

## DIRECTORS OF GAS TRUST INDICTED FOR BRIBERY

### PROMOTERS OF TROLLEY IN THE NET

#### Prominent Realty Dealers Accused of Corruption by the Frisco Grand Jury

#### Twenty-Eight Indictments for Bribery Returned Against the Parkside and San Francisco Gas & Electric Companies—Jury Adjourns for Two Weeks.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, May 25.—Twenty-eight indictments for bribery were brought today by the grand jury in the cases against the Parkside Realty company and the San Francisco Gas & Electric company. The grand jury then adjourned until June 10.

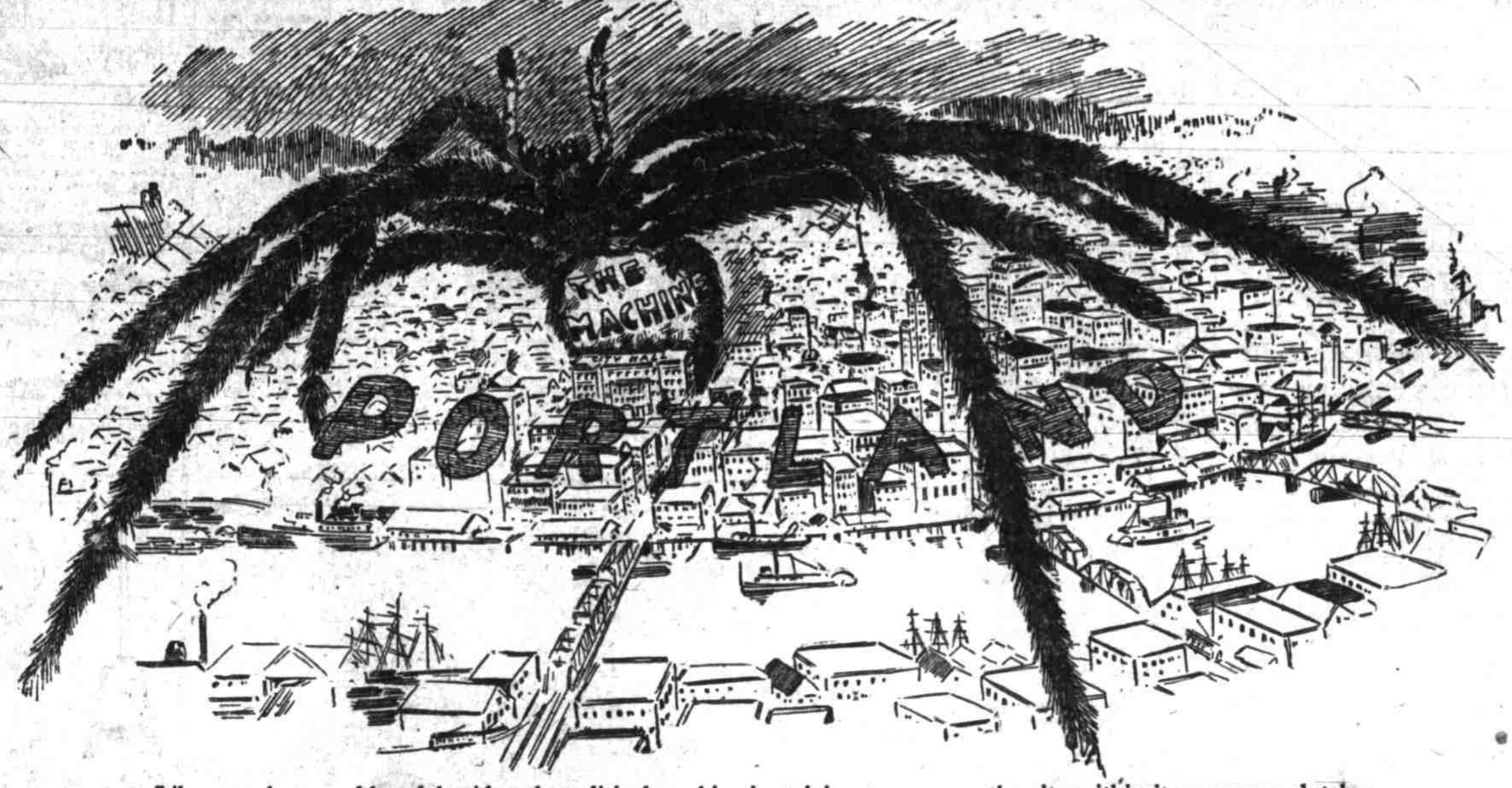
In the Parkside case the indicted are:  
G. H. Umbson, real estate dealer.  
Joseph E. Green, real estate dealer and capitalist.

