

Detroit Broom Sweeps Clean

Three Incidents Lead to Gambling Cleanup and Shakeup of Police

By FELIX B. WOLD
DETROIT, Feb. 10.—(P)—The story starts with a queer holdup—intrigue was allegedly its basis—and then a banker's shame and a woman's spite.

Now, months afterward, a hardboiled copper and a severe judge may be the ones to finish it.

For, from a fateful trilogy of events last summer, there has developed a civic house-cleaning job with a hard-bitten police commissioner and the judge handling the bigger brooms.

Aiming at gamblers and their "connections" with officers of the law, elderly Commissioner Frank D. Eaman and Circuit Judge Homer Ferguson are in the midst of a drive in behalf of city virtue.

Detroit, the nation's fourth city, hasn't seen its like in many a year. Neither have the bookies, running for cover from police squads, nor court clerks, busy filling out subpoenas.

"Sucker Money" Abounds
Among those who claim to know, Detroit has been labeled a "good town" for gamblers. There was "sucker money" here—from nickels and dimes for the numbers racket to banknotes in elegant gambling resorts.

But the repercussions from last summer's three incidents and the fact that Commissioner Eaman, 63, former army officer, got "dammed mad," turned all this upside down. You may find a bookie now to take your bet, but his nerves are jumpy.

Commissioner Eaman, suspecting that some of his bluecoats had been "greased," went on the warpath when he was less than a fortnight in office, but while all this relates ostensibly to gambling, he won't stand for being called "reformer."

What he wants to do is to "run the rats into the alley where they belong"—speaking of bribers among the gamblers—so they'll leave my policemen alone.

"I'm no reformer. I can't stop a man from betting \$2 on a horse," he said. "If I want a poker game in my own house, I'll have it, but no policeman is going to be greased because of it."

Eaman's Earthquake
Commissioner Eaman, charging he had been given "the-run-around," fired his second-in-command, Superintendent Fred W. Frahm, last month. A long series of demotions and retirements followed. The shakeup became known as "Eaman's Earthquake."

Meanwhile, Judge Ferguson's one-man grand jury investigation into charges of police graft stirred up more dust. Three officers went to jail for contempt of court; two had led to the judge and the third refused to answer a question.

The first two were city detectives. The third was the Wayne county deputy sheriff, indicting the investigation had spread across the county as well as the city.

The "heat" was on for sure. City hall people and the cops on the beats wonder what next. Rumors say there will be considerable—and all because of three seemingly inconsequential affairs last July and August.

Taken singly, none of the three seemed of great concern, except to those persons directly involved, but linked together they ultimately made a portentous picture to officialdom.

Holdup Starts It
On last July 8, the office of Dr. Martin B. Robinson was invaded by four young men. They departed with hands full of money—no one ever learned exactly how much.

Nothing came of it at the time. Four suspects were arrested, but Dr. Robinson failed to identify them.

On July 25, Walter P. Jacobs, admitted young banker of Adrian, Mich., was indicted for embezzling \$77,000. He played the stock market, and also lost, he played the gaming board, and also lost. A salary of \$6,000 a year was insufficient for his family to "keep up with the Jones," he said.

The case, brief but sensational, focused public attention on the extent of gambling in the city.

Jacobs went to prison for seven and a half years.

Then came the third in the series, and the clincher.

Mrs. Janet Mac Donald, 55, comely divorcee, killed herself and her 11-year-old daughter, Pearl, and behind her she left startling notes.

U. S. Gets Interested
Addressed to police, newspapers and federal officers, they described an obscure individual as a "pay-off" man for gamblers.

The man, who died recently in Florida, denied it, saying she was "only sore" because he had left her. With Mrs. Mac Donald's allegations, however, the grand jury started doing business.

Ultimately, the federal government got interested in taxable incomes of certain Detroiters possibly making livings illegally.

Of late, the suspects in the Robinson "holdup," testifying they had "framed" it to collect a horse race bet, were acquitted of robbery charges. A warrant subsequently named Dr. Robinson as connected with gambling.

So, what with the police commissioner, the judge and Uncle Sam all making inquiries, Detroit waits and wonders.

Editorial Comment

From Other Papers

Paulus and the Treasurership

Fred Paulus, who for 15 years has been deputy state treasurer of Oregon, is reported to be considering running for that office. Incumbent Walter Pearson, democrat, will not seek election this fall. The field is open for a republican or a democrat and Paulus, who has for many years had the responsibility of the job, without the salary or the glory, would like the title.

If he is wise, he will not seek the job. He can go on indefinitely in his present position which is much akin to that of British civil servants; these men are backstage members of the British government who outlast all changes of administration and do the functional work of cabinet members with great ability. They do not have to worry about cabinet upsets or elections.

