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EX-MAYOR SCHMITZ BIG RAID MADE BY TRIAL AT 'FRISCO REVENUE OFFICERS

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—After more than four years of unimpressive inactivity, indictments accusing ex-Mayor Schmitz with bribery in connection with the arrival of 1906 were again renewed in importance when Judge Lawlor ordered the defendant brought to trial as soon as Fickert can present the evidence. That the order of the court was a surprise both to the defense and the district attorney's office is evidenced by the attorney's demurrer. Assistant District Attorney Berry asked for a few days in which to prepare for the case. Fourteen indictments, based on the traffic and gas cases, on which Schmitz will be brought to trial unless the district attorney continues the court there is no possibility of conviction, were returned by the grand jury of May 1907.

In the traffic cases Schmitz is accused of accepting a \$50,000 in gold coin which, it is asserted, had been shipped from the east by the officials of the United Railroads for the purpose of obtaining a permit to operate an overhead trolley. It is said that the permit was secured by Schmitz. Gallagher the missing former supervisor, is not a material witness in the case.

Reno Gazette "What? What?" had long been the cry. It was at first heard in some distant, but the wolf never came and vigilance relaxed. Now the wolf is here. In fact, it has almost completed its saturation and will soon devour.

It has devoured a few business men of this city and has sent others in fear and trembling to the steel of incarceration.

The wolf was none other than a government inspector who came to ascertain if the internal revenue laws were obeyed in Reno. It found many infractions. Punishment is almost sure to follow.

Some saloon men with retail licenses only were engaged in the wholesale business. Some "fall quarts" ran live to the gallon. One liquor dealer had a barrel of goods that did not bear a government stamp. A restaurant was selling intoxicating liquor with meat, but was having no license.

Apertations and refilling of bonded bottles were common.

A rather amusing incident in connection with the investigation occurred today when a German, who had recently become a patron of a certain saloon, was addressed by the proprietor:

"I am glad to see that you are becoming one of my customers. You must like my goods."

"Yes," he replied, "I am feeling much bad. Here is so much vasser in your visky dot it cools my stomach off."

It is impossible to message how severe will be the punishment meted out to those who evade the law in these respects. But this is certain: The government does not act hastily, but is a stern avenger.

A New Gas

The first application on a large scale in this country of the new German illuminant known as the *Gasol* is to be made in San Francisco, where a company capitalized at \$1,000,000 has been organized; headed by Henry T. Scott and backed by Theodore Vail, president of the American telephone and telegraph company. The peculiar feature of this new gas, the invention of a German chemist named Biko, is that it is sold in bottles, so that neither mains nor meters are required. It is manufactured from vas oil, a by-product of gasoline, which can be had cheaply. The liquid gas is delivered to the consumer in steel bottles, and is connected with the house gas pipes through an apparatus in which the liquid gas is expanded into a condition ready for use. A 20-pound bottle will be sold for \$2. Great claims of cheapness are made as for example, that 10 cents' worth of the gas will burn 1000 candle-power hours.

Range Land Rentals

Washington, Dec. 11.—Senator Robert La Follette today introduced a bill affecting 300,000,000 acres of public range land, about one-sixth of the entire country, providing that the worn out areas be restored, and that the wild animals on them exterminated. The bill was approved by the national conservation association.

Grazing fees according to the provisions are fixed at a minimum of four cents an acre for the first ten years.

No restrictions are placed on settlement by homesteaders in the grazing districts. Water on the lands may be used as heretofore. Twenty-five per cent of the proceeds will be devoted to public schools and roads.

Oregon to Have Elk Herd

Through the efforts of State Game Warden William L. Finley, on his recent visit at Washington, D. C., the government has been persuaded to donate fifteen elk to the State of Oregon. These animals will be taken from the forest reserves of Wyoming, crated and transported to Oregon as soon as the people of this state provide an adequate pasture for them. They will become the sole property of Oregon and serve to perpetuate a race of noble animals that is rapidly becoming extinct.

In the northwestern part of the state there is a 2500 acre pasture that has been set aside by the national government for testing the utility of a coyote proof fence. It is said to have proven effective for that purpose and the forestry service, according to Warden Finley, is willing to give this big park to the state as an elk reserve. The matter of location, however, has not been settled, as this is a question that will be left largely to the state at large, as it is distinctly a matter of public interest.

Steer Fattening

A carload of steers for use in fattening experiments on the new stock farm at the Oregon Agricultural College has just arrived, and two carloads of choice eastern Oregon alfalfa hay has also been shipped for use in the experiment. The object of the test is to see whether grain is necessary, and if so how much in feeding alfalfa hay for fattening of market. Most of the steer fattening of the state is done in eastern Oregon, so the experiment is of special interest in that section.

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—Dink Kingsley.

Road Building Problem

The most important problem facing the road building for today is that of alleviating the dust and mud nuisances. For this reason special attention will be given to experiments with asphalt, tars, oils and salts now being conducted in the U. S. Office of Public Roads and in many states. At the special short course in highway construction at the Oregon Agricultural College January 3 to February 3. These methods will be discussed and compared both as to cost and as to efficiency.

The use of the silt for drag, the road grader, and other equipments necessary for both earth and hard surface roads will be explained, the systems of organization and administration in other states will be discussed and compared, and a special, careful study will be made of those best adapted to conditions in Oregon.

No Machinist

A gang of navvies were employed on a railway contract removing earth with wheelbarrows. While proceeding with his work one of the navvies noticed that the wheel of his barrow was squeaking terribly, and to put a stop to the noise he turned the barrow over, and was in the act of greasing it when the granger noticed him and shouted out:

"Halloo, O'Brien!"
"Halloo, Sir."
"What in the deuce are you doing?"
"I'm greasing my barrow, sir."
"Who told you to do that?"
"Sure, no one sir. I took it upon myself."
"Well don't let me catch you at it again. What do you know about machinery?"

Cleveland Plain Dealer: Our idea of a steady job would be getting out revised editions of "Who's Who in China."

Toledo Blade: The Suffragists want a suitable emblem. We don't suppose it would do any good to suggest a go-cart.

Baltimore American: Rumors are current that President Taft is contemplating abolishing his Cabinet and subscribing for the Outlook.

Washington Herald: Ella Wheeler Wilcox says the mother-in-law is omnipotent in China. That is enough to start a rebellion anywhere.

Washington Star: It is not for Theodore Roosevelt to stand by and see an ex-President of the United States indiscriminately criticized.

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