

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF THE OREGON BUILDING IS KNOCKED DOWN

It sincerely regret that most unfortunate condition which exists, as there is no question in my mind but that the Federated clubs, by reason of their efficient organization and the high standard of its membership would have made the state's social functions at the fair such a successful feature we would have had just cause to feel proud."

In this case does Governor Benson express his feelings concerning the social features which have arisen between the commissioners of the Seattle exposition and the executive committee of the Federated Women's club, who have refused to assume charge of the social entertainment of the Oregon building at the fair. The expression is contained in a letter written by Governor Benson to Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, president of the Federated club.

From the correspondence which has passed between the members of the commission and the officers of the Women's club and between the Women's club and the present management, it would appear that the commissioners have taken a wrong stand regarding the social features of the fair and the management. It is apparent that the commission entered into an agreement with the officers of the Women's club, and the present management, that it would appear that the commissioners have taken a wrong stand regarding the social features of the fair and the management. It is apparent that the commission entered into an agreement with the officers of the Women's club, and the present management, that it would appear that the commissioners have taken a wrong stand regarding the social features of the fair and the management.

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Change of Program. A few days after the executive committee of the State Federation was asked by Commissioners Wehrung, Rowe and Booth to go to Salem and assist in securing an additional appropriation from the legislature, as it had been decided to accept the offer of the \$100,000 already appropriated for the social features of the exposition. The commission paid the expenses of two officers of the State Federation, and they were notified officially by the commission that \$5000 had been set aside for social purposes, that the list of hostesses submitted had been accepted and asked that further details be furnished by the women. Mr. Wehrung caused a list of the hostesses appointed to be published.

Secretary Takes Up Work. The matter of expenses such as stationery, postage, traveling expenses and the like was taken up with the commission and a request was made that \$150 a month be set aside for the salary and expenses of Mrs. Hayes. The commission agreed to pay the salary of \$100 a month and to audit the expense bills if they came in.

Work Went for Naught. As a result all the work done by the clubwomen went for naught. They had appointed hostesses, who in turn had made extensive preparations for carrying on their part of the work. The different clubs were notified of the appointment of the hostesses, and the various city councils had appropriated money for the work. All of this work was null and void, and the withdrawal of the women has left the social features of the exposition in a more or less chaotic condition.

As proof that the commissioners are on the wrong foot in their contention that the social features of the fair are the property of the state, a letter written by Governor Benson to Mrs. Evans, dated May 1, is as follows: "I have read the article in the Journal which refers to the trouble between the commissioners and the Federated Women's club and noted the variance between the statements attributed to Mr. Wilson and yourself. Your plan as discussed with me, and outlined in the above mentioned article, is not objectionable to the attorney general or to me from a legal viewpoint, or otherwise."

Modjeska's Remains at Chicago. (United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, May 28.—The body of Madama Modjeska arrived here today. It was placed in a tomb, where it will be kept until it is sent to its final resting place in Poland.

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MAILS MOVE ON GEORGIA CENTRAL

Strikers Make Terms Without Prejudice—Cabinet Sends Knapp.

Atlanta, May 28.—The first train to be moved over the line of the Georgia Central Railroad on which the white firemen are striking because of the company's refusal to draw the color line, was taken from Atlanta to Augusta today. The train consisted of an engine and mail car, and was in charge of Postoffice Inspector Bannerman. It carried a union engineer and negro fireman, and was not molested by the strikers, who had agreed to allow the government to move the mails.

Both sides agree that the moving of the mail does not affect the merits of the strike, and that it does not indicate that traffic will soon be restored. Superintendent Evans of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, joined in the peace conference that is being held by the representatives of the railroad and of the firemen today.

Newspapers here and at Augusta are demanding that the railroad discharge the negroes and end the trouble.

Washington, May 28.—Interstate Commerce Commissioner Knapp will go to Atlanta and assist Labor Commissioner Nelson in his efforts to effect a settlement of the Georgia Central firemen's strike, according to a reliable report here. This was decided upon today. It is understood that a cabinet meeting where the strike was brought up for discussion.

