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FRISCO GRAFTERS ARE INDICTED.

Heney and Burns Hit on Their Trail.

MORE GRAFT EXPOSED DAILY.

Dives Pay Enormous Sum For Police Protection they Did Not Receive.

Determined to lay bare the hideous corruption which has existed in the municipal administration of San Francisco, the detectives of the District Attorney's office have accumulated a mass of evidence which will astonish even those who thought they knew something of municipal graft in the Chinatown district dives in San Francisco. Some of the evidence gathered by Detective Burns was given to the grand jury yesterday, says the San Francisco Chronicle of Dec. 23d, by the proprietors of the notorious resort at 712 Pacific street, which reveals the fact that \$440 was paid weekly by them to the city officials for the privilege of conducting the dive, in defiance of the law, and that in spite of this fact the place was arbitrarily closed last Sunday in the interests of the notorious municipal brotinel at 611 Jackson street. One of the proprietors of the Pacific-street place, A. Andrien, testified to the Grand Jury that the persons financially interested in the infamous dive on Jackson street, which was benefited in the matter, were Herbert Schmitz, the brother of the indicted Mayor; Henry Ach, attorney for Abe Ruef; Billy Finnigan, the saloon-keeper, one of Ruef's political henchmen; Emilio Lestreto, an attorney, who has been associated with Ruef, and George W. Mexey, formerly secretary of the Fire Commission. Furious over the closing of the resort, in which they had just invested \$15,000, and because they had paid \$440 every week in graft money to a city official for protection that was not afforded, the brothel-keepers have turned State's evidence and are paying testimony which is likely to send dozens of the corrupt officials who have debauched the city government to ignominy and a felon's cell in the penitentiary.

The South Lakeview Livery stable has changed hands again. Al Green and his son-in-law, J. L. Herford, took charge Tuesday.

Eavesdropping.

The same conditions seem to prevail and render the telephone service inadequate, that has hampered the service on every line in the county. Some people living along the line who have boxes attached to the main line have a penchant for eavesdropping, which materially affects the service of the line. When any one pays a fee to use the telephone and is given the right of way they ought to be allowed to use the line exclusively for the period of time they are allowed to talk; but it seems that such is not always their freedom, as too frequently some one along the line wants to hear what is being said, though it is none of their business. Strict rules forbidding such practice have been adopted on all the lines, and several eavesdroppers are being caught. On the Moss line the penalty for eavesdropping is for the first offense a fine of \$5, and for the second, to have their phone cut out. This, with the principal of the thing, ought to have a tendency to stop the practice.

Silver Lake News.

(Silver Lake Oregonian.)
Monday evening Mrs. Zed Harris' baby was taken suddenly ill and Dr. Thom was called to render medical assistance.
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Harris and son of Summer Lake were business visitors in Silver Lake the latter part of the week.
A. B. Schroder left Sunday morning for Shaniko, to meet Mrs. Schroder who has been in Portland the past several weeks.
Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Henderson will leave soon for a visit with relatives in New Pine Creek.
W. H. Johnson was up from the Root Ranch on Wednesday.
Mrs. Ira Bradley was shopping in town Monday.

Took Back Track.

The railroad surveying crew who arrived in Lakeview last week completing the survey to this place, were the next day after arriving here, ordered back on the line to make other surveys along the route which they had come. What the object of the move is or where they have been ordered to is not known. In fact, the movements of railroad people are usually a mystery to everybody not on the inside. The crew were all disappointed as they were looking forward to a glorious Thanksgiving from the fact that they were to be banqueted by the business men of Lakeview on that day.

F. M. Green, while helping to kill hogs a few days ago, had the misfortune to severely cut his hand with the butcher knife. Proper care was not taken of the wound, and blood poison set in, causing him a great deal of pain, until he secured the attention of a doctor.

THANKSGIVING DAY OBSERVED SINCE 1621

Governor Bradford Issued First Proclamation Custom Taken up Later by Presidents.

Thanksgiving day is chiefly an American institution. After the first harvest of the New England colonists in 1621, Governor Bradford made provision for their rejoicing specially together with praise and prayer. In 1623 a day of fasting and prayer in the midst of drought was changed into thanksgiving by the coming of rain during the prayers; gradually the custom prevailed of appointing thanksgiving annually after harvest. These appointments were by proclamation of the governors of the several New England states. During the Revolution a day of National thanksgiving was recommended by congress. Washington recommended such a day, after the adoption of the constitution, and his example was occasionally imitated by subsequent presidents.

