

PARK FRIENDS ARE TRYING TO UNDO LAFFERTY'S WORK

Feared That Foes of Crater Lake Will Seize on State-ments to Kill Appropriation for Oregon Resort.

Feeling that Congressman A. W. Lafferty has seriously jeopardized the chances of securing a federal appropriation to continue the development of the Crater Lake national park by his statement that Oregon would accept the park from the government, Crater lake friends in Portland, Medford and elsewhere have wired protests to Lafferty and Senator Bourne.

The telegrams to Lafferty have informed him that Oregon is in no position to carry on the work, and that sentiment is against such a step. His action is deplored and he is requested to do what he can to rectify it. Strong commendation for his work is the burden of messages addressed to Senator Bourne.

Among those who have sent telegrams either to Bourne or Lafferty are the Portland Commercial club, the Chamber of Commerce, Alfred Parkhurst, president of the Crater Lake company, which holds a 20 year concession lease, and Will G. Steel, who has given his time and thought for years to the betterment of the park. The Chamber of Commerce, like others, opposes turning the park over to state control.

"I was sorry to learn that Mr. Lafferty suggested that Oregon would take over the park," said Mr. Steel today, "because I know it has enemies in congress who are more than anxious to kill the appropriation and in fact let the park go by the board."

Mr. Lafferty is misinformed when he states that the state of Oregon would accept Crater lake from the general government, as there is positively no such sentiment among the friends of the park. Even if such a sentiment existed, the fact must not be lost sight of that the Oregon supreme court has decided it is a local affair, consequently state appropriations made for it would be unconstitutional.

"This is not a new question, by any means, for, about 25 years ago, Senator Dolph, after trying in vain for favorable legislation on the matter of creating a national park to include Crater lake, said such a move would never succeed in congress, and insisted on having it ceded to the state of Oregon. Except for the fact that I bitterly opposed this move, such would have been the result. My reason for such opposition was that the state would never make adequate provision for its development, which fact still exists, to say nothing of the additional objection because of the supreme court's decision."

Senator Bourne should be commended for his course in attempting to secure \$150,000 appropriation for the park," said Mr. Parkhurst. "Of course he may have to compromise for a smaller sum. He is working in a good cause, because the importance of the park justifies federal development. Crater lake, when developed and made easy of access, will be one of the great assets of the state, if not the coast."

Congress May Act Today.

A survey for a complete system of roads and trails has been made by the war department, and with the \$50,000 appropriation granted by the last congress, actual construction of a few roads will be started this spring. But \$50,000 will not more than pay for the plant and equipment, and should the appropriation sought by Senator Bourne fail it would mean a direct and indirect loss for the reason that development would be retarded."

With the adjournment of congress, now only the matter of a couple of days, friends of the park are watching for the passage of the sundry civil bill which will carry the appropriation if it is recommended. Action on the bill may be taken by congress Monday and possibly today.

TWO FIRES OCCUR IN NEW FURNITURE STORE

Two fires occurred last night in the Gervais furniture store at Fifth and Alder streets, causing a loss estimated by the fire department at \$1000. One blaze was in the center of the eleventh floor among the rattan chairs. This blaze became so hot that the heads on the automatic sprinkler system melted, allowing the flow of water from 12 heads, which put out the fire. The origin was in an unpacked bale of furniture. The loss consisted chiefly from water damage.

Another fire was discovered on the third floor in the rear. Three large barrels of furniture were on fire. A small water hose soon put this blaze out. The loss was light. Workmen were occupied on the twelfth floor.

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Mrs. W. A. Johnson, who suffered for years from kidney trouble, found only temporary relief until she tried this great Kidney and Liver Remedy. Read her letter: "I was troubled for years with liver trouble and biliousness and could not find temporary relief in the different remedies tried, until I used Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Remedy. I am very pleased to state that it cured me completely, and I have not felt so well in years. No more lame back, headaches or constipation, or the many ills produced by liver troubles."—Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Sycamore Springs, Santa Monica, California.

Many, many women go on month after month, and sometimes years, needlessly suffering and endangering their permanent health and their lives. They do not seem to realize that the headaches, constipation and lame backs are caused by diseased kidneys. Men do the same thing. Thousands of people have kidney disease and don't realize it. They suffer in silence and ignorance of the real cause or complain without looking for the seat of the trouble.