Attorney W. I. Brobeck, of the law firm of Morrison, Cope & Brobeck, Abraham Ruef.  
They are charged in 14 joint indictments with offering a bribe of \$1,000 each to 14 supervisors for the passing of an ordinance granting the electrical railroad franchise through the Parkside tract. The bribe sum raised by the Parkside company was \$40,000, of which sum \$15,000 was paid to Ruef by Umbson.

In the gas company case the indicted are: Directors Eugene DeSaba, John Martin and Frank G. Drum; Abraham Ruef and Mayor Eugene Schmits. They are charged in 14 joint indictments of giving a bribe of \$750 to each of 14 supervisors to vote for the establishing of an 85-cent gas rate instead of the "six-bit" union labor party platform plank on which they were elected.

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### THE MENACE WHICH THREATENS PORTLAND



Like some huge and hateful spider, the political machine is striving to compass the city within its poisonous clutch.

### TRICKS TO GET OUT OF JURY DUTY

#### Farmers Grow Ignorant to Escape Service in Haywood Trial, Wearisome Delays

#### Witnesses Known to Everybody Register Mysteriously Under Assumed Names That Deceive Nobody—Eastern Visitors Are Astounded at Indifference.

By Hugh O'Neill, Special Commissioner for Denver Post and Oregon Journal.

Boise, Idaho, May 25.—The drifting lights and shadows of life come and go quickly in the dreary progress of this case. And like all the colors of this western state, in dawn or noonday, or evening, the lights are glaring white and the shadows are dead black. There are no middle tones. The comedy is all broad farce. The drama is all melancholy tragedy. You can laugh or weep, but you cannot preserve an even indifference. A reasonable middle course seems impossible. The detectives, saving perhaps only McParland, are sleuths, moving silently in the shadows, peering mysteriously under half closed eyes.

All the witnesses are known to everybody in the least concerned in this case, yet they all register under assumed names that deceive nobody. One ingenuous maiden from Denver did happen to register at the hotel under her own name and "well-informed persons" at once assumed that she was somebody else and not herself at all. It caused her some embarrassment and kept quite a number of people sitting up all night, speculating. As soon as a stranger appears whose business is unknown he is put down as a "spy for the defense." And spies of, course, are naturally not popular, even in Boise.

Eastern visitors are invariably astounded at the "quietness" of the

### MAD TIGER LOOSE IN CROWD

#### Huge Beast Breaks From Cage and Kills Child Before Brave Man Shoots Animal With Revolver

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
Twin Falls, Idaho, May 25.—During the afternoon performance of the Sells-Floto circus in Twin Falls today a huge Bengal tiger broke from his cage in the menagerie tent and charged into the crowd, killing a 4-year-old girl, a Shetland pony, and mauling several other spectators and ponies before it was shot and killed by a man in the audience.

The tiger sprang upon Mrs. S. E. Rosell and her little daughter, Ruth, 4 years old. Mrs. Rosell was not seriously injured, but the child was so torn and mangled that she died two hours later. Many of the women in the crowd fainted and men were stricken with panic.

J. Bell, a Twin Falls blacksmith, was stepping beside Mrs. Rosell when she was attacked. His wife and children were with him and at the mercy of the beast. Brushing his family aside, Bell drew a .32-caliber revolver and opened fire on the tiger.

When the first bullet struck the animal behind the shoulder, he winced and opened his jaws. The second bullet caused him to release Mrs. Rosell and her daughter, and the third put him on the run. Bell followed, firing three more bullets into the fleeing tiger as it ran outside the tent. It was sorely wounded, but managed to crawl some distance before collapsing. Recovering its strength for an instant the beast turned and started back toward the stampeding spectators. Bell was waiting for the attack with his revolver loaded, but the big beast had enough, rolled over and biting at his wounds, expired in a few minutes.

The police are confident now that Henry Becker either was directly concerned in the murder or was a witness to it.

### TILTON'S LIFE RUINED BY BEECHER SCANDAL

#### American Editor Who Won Notoriety by Singing Celebrated Preacher, Dead in Paris, Where He Spent Last Twenty-Five Years of His Life in Exile—History of Famous Case Which Won Attention Throughout the World—Sued for Large Sum.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
Paris, May 25.—Theodore Tilton, the former American editor and poet whose suit against Henry Ward Beecher was the topic of conversation on two continents, died here today. The cause of his death was pneumonia. He passed last night sleeping intermittently, but growing weaker. His spirits were good, though he knew the end was not far distant, and he at times displayed all of his old-time humor.

Tilton spent the last 14 years of his life in Paris. He exiled himself in 1882 because he could not endure the discredit brought upon him by the revelations in connection with and incidental to his celebrated suit against Beecher.