Paulus was right bower to the late Tom Kay; he was an invaluable prop and mainstay to Rufus Holman, one of the conditions of Treasurer Pearson when he accepted the appointment being that Paulus should stay on as his technical advisor. The last legislature boosted the salary of the assistant treasurer to \$4800, only \$600 less than the treasurer gets, and the difference in pay can be taken in the twinkling of an eye should Paulus get into a serious political scrap for the job.

Moreover, Paulus has received recognition for his work. The constant reduction in debt of the state, the soundness of its sinking funds, the refinancing of irrigation and city bonds which Paulus has promoted, have all brought recognition to him from financial leaders in the state. If he wants greater acclaim—and uncertainty—he should seek the treasurership—but if he wants a certain job and the satisfaction of work well done, without political responsibility, he should forget the race for the position. State officials go and come—they are here today and forgotten tomorrow—while their able deputies enjoy virtual life tenure.—Cools Bay Times.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

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shore, as the Unseen Oarsman, silently and gently bore him across the dark river, made wider by our love and deeper by our tears.
CLARENCE R. WAGONER, Portland, Oregon.

ASKS NO ENDORSEMENT
To the Editor: It has been called to my attention that a certain group of men, who are engaged in selecting candidates for the coming elections, have been considering my name, with others, to be recommended for the office of Salem city recorder.

I wish to state, here and now, that I wish no such recommendation from any group or block however worthy their intentions may be. If I am elected to the office of Salem city recorder, I want to be free to feel that I owe my election, not to any group of men, but to the individual voters, who had seen fit to trust me with

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Scene of birth near Hodgenville, Ky., in Hardin county.

Mary Todd, later Mrs. Lincoln. Born in 1818, she died in 1882.



An engraving depicting John Wilkes Booth, the actor, firing upon President Lincoln in the presidential box of Ford's theater, Washington, April 14, 1865.

Salem Writer Reveals Stenographic Record Describing Lincoln by Woman Who Knew Him

Among the many persons who were proud to recall that they "knew Lincoln" was the late Mrs. Virginia Pearl Grover of McMinnville, mother of Mrs. Herbert L. Toney of that city. On Abraham Lincoln's birthday 11 years ago—February 12, 1929—Mrs. Grover, though quite elderly, addressed a group at a Lincoln day banquet.

Her remarks were for the most part extemporaneous, but they were taken down in shorthand by Miss Edna Garfield of Salem. Miss Garfield has preserved the manuscript in full. She has permitted The Statesman to reprint a portion of the address. Although it contained some observations on Mr. Lincoln's life and character, the portion which follows is limited to Mrs. Grover's description of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln as she saw them when a child.

Father Objected to Secession

Mrs. Grover was a daughter of Richard Reed Payran who, a prominent Virginian, had sold his slaves and moved to Springfield, Ill., because he refused to live in a state which threatened to secede from the Union. In Springfield the Payran family lived almost across the street from the Lincolns. Mrs. Grover's description follows:

She Saw Lincoln Often

I often saw Mr. Lincoln pass by a few days after we moved there. One day I went to the corner to meet father, who was coming home to his dinner, and when I got to the corner, Mr. Lincoln was there. He said: "Ah, my little neighbor, you didn't meet the man you expected to." And he reached out his hand, and I reached out mine instinctively, and walked back home with him. And he said, "Virginia, you come over to our house and talk about your southern home." Well, I told him I would . . .

Now I will tell you about Mr. Lincoln—just as I saw him—as I knew him. I was just a little child, remember. He was very tall and very slender . . . He was very thin in the face. He had long lines pressing forward, down, and he had the longest arms and hands—and the longest feet! I used to stand and look at him, and wonder. He was a very dark-complexioned man.

His Eyes Were Hazel, Not Black

It is said that his eyes were black, but I will tell you, friends, they were not. I have seen him too many times for that. They were a very dark hazel, and very penetrating, but kindly. He would just look out from them, and it seemed he could just read what was in one's very mind; and when he would be walking down the street—often with children were along, and would be holding his hand—his mind didn't seem to be on the things along the way, but away, away off—like there was something in the distance that he must meet some day.

Now, his clothes were never new. I never saw Mr. Lincoln with a new suit of clothes on—and we lived there between three and four years, and I saw him every day, but never saw

Salem Scout Press Notes

WOODCRAFT WOMEN Elect Officers

MONMOUTH—These officers of Sunbeam Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft were elected Tuesday night: Ruth Alisp, guardian; Nellie Deming, adviser; Neillie Deming, past guardian; Irma Partridge, magician; Ruth J. Ebbert, attendant; Agne J. Hoag, captain of guards; Susie Stanton, musician; Ethel Moreland, inner sentinel; Alice Yeater, outer sentinel; Hattie Winegar, Beulah Craven and Bertha Elliott, managers; Minnie Price, correspondent; Opal Derby, flag bearer.

