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SCHMITZ DENIED CHANGE OF VENUE

MAYOR ON TRIAL FOR EXTORTION

Dunne's Decision Hissed—Claims Spreckels Is Trying to Grab Great Franchises

(Journal Special Service.)
San Francisco, May 21.—Judge Dunne denied the motion for a change of venue in the Schmitz case after listening to the reading of the affidavits submitted by the defense and state this morning. When his decision was announced several hissed. The work of calling the trial jurors then began. The small courtroom in which Judge Dunne is holding the session was crowded with spectators. When the mayor appeared with his attorneys the aisles were so crowded he had difficulty in making his way to a seat.
The defense's affidavit in support of the motion for a change of venue charged that Judge Dunne is biased and under the influence of the press. It accused Rudolph Spreckels of persecution of Schmitz for the purpose of securing control of the board of supervisors or grab the immense street railway and water rights. They charge that such control has already been secured, and maintained that it is Spreckels who is the practical ruler of the city.
Judge Dunne's counter affidavit denied this. Spreckels' affidavit declared he had no motive in guaranteeing the \$100,000 fund other than to secure the conviction of all the grafters, high and low, and that he had no personal prejudice against Schmitz any more than against any other official accused of robbing the city. He asserted he had no political ambitions or hopes, and expected no financial reward of any nature.
Committee Withdraws.
The withdrawal of the committee of seven from which so much was expected has caused a feeling of deep regret and leaves the citizens guessing what will be the next step. It is certain that unless some radical improvement in the situation takes place there must be radical action of some sort. Rudolph Spreckels has distinctly lost ground with the citizens as a whole by his refusal to join hands with the committee. There are some reports that a deal by which Schmitz may be given an immunity bath may be fixed up, but this cannot be confirmed.
The district attorney's office has filed
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LOSE LIVES IN FLAMING LAKE SHIP

Steamer Naomi Is Destroyed by Fire—Heroism of Captain Saves Many Passengers

(Journal Special Service.)
Grand Rapids, Mich., May 21.—Surrounded with flaming tongues of fire, afloat in midlake with no apparent means of escape, 40 passengers and the crew of the passenger steamer Naomi fought for their lives with the energy born of desperation and were finally rescued from the jaws of death this morning after having lost four of their number in the conflagration and several more in the waters of the lake. The name of J. M. Rhoads of Detroit was added to the death list later, his removal to a hospital resulting in his death at an early hour today.
Saved by Captain.
Calm slumber was transformed into desperate fear shortly after midnight when the cry of "fire" resounded throughout the steamer. Passengers and crew tumbled on deck half clad, to find themselves in the midst of a fiery furnace. Panic-stricken men and women screamed and fainted, struggling to get to the boats. Captain Thomas Trull's cool head and calm management saved nearly a hundred people from a terrible fate.
For a time the frightened passengers were unmanageable. A number jumped over the side of the ship and were lost in the waves. Seeing that a panic could only be averted by the most radical methods, the ship's officers drew revolvers, and, covering the panic-stricken crowd, threatened to shoot the first one who made a move which was not according to orders.
Four deckhands who were fighting the fire remained in their dangerous position too long and were knocked into the flames by a falling spar, being burned to death before they could be rescued by their shipmates.
Steamers to the Rescue.
Seeing the flames, the steamers Kerr and Kansas hurried to the rescue of the burning ship and were able to save the lives of all but the four deckhands and those passengers who had jumped overboard in the first heat of excitement. The arrival of the rescuers was none too soon, however, for Captain Trull, who was the last to leave the ship, had nearly all of his clothes burned from his body, which is a mass
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THE CARPET-BAGGER



FROM THE DEPOT, SIXTEEN YEARS AGO, TO THE CITY HALL, WHERE THOMAS C. DEVLIN HAS SINCE HELD PUBLIC OFFICE.

DEVLIN FOR 16 YEARS IN CITY HALL

Candidate for Mayor Is a Perpetual Office Holder Since First Coming to Portland

Got Employment Soon After His Arrival in City and Has Fed Out of Public Crib Since— Has Been in Auditor's Office Almost Continuously.

