

SCANDALS RIVAL DAYS OF TWEED

New York Amazed at Revelations of Irregularities on Part of Judges.

New York.—A small, quiet man who likes to fish and play golf has assumed command in New York's latest investigation into charges of judicial irregularities and political graft on a scale unknown since the days of the Boss Tweed scandals.

He is Ildor J. Kressel, fifty-two, Austrian born and a former United States assistant attorney general, who has a record for digging up evidence which various embarrassed individuals had hoped would remain hidden.

A former law partner of William Travers Jerome, Kressel has become special counsel to Referee Samuel Seabury in the investigation of minor courts, particularly charges of the purchase of judgeships, from the Bronx to Battery Park.

Three Years of Inquiry.

For three years the headlines of New York newspapers have shouted their story of political and judicial investigations in a dozen major scandals, involving bribes amounting to more than \$100,000 and defrauding of taxpayers to the extent of from \$5,000,000 to three times that sum. Since the Queens sewer case, which resulted in the sentencing of Maurice E. Connolly, president of the borough, to a year's imprisonment on charges of graft in the construction of sewers, the investigations have extended to a shortage of county clerk fees, the padding of the street cleaning department pay roll and now the magistrates and other courts. As a result:

Five judges have resigned or been removed. They are Albert H. Vitale, who was removed from the bench on charges of borrowing \$20,000 from the late Arnold Rothstein, gambler and gangster, killed in the Park Central hotel, and of discharging a burglar friend of Rothstein arraigned on robbery charges.

Loan to Tammany Leader.

George F. Ewald, who resigned after an investigation had revealed his connection with a practically worthless mine investment concern, and also that his wife had given \$10,000 to Martin J. Healy, Tammany hall leader, as a loan.

Bernard Vause, county judge, who was found guilty of using the mails to defraud and sentenced to six years in Atlanta penitentiary.

Francis X. Mancuso, general sessions judge, who was forced to resign because of his connection with the City Trust scandal, in which Frank H. Warder, state banking superintendent, was convicted of receiving almost \$100,000 in bribes.

Francis X. McQuade, who resigned as magistrate because, he announced, of his connection with the New York Giants baseball club, at a time when an investigation was being made into his political activities.

County Judge George W. Martin virtually relieved himself from further service pending outcome of an investigation for evidence of mail fraud in three companies in which he was interested.

COFFINS FOR PARENTS IN ROOM OF PARALYZED SON

Helpless Virginia Man Has Gazed Two Years on Grim Death Reminders.

Luray, Va.—Two coffins awaiting their owners' deaths, occupying the same room where lies a paralyzed former fireman on the Norfolk & Western railroad, are intensifying tragic events connected with the family of J. D. Ruffner, a farmer of this county.

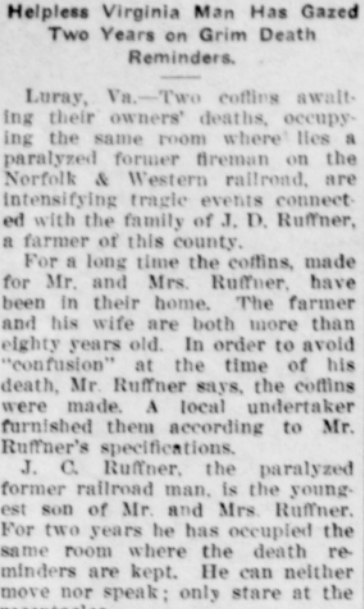
For a long time the coffins, made for Mr. and Mrs. Ruffner, have been in their home. The farmer and his wife are both more than eighty years old. In order to avoid "confusion" at the time of his death, Mr. Ruffner says, the coffins were made. A local undertaker furnished them according to Mr. Ruffner's specifications.

J. C. Ruffner, the paralyzed former railroad man, is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruffner. For two years he has occupied the same room where the death reminders are kept. He can neither move nor speak; only stare at the receptacles.

Tragically has trailed the Ruffner family for years. Another son of the aged couple a number of years ago shot and killed his uncle. He served only a short time in prison. This was followed by another member of the Ruffner family shooting and killing their son-in-law, Mark Walker. This killing was committed within 100 feet of the coffins and the paralyzed fireman's room.

Later Noah Fox, a relative of the Ruffners, was shot and killed within 100 yards of the "coffin room." Fox was slain by his son-in-law, George Riley, who was acquitted of the crime in the Page county court.

Believe It or Not—They had never seen a cow



The Los Angeles Board of Education is now taking Bossie and her calf for a ride—a ride around to all the schools in the city—and all because a recent survey disclosed that there were thousands of city school children who had never seen a cow—a calf or a churn. The caravan is shown here at its first stop.

Thurston

Herold Rennie is making preparations to leave to work at the fish hatchery near Seilo as soon as he recovers from the measles.

Virgil Hanson and Robert Armitage were absent from school several days the last week being confined to their homes with measles.

Mrs. Sarah Shaw of Eugene, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Price several days last week.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. Roy Edmiston last Thursday.

