

CLAIMS OBSCENE POSTALS ARE SOLD

Mayor Steeves Makes Sensational Charges Against the Patton Book Store.

AND AGAINST JACK FROST

Hal D. Patton Emphatically Denies Story and Grand Jury Ignored the Matter.

A sensation involving the Patton post card establishment of Salem, Jack Frost, a groceryman on Twelfth street, and the grand jury which recently reported, was sprung publicly by Mayor Steeves at a meeting of the Men's Six O'clock Club at the Methodist church last night.

Mayor Steeves mentioned "a well known post card firm of this city," but stated afterwards that it was the Patton store to which he referred. The mayor grew irate in his speech and the wrath of his audience of about 150 men and women was thoroughly aroused when the city executive stated that in the face of evidence furnished to the grand jury by himself and others that the Patton firm and Jack Frost were guilty of selling obscene post cards, the grand jury deliberately ignored the charge and refused to take action. It is further learned that the jury, contrary to ordinary procedure, notified the Patton establishment of the charge and advised the firm to tear up its post cards. It was stated that in lieu of taking action in the case the grand jury gave the complaining persons the following advice:

"You go and tell them not to sell any more obscene post cards."
The grand jury was composed of B. O. Schucking, foreman; L. P. Humphreys, Michael Ward, T. W. Lusk, E. A. Matthes, Roy-Russell and Frank Morrison.

Citizens Notify Mayor.

The charges against Jack Frost and the Patton post card house were instituted by the mayor after certain citizens of the city had complained to him that boys were able to buy the obscene post cards at Jack Frost's store. Mayor Steeves and Alderman Minton first went to the store and themselves purchased obscene cards as evidence. Later other citizens bought cards of a similar nature.

"I was determined to get the man higher up," said the mayor in his address last night, "so I asked Frost where he purchased the cards. He mentioned a well known post card establishment in this city. You all know the place."

The mayor mentioned the case after a general discussion along the line of the difficulty in procuring prosecutions for violations of law.

"After you have a complete legal case," said the mayor, "it is not always easy to procure conviction on account of a dilatory public sentiment."

Case Taken to Governor.

Alderman W. L. Cummings, one of those interested in the post card affair said yesterday the case was laid before Governor West and his advice asked as to further procedure.

"Governor West is the right man in the right place," said Mr. Cummings. "All of us know that who have watched his work along moral lines. But all he was able to say—and he was right in saying it—was 'wait.'"

"The committee which waited upon the governor asked him when he would appoint county attorney for Marion county. The governor said that no one but himself knew, but that it would be a man who would enforce the law. When we told him the details of our case, he said:

"You might just as well put your head against a stone wall. I've been doing it for two years. All we can do is wait."

Avison Flays Jury.

"I wish that that grand jury might be roared to a finish," declared Rev. R. N. Avison. "The members of that jury are our servants and they ought to be taught a lesson that they will not forget. But I intend to take the advice of that jury. I am going to this dealer of post cards and tell him what I think of his conduct. I hope that all of you will do the same."

Other vice conditions in Salem came in for a large part of the discussion. The principal speech of the evening was delivered by Mrs. Robert Walsh, who spoke on "Enfranchisement of Women in Oregon." Mrs. J. W. Beckley, president of the Ladies Aid of the Methodist church, presided over the meeting. A general discussion followed Mrs.

Situation Is Grave.

Cettinje, April 9.—A new assault on besieged Scutari was threatened today by Montenegrin and Servian troops. The situation between the allies and the powers is critical, a grave war being probable if the British admiral fulfills his threat to land marines at Montenegrin ports unless the siege of Scutari is abandoned. Montenegro, it is declared, will resist to the utmost any interference by the powers.

SAN FRANCISCO IS AFTER THE TONG MEN

A Big Grist of Indictments Returned and Many of Them Will Be Deported.

