sailors and men from the lumber camps were taken to the courthouse in squads. Many of them have no fixed residence and at the addresses which they gave they are unknown.

Friends of Dr. Harry Lane, the citizen-candidate for mayor, are determined to prevent all fraudulent voting. Watchers and challengers will be stationed in every precinct. A careful tabulation of the voters in the north end has been made and lists have been prepared showing the registrations believed to be fraudulent. Arrests will be made wherever the facts warrant it and deputy sheriffs will aid in protecting the ballot from fraud.

An examination of the poll books of the Fourth precinct clearly shows how the registration books have been stuffed. In several cases 40 or 50 men are registered as living in a house that con-

All persons who cast votes illegally or attempt to do so on Monday, June 5, will be prosecuted vigorously, and close watch will be kept to see that the election laws are respected in every particular. I wish now to serve notice on the election workers that violation of the statutes in connection with the election will not be tolerated.

JOHN MANNING,
District Attorney.

tain only half a dozen rooms. Fifty-one men are registered as living at 31 1/2 Third street, which is a seven-room lodging house. J. J. Trimble, the proprietor, and his bartender appear to be the only voters in the list who live at the house or who have a right to vote. These are the names registered from this address:

George Barrett, C. M. Biddle, O. A. Biddle, Frank Black, M. P. Cannon, Frederick Carpenter, James Curley, Frederick Currier, Frank Curtis, Peter Dale, John Dolan, James Daley, George Dawson, Jerry Davis, Harry Day, Frank Dempsey, Arthur Denny, James Dill, Joseph Dunn, Henry Hanson, Andrew Harris, Charles Harris, John Harris,

ORATORIO FEATURE OF EXPOSITION TODAY

Order of the day at the Lewis and Clark exposition:
1 p. m.—Gates and buildings open.
2:30 p. m.—Oratorio, "The Messiah," Auditorium.
3:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Innes' band; Agricultural building, if raining.
4 p. m.—Buildings close.
7:30 to 9:30 p. m.—Innes' band; Auditorium, if raining.
8 p. m.—Grand electrical illumination.
11 p. m.—Gates close.

REVIVE SLING HOLD IN ARMY RIFLE PRACTICE

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal)
Washington, D. C., June 3.—Some interesting developments have been made in the practice in Honolulu by the marines. A majority of the force there has made 92 per cent or more in standing, sitting, kneeling and prone positions and in rapid fire. It is probable that as a result of the experiments of Lieutenant Harlow and the practice in the gallery of the rifle team at Marine barracks, Washington, the subject of gallery practice will be revived and will be productive of much value in improving marksmanship.

SOCIETY MAN IS FINED FOR SNORING IN CHURCH

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal)
Memphis, Tenn., June 3.—Judge Floyd, chief of Hamilton county, declared today that snoring in church is a breach of the peace and assessed a fine of \$50 against Charles Shubert, a well-known young man of Chattanooga, on a charge of disturbing public worship.

house 53 are registered. Even if it be assumed that the names are all genuine, it is still extremely improbable that any number of them are still in the city.

Mayor Williams' supporters hope for a plurality for him in the north end big enough to overcome the big vote which the east side will give to Lane. Among those conversant with the situation it is conceded that Williams has been losing ground steadily since his campaign opened. The attendance at his meetings, has been so disappointingly small that the program for the last days of the campaign was finally abandoned altogether. Elaborate preparations had been made for a closing rally to be held last evening, but so much fear was expressed that the mayor would not have an audience that the meeting was given up. His friends were not willing to risk another display of the public indifference to his candidacy.

The mayor's only hope is that party loyalty will hold in line enough Republicans to elect him. Strong appeals have been made to Republicans to stand by the party nominee. Mayor Williams was himself a bolter in 1896, when he took the stump for General Beebe, the independent candidate for mayor, against D. S. Collins, the regular Republican nominee.

HOW BETTORS LOST ON LAST YEAR'S ELECTION

A number of bets have been made on Reed at 2 to 1 against Manning and on Stott and Word even money. In the last two days \$1,200 has been posted at Schiller's cigar store on Stott against Word, and up to midnight all but \$500 of it had been taken. Of \$2,500 posted at the same place on Reed against Manning at 2 to 1 all was taken except \$1,250.—Oregonian, June 5, 1904.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

(Special Dispatch by Leased Wire to The Journal)
New York, June 3.—Just before sailing today on the Cunard line steamer Campania, Chevalier Marconi declared that when he returned to this country in October next the world will see the fulfillment of his ambition, the transmission of trans-Atlantic messages by wireless telegraphy.