The grade school is staging a negro minstrel show at the Thurston hall next Friday evening March 20, there will be a small admission at the door and refreshment and candy will be sold.

Mrs. Woolwine who had her shoulder blade broken in an auto accident some time ago has recovered enough to be removed from the hospital and is now with her mother in Junction City.

Harry Endicott had his hand badly mashed at the Oram sawmill several days ago, he will be unable to work for some time.

Special musical numbers are being furnished for the revival services conducted here by Rev. William Jessup and Victor Hershizer, from the Eugene Bible university in Eugene.

Melvin Buell and Charlie Sieglar from Klamath Falls spent several days visiting relatives and friends here recently. They return home on Monday. They both formerly resided here.

Mrs. Ray Baugh went to Junction City last Friday and spent the week end with her parents. Mr. Baugh and son, Harry, and daughter, Ella, motored down Sunday and Mrs. Baugh returned home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. James Calvert from Junction City spent Monday and Tuesday visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hendshu from Dexter visited at Bert Weaver's last Saturday.

William Fowler who is teaching in high school at Oakridge spent the week-end in Thurston.

Miss Alice and Cora Calvert from Eugene spent the week-end at John Edmiston's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Colerick from Eugene visited Miss Heersma last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Weiss enjoyed a visit Tuesday with his sister and husband from Portland.

Miss Dora Calvert from Junction City spent Sunday night in Thurston.

Mrs. Ray Baugh is spending several days this week in Eugene with Mrs. William Culver.

Ray Mitchell is also spending the high school building, preparations are being made for a general clean up day next Friday when the ladies are to furnish a picnic dinner.

MRS. DAVIS ENTERTAINS YARNELL CLUB MEMBERS

Mrs. Ethel Davis entertained members of the Sunshine club of Yarnell at her home here last Thursday afternoon. The time was spent with fancy work, games, and refreshments. High prize in a magazine contest was won by Mrs. R. P. Mortenson. Miss Lydia Edgell won the low prize.

Guests present at the meeting were Mrs. Marie Spores, Jean Spores, Emma Spores, Cleo Hill, Mildred Bassi, Marjorie Devore, Etta Robley, Anna Reynolds, Carrie Moore, Lydia Edgell, Marguerita Stafford, Sarah Spores, Laura Denning, Ronald Spores and Mrs. Jackson.

EULA RESIDENT DIES AT HOME ON MONDAY

George H. McAtee of Eula died at his home there Monday morning following an extended illness. He was born in Missouri on August 8, 1849, and came to Oregon in 1920.

Surviving are five children: Mrs. E. G. Birch, Oakridge; Oscar McAtee and Clinton McAtee, Oakridge; Harry McAtee, Eula; and Harvey McAtee, Delplina, California.

Funeral services were held at Hubert cemetery, Oakridge, Tuesday afternoon at 2:00. Rev. Walker of the Community church officiated.

ANOTHER OLD BUILDING RAZED HERE THIS WEEK

Workmen have almost completed the wrecking of the old creamery building on East Main street this week. This is the second of the old buildings along Main street to be razed during the past few days.

The buildings are all old and unsafe for habitation. What little lumber is usable is being salvaged, the other is being used for firewood or burned on the spot.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS AT CRESWELL SATURDAY

Members of Mrs. R. P. Mortenson's Sunday school class of the Methodist church which is composed of high school students went to Creswell Saturday evening to be guests of Mrs. Spencer's class at the Creswell Methodist church. Members of the Creswell class were guests of the Springfield group at a meeting held here last month.

TOWN AND VICINITY

Visits at Portland—Guy Gabriel went to Portland Friday for a short visit.

Canyonville Resident Here—Mrs. Nan Puckett of Canyonville visited friends in Springfield on Saturday.

Jasper Merchant Here—Emir Bauer of Jasper was a business visitor in Springfield Tuesday.

Visitor from Thurston—A. W. Weaver of Thurston spent Tuesday with his friends in this city.

Visits Saturday—Miss Ruth Bowers of Marcola was a visitor in Springfield on Saturday.

Transacts Business—H. B. Lockwood of Jasper transacted business in Springfield Monday afternoon.

Visitor from Lowell—E. V. Calloway of Lowell was a business visitor in this city Monday.

Visits Friends—Mrs. Julia Downing of Marcola visited friends in Springfield Monday.

Jasper Resident Here—M. L. Crosett of Jasper purchased feed in Springfield Monday.

Visitor from McKenzie Bridge—Mrs. A. L. Wackmuth of McKenzie Bridge was a visitor in Springfield Monday afternoon.

Medical Care—R. Paris of the Fischer Lumber camp above Marcola was in Springfield Saturday for medical treatments.

Finger Infected—Lynn Hill of Marcola was in Springfield Saturday to receive treatments for an infected finger.

Ill at Home—Mrs. Kate Sellers is quite ill at her home on Main street according to a local physician.