During the civil war, President Lincoln frequently recommended the observance of such a day after victories, and made a proclamation for a national observance in 1863. Since that time such a proclamation has been annually issued, and custom has fixed on the last Thursday of November as the time. Of late years, the custom of appointing a Thanksgiving day by the governors of states, long confined to New England, has been adopted through the country. It is the custom of the president to issue his proclamation in advance of the governors' issuance, and the latter follow the established rule of appointing the last Thursday of November. The day is observed all over the country by feasting, as well as by prayer.

George Joseph In New Role.

It would seem from the following clipped from the Oregonian of a recent date, that an ex-Lakeview boy, though rather small in stature, is gaining some prominence as a pugilist, as well as a great corporation lawyer. However George had best return to the sagebrush haunts of his boyhood days and take a lesson or two in "eye-punching," so that the punched will have no doubts about the landing of the punch.

"Didn't hit me at all," is the denial The Dalles ex-Mayor, F. A. Seufert, of the story that G. W. Joseph, a belligerent Portland lawyer, smote him in the eye, he would not have dared the pass, if my arms had not been held by somebody. When he hits me he's welcome to it, and when he gets his franchise he's welcome to that, too. Then I'm going to let him use my carcass for a railroad tie and spike me down so he'll know he's got me. But he won't get his franchise. I knocked that out, and that's what made him mad. Reminds me of the time when I backed him up against the plate-glass window in The Dalles and thought it was going to cost me \$125 for shoving him through the glass.

"Come out into the middle of the floor, where I can enjoy your embraces," I said to him after he made a swipe at me the other night, but he didn't come.

Thus slightly does the salmon king of Wasco County pass off the incident. The trouble grew out of the application of Joseph's Dufur railroad, the Great Southern, for a franchise on Second street. Seufert opposed the franchise, and, to the disgust of Joseph, had it referred to the June election. Seufert told the Council that the town had enough of railroad franchise in the O. R. and N's possession of Front street, and that the Great Southern road, instead of being an Oregon Corporation, as it should be, was a Washington creation, for the purpose of avoiding suits and summonses in Oregon.

Out of this assertion grew hostilities and the blow which Joseph is said to have planted on Seufert's eye, but which Seufert says didn't land. Next time the "little lawyer" makes a pass at Seufert the latter's hands won't be held, and, as when Seufert almost shoved him through a plate-glass window, there will be "something doing."

So says the salmon king, and anybody who knows him knows he's a fighter.

W. P. Huff, a former resident of Lakeview, and his wife came down from Silver Lake last week, where they have leased the SO ranch and will live. They returned to Lake county after about five years' residence in Cottage Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Huff were warmly welcomed back to Lakeview by many friends who were glad to see them looking so well. Mr. Huff said he was lost over in the valley where he could not hear the coyotes howl occasionally. He thinks Lake county a pretty good place after all. He says his son, Jim Huff and family are getting along nicely, on a ranch near Cottage Grove.

A Jonah Watch.

The Portland Journal's Kelso, Wash. correspondent sends that paper the following bit of news:

For seven years Axel Olson's watch reposed in the stomach of a cow. It kept running all that time. And in the seven years it lost just three minutes!

Axel says he is telling the truth, and he has the watch to show for it. He's a rancher on the upper Coweeman, and he came to Kelso yesterday with a remarkable tale.

One day seven years ago a playful calf found Axel's coat and vest hanging on a post in his barnyard. The calf didn't come from Harlem, but the vest looked palatable so it chewed a way at the garment until the pocket was cut through and the watch slipped down its throat. Then the calf innocently sauntered away and Axel could not find his watch. He didn't notice the telltale marks on the vest and supposed it was stolen.

The calf grew into a matronly milch cow, and still the watch stayed in its stomach.

Last week Axel slaughtered the cow who had outlived her usefulness. A glitter in her stomach caught his eye. It was his watch!

He was still more surprised to see that the minute hand was running as if nothing had happened. The time piece was really unharmed, though the case was tarnished. He accounts for the phenomenon by saying that the watch was a stem winder and lodged in the respiratory tubes. Every time the calf breathed the stem turned and the watch was kept wound up all those seven years.

Supreme Court Decisions.

The routine of Supreme Court business contained the following:

In the case of the State of Oregon, appellant, vs. Warner Valley Stock Company, respondent, from Lake County, heretofore ordered dismissed, a motion to remand was denied in an opinion by Justice Hailey, who holds that the state had an opportunity to amend while in the court below, but elected to stand upon its defective complaint, though the defects had been pointed out.

Bachelors.

"Bachelors can be found roaming at large in all parts of the world. They inhabit apartments, clubs, open fields, bodies of water and music halls. They are also seen behind the scenes. They hover at times near front gates, and have been found in back parlors with the aid of a searchlight.