"By that time," he said, "the powerful stations at Cape Breton will have been completed and unless all my calculations are wrong, the feat of sending messages across the ocean by my system will have been achieved."

Mr. Marconi said that during his trip he expected to pick up the Faldu station in Wales by Monday evening, when the ship will be about 800 miles from Sandy Hook and, expected to keep in touch with the Cape Breton station until Thursday, when he will be within 800 miles of the Irish coast.

IDA HO NOW GREET'S SEA

Elaborate Ceremonies at Opening of Portage Road at Celilo.

GOVERNORS SMASH TIE AND BIG CROWD CHEERS

Governor Mead Hits Spike at First Swing but Others Show Lack of Practice — Columbia Now Open.

(From a Journal Staff Correspondent)

Celilo, Or., June 2.—When the master of ceremonies at Celilo removed a bunch of small American flags that marked the place where the last spike of the portage road was to be driven and substituted a spike on each end of the rail at noon, greeted there was a hull in the uproar of the crowd's enthusiasm as three governors of states, a United States senator and several distinguished civilians marched forward to drive the all important spike. The lance was but momentary, for the ensuing scene evoked shouts of laughter and applause. Governor Chamberlain of Oregon came to bat first. With no intent to imitate the immortal Casey, he wore a look of confidence. Swinging the heavy sledge, he hit at the spike once, twice and then again—then paused, looked about and smiled. The spike remained unbruised, and with a well-directed and tremendous blow he hit the spike squarely. The crowd yelled. Spurred to win further glory, the governor of Washington threw his whole soul into four more blows, all of which missed the spike and hit the tie with resounding whacks. He retired in good order.

Governor Gooding of Idaho had not looked on without profiting by the experiences of his predecessors. He deliberately grasped the sledge handle, assumed a crouching position over the spike, and hammered it at short range. The plaudits of a thousand people rewarded his sagacity, and he stepped back with a satisfied triumph. "Hip, hip, hurrah," yelled an Idaho man in a linen duster, perched high on the cannery platform, and the Lewiston delegation added a tiger.

Keyburn Responded.
Senator Heyburn of Idaho is a portly man, and responded leisurely to the call of his name. He donned half a dozen blows, and landed two. Senator Clark of Wyoming was pressed into service unexpectedly, he said, and was entirely unprepared. "However, you can't beat me at this game," he remarked, turning the flat side of the spike he lammed it unmercifully three or four times. President Wheelwright of the Portland chamber of commerce adopted the tactics of the governor of Idaho with equal success. J. N. Ford of Portland took unfair advantage, it was claimed, by going to Celilo several hours ahead of the delegation and practicing with the sledge. He gave a spirited performance, governing his blows with such accuracy that he landed three out of seven. There being still half a length of spike to be driven, Judge Mariner of Blalock was called to the front. He drove the spike home in four blows.

Day of Significance.
From the moment when the steamer Mountain Gem at 9 a. m. rounded gracefully to the Celilo pier and was met by the portage train, steaming down to connect with its first boat, the day at Celilo was filled with significance. Fully 1,500 people were in attendance. They gathered from every river point and from many inland districts in a radius of several hundred miles around Celilo. The Mountain Gem brought also 150 men from Lewiston, Clarkston and the region along the Snake river. Spokane was represented by a delegation from its chamber of commerce, headed by President G. B. Dennis. The Dalles sent a trainload. There were many from Appleton and points in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam and Sherman counties on the Oregon side, and from towns far up the Columbia river in Washington—all full of enthusiasm for the cause of the portage road and the open river to the sea.

Picnics Secured.
The Portland special train, tendered by the officials of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company, made a fast run to Celilo, arriving in scheduled time at 11:30 o'clock. The train consisted of three coaches, a baggage car, carrying a big picnic lunch provided by the Portland chamber of commerce, and the private cars of General Manager J. F. Buckley and General Superintendent O'Brien and General Superintendent O'Brien. Governors Chamberlain of Oregon, Mead of Washington and Gooding of Idaho, with numbers of their

NEW SURVEY OF UMATILLA.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal)
Pendleton, Or., June 3.—County Surveyor J. W. Kimbrell is making a new survey of the town of Umatilla, all monuments of the corps and original survey made in 1881 having been affected by the sands. All property rights are in confusion, as none of the monuments placed 25 years ago are left.

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