RECREATION SHADE PARK SUPERINTENDENT MISCHIEVOUSLY REBUKES STATE LEGISLATURE.

Mild but none the less pointed criticism of the state legislature for its neglect in the matter of considering the state tree bill is contained in the report of Superintendent E. T. Mische of the city park board. The report was submitted to the board at its regular meeting yesterday.

"Senator Gus C. Moser, who introduced the bill, promised to telephone us when it would be under consideration, before the committee," reads Mr. Mische's report, "but the bill came before the committee and apparently no one was there to champion it, with the result that the measure was indefinitely postponed."

"A communication was sent to the senator stating that the bill had been drafted after three years of difficulty in trying to make its provisions operative through the medium of the present city charter; that it was drafted in accordance with the practice of older communities and that its provisions could be explained to the entire satisfaction of any of the up state senators who were alleged to be opposed to it. Indeed, these senators should, in the normal course of events, be the strongest in favor of the measure. Senator Moser replied with regrets at the oversight and pleaded press of business as an excuse."

Owing to the failure of the park board to be passed upon favorably by the voters at the November election, the board has found itself without funds to carry out the extensive improvements marked out for it in the past year by Superintendent Mische. As a consequence, only such work as can be paid for out of the current appropriation from the tax levy can be ordered. In spite of this condition, the board yesterday adopted a resolution strongly urging the acquisition of a triangular strip of land overlooking the bluff adjoining Sellwood park. This parcel is occupied at present by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, which has announced its intention to construct thereon a concrete reservoir in case the city does not purchase the property soon. The land should have been purchased when the rest of the park was acquired, but motives of false economy in the Simon administration prevented this being done. The board now asks the city council to take immediate steps to purchase by negotiation or condemnation the needed strip.

The board ordered the planting of property owned by the city at the southern end of the East Twenty-first street bridge. A lawn will be made there and trees set in.

Lighting and paving of Terwilliger boulevard was recommended by the park superintendent. The estimated cost of these improvements is \$30,000.

CHINESE ARRESTED AS WHITE SLAVER

Ah Sing was arrested yesterday by the police for white slavery, the first Chinaman in Portland to be taken in on such a charge. Mary Watson, 22 years old, is the girl involved in the case. Another girl, giving the name of Laura Runge, is also in custody as a witness.

From admissions made by the girls, the police learn Ah Sing met Mary Watson in Omaha. It was there that he agreed to take her to California. She admits the man purchased a ticket for her from Portland, and she says Ah Sing furnished transportation to Portland. She also admits he furnished a ticket for Laura Runge. Both girls are under 25 years of age.

According to the police, the girls were taken from one state to another, plying their immoral trade. That the Chinaman profited by their earnings has not been established, but the fact that he furnished transportation, knowing them to be women of the underworld, comes within the white slave law.

A third girl has also been taken into custody. She gives the name of Laura Dexter, but is held only as a witness pending investigation.

Ah Sing was arrested at Third and Burnside streets. He admitted giving the girls his money. In fact, he says he had them all by hand, and was compelled to sleep in a hallway Monday and Tuesday nights.

PROUD BUT STERN FATHER DID THIS!

Although he weighs 10 pounds, and is perfectly healthy, a baby boy which arrived last night was unable to protest when his father, Patrolman R. L. Cameron, gave him the name of William Jennings O'Bryan Cameron. The first thing Cameron thought of when the nurse informed him that "it's a boy," was to hold the baby, and when he saw upon the babe started crying lustily and has kept it up ever since. Patrolman and Mrs. Cameron and young William Jennings O'Bryan Cameron reside at 246 East Forty-eighth street.

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E. A. JOHNSON IS U. S. ATTORNEY

Judge Bean Pays John McCourt, Retiring Incumbent, High Compliment.



Everett A. Johnson.

Everett A. Johnson, for two years one of John McCourt's assistants as United States Attorney, was this morning appointed by United States Judge Bean to be his successor in the interval that will elapse until President Wilson appoints a regular successor. Mr. McCourt's resignation, to go into private practice, became effective today.

Immediately after court convened this morning, Mr. McCourt presented a copy of his resignation and its acceptance by Attorney-General Wickersham to Judge Bean, and recommended that Mr. Johnson be appointed for the position. Judge Bean, in replying, complimented Mr. McCourt on his administration. He said that McCourt had established a record in the five years which it would be hard for any successor to exceed. He declared that McCourt had not only done all of his prescribed duties but had gone further in prosecution of government offenders.

