

ROAD REPAIR JOB IS DENOUNCED AS STEAL

Undue Profit Is Allowed on Contract, According to Evidence in New York Inquiry.

POLITICIANS IN CONTROL OF WORK DONE IN STATE

Montgomery County Jobs Referred to Special Grand Jury Action as Result of Exposures.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]

Albany, Jan. 29.—Commissioner J. Osborne ordered testimony taken before him yesterday concerning highway repair work in Montgomery county referred to the district attorney of that county with a request for grand jury action. The work was performed by the Mohonk Construction company, of Amsterdam, of which Peter Y. Baird, described as a friend of Joseph J. Murphy, retired Democratic leader of Troy, is president.

Mr. Osborne characterized as grand larceny the manner in which the contract was obtained and the work performed. He also expressed the opinion that the highway contracts in that county were controlled by a political coterie consisting of ex-Senator Gardner, Baird, County Chairman Weimpe, of that county, and Joe Murphy, of Troy.

Price Largely Excessive.

The road, a four-mile stretch, was built in 1902 at a cost of \$33,000 and re-surfaced in 1912 at a cost of approximately \$24,000.

In addition to this supplemental agreement had been drawn, but never signed, which would have brought the re-surfacing cost up to \$37,000. A. S. Mirick, a highway department engineer, testified today that the price paid was \$11,741 in excess of a proper charge for the work, which would have allowed the contractor a 20 per cent profit.

The contract for the road was one of the 318 approved by the Benz-Heck-Reel highway commission after First Deputy Foley had awarded it. It was brought out that the work had been completed before the commission had granted its approval.

"District Attorney Alexander has requested me to learn additional facts about these 318 contracts so awarded and so approved," said Mr. Osborne.

Joseph C. Curran, an investigator now in the employ of the highway department, who assisted John A. Hennessy in the highway graft inquiries, testified concerning the road. He said he had taken 32 samples of material used in various sections, and not one conformed with the specifications.

Mr. Osborne promised to inquire further into the reason why Charles F. Murphy, Jr., nephew of the leader of Tammany hall, and a bonding agent, sent a telegram to Daniel L. Mott, a highway contractor of Utica, offering to "execute" a contract which had been awarded to Mott August 25, 1913. In this connection it was brought out that 60 contracts, one of which was Mott's, were held up in the office of the state controller pending an investigation by experts of the department of efficiency and economy.

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OPEN FORUM.

INDICES FULLEST DISCUSSION.

Editor Capital Journal: May I assure you that your readers appreciate very much the liberal policy exercised by you in the conduct of the Open Forum.

At a time when so vital a question as the bonding of Marion county to raise \$850,000 is being contemplated, both the pros and cons should be given an opportunity to express their views so that a conclusion may be reached which is in the best interest of the greatest number.

It is to be hoped the day of gag rule will speedily come to an end, whatever may be the object to be promoted. Let us have more of the wholesome reasoning and practical common sense expressed by such staunch citizens as Dexter Field on the bonding issue, and thereby promote not only the best interest of those most vitally concerned, but uphold also the right of free speech, the foundation of representative government.

The people are learning the power of The Capital Journal as a factor in this city. FREE SPEECH. Salem, Ore., January 28th.

GRAFTING POLICEMEN FREED FROM JAIL 14 HOURS EARLY

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—Former Policemen Charles Joseph, William T. McHugh, Louis Droulette and James McHogan, imprisoned for participating in the spoils of an Italian bunco ring, were released from the county jail today. Their terms were to have expired at midnight, but the men were released 14 hours earlier, because Sheriff Eggers declared they had prevented no less than five widespread plots to break out of the county jail. The order for their release was signed by Superior Judge Cabanis.

Joseph, McHogan and Droulette will be arraigned next Tuesday on remaining indictments standing against them. It is probable that these indictments will be dismissed.

WAR OF WORDS BUT NO BLOOD IS SHED

An argument which nearly terminated in a pugilistic bout took place in Justice Webster's court today between Attorneys L. H. McMahan and Robin D. Day, both of Salem. The trouble arose out of a suit which was brought against McMahan for the recovery of \$54.35 which was alleged to be due P. P. Shephard for labor performed. Frequent jabs were thrown back and forth by the attorneys during the hearing until finally McMahan, drawing his coat, shook an unsteady figure at Attorney Day and said: "Take care young man how you examine my witness. You act as a gentleman now or there will be trouble."

Upon completing his examination, Attorney Day arose and announced that he would rest his case in view of the fact that the court had already made up his mind. At this juncture, Attorney McMahan jumped to his feet and in a loud voice told Justice Webster that Day should be fined for contempt of court.

"The court should teach this young

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GIRL TELLS

(Continued from page one.)

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man a lesson right now," declared McMahan. "Such words from an infantile mind should not be tolerated by this court. It is a damnable outrage to you honor's grey hairs to permit such language from this fellow. If this court does not impose a fine upon this attorney for his abuse and open contempt of your honor, it will not be showing its proper self respect. If I was conducting this court I would either impose a fine on this man or I would take him out in the street and punch his head for him."

Attorney McMahan grew very angry and continued to point out the necessity why Day should be compelled to pay a fine until Justice Webster broke in on the speaker and dismissed the case by finding for the defendant.

Attorney Day said afterwards that he was willing to fight McMahan but the latter would not go out of the court room. Day gave notice of appeal to the circuit court.

DEATH NOTICES.

HALL.

At his residence, Seventeenth and Bellevue streets, Wednesday, January 28, at 2:30 a. m., Mose Hall, aged 55 years.

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Panama-Pacific, saying he had a pull there. I told him I was not an educated girl, so could not try either position. But I left my telephone number because he requested it.

"I remember he asked me if my hair was real, and said he liked red hair."

"It was some weeks before I saw him again. It was by chance, as I stood looking through a window at some hats. He told me he thought I would make a good model. He had telephoned to me before that, and asked me to luncheon with him at the St. Francis.

"A whole year went by before I saw him again, or nearly a year. Then I began to see him often. I was working at my trade and living in the same little room in a house where my girl friends lived.

Says She Loved Him.

"I grew to love him. We became engaged to be married. He told me he had been married but was divorced, and that the reason he could not marry me was that his unhappy marriage had broken his old father's health, and that he could not afford to risk his father's opposition at that time to another marriage.

"He gave me an engagement ring. No, not that one," as Attorney O'Connor held up a golden circlet. "The first ring he gave me had a ruby and two small diamonds in it. He took it away and gave me that one, because he said the ruby ring was bringing us bad luck.

"I was with him when he bought my new ring. Yes, I was a good girl then, and working at my trade."

"When did your relations with Van Baalen cease to be proper?" asked Attorney O'Connor.

The girl stirred in her chair at the

question, and the crimson suddenly rushed to her face and neck. Tears filled her eyes, and she did not try to brush them aside.

Bought Wedding Ring.

"In November," she answered in a whisper. "I went with him to Blanco's restaurant. He asked me to give up my little room, and I did. He rented an apartment for us, and I stopped working at my trade. I went to New York with him in January, 1913. I went as Mrs. Joseph D. Van Baalen. He said he could not marry me at that time, but he bought me a wedding ring. He said his old father and moth-

er were too ill to be opposed, and that his father was very rich."

Miss Alexander was still on the stand when court adjourned. The letters which Van Baalen wrote to her were to be introduced later.

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