Tilton was born in New York City in October, 1838. His first work was with the New York Churchman in 1855. He turned naturally to things religious, as he had been brought up in a belief in the strict doctrine of Calvinism. He was with the New York Observer for a time and then with the Independent. He was with the Independent from 1855 until 1871, and was editor of the Brooklyn Union in the last few months after his connection with the Independent. Afterward he founded a weekly paper which he called the Golden Age. It was this paper which was the medium through which money was paid to Tilton by Beecher in the first year of the trouble between them. Beecher raised \$5,000 on a mortgage on his house. The \$5,000 was turned over to Tilton in the form of a check. He used the money to pay for his living expenses, but actually to provide funds for Tilton's livelihood.

Friends Denied Story.  
Friends of Mr. Beecher denied that he paid this money and other money in order to prevent Tilton from exposing the scandal that had been kept hidden for many months. They asserted and still assert that Mr. Beecher took that means of giving money to put food into the mouths of Tilton's wife and children.

Tilton married Elizabeth M. Richards in 1855. He and Beecher became intimate friends after Mr. Beecher became connected with the Independent in 1850. Through all this period the Beecher family and the Tilton family were very intimate. Mr. Beecher was a frequent caller at the Tilton home. He and Mrs. Tilton were openly very friendly toward each other, but there was never any gossip connecting the two until about three years before the Tilton suit. In fact, their friendship ceased in 1869, a year after it was alleged to have begun.

There was a period of almost two years in which the alleged scandal was kept fairly well hidden. In the first flush of his anger Tilton wanted to "expose" Beecher, but he was persuaded to let the matter drop.

Scandal Becomes Public.  
Despite the efforts of the peacemakers, the scandal became public property in 1872. Naturally such a story concerning the most famous minister in all the land created a great sensation.

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### DROWNED BEFORE EYES OF MAIDEN

#### Harry George of Astoria, a Stanford Student, Knocked Overboard While Sailing in Youngs River and Perishes in Stream.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Astoria, Or., May 25.—While sailing in a small sailboat on Youngs river with Miss Winnie Higgins this afternoon, Harry George of this city was knocked overboard by the boom of the boat. Despite the frantic efforts of the young woman to save him, and her piercing screams for help, he sank and was drowned before assistance arrived.

The body has not been recovered, though the river bed for quite a distance has been dragged. Boats of various kinds are patrolling the river in the hope that the body may rise, and searching parties will continue their efforts until it is recovered.

Knocked Over by Sail.  
The accident was one of the saddest that has ever happened here. Youngs George and Miss Higgins went for a sail this afternoon and were enjoying the sport when without warning the boom of the boat swung suddenly around, striking the young man and knocking him overboard.

Bridgetender Stran saw the accident, but before he was able to lower a boat the body of the young man sank. The young woman tried heroically to rescue him, but failed.

The young man was a great favorite with a large circle of friends and relatives, and the affair has cast a gloom over the city. He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. George H. George. His father is manager of the Columbia River Packers' association. H. G. Van Dusen, fish warden, and Captain Thomas H. Crank are his uncles.

Was Stanford Student.  
Young George was born in Astoria and would have been 20 years of age in August. A few days ago he returned from Stanford university, where he was a student during the past year.

Miss Higgins, the young woman who accompanied him on the fatal voyage, is a daughter of J. E. Higgins, cashier of the Astoria National bank. She is in quite a precarious condition as a result of her sad experience.

### PORTLANDER IS HEIR TO VAST ENGLISH ESTATE

#### Oliver H. Hall, a Local Teamster and Direct Descendant of Sir Francis Drake, Will Share in Division of Latter's Fortune, Amounting to Twenty Millions of Dollars—Money Now in Bank of England—Attorneys Establish Hall's Relationship.

Out of the wealth of romance and gold that fills the old English chancery there has come across the sea and land to Portland both wealth and a romance. The romance is already here and the gold is soon to arrive.

Both the essentials were founded by Sir Francis Drake, the great English admiral, and the first English navigator to discover the Oregon coast. And, strangely enough, it is highly probable that a large portion of the vast estates left by him will settle upon one of his descendants who lives in Portland, near the coast which the famous navigator discovered.

Portland Man Heir.  
The descendant of the great English sea fighter living in Portland is Oliver H. Hall, a teamster in the employ of the Van Horn Transfer company, 206 Stark street. Hall claims direct lineage from the destroyer of the Spanish Armada and the first mariner in the history of the world to circumnavigate the globe. He further claims that he will participate to the extent of \$350,000 in the estate left by Sir Francis.