Judge Bean then appointed Johnson and the latter took the oath of office. George O. Mowry and C. C. Hindman, lately appointed deputies by Mr. McCourt to take the places of Walter H. Evans and Robert E. Maguire, were re-appointed today by Mr. Johnson. In addition, the new United States attorney Monday will appoint another deputy, whose name is not yet announced.

Johnson is the youngest United States attorney to ever hold forth in Oregon. He is 31 years old and has been a member of the Oregon bar only a few years. Mr. McCourt declares him to be a most vigorous young attorney. He lived in Pendleton for a number of years, going from there, after studying law, to Washington, D. C. in the interests of some Umatilla Indian reservation cases. There he took up law work at Georgetown university and graduated.

McCourt becomes a member of the firm of Veazie & Veazie, in private practice. The firm in the future will be known as Veazie, McCourt & Veazie. The former government attorney, however, retains his appointment as special assistant to the attorney-general in the investigation now going on of the activities of the alleged telephone trust in the Northwest Pacific states.

SCHOOL PLAYGROUND NEEDED IN SUNNYSIDE

At the present time the one thing needed by the Sunnyside public school is a suitable playground for the children. The only place that the children can now play is on the sidewalks and small vacant spaces around the building, and this is entirely inadequate for baseball and other athletic purposes.

The teachers' meetings of the school are held in a very systematic and businesslike manner. Principal Curtis presides and a teacher acts as secretary to record all business transacted. They also keep a complete record of all of the business of the city superintendent, school directors and fire drills, which they file away for future reference. The teachers always talk informally and discuss ways and means for the betterment of the school.

The parent-teacher club is well patronized and very beneficial for the school in many ways. The club meets every two weeks in the assembly room of the school, where lectures are delivered by progressive educators of the state. City Superintendent Rigler and Assistant Superintendent Grout have already addressed the club this term, while Ray Lombard will deliver a lecture at the next meeting, March 5.

Principal Curtis states that he has always taken pride in the discipline and marching drill of the school. The discipline is maintained by the monitor system, which is a modified form of school government. The marching drill of the school is as near perfect as one could wish. On one occasion last year and discuses ways and means for the betterment of the school.

Another thing remarked upon by the principal is the remarkably even attendance throughout the year. This is because the cases of sickness are very rare. The last month of last term there were more pupils present than any preceding month. This is a very rare occurrence, considering the fact that the pupils are generally dropping out during the term.

The Sunnyside school has nearly 800 pupils and 15 teachers, and is considered one of the most progressive and up-to-date schools in the city.

Woman Makes Complaint.

Fearing that Frank Sericho would carry out his threat to take their child away to California, Mrs. Sericho this morning wrote out a complaint charging him with paying nothing to the support of himself or the child. Special Officer Harry Bulger arrested the man as he entered the wife's home and placed him in the county jail where he is held under \$250 bonds. Sericho is also charged with having threatened to "clean out" the family if he cannot secure the baby.

UNABLE TO SECURE SHIP CARPENTERS FOR IDAHO WORK

Joseph Supple, Local Ship-builder, May Secure Contract for Four Tugs on Bear Lake.

Efforts on the part of the Utah Light & Power company to secure a force of ship carpenters through Joseph Supple, the local shipbuilder, came to naught, as he was unable to obtain men at the wages offered. The power company is to build a huge dredge on Bear lake, in southern Idaho, and the carpenters are needed for that purpose. However, Mr. Supple may secure the contract to build four small tugs for the company, aggregating about \$15,000.

Oregon timbers are to be used in the construction of the dredge and are being secured at Newberg, Or. Several carloads have already been shipped to Bear lake, which lies half in Bear Lake county, Idaho, and half in Rich county, Utah. For this reason Mr. Supple was asked to furnish ship carpenters at once. The fact that the men's living expenses would not be paid for them while at Bear lake was the reason they would not go, it is said.

When completed the dredge will be used for digging out a canal on the Idaho side from Bear lake to Bear river, a distance of about seven miles, to allow water from the river to flow into the lake. The latter is to be used as a storage reservoir for the dry season when the waters of the Bear river are not sufficient to give a steady flow for the big power plant owned by the company in northern Utah. Another canal farther down the river on the Utah side will allow the stored water from the lake to return to the main channel above the power plant.

