

BUNCO MAN AFRAID OF BEING BUNCOED Seems to Have an Idea the District Attorney Is a Rival in the Business.

SAYS PROMISES DON'T GO But Will Come Through With Information So Soon as He Is Assured of Protection.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, May 7.—Search was begun here today for an alleged subscription list started by Italian bunco men for the widow of "Danny," a gambler who was murdered in Portland, to which, it is said, San Francisco policemen placed their names for various amounts. Michael Gallo told District Attorney Fickert today of the existence of such a list, but knew nothing as to its present whereabouts.

Gallo reiterated today his charges that his bunco men operated in Oakland with the knowledge of Oakland police. He said he had no charges to make against Chief of Police Peterson, of Oakland, but that if the proper inducements were offered he would show that certain members of the Oakland police worked in conjunction with the swindlers.

Promises Don't Go. "All these promises don't get me anything. That's just what we used to do in our bunco games. I can tell you a lot of things if you can satisfy me that I will be protected, but I don't want to say anything now."

This was the retort of Gallo, made in the presence of District Attorney Fickert, his chief assistant, James Brennan; Chief of Police White and Chief of Police Peterson, and Captain of Detectives Lou Agnew, of Oakland, here late yesterday after the officials had sought to secure information from him implicating members of the Oakland police department in the Italian bunco scandal.

"Did you ever pay me money?" asked Peterson. Gallo replied: "No."

"Did you ever pay Captain Agnew any money?" "No," again answered Gallo.

"Does Not Want to Say." "Did you ever pay Detective Kyle any money?" "I don't want to say."

"Did you ever pay any member of the Oakland police any money?" "I don't want to say," repeated Gallo, after which came his outburst as quoted above.

Good News for Democrats. Washington, May 7.—The order of former President Taft placing fourth-class postmasters under civil service is to be revoked immediately.

Announcement to this effect was made here this afternoon by Postmaster-General Burleson, following a conference with President Wilson. Another measure will be substituted, Burleson said, complying in both letter and spirit with the civil service requirements. Burleson holds that President Taft's order placing postmasters who have not passed examinations in the classified service violates the spirit of the law.

GATEWAY HEARING IMPORTANT AFFAIR Interstate Commerce Commission Upholds Harriman Line, Monopoly Will Be Created.

Residents of the Willamette valley are interested in the Umatilla-Wallula gateway hearing which is to be held by the interstate commerce commission in Portland, beginning tomorrow. The Harriman road is endeavoring to close the Wallula freight gateway and there is much opposition on the part of lumber, grain and fruit shippers.

The closing of so-called gateways is a profitable pastime of some railroads. The Harriman lines started a movement some time ago to close the Denver gateway, the object being to divert easterly traffic to Omaha and get a longer haul. If the interstate commerce commission upholds the Harriman lines, shippers will get the worst of it, it is asserted. Often there is a car shortage on one road and not on another.

Many vigorous men waste a lot of perfectly good energy in making fools of themselves.

GRADUATION PROGRAM OF TWO DEPARTMENTS Exercises of Much Interest When Law and Medical Students Receive Their Diplomas.

The program for the graduation exercises of the medical and law departments of Willamette University has been practically arranged today. The exercises will be held in the First Methodist church. Music by the orchestra will be followed by the invocation by Dr. Avison. Then there will be a solo by J. Walsh, of Willamette, and the graduation address will be made by Dr. Benjamin Young, of Portland.

One of the features of the class is the large number of capitol attaches who will graduate from the law school, nine being included, as follows: Miss Fern Hobbs, Ralph Watson, Mabel Welborn, G. G. Brown, W. B. Dillard, C. L. Starr, C. A. Wilson, C. D. Babcock and T. D. Rinehart.

E. J. Crow, of Eugene, Dead. Eugene, Ore., May 7.—E. J. Crow, one of Eugene's wealthiest residents, is dead here today from apoplexy. He owned considerable farm land near Roseburg.

COMPANY'S METHODS FURTHER EXPOSED Bell Telephone Company Harassed Rivals and Put Them Out of Business THEN IT ABSORBED THEM

Gave Rebates in Order to Get Rivals' Business, and Will Probably Be Prosecuted. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., May 7.—Testimony that he had received rebates of 15 per cent on all long distance business filed with the Pacific States Company over its lines and for that reason had quit sending calls over the Northwestern Company, was given before the state public service commission here today by J. W. Dandow, auditor of the Butler hotel.

The commission is hearing the charges of the Northwestern Company's receiver, John B. Coffee, that the Pacific Company has diverted business from the former company. When Dandow completed his testimony, Coffee announced that, as this act was in direct violation of the interstate commerce law, he would probably demand that another federal grand jury be called to investigate.

Arrests Will Follow. "Warrants should be issued at once for the givers of these rebates," said Coffee. "but it is not probable that this will be done, because similar evidence was on hand at the time of the previous grand jury investigation, at which no action was taken, owing to a change in district attorneys during the investigation."