Goes to Seattle—Joe Crandall left for Seattle last Thursday. He will spend about a week visiting relatives and friends.

Visitor from Junction City—Sandy Peterson of Junction City was a business visitor in this city Monday.

Injures Hand—Harry Endicott of Cedar Flat painfully injured his hand at the Oram mill last week. He will be unable to work for some time.

Son Born—Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hollister, former residents of this city, are the parents of a nine and one-half pound boy born to them at their home on Emerald street, Saturday, March 14, 1931.

Visits Uncle—Miss Maxine Snodgrass and her mother, Mrs. Riley Snodgrass, motored to Cottage Grove Saturday evening to visit Miss Snodgrass' uncle, Earl Hill. Mr. Hill has been ill for some time.

Injures Foot—R. S. Johns, employee at the Mountain States Power company steam plant, sprained his foot quite badly last Saturday when his foot became caught in a conveyor at the power plant. No bones were broken.

Bounties Collected—Glen Smith of Oakridge collected a \$2.00 county bounty on one bobcat pelt at the office of the county clerk on Monday. R. C. Bridger of Leaburg collected \$4.00 for two bobcat pelts the same day.

Injures Hand—The son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rasmussen received a gash on his hand Monday when he fell near the high school where he attends school. Several stitches were taken to close the wound.

Goes to Ashland—Riley Snodgrass left for Ashland Saturday with the test train which has been testing new brake equipment near Walker for the past several months. Mr. Snodgrass is brakeman on the train and he will be gone for several weeks.

LOCAL CHILD'S BIRTHDAY IS FRIDAY, THIRTEENTH

Does Friday the thirteenth mean good luck, bad luck, or is it just an indifferent day?

This question may be bothering Mr. and Mrs. Guy Gabriel of this city who became the parents of a baby daughter at the home of Mrs. Gabriel's parents in Portland on Friday, March 13, 1931.

When their daughter's hair turns to silver she can look back over her life and make her own decision.

CARD CLUB MEMBERS HAVE DINNER PARTY

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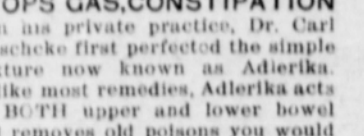
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FUNERAL SERVICE HELD FOR VALLIER STEWART

Funeral services for Vallier Stewart who was accidentally killed in California last week were held on Sunday afternoon at the Springfield Christian church at 2:30. Rev. Veltie Pruitt officiated and interment was made in Laurel Grove cemetery. Walker-Poole had charge of the funeral.

Hunter Tells of Being Tread by Bear Family

Berwick, Pa.—William Temple, veteran Benton hunter, returned from the woods with a bear story by which he stands firm in guaranteeing the authenticity.

Temple said that while hunting on North mountain he stepped into a clearing just as four bears, two adults and two cubs, appeared. The larger bears charged, he said, and he fired, killing one of them.

The other bear continued on, stepping over the body of its comrade, to pursue Temple, who took refuge in a tree. The bear and the cubs stood guard around the tree until dark, when they disappeared.

London Women Hold Theater-Going Record

London.—Three women hold the theater-going record of London.

Two thus far have had a box for "Bitter Sweet" more than 60 times and still keep booking it.

Another saw "Peg o' My Heart" 83 times before it closed and still has a habit of going to at least nine shows a week.

Napoleon Wanted Australia

Paris.—A curious map now in the possession of the French Geographical society, reveals that Napoleon Bonaparte once planned to invade Australia and annex it to France. The map is covered with notes written by Napoleon and contains the outline of his proposed attack. Prince Roland Bonaparte, descendant of the emperor, presented the map to the society.

Visitor from Leaburg — Mrs. Charles Carter of Leaburg was a visitor in Springfield Wednesday.

Life of Early Texas Indians Told by Shells

Austin, Texas.—Shell heaps more than a mile long have been uncovered by Dr. J. E. Pearce, heading an expedition of the University of Texas.

Dr. Pearce concludes from the location and position of the shell heaps that they are the refuse of Indians of early Texas tribes living along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico when Columbus made his voyage.

The investigations are being made in co-operation with the Rockefeller foundation. Along the coast from Corpus Christi to Matamoros, Mex., the explorers have uncovered remains of early Indian villages. These depended largely on the sea for food, decorations, weapons and pottery, shells fashioned for each purpose being found in large quantities.

Professor Deciphers Puzzling Inscription

Dighton, Mass.—Miguel Cortez Real, Portuguese explorer, landed here in 1502 and lived in this vicinity until 1511, according to an inscription on Dighton Rock, recently deciphered by Professor Delabarre of Brown university.

The import of the inscription had been a mystery for more than four centuries.

To commemorate the landing, Dr. Gilbert Marquis of New York, took two small cedar chests full of dirt from near Dighton Rock for presentation to the Geographical Society of Lisbon, Portugal, and the Cortez Real museum at Terceira, in the Azores.

Convalescing—Mrs. Katie Brummette is reported by her physician to be convalescing at her home in this city following a recent illness.

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