

## COLEMAN PLEADS GUILTY; IS FINED \$25.00 CATTLE THIEVES IN BUTTE FALLS DISTRICT ARE CAUGHT

### COUNTY CLERK SAYS THAT HE DID NOT REMIT

"I Plead Guilty to a Technical Violation of the Law," He Tells Court. "But I Am Not a Defaulter."

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SUSPENDS SENTENCE

C. L. Reames and Warden Finley Have Argument in Court—Great Interest in Case.

Section 1957—If any person shall receive any money whatever for this state \* \* \* or shall have in his possession any money whatever belonging to such state \* \* \* and shall in any way convert to his own use any portion thereof, or shall loan, with or without interest, any portion thereof, or shall neglect or refuse to pay over any portion thereof, as by law directed and required \* \* \* such person shall be deemed guilty of larceny and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary of not less than one nor more than 15 years and by fine equal to twice the amount so converted, loaned or neglected to be paid as the case may be.

#### THE LAW.

"Your honor, I am absolutely guilty as charged in this complaint. I know the law, perhaps not as well as Mr. Finley, but I have read every line of it and am guilty of a technical violation of it. But I have the money—every penny of it. I am guilty of negligence and the only excuse that I have to offer is the fact that my work is too heavy. I have not had time to check up the books and make the remittance as I should."

#### Crowd Hears Plea.

Such was a statement made by William R. Coleman, county clerk, who appeared before Justice of the Peace Glenn O. Taylor Tuesday morning to answer to a complaint filed by State Game Warden Finley, upon the grounds that all money received by Mr. Coleman as county clerk from hunting and fishing licenses during the past two years had not been remitted to the state treasurer as provided by law. The sum involved a total of \$10,329. Mr. Coleman was fined \$25 and costs by Justice Taylor who, in view of a statement made to the court by Mr. Coleman, suspended the sentence.

A great amount of interest was displayed in the case, the court room and adjacent corridors being crowded with an interested throng, which listened eagerly to every sentence spoken in the room. The proceedings were brief, the matter occupying little over an hour.

#### Finley Filed Complaint.

The complaint was filed by Mr. Finley Monday evening after he had visited the county clerk's office at Jacksonville and had made a demand of the funds due the state. In his complaint filed before Justice of the Peace Taylor, Mr. Finley charged Coleman with a misdemeanor under a provision of the state game law which requires the county clerk every three months to turn over the state treasurer all moneys derived from the issuance of fishing and hunting licenses. A warrant was issued last evening and served this morning, Mr. Coleman coming over to Medford for his appearance before Taylor.

Mr. Coleman was represented in court by C. L. Reames who, before Mr. Coleman pleaded to the complaint,

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### TWO RUSTLERS ARE ARRESTED; ADMIT GUILT

Missing Cattle on Butte Creek Not Destroyed by Timber Wolves But by an Organized Gang of Cattle Rustlers.

### THIRD MEMBER OF GANG STILL AT LARGE

Young Man Named Hughes Tells Story—Evidence Is Found Later.

An organized gang of cattle thieves which, according to the authorities, has operated on Little Butte creek for two years, stealing in that time over 100 head of cattle, was broken up Monday with the arrest of John McKee and Andrew Coffman, both of whom have confessed. A warrant is also out for Wilber Coffman, who is also charged with rustling cattle. The authorities made the arrests following a story told them by a young man named Hughes.

According to the authorities a great number of missing cattle on Butte creek were not killed by timber wolves, as the ranchmen believed, but by this band of men.

Saturday a complaint was filed in Justice of the Peace Watkins' court at Eagle Point charging McKee and two Coffman boys, Andrew and Wilber, with the theft of cattle. Warrants of arrest were at once issued and given into the hands of Deputy Sheriff Ashpole, who came to Medford in search of his men and, finding McKee returning to his home at Butte Falls, arrested him on the Pacific & Eastern train and took him to Eagle Point. Ashpole then returned to Medford and arrested Andrew Coffman and took him also to Eagle Point.

While Ashpole was arresting McKee and Andrew Coffman at this end of the line Constable Cingcade was out after Wilber Coffman in the vicinity of Butte Falls, and he, too, is undoubtedly under arrest by this time.

For the past two or three years the stockmen of the Butte Falls country have been missing cattle from their hands and suspicion has pointed to McKee and the Coffman boys, but not until last week was there evidence sufficient to warrant an arrest.