Other witnesses who testified before the commission said all orders for the Northwestern Company placed in Seattle, after the independent company had been absorbed by the Bell trust, had been delayed or diverted, were Samuel Hill, president of the Home Company, of Portland; A. B. Wiseman, employment agent; Mark Moran, of the Simons Manufacturing Company, and a score of prominent business men.

Prominent officials of both companies were present, the Pacific Company being represented by Attorney O. B. Rupp, W. J. Phillips, division superintendent, and H. T. Parkinson, traffic superintendent of Portland.

It Stopped Their Spooning. In its efforts to put the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone Company out of business, the Pacific States Company not only interfered with mercantile business, and the activities of professional men, but even imposed hardships on cupid, by interfering with long distance tote-a-totes talks between lovers, according to the testimony offered by young women.

Officials of the Northwestern Company brought half a dozen women who had worked as operators to tell how calls had been diverted over the Pacific States' lines before it had absorbed the Seattle Independent Telephone Company. One of the girls, Miss Louise Johnson, of Tacoma, when brought face to face with the Pacific States officials, for whom she had formerly worked, lost her nerve, and would not go on the stand. All the others testified.

How the Pacific interfered in their tote-a-totes was told by Harry E. Siddell, Jr., of Seattle, and his sweetheart, Miss Myrtle Gilmour, who works in a candy store in Port Townsend.

Lied to Its Patrons. Siddell told how he had put in a long distance call for Miss Gilmour on April 8, specifying that he wanted it put through over the Northwestern lines, because she lived at the home of J. M. Lockhart, who had an independent phone.

"After some delay I was told that Lockhart did not have an independent telephone," said Siddell, "and that I would have to put my call in over the Pacific States line, and arrange to have Miss Gilmour answer at the nearest pay station."

He was followed by Miss Gilmour herself, who told how she had been forced to go four blocks from her home to answer the call. She said the operator had misstated the fact to Siddell, for not only was there an independent telephone in Lockhart's house, but it was listed in the directory.

Harriman Is Defeated. Los Angeles, Cal., May 7.—Johu Shenk and Henry H. Rose will oppose one another for the mayoralty of Los Angeles at the regular city election June 3. This was assured today when complete, although unofficial returns from yesterday's primary election, showed Shenk and Rose to be the two mayoralty candidates polling the highest vote. Job Harriman, Socialist, was a close third to Rose. The vote was: Shenk, 36,381; Rose, 21,137; Harriman, 20,353.

TO ORGANIZE CLUB OF SALEM BOOSTERS Plan Is a Greater Commercial Club with Both Social and Business Features. ALL ARE ASKED TO JOIN IT

The Object a United Commercial Organization in Which All Can Have a Part. In lieu of a meeting to be held by boosters for a greater Salem and a greater commercial club to bring about this state of affairs, circular letters are being received by the local business men and others to be present at the Board of Trade rooms Friday evening, asking them to be present and take part in a move which has been made recently by not only business men, but by farmers and suburbanites in and around Salem to create a commercial organization, which will be a fitting representation of Greater Salem. The letter is as follows:

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The response was even greater than had been anticipated but it evinces that the people are quick to see the exceptional opportunity the Refund Bargain Contest offers.

This generous proposition is the result of much work on the part of the Contest Manager who has long been considering many propositions to offer the readers and friends of this paper. His work has been appreciated! The hundreds of people who read of the Bargain contest last evening have stamped his idea, of stimulating patronage at the progressive stores entered in the contest with the seal of approval.

Everything indicates a rapid fire and whirlwind campaign amongst the contestants. Within several days the offer will be the principal topic of conversation amongst the many shoppers who use this paper exclusively as their shopping guide.

As a timely tip to those who are considering entering in the contest the Contest Manager advises them to begin working at once. Line up all of your friends and ask them to call for sales checks at these stores. Impress upon them that unless checks are called for they will not be issued. Get these slips to The Journal office as soon as you can that you can have an early lead over other contestants.

"Save your cash checks" will be the slogan in Salem for the next two weeks. Don't be crowded out of the running but get in line and realize what the contest offers you in your church, your lodge, your club or your organization. Get them into the contest if you don't want to run.

OREGON BOY IS WORLD'S CHAMPION Claims of English Lad for Title as Potato-Raiser Disproved by Superintendent Alderman.

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Old Suit Dismissed. Fort Scott, Kan., May 7.—Acting on orders from Attorney-General McReynolds, the government suits against Eugene V. Debs, Fred Warren and J. T. Shepard in connection with articles printed in the Appeal to Reason, a Socialist publication, were dismissed by the United States district court here today. It is six years ago today since Warren was first indicted for publishing an offer of reward to any one who would kidnap former Governor Taylor of Kentucky from Indiana in connection with the killing of Governor William Goebel of Kentucky.

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CHEAP LABOR BRINGS ITS BITTER HARVEST Thus Says Legislator Stuckenbruck, a Farmer From the San Joaquin Valley TELLS METHODS OF JAPS Shows How California Is Now at Mercy of Jap Labor and Also How It Became So.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Sacramento, Cal., May 7.—"Cheap labor always brings its deluge, its bitter harvest." In these words Assemblyman J. W. Stuckenbruck, a horny-handed farmer from the San Joaquin valley, in an interview today with the United Press touched the very heart of the Japanese situation in California, which has resulted in a state-wide demand for relief, and which has caused the passage of an anti-alien land bill by the legislature, which has stirred the world from Washington to Tokio.

