

REAL REASON FOR DELAY IN TRIALS FOR GRAFT EXPOSED

Real Reason of Defendants in Securing Delay for Trials for Graft Exposed.

HAVE NEW LAW PASSED GIVING THEM IMMUNITY

Arguments of Transfer of Cases From Judge Dunne's Court to Graham's Court—Schmitz Accused of Seeking Delay.

(Journal Special Service.) San Francisco, Dec. 28.—The secret of the fight Schmitz and Ruff are making to delay trial was revealed last night when it was learned from well-informed sources that the defendants, aided by corporation managers, have a bold plan to save themselves from prison. Their plan is to secure the passage at the coming session of the legislature of a bill limiting the power of the grand jury and possibly abolishing it altogether.

CHARGES POLICEMAN WITH BEING COWARD

Brother Officer Says Fields Failed to Aid Him When He Was in Danger.

Charges of cowardice and allowing a prisoner to escape may be lodged against Patrolman Fields with the police commission if an investigation by Chief Gritzman shows that Patrolman Wade's allegations are true. About 11 o'clock last night Wade, accompanied by Fields, visited the Burnside saloon at Second and Burnside streets and arrested Ed Murphy and another habitue of the place on charges of vagrancy. Wade ordered the man not to interfere, whereupon Maier is alleged to have grabbed the policeman by the arm.

ASK ANOTHER PENITENTIARY WEST OF CASCADES

Committee Appointed by Governor Mead Makes Its Report on State Prison.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Olympia, Wash., Dec. 28.—The report of the committee appointed by Governor Mead to investigate conditions at the penitentiary has been received. It recommends the building of an indeterminate penitentiary west of the Cascades; the separation of employees from convicts; modification of the extreme term of punishment known as housing; city service for the employment of guards and employees; increase in salaries along the entire line; uniforms for women prisoners; improvement of the sewerage of the old prison; employment of women in active labor; the enlargement of the dining hall and the construction of a new bakery; the improvement of the water supply; the enlargement of the dairy barn and herd; the removal of the jail and the doubling of its capacity; a better system of distributing the products of the jail mill throughout the state; the employment of convicts on the public highways and the construction of public works for the state; the construction of a new hospital, and the removal of the women prisoners to the present building used for a hospital.

FIGHTERS ARE FIT AND ONLY AWAIT THE HOUR

(Journal Special Service.) Tonopah, Nev., Dec. 28.—Everything is in readiness for the fight between Gus Geonuni and Alvin S. Brown, expected to take place at the arena in Tonopah. The arena is completed and is the finest in the country. Every seat is in close range.

IMPORTED WAITERS AT TONOPAH THREATENED

(Journal Special Service.) Tonopah, Nev., Dec. 28.—The restaurant proprietors are importing cooks and waiters from Denver and Salt Lake. The Industrial Workers of the World say they will bring 500 miners from Goldfield to make trouble for the imported waiters, who are expected tomorrow.

TO GET BONAPARTE'S VIEWS ON EXCLUSION

(Journal Special Service.) Washington, Dec. 28.—United States Attorney Devitt of San Francisco went to Baltimore today to discuss with Attorney-General Bonaparte the legal phases of the exclusion of Japanese children from the schools of San Francisco.

SIXY OWLS AT BAKER CITY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Baker City, Or., Dec. 28.—Sixty Baker City people have been initiated into the order of Owls, such an order having been instituted in this city. Temporary officers have been elected as follows: C. L. Williams, vice-president; H. W. Shurtliff, vice-president; Robert W. Haines, secretary; C. A. Houser, treasurer; E. B. Torrey, master of the nest; William Miller, warden; H. L. Mitchell, sentinel.

FINISER IS CHOSEN FIRST PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL GUARD

Organization of National Guard Association Effected at Meeting This Morning.

MANY OFFICERS FROM VALLEY TOWNS ATTEND

Constitution and By-Laws Adopted and Association Elects Full Set of Officers Among Whom Are Many Well-Known National Guardsmen.