San Francisco, April 9.—Wholesale arrests of Chinese tong gunmen are expected here today in the efforts of the federal authorities to stamp out the warfare of the tongmen for all time. A grist of indictments have been returned against tongmen here by the federal grand jury, the list including the presidents of the Sney Sing and Bing Kong tongs, which are now at war all over the coast.

The Chinese contend that the tongs are being conducted for benevolent purposes and that their members therefore should not be deported. It is the position of the government that the tongs are nothing more than organizations for the purpose of blackmail and murder.

Noted Playground Man in Town.

L. H. Weir, secretary of the National playgrounds association and lecturer on playgrounds, arrived in Salem this afternoon. He was escorted to the Marlton hotel by a committee of the local playground association, where an informal luncheon was tendered him. Mr. Weir is full of optimism for the Pacific Northwest and thinks that the best of the American race ought to develop here. He believes that Salem is ripe for a full system of playgrounds, and will show tonight in his lecture how cities much smaller are conducting them to the everlasting benefit of the child.

The talk will be full of human interest. Mr. Weir practically puts himself in the child's place and every lover of children should hear him. His lecture will be illustrated by interesting views on the screen, and will be free.

Walsh's address. Musical numbers supplemented the program. One of the best features was one of Fred Bynon's Mr. Dooley papers which was well up to his standard of humorous literary execution, which is high.

The meeting was the last of the season. The women were present as the guests of the men.

Schucking Makes Statement.

B. O. Schucking, who was foreman of the grand jury, in a statement made this morning expressed displeasure at the failure of the papers to print in full the grand jury's report.

"We stated in the report," said Mr. Schucking, "that there were certain cases submitted to us which we believed could better be handled by the municipality and ought not to be saddled onto the grand jury. I have nothing further to say now. If this matter of the post card affair is stirred up to a great extent I may have something further to say."

Mr. Patton's Statement.

Hal D. Patton, of the Patton Post Card Co., said: "The company has never had on display or for sale, or offered for sale any obscene or vulgar post cards. Objectionable cards which are sent out by various publishers when received by the wholesale department are always held subject to the order of the consignor. Anything of a suggestive or an objectionable nature is laid aside and never offered for sale. No wholesale establishment like the Patton Post Card Co., that carries millions of cards can show such a clean line as our firm shows. We have built up a large wholesale business, employing nine people on the road and in the factory which is open at all times to public inspection. E. C. Patton, manager of the wholesale department, takes a special pride in showing any one who is interested in what can be done by perseverance and close application to work. He has built up a large business outside the city and feels somewhat displeased that some people would take objections without investigation and make a mountain out of a molehill."

TELLS EXPERIENCE IN INDIANA FLOOD

His Brother Writes Capital Journal Man of the Flood in Logansport.

PROPERTY LOSS IS GREAT

Also Tells of That Other 'Flood' of Provisions and Clothing That Came Pouring in.

The following letter received by Graham P. Taber, of The Capital Journal, from his brother at Logansport, Indiana, briefly describes flood conditions in that state and is published for the benefit of Salem people having relatives or property interests in the districts mentioned, and who may not as yet have received word from the east:

Logansport, Ind., April 3, 1913.

My Dear Graham: Your wire was advertised for several days before I got it. As I had sent you papers several days previous, I thought you would get all information from that, and we were anxious about Penn ourselves. As I was going there the day I received your wire last Monday, I thought I would wait and write you when I came back. Since there has been the greatest confusion and almost every moment taken up in relief work. I am going back to work as soon as I get this off to you.

I went to English Lake a week ago Sunday evening. Tuesday evening we got first word of flood, that there was 5 1/2 feet of water in the Pennsylvania station. We laughed at that and thought it was a yarn. Next morning verified the report, with only one train running to Boone. I tried to phone and wire home direct and around through Chicago—no good. I learned my sister had wired me for Judge Lairy when I got home on Monday afternoon. I never received the wire and of course she not hearing, went straight up. Exaggerated reports came to us, all bridges out on both rivers, and so this trains running anywhere—so this stopped my going to Judson; then to De Long and down on the Vandalla. Seven feet of water in the Pennsylvania.

