

GRAND JURY WILL DIG INTO OMAHA PHONE BOND DEAL

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Omaha Telephone bonds are the stumbling block over which the Multnomah county grand jury will attempt to trip Louis J. Wilde into an indictment when the investigation of his connection with the Oregon Trust & Savings bank is begun during the coming term.

It is pointed out that Wilde was a stockholder of the Oregon Trust; that he was also a stockholder of the Union Telephone Construction company, which was selling the Omaha bonds; that he sold the bonds to the bank for par when the bank was entitled to buy them for 90 cents; and that he participated in the bond deals of Moore and Morris, who bought the bonds without the sanction of the board of directors of the bank. This in brief is the main contention to be raised against Wilde, although there are many side issues upon which light is desired.

Moore for witness.

When W. Cooper Morris, who worked with W. H. Moore in buying the bonds, comes to Portland to stand trial under the indictment pending against him, he is to be subpoenaed as a witness before the grand jury and it is believed that his testimony will be damaging to Wilde's case.

The story of the inside of the Omaha bond deal is a most interesting one which has never before been printed. In a general way it is about as follows:

The franchise for the Omaha Home Telephone company was obtained in December, 1904. No work was done on the construction of the plant until April or May, 1907. Early in April, 1907, Morris and Moore bought \$500,000 worth of the company's bonds at par, paying \$100,000 in cash and giving certificates of deposit for the remaining \$400,000. These certificates were divided into amounts of \$25,000 each, payable monthly. Four of them, representing \$100,000 and interest, were paid before the Oregon Trust closed its doors, the last payment being made August 17, 1907.

Going back a little, the Union Telephone Construction company was organized by Wilde for the purpose of constructing the plant of the Omaha Home Telephone company. The construction company contracted with the telephone company to build the plant and take the telephone lines. Therefore the Union Telephone Construction company was really the seller of the bonds. Wilde acting as its agent.

By Laws Give Power.

According to the by-laws of the construction company every stockholder in the company had the right to buy or underwrite the bonds of the Omaha Home Telephone company for 90 cents on the dollar, up to 10 times the face value of the stock held.

W. H. Moore and W. Cooper Morris, at the time the Omaha bonds were bought by them for the Oregon Trust, were each possessed of \$2500 worth of the stock of the Union Telephone Construction company. Each had the right, therefore, to purchase Omaha bonds to the extent of 10 times the face of their stock for 90 cents. This gave each the right to buy \$25,000 worth of bonds at 90 cents—\$250,000 worth of bonds between them at that figure. They bought that amount for the bank, contracting to pay par, or dollar for dollar.

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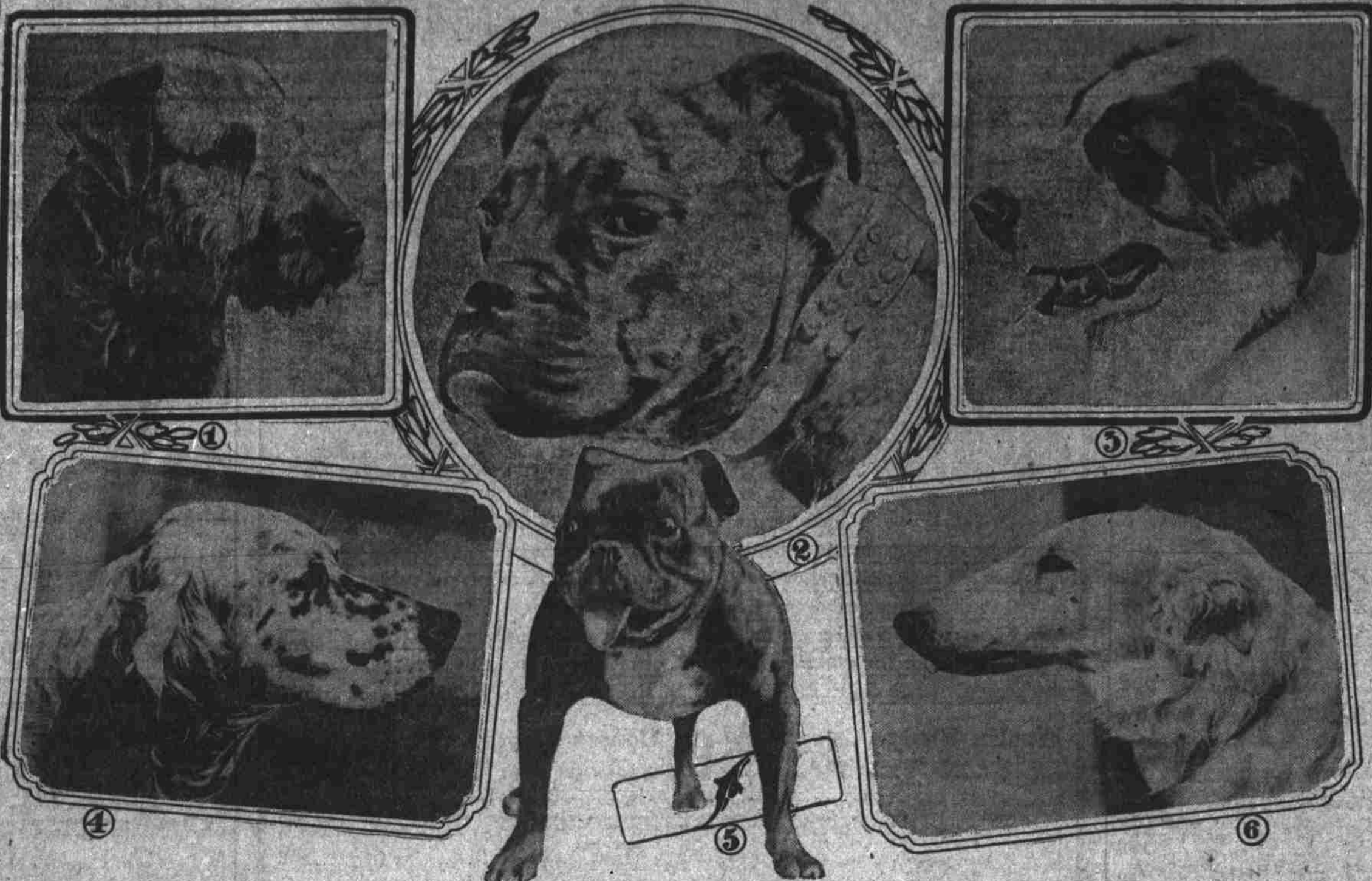
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Judges Pick Seattle Dog As Best One in Whole Show