Four tugs will be constructed to handle barges on the lake for carrying fuel to the dredge and for other work, and it is possible that the contracts may be let here. Each one of the tugs will cost about \$4000 and they will be of the motor type with engines of 50 horsepower. Each one will be 50 feet long and have a 10-foot beam.

MAY CHARTER BOAT

Royal Mail May Get Another Vessel for One Month.

Owing to the fact that there will be two steamers of the Royal Mail Steam Packet company to load here in June, there is a possibility that there will be no May steamer, although it is said that the company is still on the lookout to charter one for that month.

The British steamer Flintshire was named this morning as the one which will sail from here on her trans-Pacific voyage on June 7. She will make the voyage right on through to Europe, as she is one of the regular steamers of the line, although her name was not announced at the time the others were.

The Flintshire is a steamer of 2494 tons net; length, 354 feet, beam, 45 feet, and depth of hold, 20 feet. As the British steamer Falls of Orkney is to sail from here for the Orient on June 30, this will give two steamers in the same month, which may decide the Royal Mail not to send a carrier here in May. However, it has been stated that Frank Waterhouse & Co., Pacific coast agents for the line, are on the lookout for a steamer to charter for that month.

MAJOR MORROW RETURNS

Government Engineer Finishes Work on Alaska Railroad Commission.

After an absence of six months from his district as chairman of the Alaska railroad commission, Major Jay J. Morrow, corps of engineers, United States army, reached Portland from Washington, D. C., last night. This morning he resumed his duties as head of the First Oregon division, under the command of H. E. Robert, who was temporarily in charge. Captain Robert will resume local charge of the Dalles-Celilo canal project. The Alaska railroad commission adjourns sine die today unless congress should call them again for further information, which is not probable as they made an exhaustive report.

FINE WEATHER ON TRIP

American Barkentine Puka Entered; Crew Paid Off.

Fine weather was encountered on the voyage of the American barkentine Puka from Valparaiso, says Captain A. C. Pedersen, who paid off his crew and entered the ship today. There were several aliens in the crew and they were discharged at the office of Immigration Inspector J. H. Barbour. The Puka, which reached the Columbia river February 26 after a run up from the Alaskan port of 53 days, reached the Portland Lumber company's mills last night to load a full cargo of lumber for Callao. She is under charter to W. R. Grace & Co.

PORTLAND LEADS SOUND

Wheat and Flour Shipments for February Show Gain.

Wheat and flour shipments from Oregon and Washington for the month of February, 1913, show Portland in the lead over Puget sound ports according to figures compiled by the Merchants' Exchange. The total wheat and flour shipments from the two states for the month amounted to 3,117,454 bushels, of

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NAMED AS MEMBER OF MEDICAL BOARD



Dr. Charles T. Chamberlain.

Dr. Charles T. Chamberlain, son of United States Senator George E. Chamberlain, has been appointed by Governor West as a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Chamberlain, who specializes in the treatment of eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, has been practicing in Portland for ten years. He has office in The Journal building.

During his residence and practice in Portland, Dr. Chamberlain has come to be recognized as one of the leaders in his profession, and his many friends feel that he is well qualified to fill the position to which he has been appointed.

which Portland sent out 1,532,540 bushels (\$2,950 barrels of flour included), and Puget sound shipped 1,523,514 bushels (\$2,950 barrels of flour included).

Gains in wheat shipments from this port are shown both for the month of February over the corresponding month of last year, and also for the cereal year to date, the amount being 1,160,565 bushels. Shipments of wheat from this port were set afloat for Europe, California and the Orient. Flour shipments for February, 1913, are also greater than those of the same month for the preceding year. Barley shipments from this port last month were 104,706 bushels, while the total shipments of this cereal for the season to date are 1,631,717 bushels.

DREDGE GETTING READY

Work on North Portland Harbor to Begin Next Week.

The Port of Portland dredge Williamette left today for North Portland harbor to begin work on the dredging of the channel above Sand Island for the accommodation of rock barges which will deliver material to the north jetty work.