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Hassan Is Stubborn.

Washington, April 9.—A personal plea to Secretary of State Bryan to aid her to compel her husband to provide for her support was made here today by Princess Olga Hassan, formerly Miss Olga Humphreys of Oakland, Cal., wife of the cousin of the Khedive of Egypt. The couple were married in Paris two years ago, Prince Hassan deserting his bride a few minutes after the ceremony. Up to date the prince has refused to make any settlement on his wife, who says she is willing to renounce her title upon payment of \$250,000.

MORE VOTING PLACES WILL BE NEEDED HERE

That Salem must be redistricted before the next general election and at least double the number of precincts created was asserted today. The doubling of the number of votes as a result of suffrage granted to women and the natural increase in the voting population means that the present precincts would be wholly inadequate to take care of the new conditions.

Eugene is still talking about the trouble of Monday, when the city election was held and hundreds of men and women were unable to vote before the closing hour on account of the congestion.

The present number of voting places will be sufficient for the vote on the dry proposition in June.

Those Troublesome Japs.

Washington, April 9.—California's efforts to bar Japanese by passing a bill prohibiting aliens from holding land is being discussed today in a conference between President Wilson and Congressman Raker, of California. At the cabinet meeting yesterday the anti-alien law before the California legislature was discussed.

Broke Speed Records.

New York, April 9.—Supporting the unconscious form of Miss Leonie Burill, who had been thrown from a horse, between them, Mrs. Rex Beach, wife of the author, and her sister, Mrs. Free Stone, broke all Broadway speed records in their automobile to convey the injured woman to a hospital. It was announced that Miss Burill will recover.

Prince Visits England.

Kiel, April 9.—Prince Henry of Prussia, is en route from here for England today. His visit, it is said, is of a private nature.

CALIFORNIA ABLE TO DEAL WITH ALIENS

President Will Not Interfere Unless Treaty Obligations are Some Way Violated.

HIS POLICY, "HANDS OFF"

People of California Determined to Prevent All Aliens Acquiring Ownership of Lands.

Washington, April 9.—Confidence in California's ability to settle alien land questions in its own state in a manner which will give justice to all was expressed to Representative Raker of California here today by President Wilson.

The president made it plain that the government has no desire to interfere in any question which seemingly involves a state right, but he urged Raker to use his influence to have the California land laws so drafted that they would not interfere with any pending treaty obligations.

Raker exhibited a telegram from State Senator Sanford of California, author of an alien land bill, saying that unless the legislature enacted such a law the people of California would initiate it. Inquiry at the executive offices here as to whether the president in his conference with Raker, indicated that he favored a "hands off" policy until after the bill becomes a law, elicited the following statement: "No policy to deal with this matter has been formulated. There is no necessity to adopt any definite position at this time, but when a policy finally is decided upon it will be announced."

This statement is taken by legislative experts here to correct the impression prevailing in some quarters that President Wilson had pledged himself not to interfere in any way. The president believes that until California actually passes a law which violates treaty obligations, it is not in his province to interfere.

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Militia Called Out.

Buffalo, April 9.—Representatives of the strikers today telegraphed to Governor Sulzer protesting against the calling out of the militia. They insist that the men are still willing to submit their grievances to arbitration. Brigadier-General Welch today ordered out three regiments of militia in response to orders from Supreme Justice Brown. The company refuses to arbitrate the dispute.

PRINCIPAL WITNESS SUDDENLY MISSING

Ethel Williams, Who Testified Against Dr. Otto Joesen, Cannot Be Found.

San Francisco, April 9.—Telegrams were sent to every important city and town in California today by District Attorney Fickert in an effort to ascertain the whereabouts of Miss Ethel Williams, formerly of Seattle, a candy shop girl, who twice has told juries the story of her alleged betrayal by Dr. Otto C. Joesen, a wealthy San Francisco physician. The girl, her sister and their mother are believed to have gone to Los Angeles, disappearing practically on the eve of the calling of Joesen's trial.