Bernice Cody was recommended for clerk, and Mable Price for installing officer. An invitation is read to participate in a joint installation with the Independence Circle, April 11.

Hostesses for the refreshment hour were, Mrs. Nora Mason and Mrs. Alma Partridge.

Bits for Breakfast

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on the same beach where so much beeswax might be gathered. "It was easy for me, knowing a little Catholic history, to believe that a ship loaded with church supplies had been wrecked on the Oregon coast sometime in the past."

"To believe that one life might be saved from such a wreck was still more easy, because it was no uncommon occurrence.

"While working at Hunt's mill in 1846, I became acquainted with a young sailor by the name of Jonathan Trustdell, who told me of himself being wrecked on the same coast and being cast upon the shore in an unconscious condition. Later I helped to bury dead bodies that had been cast ashore at Seaside. All these events contributed toward making Culla's story of a white ancestor seem more probable. I allowed the story to grow in my mind for nearly 50 years, before it occurred

me that it had in its elements of a good story that others might be interested to hear."

(Another issue or more will be required to finish the story, and present some facts its publication has already brought to this columnist.)
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RED EARTH

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entrance a shot rattled from far down the canyon, and a wild howl was born in Douglas' heart—if it could be Alison and the ranchers! Both sides had ceased firing, as if each one awaited the outcome, while outside a band of unseen horsemen came poudding nearer. Then in quick succession three shots were fired from just beyond the mine and a great roar of triumph rose from the raiders—the Killer's band was returning.

Two horsemen already had reached the entrance, and before they could find shelter Douglas' men dropped them from their saddle. But in another minute the rest would be swarming into the room, half a hundred of them, turning the tide of battle, wiping out the hard-pressed vaqueros before help would come.

(To be continued.)

Valley Seed Price Guarantees Given

Expansion of Hairy Vetch, Pea Seed Industry Is Seen by McNary

Guaranteed resale prices of 9 3/4 cents per pound for hairy vetch and 5 cents per pound for Australian peas will shut out imported seeds and assure further expansion of the industry in the Willamette valley, according to the agricultural adjustment administration, says a telegram received Friday by the Salem chamber of commerce from Senator Charles L. McNary. The growers are guaranteed a return of 7 1/2 and 3 cents per pound.

McNary said that hairy vetch plantings of 32,000 acres in 1939 had increased to 50,000 acres in 1940, and that Australian pea plantings had risen from 36,000 acres in 1939 to 68,000 in 1940. Because of the estimated total yield of over 1,000,000 pounds, the AAA has obtained a transportation rate of 90 cents per 100 pounds by rail and 48 cents per 100 pounds by water.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Your questions have rather piled up on me the past two weeks but I'll try to take care of them as soon as possible.

In order of their importance in reference to the time element, I have just returned from a ten day trip to Wisconsin, and while looking at the snow-covered and old country side from The Dalles, Oregon, to Green Bay, Wisconsin, and back to Sacramento again without seeing a green blade of grass it was difficult to realize that roses, daphne's, primroses, violets, quince and a number of other flowers were in bloom in the Willamette valley. Those of us who enjoy our gardens are certainly fortunate in having so long a season in which to enjoy them. However, we found Wisconsiners very busy studying seed and plant catalogues, and those with small greenhouses and conservatories were already planting some of the seeds.

From Oakland to several miles north of Sacramento we found narcissus in bloom. At Sacramento we saw a Japanese flowering cherry in bloom. But even so, the Willamette valley was still preferred by us.

Answers to inquiries:
A number of things might contribute to camellias dropping their buds. The very double sorts are prone to do this if weather conditions aren't just right. The buds are formed in late summer. If the fall is very dry and insufficient water is given the shrubs the buds often drop during the winter. If, as has been so this season, the weather is warm and the buds develop too rapidly they may fall when a bit of chilly weather comes along, as it did in January.

Take Extra Care

Camellias take a little extra care, but if given this they usually repay one doubly. The location chosen should not be in direct sun. Strong winter sun will bring them out too early. If in interesting to have real early blooms, but it is more satisfactory and better gardening to have the more perfect blooms that come a little later.

Camellias are slow growers unless carefully mulched and fertilized. A mulch of old cow manure, and a couple of feedings of commercial fertilizer does much to bring them along. Like azaleas and kalmias the camellias will not thrive in an alkaline soil, but will do best in one that is definitely acid.