It was a lone black steer, as the story goes, which led up to the arrest of the three men. Gus Nichols owned the steer and when he missed it from his herd he began a pressure hunt for the animal and the pressure was brought to bear so heavily upon a young man named Hughes, a relative of McKee and who lives with him, that the story of the killing of the black steer was brought to light and the details were told so fully that no room for doubting their accuracy remained. The steer had been driven into McKee's shed, as told by Hughes, and there shot and dressed, the skin having been placed behind a nearby log, where it was afterward found, with Mr. Nichols' brand plainly in evidence.

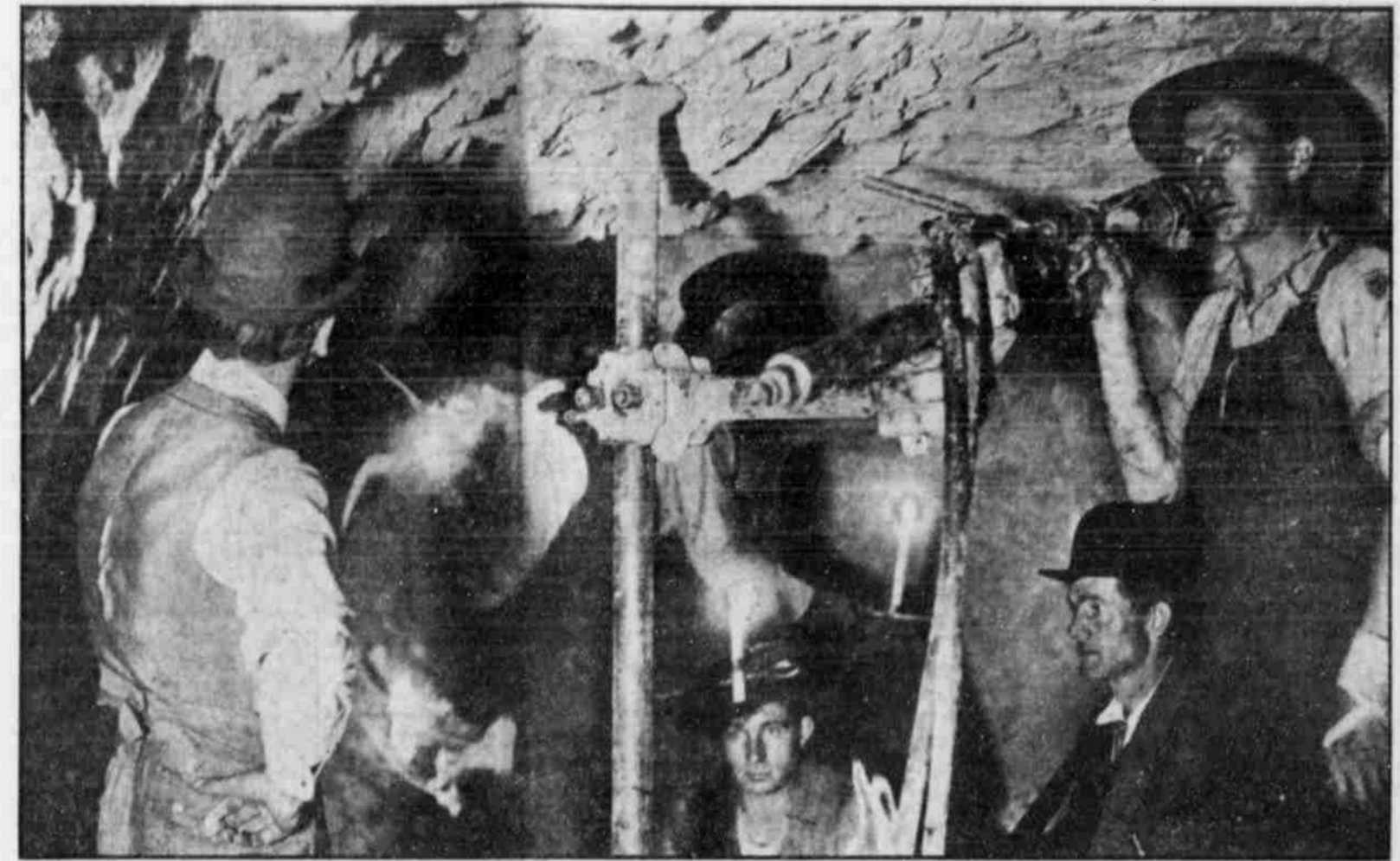
Since the arrest of McKee and Andrew Coffman both have confessed to the crime and were bound over to the sum of \$500 to appear before the April term of the grand jury.

### UNDERWOOD BILL IS SENT TO SENATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Democratic House Leader Oscar Underwood's bill for the revision of the iron and steel schedules of the Payne-Aldrich tariff went to the senate today.