Indeed, the teamster has good reason to advance his claims. For years an uncle by the name of Drake has been endeavoring to establish the right to participate in the fortune, but only recently succeeded. Through the efforts of attorneys in London and in New York the relationship is said to have been completely confirmed. At any rate Hall received assurances during the past week from the attorneys that there is no doubt but that he will share generously in the vast sums that, after years in chancery, are awaiting distribution.

Twenty Million to Divide.  
There are several heirs to the estate in America. Attorneys for these heirs claim to have succeeded in preparing the estate for distribution, and they also claim that each American heir will receive about \$250,000. The total estate amounts to more than \$20,000,000, it is said.

Hall first learned of his interest in that vast sum through his grandmother, who died recently. Many years ago she told him of his great ancestor and of the fortune that was left by him and

was about to be distributed. The fortune consists of money in the Bank of England, and property interests in Scotland.

The grandmother came to this country from England with her parents. They bore the name of Drake and are said to have brought to this country with them documentary evidence of their right to claim relationship to the famous admiral. The daughter married a second cousin, also bearing the name of Drake and also a descendant of the admiral. Her descendants are consequently doubly sure of the success of their claims.

Fortune Goes to Teamster.  
Later she and her husband emigrated to the northwest. Two sons and three daughters were born to them. Oliver Hall, the grandson, who is now a teamster in this city, was born at Kalama, Wa. He has a brother at Castle Rock, Washington, and a sister at Kelso, Washington. Each will participate in the fortune of Sir Francis, if the assurances of their attorneys materialize.

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### WIND WRECKS TEXAS TOWN

#### Terrible Cyclone Sweeps Across State Demolishing Houses and Leaving a Trail of Death

(Publishers' Press by Special Leased Wire.)  
Dallas, Texas, May 25.—A special to the Times Herald from Wills Point, 60 miles east, says: A cyclone struck this place at 6:20 p. m., and demolished 25 residences of the town. Three people were killed, and some 18 or 20 injured.

The dead are:  
Mrs. Tom Douglass, blown 200 yards.  
Jesse Douglass, aged 8, blown 300 yards; body found in a pool of water.  
Baby McClellan, aged 2.  
Lowering clouds and a murky atmosphere presaged some sort of a disturbance, and shortly after 6 o'clock the cyclone cloud was seen approaching from the southwest, apparently some three miles distant when first noticed. The destruction was complete, the buildings being entirely demolished. Twenty or 30 homes were wrecked, two children killed and many others hurt, three fatally, by a tornado at Gribble Springs, 18 miles south of here, late tonight. The dead are: Harold and Jennie McClosky.  
Fatally injured: James McClosky, Jessie Tumpkin, Una Jackson.

The tornado swept one of the best sections of the country through a strip two miles wide and 300 miles long.

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### Where Does It Come From?

Thomas C. Devlin.  
Sir—You are seeking the highest office in the gift of the people of this city, an office which no man can rightly administer unless he is absolutely free from obligations to any but the whole people. To secure this office you are expending huge sums of money. Your expenses in the primaries alone are estimated at \$10,000, and you yourself have admitted them to be more than \$2,000. This lavish expenditure of money continues and increases from day to day. The people of Portland want to know and have a right to know who pours out this money and what for, who gives it to you and what they expect from you for it. Why don't you tell them?

#### Mr. Devlin, Where Did You Get It?

### DECLARE DOUMA IS DOOMED TO DIE BY DEFT DISSOLUTION

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.)  
St. Petersburg, May 25.—The Douma is doomed. It may last another month, two months, or even six months, but the reactionaries have triumphed. They have made it plain that the Douma will be dissolved on its first serious conflict with the government.

So far the Douma has passed no laws, but it has now ready and will pass within the next few weeks radical measures insuring the liberty of the subject. These measures the government will not accept, and when the Douma sees its proposals flouted and finds that its good manners avail it nothing, it will adopt the agitation methods of the first Douma and get dissolved at once.

The reactionaries predict quite truly that a third Douma will be just as hard to deal with as the first two; that, therefore, no third Douma can be evolved.

### FRIENDS CRUSHED AS THEY WEEP AT FUNERAL OF GIRL

(Publishers' Press by Special Leased Wire.)  
New York, May 25.—A catastrophe was added to the tragedy of little Anabella Staffeldt, when a score of persons were injured by the collapse of a porch at the Staffeldt homestead at Elmhurst while attending the funeral of the 15-year-old girl who was murdered Wednesday.

Fifty people were buried beneath the splintered boards and supports of the porch when it collapsed under the weight of humanity. A panic resulted, but policemen arrived before anyone was trampled on, but several were severely hurt.

The crash came in the midst of the service and interrupted it for over half an hour.

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