A few blooded dogs that attracted attention at the show: 1—"Briarwood," Alderale, owned by Miss Myrtle Lewis. 2—"Dan Angius," bulldog, owned by Dr. Young. 3—"Don," St. Bernard, owned by Mrs. L. M. Graham. 4—"Mallory Bob," setter, Elliott and Savage. 5—"Prince Royal," bulldog, Miss Della Spray. 6—"Valpes O'Valley Farm," Russian wolfhound, owned by Edgar Ames.

With the awarding of the special prizes and the bringing of the winning dogs into the ring to receive their trophies, the eleventh annual dog show was brought to a close last evening. The attendance was so large that many of those present were unable to see the dogs as they were led on their triumphal march around the ring.

The special cups were presented to the owners of the winning dogs by Dr. George B. Story, president of the Portland Kennel club. All of the cups were sterling silver and were worth about \$1500. They became the permanent property of the winners.

Before the last cup was given the show had begun to break up and mis-

erable and homesick dogs were wending their joyful way with barks and yelps of satisfaction.

Perhaps the most interesting and intense moments of the whole show were those of Saturday afternoon, when all of the first prize dogs were brought into the ring and the best dog of the show picked by Judge Lewis.

Queen Racket, a beautiful English setter, owned by Mrs. J. E. Hubbard of Seattle, was the lucky dog. And Valpes O'Valley Farm, a magnificent Russian wolfhound, owned by Edgar Ames, of Seattle, was judged the best of the opposite sex.

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The Kennel club is very much satisfied with the success of this year's show. It is the largest show held in the northwest, the number of dogs en-

tered is about 16 per cent greater than last year and the attendance was up and above expectations.

Advance in Bulldogs.

B. P. Lewis of Landowne, Pa., who judged the show, says there has been a wonderful advance in bulldogs, setters and Alderale since he first visited the coast five years ago as an exhibitor. He says the collies are fair and the Irish setters good. Mr. Lewis together with George S. Thomas of Hamilton, Mass., who assisted him in the ring, left for San Francisco on the Shasta limited last night, where they will judge breeds in the show there.

Major J. M. Taylor of New York, who judged the show in Tacoma last week, was also in attendance during the show. The major is the oldest judge of dogs in the country, having been in the business 32 years. He judged his first show in '78. He gives as a reason for the great popularity of the bulldogs their good disposition and their expense in breeding. Dr. George W. Clayton, another expert, was present during the show and judges the show in Seattle next week.

Expressions of satisfaction were heard on every side concerning the management as well as the judging of the show and already members of the Portland Kennel club are planning bigger and better exhibits for next year.

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PAVING COMPANIES AT WORK TO GAIN NEW TERRITORY?