BERKELEY, Cal.—Prof. Cyril Stebbins of University of California is going to out-prodigy the learned juveniles of Boston. Instead of the youngsters here playing in sand piles they'll study "city lot botany."

### Medford, Oregon, as a Mining Center



Drilling in tunnel of Sterling Quartz Mine, one of the many illustrations appearing in a 60-page booklet depicting the mining resources of Southern Oregon and Northern California which has been issued for the Medford Mining Congress.

### WILLIAM MACK IS AGAIN PAROLED BY GOVERNOR

Is the Convict Who Was Allowed to Go and Help His Family—He Then Returned to Penitentiary, Only to Be Released Again.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 30.—William Mack, serving a life sentence for murder in the Oregon penitentiary, has been paroled a second time and will soon leave for Tacoma, where his family resides, according to word received today from Salem.

Mack is the convict who was allowed to leave the penitentiary by Governor West early in 1910 and work to pay off a mortgage on his aged father's home at Spokane. He gave his word that he would return at the end of seven months and resume stripes for life. True to his promise, Mack lifted the mortgage, earned a few dollars for his wife and baby and arrived at the penitentiary doors December 31, one day ahead of time.

"You are breaking rules by coming back so soon," said the warden. "I'm going to put you to work." Then he handed Mack a gun and mounted him on the wall, where the convict stood guard for the next 12 hours.

A few hours later Mack's hair had been shorn and his name was again lost and a number substituted.

Content that his parents and wife were in fair circumstances, he went willingly to work with a prospect of years of straining labor ahead.

Meanwhile Mack's wife removed to Tacoma, on Governor West's suggestion, it is said. Soon afterward the drab colors of Mack's existence were lighted by the unexpected news that he had been granted a second parole.

Mack killed a man at Grants Pass, Ore., in 1909, during a saloon brawl.

### DARROW WILL BE ARRAIGNED NEXT THURSDAY MORN

Charged by County Grand Jury With Bribery, Attorney Must Answer—Further Investigation Will Follow Soon.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 30.—Thirty arrests of members of an "inner circle" of labor leaders declared to have been concerned in a dynamiting campaign which culminated in the arrest of the McNamara, are expected before the end of the week under indictments by the federal grand jury here.

Unless something unforeseen develops, federal officials declare, the dynamiting investigation will conclude tomorrow night and the grand jury will report either Friday or Saturday.

Thirty labor leaders, reports say, will be indicted.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 30.—Clarence Darrow, charged in county grand jury indictments with bribery, will be arraigned before Superior Judge Conroy Thursday morning.

In preparation for that formality, it was stated today that he and his chief counsel, Earl Rogers, would spend today in conference at Darrow's Ocean Park home.

The trial date is problematic. The calendar is crowded, and with the expected clashes of counsel, motions, demurrers and arguments, the beginning of the trial will probably be delayed until late this fall.

The district attorney's office refused to comment upon a report that Bert H. Franklin has confessed to bribing a McNamara juror. Neither would Franklin deny that he had made a complete statement to Assistant District Attorney John Ford.

Franklin, who was in the employ of the McNamara defense, was named in an indictment charging bribery of a juror. Since then he has divided with Darrow the principal interest in the grand jury investigation. According to common report, Franklin's conduct before the grand jury would have

### ROOSEVELT TO BE CANDIDATE IF NOMINATED

Lawrence Abbott States That Former President Is Willing to Serve Third Term If People Demand It—Will Not Contest for Honor.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 30.—Positive statement that Theodore Roosevelt if nominated will accept and if elected he will serve is made today by Lawrence Abbott in a letter to former Governor Fort.

Abbott's letter is the most authoritative statement regarding Roosevelt's attitude yet made. Dated yesterday, the letter says in part:

"My Dear Governor: Answering your letter asking me, as one of Colonel Roosevelt's associates, whether he will accept the nomination for the presidency I can state my views in a very few words. I have no authority to speak for him and what I say must be understood as my individual opinion.

"If Colonel Roosevelt is ever elected president again, it will not be because he seeks or wants the office, but because the country wants him to perform a certain job. He has had all the political and official honors that any man could desire. I am convinced that he does not desire the nomination and will enter into no contest to secure it. But I am equally convinced that if his countrymen are in need of his services as chief executive he will no more decline the call than he would decline to enlist if his services were needed in time of war.

"However, it is for his party and his country, not him, to decide the question. If they decide to nominate him, I am sure he will accept; if they elect him, I am sure he will serve."