"I am satisfied that there is something wrong in the Williams girls' absence," said Fickert today. "I am going to exercise every effort to bring her back."

Joesen's trial was set for Monday.

PROGRAM OUTLINED FOR COMMENCEMENT

Commencement plans are being rapidly made at the Salem high school, the arrangements being in charge of a committee consisting of Miss Lyra Miles, Miss Anna Dunlavy and Burton Jones. Nearly three score will graduate and one-third of the number plan to attend college. The following is the program, as outlined today.

May 31—Junior-senior banquet, probably at high gym.

May 29—Class picnic.

June 1—Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Perry F. Schrock at the Congregational church.

June 3—Reception to parents of members of the class.

June 6—Festival by girls of physical culture class on either state house or court house lawn. Folk and ethnic dances and other features of entertainment will be given.

June 6—Commencement exercises in the evening at the armory.

June 7—Alumni reception.

RIGHTS OF WOMEN TO VOTE DISCUSSED

District Attorney Evans, of Portland, has given an opinion of interest in regard to the rights of women to vote. The district attorney advises that a woman be permitted to register when she presents her husband's declaration of intention of becoming a citizen of the United States. This applies to American women who have married foreigners, the nationality of a husband controlling that of the wife.

Heretofore there has existed a supposition that a husband's declaration did not entitle his wife to the suffrage. The federal courts have held that a woman cannot make independently a valid declaration, if she is married to an alien, but may do so if she is single.

THINKS WATER VOTE COULD ALSO BE TAKEN

Councilman Brown is in favor of having the vote on the water question submitted in June at the same time as the school proposition. "I have not consulted with any of the other councilmen in regard to the matter," said Mr. Brown today. "However, I believe the plan is a good one. It would mean that the water election would cost the city very little and I cannot see why the two questions could not be disposed of at the same time."

A Brave Surgeon.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]
New York, April 9.—Despite the fact that one physician has already lost his life in an attempt to check the disease, Dr. Lunsford D. Fricks, a government surgeon, is en route today to the scene of the "spotted fever" plague in the Bitter Root valley of Montana. Mrs. Fricks accompanies him.

SALEM HAS BOYS IN JESSE JAMES CLASS

Have Been Stealing Hides and Sheep Pelts from Local Slaughter Houses.

ONE FIRED AT OFFICERS

Youngsters Had Old Pistols and Belts Full of Cartridges—Will Go to Reform School.

In the arrest last night of Dewey McGrath, Jesse Lee and Earl Walker, three Salem boys, the police succeeded in unearthing a youthful band of thieves of the worst character who have been performing depredations in various localities for the past five months, and who have stolen, it is thought, several hundred dollars in money and other valuables from different Salem residences and mercantile establishments.

The police were advised of the criminal actions of the youngsters last Monday. Several hides have been missing from the Cross and Steusloff slaughter houses recently, and the officers traced the pelts to the soap works, which is located in Yew Park. Upon further investigation, it was found that \$75 worth of sheep pelts were stolen from the Cross slaughter house, while Steusloff lost \$40 worth of hides from his establishments.

Boys Fight Back.

Officers Irvin and Welch located two of the boys, Lee and McGrath, near 25th and State streets yesterday afternoon. When the boys saw the officers coming, they started to run and Officer Welch fired in the air and ordered them to throw up their hands. Lee turned and fired one shot back at the policemen, but his aim was poor and, at a second demand, both boys halted and threw up their hands. When searched, Lee wore two belts full of ammunition and two revolvers, while McGrath also carried a gun in a full belt.

The guns were purchased from a second hand dealer on Court street. They are antiquated and cost the lads from seventy-five cents to a dollar, they said. While the arrest of these two boys was being made, Walker, the third member of the party, was in the city after two more boxes of shells. He scented trouble and fled to his home in South Salem. Officer Irvine called at his home last night and found Walker hiding under a lounge.