Remarkable Rush to Take Over County Roads as Streets of City Causes Questions to Be Asked.

Is there a concerted movement in the city to take over the control of county roads within the city, and are the paving companies behind it, in order to gain new territory for hard surface pavement at from \$1.60 to \$2 per square yard?

These questions are being asked as a result of recent developments. Since the first of the year there has been such a rush to take over long stretches of county road as city streets, without any apparent popular demand or reason for such action, that attention has been directed to the matter and reports are afloat that the paving company agents, many of whom are well known in the business, are behind the little ordinances that slip through the council almost unobserved.

An inspection of records at the courthouse shows that the city has taken over approximately 13½ miles of county road since January 1. This means that the city is relieved from all authority or control over this mileage, which would otherwise keep the roadway macadamized and repaired. It also means that the city, in accordance with its policy of street improvement, will do nothing in the way of repair, but will order hard surface pavements at some future indefinite time.

One peculiar feature of the taking over of these roads as city streets is that much of the mileage is far out. Although within the city limits, the new "streets" in some instances are bounded by dairy ranches on the peninsula and by good sized farms in some other sections. It is improbable that these "streets" will be hard surfaced for many years. The property would be heavily burdened to pay for such improvement, and the people who use these arteries out of the city face the probability of years of bad roads, growing constantly worse, until extremely of need compel hard surfacing.

That street paving boosters are deliberately planning to bring about these changes is being charged by some who have studied the situation. In proof of this they point to certain streets in the past that have undergone the same experience.

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State Supreme Court Gives Him 30 Days More in Which to Get Case Before U. S. Supreme Court.

J. Thorburn Ross, convicted of having converted state school funds to the use of the Tillamook National Bank, a trust company contrary to the state law governing the handling of state school money, has been granted an extension of 30 days by the state supreme court in which to perfect his appearance before the United States supreme court. The order, which has not been made public, was made several days ago, and becomes effective tomorrow. Ross is now in Washington working on the completion of the record which he hopes to induce the supreme court to consider.

Ross' appeal from his conviction in the circuit court had been affirmed by the supreme court of the state, was granted 60 days in which to perfect his record and present a petition for a writ of error to the United States supreme court. He gathered together the material which he considered would be vital for the record in the case and went to Washington, D. C.

Employs New York Attorney.

Since his arrival in Washington Ross has engaged William B. Dudley, a well known attorney of New York, to represent him before the supreme court. Dudley has been working on the record to be included in the petition for a writ of error, and at his suggestion Ross has been sending in repeated demands for additional material for the completion of his record. This has taken much time in transmission and as a result the 60-day limit began to draw near its end.

Wallace McCann was asked to intercede with the state supreme court for an extension of the time and secured a 30-day addition to it last week. The 90 days would have run Monday and Ross, without the extension, would have been liable to the mandate of the supreme court and the imposition of sentence by the circuit court. He will now have until the first of June in which to secure consideration of his case by the supreme court, provided any of the justices of that court will consider the petition.

Tries to Get Before Court.

Ross is attempting to get before the United States supreme court on an alleged error in the decision of the circuit and supreme courts of the state regarding a constitutional question which was raised in the demurrer filed by his attorneys in the trial of the case.

Ross was brought into court on an information drawn in the office of District Attorney John M. Manning by M. L. Pipes, who had been retained by Manning to aid in the consideration of the case. Subsequent to that time a constitutional amendment was adopted by the people at the June election changing the system of court procedure and providing that all crimes should be charged by indictment and abolishing the information system. In this amendment the word "having" was changed to "being," and it was provided that all pending cases, started by information, should be affected by the change in the constitution.

Ross contended that the failure to incorporate this amendment into the constitution of the state constituted his case and that it therefore fell to the ground unless put before a grand jury and charged by indictment.

Ruled Against Him.

The circuit court ruled against him on this point, as did the state supreme court.

Ross contends that this was error on the part of both the trial and the appellate court. Being a constitutional question, requiring the interpretation of a section of the state constitution, and touching the rights conferred upon a defendant under the constitution, Ross contends that it is a subject well in the jurisdiction of the United States supreme court.

In order to get the petition before the supreme court it is only necessary to present it to one of the justices of that tribunal. The justice considers the petition well timed, he will recommend that the writ of error be allowed, in much the same way that a writ of injunction is granted by the judge of a circuit court. In the petition Ross asks for the extension of 30 days allowed by the state supreme court, in which case it may be still longer before action is taken. In Washington, while will and the contention and either reverse the decision of the state supreme court, thus granting a new trial, or sending the defendant back for his sentence by the circuit court.

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