Thomas C. Devlin, Republican candidate for mayor, has been in the employ of the city practically since his arrival in Portland 17 years ago, with the slight interval of some five months spent in San Francisco in 1891. Some six or seven years of the time were passed as a clerk in the city auditor's office, then he was promoted to the position of a deputy, and from that place secured the nomination and was elected city auditor, which position he has since held continuously.
According to dates furnished by Mr. Devlin himself, he came to Portland in September, 1890. He did his first work for the city in February, 1891, when he was appointed to do some experting work on the city books. He finished this task a short time before the consolidation of Portland with East Portland and Albina in the special election held in the summer of 1891.
At the time of the consolidation Mr. Devlin went to San Francisco, but was recalled by the new set of officers in the city auditor's department and returned to Portland in the fall of 1891, when he was given a position as clerk in the office. He held this position until either 1897 or 1898, having charge of the street and sewer departments of the auditor's office. At this time he was promoted to the title of deputy auditor, though continuing the same duties in the office. He held this position until 1900 when he received the Republican nomination for auditor and was elected.
In 1903 Mr. Devlin was reelected to the auditorship with no opposition and in 1905 was again reelected after a three years' term caused by the change in the Portland charter. He is now trying for the mayoralty after having been on the municipal payroll continuously, to all practical purposes, for 16 years or more.

SHOUT LANE'S NAME TONIGHT

Sellwood Voters Expect to Duplicate Armory Meeting With an Enthusiastic Rally—Judge Pipes Will Speak.

Sellwood voters will be given an opportunity to attend a Lane meeting tonight when a rally will be held under the auspices of Dr. Lane's friends in that district of the city. Judge M. L. Pipes and Mayor Lane will be the speakers of the evening and in addition a program of music has been arranged by the committee. It is expected that the meeting will be a repetition of the successful meeting held at the Armory Friday last.
Political meetings are the order of the day now and will continue until just prior to the election day, June 3. Both the Lane and Devlin headquarters are busy outlining plans for public gatherings and the speaker's voice will be the chief attraction from now on.
Independents Arrange Meetings.
An independent movement has sprung up in South Portland, and a meeting has been arranged in Jones' hall, Front and Gibbs streets, for Wednesday night, May 23. The gathering will be non-partisan and Dr. Lane will be the principal speaker. In addition to the mayor, however, other prominent men in the city will be on the platform and will perhaps make short addresses. A special program of music has been arranged, the feature of which will be several vocal selections by Miss Elizabeth Harwar.
The South Portland Republican club will hold a rally at Artisan's hall, Front and Gibbs streets, on Wednesday, May 23. At this Mr. Devlin and the remainder of the Republican candidates will be present and make addresses. Music has been provided for the meeting.
A Lane meeting will also be held in Albina in the near future, though the date of the meeting has not as yet been determined.
Other meetings planned by the Republican headquarters are: First ward, May 24; tenth ward, May 25, and again the following night. A meeting is also planned for the east side on May 31.
Joint Discussion Requested.
Charter amendments will be discussed pretty thoroughly during the meeting two weeks. Already several resolutions for this purpose have been discussed. Tonight the University Park
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NEW VENUE IN HAYWOOD CASE

Rumored Prosecution Is in Possession of Letters Which Passed Between Defendant and Jack Simpkins.

(Journal Special Service.)
Boise, May 21.—The special venire in the Haywood case was exhausted this morning and a recess taken until another venire can be summoned.
Starting off with but nine out of the special venire, it was plain today before the final adjournment that an enforced recess would be necessary in order that the sheriff might summon another panel of 30 men for the Haywood jury.
Attorney Darrow this morning resumed his examination of John Whitlock. Whitlock is not wanted by the defense, but is making strenuous efforts to qualify. The defense then temporarily challenged John Fisher, Levi Smith, a railroad employee, was provisionally accepted to succeed Fisher after five others were excused for bias.
Sensational Developments.
With the contest over jurors was going on, there were some sensational developments in the progress of the case elsewhere. Detectives employed by the defense are declared to be searching for two persons from Denver who are reported to have sold to the prosecution the letter files of the federation headquarters in Denver.
According to the story current here these documents consist of letters written by Jack Simpkins from Caldwell to the Stuenkel murder. It is claimed they show conclusively that Simpkins and Haywood were on terms of unusual intimacy and that Simpkins refers directly to Orchard and his work. Haywood's replies to Simpkins are also declared to be in the lot.
A man connected with the defense admits that the prosecution has certain federation letters, but claim they are merely routine communications.

SET GRADE STAKES FOR CHANGE IN S. P. LINE

New Track Will Be Laid and Main Route Changed Between Oregon City and Willsburg—Will Become Part of Beaverton Cutoff—Built to Avoid Steep Grade and Curves Near Clackamas River—Proposed Route Crosses O. W. P. at Milwaukie

A change of the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad from Oregon City to Willsburg has been determined upon by the management, and engineers are setting grade stakes for the new line. The change will necessitate construction of new track from a point a mile north of Oregon City to a point between Willsburg and Milwaukie, where it will join the proposed Beaverton & Willsburg cutoff that is to be projected across the new Elk Rock bridge.
The reason for the change is the existence of a very steep grade and a sharp curve on the present main line near the Clackamas river. It is proposed to abandon the present bridge over the Clackamas and build a new bridge about 500 feet further down the river. The new line will cross that of the Oregon Water Power & Railway company at Milwaukie.
The change will leave the stations of Park Place, Clackamas and Paper Mill off the main line. What will be done with the old line is not yet known. The distance from Oregon City to Willsburg is about 13 miles and 10 miles of this route will be changed
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SLOT MACHINES FROM DEVLIN?