It was announced at the office of Major J. F. McIndoe, corps of engineers, United States army, this morning, that the Port of Portland dredge Columbia, under charter to the government, will leave down for the mouth of the Columbia river Monday. On her arrival there she will begin the dredging of the channel above Sand Island for the accommodation of rock barges which will deliver material to the north jetty work.

ALONG THE WATERFRONT

Laden with 40,000 barrels of fuel oil, the Associated Oil tanker J. A. Chanslor, Captain Holmes, entered the custom house this morning from Monterey. She cleared again in ballast.

After some delay the San Francisco & Portland steamer Kansas City, Captain Mason, arrived at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon from San Francisco. She will call again tomorrow afternoon for the Golden Gate and Los Angeles Harbor with passengers and freight.

In tow of the bar tug Wallula, the American schooner Encore, in from Valparaiso, came up to Prescott this morning. She will load a return cargo for the South American port.

In tow of the steamer Oklahama, the German ship Olona left down for the sea last night, laden with wheat and barley for the United Kingdom.

On her first trip to this port in almost a year, the steamer F. S. Loop is scheduled to arrive up at Couch street tonight. She is bringing general freight for the E. J. Dodge company.

Laden with 1,428,399 feet of lumber, valued at \$21,125, the British ship Noctfield, Captain Evans, has cleared for Sydney.

Bringing a cargo of cement from San Francisco, the steamer Portland, Captain Daniels, arrived at the Supple dock at midnight last night. She will load a cargo of grain out for her owners, the Globe Milling company.

MARINE NOTES

Asteris, March 1.—Arrived at 7:15, and left up at 9:30 a. m.—Steamer F. S. Loop, from San Francisco. Left up at 9 a. m.—German barkentine Encore. Left up at 9 a. m.—Schooner Encore.

San Francisco, March 1.—Arrived at 7 a. m.—Steamer F. S. Loop, from Portland. Eureka, Feb. 28.—Arrived—Steamer Alliance, from Portland.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Sailed at 3:15 p. m.—Steamer Multnomah, for San Pedro. Sailed at 9 p. m.—Schooner Irene, for San Pedro.

San Francisco, Feb. 28.—Arrived at noon and sailed at 8 p. m.—Steamer Roscoe, from San Diego, for Portland. Arrived at 1 p. m.—Steamer Bear, from San Pedro.

Admiral Farragut Arrives.

San Francisco, March 1.—Looking spick and span, despite the heavy seas and the buffeting encountered, the liner Admiral Farragut, recently refitted at a cost of \$194,000, is here today from Seattle to enter the service of the Alaska Pacific Steamship company. She makes 14 knots and will be placed on a four days' schedule between here and Puget sound ports. Captain John Griffith commands the Farragut.

Greeks Win in Skirmish.

Sofia, March 1.—Dispatches received here today tell of a fierce skirmish between Greeks and Turks yesterday near Malatia. In a six hour battle 112 Turks were killed and 180 taken prisoners.

COAST-TO-COAST SHIP LINE POSSIBLE

Joseph N. Teal, on Return From East, Brings Encouraging Report.

The prospects of the Hamburg-American Line establishing a coast-to-coast line upon the completion of the Panama Canal are very encouraging, according to Joseph N. Teal, who returned late last night from Washington, D. C., and New York. He also reports having the assurance of the rapid completion of the Celilo canal project.

Mr. Teal had little time for discussing the various matters affecting this city and state to which he gave considerable of his time while east, although the extensive purpose of the trip was to attend legal matters for clients, and he said this morning he would prepare a statement of the proposed plans of the Hamburg-American Line and other matters that came up in connection therewith during his stay in New York. He considers the proposition one of the utmost importance to the Pacific states, and one in which Portland should be particularly interested.

In Washington Mr. Teal and Bernard N. Baker, of Baltimore, held a long conference relative to the proposed coast-to-coast line. Mr. Baker having been an active factor in the movement for more than a year past.

GHASTLY FIND IN ICY HOTEL RUINS

When Workman's Pick Strikes Corpse of Woman, He Runs in Fright.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Omaha, Neb., March 1.—Not more than nine persons perished in the burning of the Dewey hotel here, according to a statement today by City Commissioner Kugel. No more bodies have been located in the ruins up to noon today and it is possible that the six dead already recovered may represent the total loss of life in the disaster. The hotel register was found today. Water had obliterated most of the names, but the six legible were those of persons already accounted for.