Organization of the National Guard association of Oregon was effected at a meeting of active and veteran officers of the Oregon National guard at the armory this morning. The meeting was called to order by Brigadier-General W. A. Finiser, adjutant-general of the Oregon National guard, who was elected temporary chairman. Captain L. H. Knapp was elected secretary.

PUMPING LIVE FISH FROM LOS ANGELES WELLS

Ranchers Get Water Supply and Finny Products From Underground Stream.

(Journal Special Service.) Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—Ranchmen at Hynes, 18 miles south of this city, are raising great quantities of fresh water from the earth's depths and with about every stroke of the large pumps the fish running in size from 5 to 12 inches are drawn from the underground stream and sent with a rush down the sluiceways to the irrigation ditches. The pumps are many miles from the nearest surface water and six miles from the ocean.

GREAT PLOT TO OVERTHROW CZAR OF RUSSIA

Larger Part of Army Declared by Revolutionists to Be Involved in Scheme.

(Journal Special Service.) Boston, Dec. 28.—Gregory Androgrich Geonuni, the noted Russian revolutionist who escaped from Siberia, says that while the time is not ripe to unfold the plans, a great plot has been completed to overthrow the czar and that the world will soon be startled by the news of the Russian revolution. He says that the Russian army is involved in the revolutionary plot, though it does not openly assist until the time arrives for an open outbreak.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY IN BAD SHAPE PHYSICALLY

A great big Christmas turkey, possessing an elongated spleen, a torpid liver and a generally disordered stomach, will be the cause of the arrest of W. H. Lutz, a fish dealer at 545 Jefferson street, this afternoon.

TWO VERY DISTRESSING ACCIDENTS AT NEWBERG

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Newberg, Or., Dec. 28.—While loading a car with lumber a hook slipped from a large timber and struck W. B. Cory on the jaw, breaking it and knocking out several teeth. While the accident is quite distressing no serious results are apprehended.

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A. J. CASSATT DEAD IN PHILADELPHIA

President of Pennsylvania Railroad Company Passes Away After Lingering Illness.

John F. Wentworth and Robert Merchant Are Accused by Five Men

(Journal Special Service.) Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, died this afternoon, aged 67. He caught whooping cough while visiting in Philadelphia.

CONDUCTED BROKERAGE BUSINESS AT SEATTLE

Complaining Quintette Claim to Have Lost Nearly Ten Thousand, and That Firm Victimized Many by Felonious Practices.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Dec. 28.—Warrants were issued this afternoon for the arrest of John F. Wentworth and Robert Merchant, who, trading under the name of the National Brokerage company, are alleged to have swindled citizens of Washington and Oregon to the amount of \$100,000 during the past two years, in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Five men told Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Vandever today they had lost \$9,100 through the alleged swindling operations of the pair.

DELEGATION TO LEGISLATURE WILL ORGANIZE TONIGHT

Senators and Representatives to Meet in Office of Attorney Frank F. Freeman.

Permanent organization of the Multnomah county delegation to the state legislature will be effected tonight at a meeting to be held in the office of Attorney Frank F. Freeman, on the sixth floor of the Fenton building. There are seven senators and 13 representatives from this county.

HEALTH BOARD MEETING—ELECTION OF OFFICERS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 28.—The state board of health held its annual meeting here yesterday and adopted several reports and transferred to the board of health reports show that Oregon is one of the most healthy of the states, being free from the remarkable degree of epidemics. The tuberculosis problem was discussed at some length, but as far as could be learned no special laws were suggested to the legislature.

CHICK HOUGHTON CASE IS ARGUED AT SALEM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Dec. 28.—The habeas corpus proceedings in the case of Chick Houghton, the ex-convict, is being argued today before Judge William Galloway. The attorney general's argument is being made by E. Van Winkle, assistant state attorney, and the state and Attorney General McDevitt appear for Houghton.

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