Two Convicts Escape at Salem. Salem, Or., May 28.—Two more convicts escaped yesterday from the guards while at work at the institute for the feeble minded, by ducking into the brush and then walking away. They were Frank Thomas, sent up from Clatsop county and serving one and one half years for larceny, and H. Thompson, a Baker county convict. The latter's term would have expired July 23 and Thomas' term December 24. Eleven have now made their escape from the institute, three of whom were recovered.

Salem Store Robbed. Salem, Or., May 28.—The Red Cross pharmacy at this place was broken into and robbed last night. Six dollars and 50 cents was taken from the till.

PORT OFFICIALS WILL HEAR PLEA

Steel Bridge Push Club Has an Opportunity to Argue Against Bridge Change.

Monday afternoon a public hearing is to be given the Steel Bridge Push club by the Port of Portland commission, at which the advisability of allowing the O. R. & N. company to change the location of the steel bridge is to be considered.

A previous hearing was given the club by a committee known as the bridge committee of the commission, composed of C. F. Swartz, William D. Wheelwright and P. L. Willis, but decision was not given as the club wished more time to which to gather evidence. All the protests had not been sent in so permission was given them to present more evidence at the next meeting. This has been called for Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The commission is expected to reach its decision soon after the meeting. The issue of contention is over the plans made by the railroad company to change the location of the steel bridge in rebuilding it from Holladay avenue on the east side to Oregon street.

McCreery Said to Be Prominent in Politics. Riverside, Cal., May 28.—It is stated here on good authority that V. A. McCreery, who is under arrest at Portland, Or., charged with bigamy, has been prominent in Democratic politics in this county. He established the Spectator at Corona and later the Riverside County Democrat here. McCreery is a graduated druggist and was educated for the Catholic priesthood.

Crematory Repair Bids Are Rejected. An extra session of the city health board was called this morning to open bids for repairs on the city crematory. Only two bids were received, and both of these were rejected. That of Edward Killfeather could not be accepted by the board because the certified check enclosed was not large enough, and the one of J. Gleason & Co. was not accompanied by any check.

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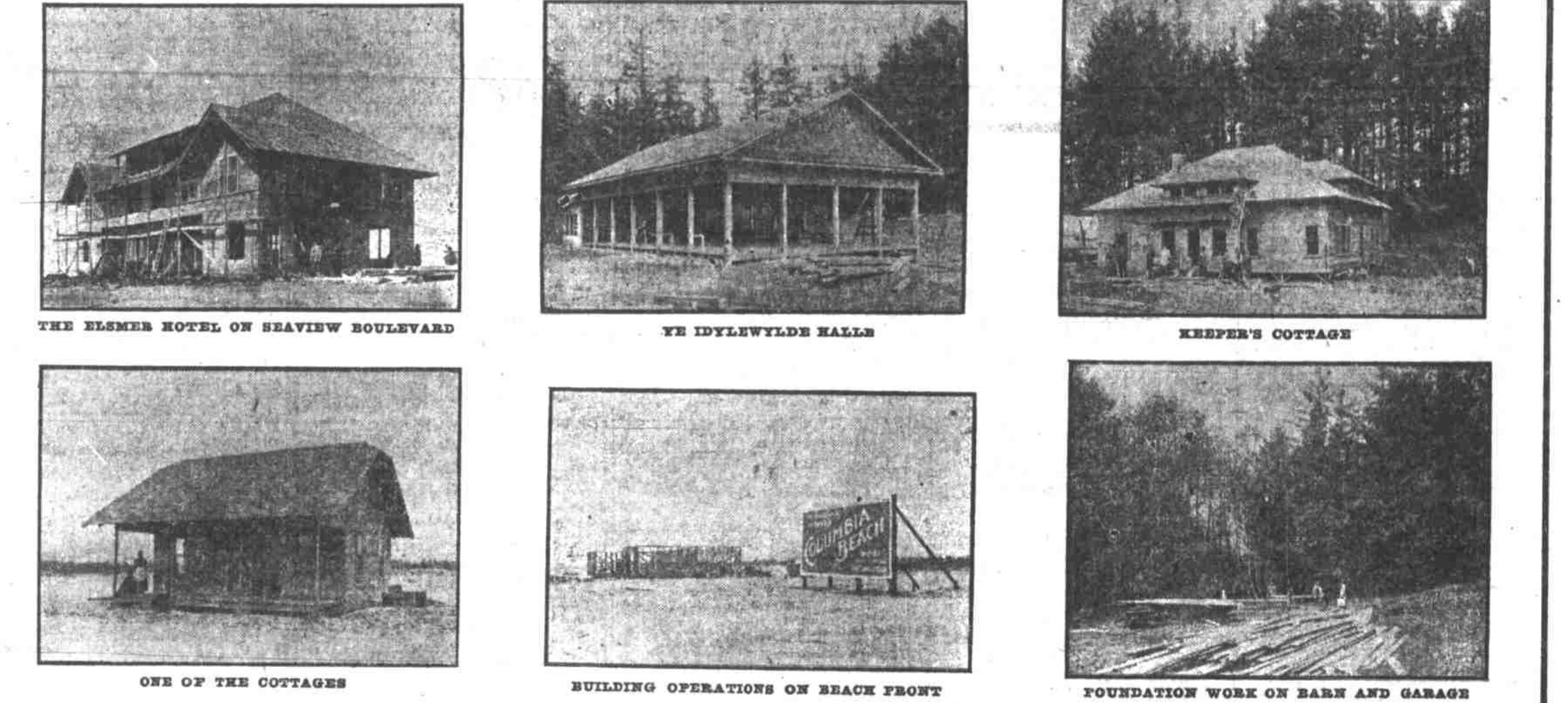
Who Is the Letter Writer? Presumably the letters were written by one Jack McCarty, who has been confined in nearly every penitentiary in the west at one time or another. But the letter on which the indictment is founded contains a reference to J. Kendall Blakesley, who is now under indictment by the Columbia county grand jury for attempted extortion.

