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PAVING JOKER UNEARTHED NO GRAFT IN MARION COUNTY

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Obstacle Now to Complete Cornering of Ruef

San Francisco, March 22.—This is the latest drawing date at the attorney's office, and, according to present plans, a great batch of suits against employes and officials of the telephone company will be presented to the grand jury when convened tomorrow, to be voted on. The district attorney and his staff are being prepared today to meet the inquisitorial body which meets tomorrow. Indictments are being prepared today to be handed in immediately and voted on at once. Considerable attention will be paid today to Nellie Ruef, a stubborn stenographer for attorneys of the Home Telephone Company, whose refusal to divulge what she knows about certain communications between Ruef and employes is one obstacle in the way of securing indictments against Home officials, according to

San Francisco, March 22.—With the telephone scandal out of the way, the water steal will be the next matter gone into. Ex-Mayor Phelan is expected to give important testimony in the water deal, whereby it was proposed to buy the water system of the Bay Cities Company for \$10,400,000, despite the opportunity of the city in securing a healthy system, which it is claimed is by far superior and for a far less sum. Particular stress will be placed upon the fact that the opposition board of experts, appointed by the supervisors was entirely ignored in the matter, and the purchase of the Bay Cities system was decided upon.

San Francisco, March 22.—An alarmist interview was given out in New York by Calhoun, president of the United Railroads. It has given impetus to the movement to have declared invalid the franchise permits secured by that company by alleged bribery. Calhoun declares that contemplated improvements will be abandoned. His clever evasion of the question whether bribe money was passed, by saying "no officials" bribed, is being commented on significantly. Calhoun refused to say whether or not he paid bribe money to Ruef. Heney's repeated statements that informers will not be prosecuted or removed from office continues to meet with public disapproval. The demand that they be sent to the penitentiary is growing.

San Francisco, March 22.—By a strange freak of nature Schmitz's (Continued on page eight.)

COUNTY JUDGE JOHN H. SCOTT INTERVIEWED

HE DENIES THAT THERE IS ANY GRAFT IN MARION COUNTY

But He Does Not Believe That Any Long Piece of Road Can Be Built at Present

The Capital Journal editor had an interview with Judge Scott this morning, in which that gentleman took exception to an editorial in this paper saying that the county court should finish up each year some piece of main line macadamized highway connecting two important places in the county, as Salem and Silverton, Salem and Jefferson, or Salem and Woodburn.

Judge Scott gave reasons that, to his mind, are sufficient why this cannot be done, and, while he is willing to be shown to the contrary, he has his own mind pretty well fortified with theories to the contrary.

County Revenues.
His attention was called to the fact that all the county offices and departments together cost for 1906 less than \$30,000, and that the county revenues were at least \$136,000, allowing only \$10,000 as the income from fees for the different offices, such as clerk and recorder, etc. He said out of this must be taken \$10,000 debt from last year, \$6000 tax rebate, \$2000 delinquent taxes, \$6000 levied for paving, \$17,000 for road supervisors, \$6000 for bridges, and that would leave only \$27,000 surplus, which might be absorbed in additional criminal expenses. Judge Scott denied vehemently that there was a graft of a single dollar in any department of the county government, and it does look as though it would be hard to make any such discovery, although it would be unsafe to wager what an expert might not find in an exhaustive investigation. The Capital Journal did not charge a graft was in existence, but did intimate that there were politicians in this city and county not above playing the part of an Abe Ruef, and it is not meaning Judge Scott. The editor of The Capital Journal asked Judge Scott why it would not be possible, with help from the county, to finish a macadamized highway from Salem

to Jefferson or Silverton if the money were taken that is spent each year through the road supervisors on those main highways, if the people of Salem and the towns on the road and the abutting property owners all helped, and if help could be secured from the state? Judge Scott does not believe it could be done, but was willing to be shown. He says advertisements will be published soon for bids on a piece of road from Silverton east under the provisions of the Tuttle act.

Offers to Put Up.
The Capital Journal still believes that some main line highways could be finished this year, as the people are paying more taxes than ever before, and have a right to expect something tangible as a result. In addition to the local improvements that are being made in various parts of the county. The Capital Journal believes it can be done. There is natural material all along the line, and if the people of Jefferson and Salem, and the people of Turner and Marion, and the owners of property all along the line are willing to take hold in the right spirit, it can be done. The governor has offered to give assistance in extending one main line of highway through the center of Western Oregon, to show what can be done, and the county court could add to its reputation for doing things if it would take advantage of all the help offered, and each year finish up a good stretch of road in some direction from the State Capital and county seat. This was not said to find fault with Judge Scott or the county court for anything that has been done, but to encourage them to still greater undertaking and co-operation with the people. The people would be better satisfied with paying their money if they could drive 20 miles or ride that distance in an auto in any part of Marion county, which they cannot do at present.

Question of Great National Importance.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 22.—The question of most importance considered at the convention in this city by the American Roadmakers' Association was the national reward bill that will be introduced in the next congress. The bill provides for the erection of the United States highway department, and a fund of \$100,000,000 to be used in the payment of national rewards for the construction of public roads, under government supervision. There is little doubt that the bill, which will be introduced by Representative Chas. E. Townsend, of Michigan, will become the most important one of all acts for motorists. The bill provides that payment of \$500 be made by the government for each mile of gravel road built in accordance with federal specifications; for each mile of gravel and stone road, \$750; for each mile of macadamized road, \$1000. The fund of \$100,000,000 is to be distributed at the rate of \$10,000,000 a year. National aid is asked for on the plea that the government has expended immense sums to rivers and harbors, and it is time that some money be spent on roads, as the government has expended elsewhere enough to pay \$1000 a mile for all the roads in the United States. All interests unite in demanding that the national government take a strong hand in helping the states build roads that would enable the farmers to draw produce more easily and economically to market, and give the pleasure rider in an automobile an easier ride.