Aluminum sulfate, about 1/4 pound to a square yard, is a good fertilizer to use on camellias and other acid-loving shrubs. Cottonseed meal is a very good fertilizer also for this type of plant.

Do not cultivate, hoe or dig around your azaleas, camellias or rhododendrons. They do best in roots grow close to the surface. Instead use a heavy mulch. Peat moss is good for this.

Care for Daphne

Answers to the number of daphne questions:
The trouble with some of the gardeners who claim they cannot successfully grow daphnes seems to be that these gardeners are treating their daphnes as they do rhododendrons, camellias, azaleas and the like. I don't know why, but it does seem these should all come under the same head. But they won't grow that way. To thrive and bloom well, daphnes should have a well-drained, light soil. Daphne cneorum (the one which is silent) likes a sunny position and is an excellent rockery plant. The D. Mezereum, which is the very gregarious one we see most here, is said to do best in part-shade. However, I had mine growing there for three years, and I found its growth slow and unsatisfactory. Then I moved it to the southwest wall of a building and it has done beautifully since. A heavy clay soil is not satisfactory. For the past two years I have placed a two-inch sharp sand mulch around the base in spring.

Daphne cneorum, D. Mezereum and D. Blagayana are all perfectly hardy here. Both because of its fragrance and its general appearance, D. Mezereum is one of our finest shrubs, I believe.

Wisteria Advice Given

Wisterias (or as a later adaptation spelled "Wistaria") will live in a dry and sandy soil, but do much better in deep, rich soil.

The vines do not transplant readily unless grown for this purpose. When transplanted, they are slow to start unless heavily fertilized. Seeding wisterias, particularly of the Japanese sorts, are erratic when it comes to flowering from seed. Decades may pass before blossoms appear. Grafts from flowering plants will produce flowers while the vine is but two or three feet high.

Too rich a soil will often produce fine root and top growth at the sacrifice of bloom. In such cases, all roots four feet from the trunk should be cut off and the current season's growth topped back to three feet of the old wood. September is really the proper time to do this. To prune the roots, dig a circular ditch four feet from the base of the trunk, and simply cut off all roots at this point.

Another woodland is being planted on a Willamette valley farm! The letter is interesting and reads in part:

"We are a young couple and our first daughter is not yet a year old. We have a nice little space not far from the house where we wish to plant into trees where our children can picnic when they are a little older—if picknicking is still done. We like a variety of trees and want some deciduous ones as well as a couple of evergreens. When to plant and what?"

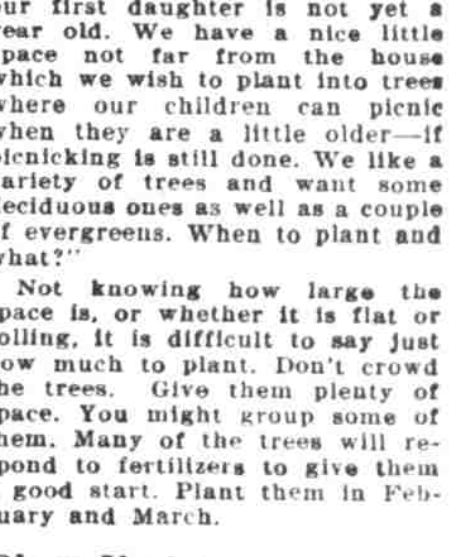
Not knowing how large the space is or whether it is flat or rolling, it is difficult to say just how much to plant. Don't crowd the trees. Give them plenty of space. You might group some of them. Many of the trees will respond to fertilizers to give them a good start. Plant them in February and March.

Plant Variety

Having just returned from Wisconsin, the elm tree, the hickory and the iron wood naturally come to the front of my mind. The hickory grows rather slowly but is an interesting tree. The elm grows comparatively rapidly with a little encouragement. Norway maple, native dogwood, native madrones, Douglas fir, cedar, pine, are all good. Try a Port Orchard cedar and a redwood. Tulip trees (if drainage is good) will do well. Many good trees can be obtained through the forestry department of the state college at Corvallis.

Lilacs:
The small lilac bush may be moved now. Don't plant it where it will be crowded and plant it where it will receive full sun. Mix bone-meal with the soil.

Violets are easily grown. In full shade they will not bloom as profusely but the stems will be longer. Shade is nearly always suggested for violet culture, but I still like to grow mine in a western exposure where they have bloomed now for three months. The dark blue Russian violets and the pale French Marie Louise are the best of the doubles. There are a number of places in Oregon where violet plants can be bought. If you will send me a self-addressed envelope I'll give you the names of firms.



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