LOS ANGELES.—No more love talk on the firehouse telephones. Brave firefighters must forget their sweethearts during duty hours. Chief's orders.

much to do with that body's action regarding Darrow.

Officials of the district attorney's office intimated that there would be further investigation by the grand jury. The jury's efforts to fix responsibility for the alleged bribery, however, are said to be finished. Just what lines the new probe will follow was not divulged.

### MARTIAL LAW AT LAWRENCE HOLDS STRIKERS BACK

Twenty-one Companies of Infantry, Two Troops of Cavalry and 2000 Armed Detectives on Hand to Quell All Disturbances.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 30.—

With rifles and double allowance of ball ammunition in every pouch 21 companies of infantry, two troops of cavalry and 2000 armed detectives in the pay of the big mill owners today are maintaining what is practically martial law in Lawrence. To overawe the thousands of strikers who are fighting for what they claim is only a living wage, soldiers are patrolling every avenue leading to the mill section and throughout the business districts, while the workers, already near starvation, stand idly in groups and watch the military preparations proceeding in a blinding snowstorm.

Although martial law has not yet been officially declared, all streets are kept clear. Colonel Leroy Switzer, in command of the militia men, has thrown consternation into the ranks of the dissatisfied workers by forbidding them to participate in parades or gather in mass meetings to discuss ways and means which they hope would end in victory.

Despite the fact that the strikers assert they have made no threats of destruction of mill property and only hope to win their fight in a legitimate manner, the troops today were ordered to arrest all strike leaders seeking to inflame the workers to disorders. This, the strikers say, is but a ruse on the part of the mill owners to create sentiment against their cause, as they maintain that no disorders have been contemplated.

Governor Foss' efforts to bring about a settlement of differences so far have been unavailing, and the strikers openly charge him with bad faith. They contend that while he has promised to lend his efforts to an amicable adjustment of the dispute, his action in ordering additional troops to Lawrence shows that he secretly favors the textile operators. The extremely cold weather, coupled with a blinding snowstorm, has greatly increased the sufferings of the strikers.

Militiamen today fired on 20 men,

### FRANKLIN MAY HAVE TOLD ALL TO GRAND JURY

Report Flies About Los Angeles to Effect That Former Detective Has Confessed All He Knows Regarding Bribery Cases.

### DARROW SAYS HE WILL NOT DISCUSS THE CASE

Every Angle of the Case Will Be Probed by Jury Before Adornment.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 30.—"I don't care to discuss that angle of the case, but I will say this, Franklin's name was on the backs of the indictments in which I was named." This was the statement of Clarence Darrow when questioned regarding a report that Bert Franklin, charged with bribery of a McNamara juror, had confessed and would be a witness against him when he is brought to trial on a similar charge.

The fact that Franklin's name appeared on the back of the indictment indicates that he was a witness before the grand jury which voted the true bills.

Darrow's statement, coupled with that of Rogers, that he had won a famous San Francisco case, notwithstanding two men had turned state's evidence, is believed here to indicate that Darrow and Rogers either are certain that Franklin and the district attorney's office have a understanding or that Franklin may have confessed.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 30.—

Every angle of the McNamara case and all its ramifications investigated will be scrutinized and all its ramifications investigated before the county grand jury which indicted Clarence Darrow adjourned. This was the statement today of Assistant District Attorney Joseph Ford, who is conducting the probe.

Speculation is rife today over a report that Bert H. Franklin has confessed to jury bribing, implicating Darrow. Franklin stoutly denies the report. Ford refused to talk when asked if the report were true.

It appeared certain today that another batch of indictments will be issued soon after the return from Florida of District Attorney Fredericks. It is hinted that Fredericks' return will be the signal for definite action in connection with the alleged dynamite plot.

Attorney Earl Rogers, for Darrow, stated today that he will move to set aside the information and quash the indictments against his client when it comes up Thursday. Rogers made more significant the report that Franklin had confessed and would testify against Darrow, when he said: "I distinctly remember that in the San Francisco graft cases a certain Gallagher and a certain Ruef turned state's evidence and I have the satisfaction of remembering that I beat them and cleared my man just the same."

### FORMER HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER CLEARED

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 30.—After 18 hours' deliberation, the jury today returned a verdict of acquittal in the case of Joseph M. Snow, former highway commissioner, charged with grand larceny for retaining about \$2000 of funds paid the state highway board by the Milwaukee road. The money was to acquire part of the state Snoqualmie Pass highway for a railroad right of way.

alleged to have been crossing the ice in the Merrimac river, headed in the direction of the Uawaco mills. Although a hail of bullets were sent across the ice toward the men investigation disclosed no evidence of strikers having been there.