Blakesley has resided in St. Helena all his life. He was born two blocks from the site of the courthouse, which he built and owned. District Attorney Quick says Blakesley proposed that he, Quick and McCarty rob, blow up and burn.

Blakesley is out on \$250 cash bail.

COLUMBIA BEACH

"THE SEASIDE CAPITAL OF THE NORTHWEST"



WE ARE DOING GREAT THINGS

Wonderful changes are going on these days at Columbia Beach. Building after building goes up, improvement after improvement goes in, change after change takes place, and still the good work goes on. The visitor at Columbia Beach these warm, resort-suggesting days will discover that we are indeed doing great things. The photographs used in this advertisement give but a partial idea of the real magnitude of the improvements now being carried forward. Columbia Beach is in truth the seaside capital of the Northwest. Columbia Beach will have two roomy and well-equipped bathhouses, one on Neacoxie Creek and the other on Smith's Lake. The former will house the new row-boats and canoes placed there by the company and the latter will make a home for the new 24-foot launch. Columbia Beach will have a large number of rustic seats and bridges. Grading is now being done on the baseball diamond and running track. Two regulation tennis courts are being installed. These will be "matched board" courts to insure good footing and make them usable at any time. 2500 feet of 12-foot by 3-inch planking is being laid on Fifth street, connecting Idlewild Park with the Beach front. Two wells have been bored, with a splendid flow of good drinking water, a report upon which will be published within a few days. At both wells we are erecting tanks of 30,000 gallons capacity each. A gravity system will supply the entire beach. Thousands of feet of pipe is now on the property.

Why not arrange to spend your Decoration Day outing at Columbia Beach? Special round-trip rates for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, \$3.00. Ample accommodations.

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COLUMBIA TRUST COMPANY

84 FOURTH STREET BOARD OF TRADE BUILDING

CHAMPION TYPIST WILL DEMONSTRATE. Miss Rose I. Fritz, world's champion typewriter operator, as she is termed by the people by whom she is employed, the Underwood Typewriter company, will give demonstrations in the office of the Underwood company, 68 Sixth street, tomorrow afternoon, between the hours of 12:30 and 1:30. She is said to be a wonderfully fast operator of the typewriter, having done as high as 6888 words in one hour's writing.

Fishing Licenses for Boys. Salem, Or., May 28.—According to an opinion rendered this morning by the attorney general, boys under 18 years of age must have a fishing license, but they are not required to pay for them.