Cigar Dealers and Liquor Men Line Up for Republican Candidate in Expectation of Having Gambling Devices Restored.

Saloonmen and cigar dealers, almost to a man, are supporting Thomas C. Devlin for mayor in the belief that if he is elected the nickel-in-the-slot machines will once more be allowed to run.
"We have no definite promises from Devlin," said the proprietor of one downtown cigar stand, "but we have reason to think he will be 'right' and that with him as mayor the machines will be running once more. We all know that so long as Lane is in office there is no chance of getting the machines back."
Few acts of Mayor Lane's administration excited more general commendation than his order that the nickel-in-the-slot machines must go. This insidious form of gambling was costing the people of Portland tens of thousands of dollars annually. Long and earnest war had been waged against the machines by the better classes of citizens, but without avail until the election of Mayor Lane two years ago.
The expectation that Devlin will, if elected, allow the machines to run, is said to be based on representations made by his lieutenant, Ferdinand E. Reed, who has been conducting Devlin's campaign both before and since the primaries.

GORDON SEEKING TO ESCAPE HIS NEMESIS

Wealthy Coos Bay Timberman Brings Suit to Quiet Title in Clackamas Which Bertha Lurch, Who Claims to Be His Wife, Prevents Sale of—Asserts That Woman Was Married to a Dummy Who Impersonated Him at Vancouver.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Oregon City, May 21.—The strange case of Edward Sam Gordon, the wealthy timberman of Coos county, who was tured by the wife of a woman and has had endless trouble in extricating himself, and Bertha Etta Lurch, his Nemesis, has been revived by the filing of a suit in this county to quiet title to his property here.
The woman claims to be his wife and has succeeded in preventing him from disposing of his property interests in various parts of the state, he claims. The case will be remembered as the one in which the woman was accused of having procured a "dummy" representative Gordon and marrying him at Vancouver, Washington.
The woman later created quite a sensation in Portland by being arrested at the Portland hotel on the charge of counterfeiting. In her apartments at the hotel a coining outfit was found. She was confined in the women's ward at the city jail for several weeks and then removed to San Francisco, where she was wanted by the authorities on the charge of forgery. She and Gordon were accused of having defrauded a physician of that city of a considerable sum.
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STATES GOULD IS IMPROPER PERSON

(Journal Special Service.)
New York, May 21.—Sensational charges are contained in the divorce suit Mrs. Howard Gould has started against her husband, one of her most astonishing allegations being that because of his personal habits he is an improper person to live with. The complaint is highly sensational, charging Gould with consorting with numerous women. Mrs. Gould's complaint against her husband covers every one of the four grounds on which it is possible to secure a separation.
Under the first charge that he is not a proper person to live with, it is said that some exceedingly distressing facts will be presented in a bill of particulars or at the time of the trial.
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OIL DEALERS DECLARE THEY ARE MISTREATED

Washington, May 21.—To secure fair play from the railroads in competition with the Standard Oil company the National Petroleum association today produced witnesses and exhibits at the public hearing of the interstate commerce commission to prove that they are the victims of unjust rates and other forms of discrimination.
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POISONED TO GET WIFE AND MONEY

(Journal Special Service.)
Raleigh, N. C., May 21.—Dr. David Roland, a leading physician here, and his wife, who were arrested yesterday, are charged with two crimes. It is alleged they killed Mrs. Roland's first husband, E. C. Strange. Dr. Roland is also charged with poisoning his 12-year-old son. Illicit love and insurance money are given as motives for the murder of Strange. Insurance money figures in the alleged poisoning of the Roland boy.
Three weeks ago Strange died suddenly at his home here. Dr. Roland being the attending physician. Strange's life was insured for \$15,000. There has been talk of Roland and Mrs. Strange, who is a handsome woman, and when the couple married two weeks after Strange's death detectives were put to work.
Four days ago Dr. Roland's son died at the home of relatives after a visit from his father. It is said Roland gave his son an orange on leaving him, and that the boy was taken violently ill after eating it and died with symptoms of poisoning. It develops that Dr. Roland had insured the boy's life for \$6,000. He had arranged to collect the money when arrested.
The bodies of Strange and Roland's son will be examined and examined for traces of poison.
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