

CONNECTION OF BANKS TO BOOZE RINGS PROBED

New York, July 21.—(AP)—Efforts to learn whether banks have financed the gigantic operations of bootleggers who shipped in trucks from New York inland are being made by Federal Attorney Buckner at a John Doe inquiry by a grand jury.

"We particularly want to learn how a business of this magnitude was financed and if any banks were interested in the operations of the bootleggers," said Mr. Buckner.

In the first day's inquiry the grand jury heard testimony of William Gilbert of Nebraska, a federal agent who for months had been following the trail that led last Friday to the arrest of Jacob Kirsch and seven others in Broadway office, which is regarded as headquarters of a ring that sent salesmen far and wide to solicit orders and did business with persons in 29 states.

The ring had 20,000 customers. Trucks were shipped containing liquor and when customers remitted payment keys for opening the trucks were mailed them.

Besides Gilbert, the jury yesterday heard testimony from customers in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska. Their names were withheld.

HEAD-ON PLAN ENDORSED BY COUNCILMEN

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paving of E street from Capitol street to the Southern Pacific tracks, and the paving of South 24th street were adopted.

To Pave Parkings

Street Commissioner Low was instructed to eliminate the lawn in the parking in front of the police station and pave the space instead. The objection to the present condition of the premises was that it is necessary for the police officers to walk across the parking with the result that a lawn cannot be maintained in the summer and the space becomes a sea of mud in the winter.

A report of the fire and water committee recommending that the 1926 budget provide for the purchase of a city lungmotor was adopted.

The report of the light committee that a light be installed on Summer street between Union and Mill streets was adopted.

A resolution to be introduced at the next meeting will probably demand removal of the old Salem Laundry company building on Liberty street, immediately south of the Bank of Commerce. A report of the city engineer last night declared the building to be a menace.

Giesy Announces Veto

The city engineer reported that the remonstrance against the improvement of North Fourth street from Norway to Columbia was not sufficient to defeat the improvement, but that the remonstrance against the improvement of North 14th from Marion to D had defeated the improvement.

Mayor Giesy turned in a veto on the ordinance prohibiting the parking of automobiles on bridges. The bill applied particularly to the South 21st street bridge near the Taylor swimming resort. The reason for the veto was that the

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BONDING ISSUE TO GO TO PEOPLE

At the next meeting of the city council an ordinance will be introduced calling for a special city election to be called, placing before the people the proposal to issue bonds in the sum of \$30,000 for the purchase of two new fire pumps. This was by motion last night of Alderman W. H. Dancy, chairman of the committee on fire and water, who called attention to the danger the city was in a week ago Sunday night when the Cherry City Milling company's plant burned, with all apparatus busy at the fire and when another fire started at Willamette university.

In reply to a question from Patton, Dancy said that eight additional firemen would be necessary to man the new machines. The ordinance will probably provide that other measures also be placed before the people.

bill did not leave it possible for motor vehicles loading or unloading freight to stop on the bridge, and the veto message stated that there was no other place for them to stop. The bill will be introduced again in amended form.

After several property owners from North 15th street had appeared, urging action for the improvement of that street in the vicinity of the Mill creek bridge which has been rendered useless by high water, Mayor Giesy announced that he would call a meeting of the street improvement committee soon to discuss the situation. The property owners want action this year.

A petition of the Portland Electric Power company for a transmission tower at the foot of Center street received favorable action.

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SAY BRUMFIELD STILL LIVING; MYTH PERSISTS

The Brumfield myth is still alive.

According to a Salem man who recently returned from Douglas county, there are people in that county who yet firmly believe that the dapper little dentist murderer from Roseburg, who slew a hermit, put the body in the dentist's automobile and sent it over a bank and then set the machine on fire to destroy the hermit's identity, is still among the living.

They believe that somewhere the former Dr. Brumfield is existing under an assumed name, perhaps with his wife and children, and that the body which was destroyed at a Portland crematorium was one substituted to permit Brumfield to escape. They also go so far as to declare their belief that the reported marriage of Mrs. Brumfield in Seattle to another man shortly after Brumfield's death, was merely a blind and that Brumfield himself is reunited with his wife and family.

Brumfield, it will be remembered, was sentenced to die on the gallows, but cheated the official gallows, by making one of his own and died by hanging in his death cell in the prison.

Shortly after his body was cremated the rumor sprang up in Douglas county that it was not Brumfield who hanged himself at all in the death cell at Salem, that the authorities, or someone, had substituted the body of a convict who had died, and that Brumfield was smuggled out of the prison.

The fact that this was an election story, started in the heat of one of the most sizzling elections ever held in the state, has not altered the belief in the minds of many Douglas county people, regardless of the fact that numerous persons who knew Brumfield saw his body in the prison after his death and there could possibly be no doubt as to his identity.

Apparently, declares the Salem man, there are people in Douglas county who will go to their graves firmly convinced that Brumfield cheated the gallows, that his life was never choked out by his own act, and that somewhere he took up the thread of his old existence to weave it as he saw fit, with the shadow of the dead hermit lurking in the background.

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