Sent to Reform School.

The ages of the boys range from thirteen to fifteen years and they will be committed to the reform school this afternoon by the County Court.

Walker and Lee were brought before the Chief of Police recently on the charge of misconduct, and after being lectured were turned loose on probation.

The victims of the robberies cannot recover the loss. It is rumored that further action will be taken in the case by the police. There are two other boys being searched for by the police who are said to have been stealing hides from the slaughter houses.

There is about \$50 in money secreted in Yew Park some place, as the boys had nothing but a few dimes on their persons when searched, and it is known by the police that they obtained a good round sum for the hides they stole and disposed of last Monday.

ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR THE W. R. C. OF SALEM

The next sewing society of the Woman's Relief Corps will be held at the residence of Mrs. Edna Folger at 992 North Cottage street, Thursday afternoon, April 10th.

In spite of the rain and the wind which prevailed to a great extent last Saturday, there were nearly fifty members present at the regular meeting of Sedgwick W. R. C. No. 1 in Moose hall. This corps is certainly doing some grand good work in visiting and helping the sick, the poor and the helpless. May the good work go on, and their numbers increase.

Turned on Bull Fighter.

Lisban, April 9.—Many persons are recovering today from severe wounds, following a riot over the appearance of Torcedor Casimiro, an alleged conspirator against the government, in the bull ring here. He was cheered and hissed by turns until he was forced to leave the ring. Then his sympathizers attacked the other faction in the audience.

Even so good a thing as the parole law may be over-used.

THE SENEGAMBIAN IN THE WOODPILE

Yesterday The Capital Journal suggested that by reading today's issue of that always up-to-date newspaper, thank you, they would be able to discover the Senegambian in the water plant purchasing proposition.

You will find him in connection with this article, appropriately set up in black and in "a coffin," which he is so abundantly qualified to adorn.

You will see by that section of the amended charter, giving the city authority to purchase the Salem Water company plant, that even if the city should vote to buy the plant, it would be in the same position with regard to its water that it is now in concerning

matter, know this clause was in the charter?

If he did, how can he excuse his action in trying to yoke such a burden on those people not reached by the water mains?

If he did not, why did he go blindly into the matter without even taking the trouble to read and understand the charter?

Why did he not consult the city attorney?

Surely he, the \$1500 a year legal adviser, with a stenographer added, knew and understood the charter.

If he did not, then, to put it mildly,

biggest pickle in the dish, but big enough to lead a gentle calf flavor to the bunch. Why this sudden activity on Giddy's part, when he has so much to do hunting up recipes for cooking primes, and studying the barometer in fear and trembling that he won't get those contributions ready for the next flood.

Then, too, there is Gideon; not the

Is this a part of their personal feeling that they are doing all the people's thinking for them, and are better qualified to do it than the people, or is there some other reason that none of us know anything about behind it?

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SECTION 17. Authority to Purchase Salem Water Company Plant . . . 9. The city council of the City of Salem is hereby authorized and empowered at such time as it may deem advisable, to provide by ordinance for assessing the cost of laying or extending the water mains in the city, to the property benefited upon the streets over which said mains are to be laid or extended, AND THE COST OF MAKING SUCH EXTENSIONS SHALL BE A LIEN UPON THE PROPERTY BENEFITED THEREBY, which lien shall be enforced in the manner provided by Charter for enforcing liens against property for the cost of street improvement.—Passed July 6, 1910. Approved July 12, 1910. Adopted by a vote of the people August 15, 1910.

its sewers, and one dose of that kind is sufficient even for an adult.

It will be seen that once the city bought the plant, that those whom the mains do not now reach, would have to pay for extending the mains to them, on top of paying their proportion of the cost of the plant.

This is self-evidently so grossly unjust, that no fair-minded citizen would vote for the proposition, and certainly those on whom the extra burden would fall would not do so.

The morning paper says we are going to hurry this thing right along, buy the plant and be happy.

Are we?

Did the mayor, when he took up this

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