Thomas Yates Wingfield.

The following obituary of the late Thomas Y. Wingfield, who died in San Francisco on the 12th of this month, mentioned in The Examiner last week, was received by this paper one day too late for our issue of last week, from Mr. J. Frank:

Thomas Yates Wingfield, was born in Albermarl, West Virginia, Jan. 27, 1846. In that state his father, Edward Wingfield, and mother, Frances Gilmore, were married. From West Virginia, he came with his parents to Fort Smith Ark. where he grew to manhood. There he met Martha Spradling, whom he married Feb. 5, 1867.

He and his family came to Lake County Oregon, in May 1883, where they remained until Aug. 1898. At that time he and his wife and Sam, his son, moved to Harney Co. Oregon. There he resided until the 5th of October, this year, when failing health induced him to go to Los Angeles for medical aid. But not finding what he desired there, he went to San Francisco where all medical aid proved of no avail. Death claimed him 4:30 P. M. Nov. 12, 1906.

He leaves a widow and four children, Morris Wingfield of Adel, Ore., Mrs. C. E. Campbell of Paisley, Ore., Geo. and Sam Wingfield of Goldfield, Nevada, also three brothers, John, Henry and Wm. Wingfield, of Camp Verda A. T.

State Life News.

(Pine Creek Miner.)
C. L. Converse, Milton Kinkhead, Geo. Perkins and Julius Broil left for California Tuesday morning by private conveyance. Julius Broil to attend the Atkin business college in Reno. The others will locate for the winter in different parts of Calif.

Born—At Alturas Calif. one day last week to the wife of Guy Hammersley a boy.

B. Reynolds was down from Lakeview Sunday looking after the telephone line.

We learn that Mr. and Mrs. Barber, Chas. Barber's father and mother are preparing to open a barber shop in Lakeview.

John Henderson has been quite sick for some time from blood poison in the hand, but is now convalescent.

Wm. Alford, who has been working on the XL ranch, had the misfortune to become tangled up with a wild mule one day last week, receiving several injuries, among them a few broken ribs and a dislocated shoulder. Will spent several days at Pine Creek with his family.

The cold snap of last week drove several of the miners down from the brush.

Mr. C. C. Loftus, who has been sick with pneumonia, is recovering very slowly; up and about the house one day and in bed the next.

STATE DOES NOT OWE A DOLLAR.

Every County but one has Paid Its Taxes.

\$415,340.99 IN THE TREASURY.

Recommendations For Several Amendments to the State Constitution.

A recent dispatch to the Portland Oregonian gives State Treasurer Moore's biennial report as follows:

That the State of Oregon has not a dollar of debt of any kind, that every warrant has been paid when presented within the past two years and that every county except Malheur has paid its State taxes when due, are facts set forth by the biennial report of State Treasurer Moore, which has been made public.

Among other important recommendations made by the State Treasurer are, that the inheritance tax be amended so as to apply to estate of \$5000 instead of estates of \$10,000, and that the exemption of \$5000 to direct heirs be reduced to \$2500. Mr. Moore believes that the income from the inheritance tax could thus be doubled. The revenue thus derived in the last two years was \$38,481.61. It is also recommended that, in view of the two tax laws enacted under initiative last June, an inheritance tax department be created, similar to the corporation department, under the supervision of the State Treasurer.

The other recommendation made by the Treasurer is that the act of 1903, requiring relatives to pay \$10 a month for the maintenance insane patients, if able, be repealed.

The general summary of the finances of the state for the two years shows a balance of \$415,340.99 in the treasury, of which sum \$212,512.03 is in the general fund and \$71,883.05 in the common school fund. This shows that the idle funds in the school fund have been reduced from \$200,361.24 to \$71,883.05 in two years, the money having been loaned out at interest.

We understand that W. H. McCall, formerly a resident of Silver Lake, has moved to Paisley to reside, and has purchased the E. C. Stickel residence, which is a fine brick one, for \$900. Mr. Stickel, so we understand, will move to New Pine Creek where he will work at brick masonry.



PAULINE CHASE, FOOTLIGHTS BEAUTY.

Pauline Chase, who won fame as the petite "pink pajama girl" in "The Liberty Bells," is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bliss of Washington. She has yellow curls, a pretty face and the figure of a sylph.



FRENCH TYPE OF BEAUTY.

Paris has its own standards of beauty, and some of its lovely women have won worldwide fame. Despite the fact that the French metropolis made fun of a bevy of Kentucky girls who visited it recently, no patriotic American will admit that any women in the world compare in beauty with American girls.