The California farmer, Stuckenbruck says, is paying for what he now concedes were his own economic sins of the past decade, in coddling Asiatic labor at the expense of the white toilers, who have been gradually driven off the ranches in whole districts of the state. Thus, he says, Japanese labor, once cheap, has become indispensable, and, therefore, expensive, and the shrewd brown man today, alone in the ranch labor field, holds up the grower at will.

Years ago, said Stuckenbruck, "I warned my neighbors of this thing. I told them exactly what would happen, as inevitably as fate. But they were blind and deaf. They said after in the deluge, never dreaming that it would come upon them so quickly.

"Once there was plenty of white laborers seeking jobs, but they were discriminated against in favor of the Japanese, until now they know it is useless to apply for a job in many districts.

"It started in with wages. The Jap could be hired for less. In a short time the brown man was able to demand and get housing accommodations, in addition to his wages, on most of the ranches. With that and his cheaper living standard he soon had the inside track, thanks to the ranch barons who held out for the alien wage scale.

"Most of the big ranches built bunk houses for the Japanese, who appeared in groups, demanding such accommodations. But not for the white man who came seeking a job.

Shown Japs Favors. "The latter would come asking for work. The first thing the ranch boss asked him was whether he carried his own blankets. Unless he did he got no work. But the Jap didn't need to carry his own blankets—he was given housing accommodations. Now the brown man gets this as a matter of course.

"The Jap was quick to note the trend of things in his favor. Japanese bosses, controlling gangs of hands, appeared. Gradually they succeeded in getting wages raised. They took good care that the supply never exceeded the demand. When one section had a surplus of Japanese labor they were shipped to another district to keep the market stable.

"We watch close," one of these Japanese bosses told me, "and when too many men, we send 'em away for a while until ranchmen need 'em. Then we bring 'em back—just as many as are wanted, no more. Keep good wages."

"That was the way the brown boss outgeneraled the white. If the rancher had given their white help the same concessions as they gave the Japanese we would not now be confronted with this situation. Cheap labor always brings its deluge, its bitter harvest."

Myers Is Postmaster. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Portland, Ore., May 7.—Frank S. Myers this afternoon became postmaster of Portland. He succeeded Acting Postmaster W. E. Williamson, who has been in charge of the office since the death of Postmaster C. B. Morriss some months ago. Myers was private secretary to United States Senator Lane, of Oregon, at the time of his appointment by President Wilson.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS GO OUT ON STRIKE Eight Hundred Out in San Francisco and From 1000 to 3000 on the Coast.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] San Francisco, May 7.—The Light and Power Council of California, an affiliation of unions employed in various branches of gas and electrical work, called a strike today against the Pacific Gas & Electric Company. Various estimates of the number of men affected run from 1000 to 3000. About 800 men are involved in San Francisco. The strike will be state-wide.

The strike was called because of a failure to reach an agreement on a demand for wage increase and one day a week rest. The increase asked amounts to practically 25 cents a day for every man employed.

Trouble has been brewing for several weeks. The council was organized several weeks ago, and the first step was to secure recognition. The Pacific Gas & Electric Company at first refused to treat with the new council, but when a strike was threatened the company gave in.

The various unions then embraced in the council, consisting of the gas workers, machinists, electrical workers, boiler makers and firemen, presented their demands at the same time. Negotiations have been conducted for several weeks for the increased wages, but without result and the company standing pat.

The strike affects every plant of the company in the state. President A. Beaver, of the council, with headquarters here, is in charge of the strike.

QUESTION IS CAN BID BE ACCEPTED Some Think That Tender of Morris Bros. Is Far From Meeting Requirements of City.

The committee on accounts of the city council, Mayor Steeves and City Attorney Page will hold a session Friday to decide whether to accept the bid of Morris Bros., of Portland and Boston for sewer bonds totaling \$389,000. The call for bids specified that no tender should be accepted if below par, and the question is raised whether the bid of \$1091 for \$1000 in bonds, with \$20 per thousand off for expenses, can be construed in this manner. If the charge of \$20 per thousand was not provided for there would be no question about it. That the bid was made in this manner, in order to meet the par requirements is not doubted, and the bond company undoubtedly had the opinion of eminent counsel before so doing.

In case the bid is not accepted, it will be up to the council to readvertise or drop the matter. The announcement of the bids in yesterday's Capital Journal created some surprise and comment. It had been generally supposed that five per cent heads would bring par.

Weather Forecast. Oregon—Showers tonight or Thursday. Cooler interior west portion Thursday. Westerly winds.

May Adjourn Saturday. [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] State Capitol, Sacramento, Cal., May 7.—Next Saturday at noon is the time agreed upon for adjournment by the majority in the California legislature, although an extension may be agreed upon late in the week. The legislature at present is in session almost 12 hours a day and is rushing unopposed measures through as fast as the clerk can call the roll.