KANSAS SENATOR RELEASED

Will Publish Newspaper and Make War on Roosevelt

Ironton, Mo., March 22.—Ex-Senator Burton was liberated this morning. He wore the faded rose which was pinned on by his wife when he entered the jail. Accompanied by his wife and relatives he started for Kansas. He made a statement that he was going back to Abilene to re-enter politics, not for revenge, but to justify himself, and prove that he was persecuted, not prosecuted and railroaded to jail by Theodore Roosevelt. He will publish a weekly paper and call it "Home Rule" and tell the true story of his case.

TRACKS TAMPERED WITH

Pittsburg, March 22.—This morning, at Stewart, 17 miles from here, the fast Pennsylvania limited, New York to Chicago, was wrecked. Officials declare their belief that the track was tampered with. The engine was derailed, three sleepers following. A number of train men were seriously hurt. Among the injured are A. Watts, of the United Railroads, of San Francisco, slightly bruised; E. F. Coffin, en route to Seattle, bruised.

TAFT GOES TO PANAMA

Washington, March 22.—Secretary Taft takes hasty leave tomorrow for Charleston on board the Mayflower. He will reach Panama about March 30th for investigation of conditions, to settle differences and start things smoothly for the summer's work. He will stop at Havana and confer with Magood.

Nothing Doing in Thaw Trial.

New York, March 22.—The court this morning excused the Thaw jury until 10:30 Wednesday morning. There was but a brief session. Thaw's relatives being present. Hartridge made a brief statement relative to Jerome's insinuation as to attorneys for defense employing unprofessional conduct, and the court adjourned. Delmas and Gleason were not present. They are preparing affidavits to be handed to the court tomorrow to offset Jerome's demand for a commission.

Jerome and Hartridge, during this morning's brief session, made mutual explanations to the court and closed the unpleasant incident. It is rumored this afternoon that Jerome intends to carry to the higher courts the fight for a lunacy commission, if Fitzgerald rules against him.

Ironton Fire.

Ironton, Ohio, March 22.—A fire started at noon causing \$100,000 loss in two hours. The entire plant of the Ironton Lumber Company and nine residences were destroyed in the most exclusive section. A high wind is blowing and neighboring cities are rushing engines to fight the flames.

Collapsed at Execution.

Walla Walla, Wash., March 22.—Fred Miller, the murderer of Fritz Dierk, at Castle Rock, last October, was hanged this morning. He collapsed, and was totally unconscious when the noose was placed about his neck.

Gunboat Burned.

Pensacola, March 22.—Fire destroyed the machinery and equipment of the gunboat Gloucester at Isle Delusion navy yard. Loss \$175,000.

Entries Close for the Brooklyn Show.
Brooklyn, March 22.—The entries close tomorrow for the Brooklyn Horse Show, which comes off at the clubhouse of the Riding and Driving Club on the evenings of April 9, 10, 11, and 12. The show will be the finest ever held in Brooklyn. The prize list, containing thirty-eight classes for saddle horses, polo ponies, hunters and jumpers, tandems, four-in-hands, and carriage horses and appointments. The directors have advices of large numbers of exhibitors and still larger numbers of spectators, so that the attendance cannot help being a record breaker.

MORGAN DECLINES TO TALK

Liverpool, March 22.—J. Pierpont Morgan arrived this morning, and said that he never even suggested a visit of the railway presidents to Roosevelt. He refused to discuss the railroads, and his whole attention was occupied by a good thing in the Grand National races this afternoon.

Expect to Adjourn Today.

Trenton, N. J., March 22.—The lawmakers of New Jersey, tired of the grind of legislation for day after day, will adjourn today, if possible. Strenuous efforts have been made to get troublesome matters out of the way. There has come up a strong sentiment from the country towns against a long session, and the New Jersey legislature will closely graze the record this year for a short and busy session. Some good laws have been passed, and a new United States senator has been elected.

Chicago Markets.
Chicago, March 22.—Wheat 75% @ 76%, corn 46% @ 46, oats 42% @ 41%.

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GRAND OPENING

Fine Millinery, Ladies' Coats, Ladies' Jackets, Spring Suits, Silk Waists, Lace Waists, Silk Petticoats, Dress Skirts.

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New Spring Dress Goods, Fine Silks, New Embroideries, New Laces, New Dress Trimmings, Fancy Braids, Medallions, All Over Laces, Waistings, Hats, Fine Hosiery, Summer Underwear and Ribbons.

GRAND OPENING

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STOLEN FROM PULPIT

Rev. W. R. F. Brown Loses Watch in the Methodist Church

Marshfield, March 22.—(Special)—Rev. W. R. F. Browne, of the Methodist church, had a curious loss Sunday, when his watch was stolen from the pulpit of his church. Mr. Browne stepped down from the pulpit after the service and left his watch on the reading desk, and forgetting all about it, the watch was not missed until at dinner time. When he found the watch was gone Mr. Browne remembered leaving it in the pulpit, but it could not be found. The supposition is that some boys playing near the church dis-

covered the watch and appropriated it.

Mr. Browne feels the loss keenly, on account of having carried the timepiece for a number of years. The watch will be easily identified, it being a thin silver case, Waltham movement, with the initials "C. H. L." engraved on the back.

To Restore Peace.

Washington, March 22.—Coresa, the Nicaragua minister, called at the state department today for a long conference, and then visited the American ambassador. It is believed Root is endeavoring to have him urge his government to accept the peaceful offices of the United States and Mexico to restore peace in Central America.

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