Omaha, Neb., March 1.—Out of the mass of ice and ruins which is all that remains here of the Dewey hotel, destroyed by fire early yesterday, the body of a woman, burned to a crisp, was taken early today. This ghastly find makes a known total of six dead.

The only marks of identification on the body recovered today were earrings and portions of a fur coat. Some think it is that of Mrs. Bonnevieu, who is known to have perished.

The workman who found the corpse almost collapsed. When his pick came up stuck through a human arm he dropped the tool and ran. Two hundred men worked all night in an effort to dig out the bodies of the fire victims.

The corpse of a man found yesterday was identified today as Renree Richard of South Omaha.

Daily River Readings.

STATIONS	Flood Stage.	Change (Feet).	Height (Feet).	Time (Hours).	Stage (Feet).
Lewiston	24	2.2	26.2	0	0
Riparian	23	2.1	25.1	0	0
Bozeman	22	2.0	24.0	0	0
Spokane	21	1.9	23.9	0	0
Albany	20	1.8	23.8	0	0
Salem	19	1.7	23.7	0	0
Wilsonville	18	1.6	23.6	0	0
Portland	17	1.5	23.5	0	0

(*) Rising. (—) Falling.

Bowels Get Weak As Age Advances

The First Necessity is to Keep the Bowels Gently Open With a Mild Laxative Tonic.

Healthy old age is so absolutely dependent upon the condition of the bowels that great care should be taken to see that they act regularly. The fact is that as age advances the stomach muscles become weak and inactive and the liver does not store up the juices that are necessary to prompt digestion. Some help can be obtained by eating easily digested foods and by plenty of exercise, but this latter is irksome to most elderly people. One thing is certain, that a state of constipation should always be avoided as it is dangerous to life and health. The best plan is to take a mild laxative as often as is deemed necessary. But with equal reason it is suggested that cathartics, purgatives, physics, salts and pills be avoided, as they do but temporary good and are so harsh as to be a shock to a delicate system.

A much better plan, and one that thousands of elderly people are following, is to take a gentle laxative tonic, which like Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, which acts as nearly like nature as is possible. In fact, the tendency of this remedy is to strengthen the stomach and bowel muscles and so train them to act naturally again, when medicines of all kinds can usually be dispensed with. This is the opinion of many people of different ages, among them Mr. O. P. Miller, Baroda, Mich., who writes: "I am 80 years old and have been constipated for many years. Since receiving your sample bottle I have procured two 50c bottles and find that it is the best remedy I ever used and does just what you

claim for it to the very letter. I can not recommend it too highly."

A bottle can be bought of any druggist at fifty cents or one dollar. People usually buy the fifty-cent size first, and then, having convinced themselves of its merits they buy the dollar size, which is more economical. Results are always guaranteed or money will be refunded. Any elderly person can follow these suggestions with safety and the assurance of good results.

If no member of your family has ever used Syrup Pepsin and you would like to make a personal trial of it before buying it in the regular way of a druggist, send your address—a postal will do—to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 417 Washington St., Monticello, Ill., and a free sample bottle will be mailed you.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY FOR UPON SLEETH AND FIELDS TODAY

Findings of Inquisitorial Body Is Expected to Be Made Public Late This Afternoon.

With the grand jury scheduled to make its final report late this afternoon, speculation is rife as to whether Frank Fields, former county clerk, and Dana Sleeth, a special writer on the Portland Daily News, will be indicted in connection with the loss of \$18,000 county funds which was lost when the American Bank & Trust Co. went to the wall. Sleeth expects to be indicted for criminal libel as a result of attacks on the Daily News directed against County Judge Clegg, Commissioner Lightner and Sheriff Tom Ward. In these attacks the officials are charged indirectly with fraud and the uttering of false records to hide graft, among other things.

Expecting that the grand jury would report before noon today, Attorney Powers, accompanied by an assistant, appeared in Judge McGinn's court this forenoon carrying a sack of gold, and prepared to bail out Sleeth or any other official or employee of the publication.

Powers asked Judge McGinn whether a certified check of Fields will be sufficient to cover bail in event of an indictment, and was informed that the writer would be allowed his liberty on his own recognizance, in all probability. Just what turn the investigation of the Fields case will take is not known.

Actually the entire forenoon session of the grand jury was given over to an