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# Page Gives Evidence and Declares Fleming Said "Do This For Ald. Woods"

Further Swears That Alderman Asked Him If He "Couldn't Forget" About the List.

ng and his conduct of the Assessm Department by Harry Page, one of hilleris, was the feature of the munic oal investigation Saturday. For five irs the witness occupied the box. He neld Mr. Fleming wholly responsib for the names of bogus voters place upon the rolls at the request of Ald ods. The list had been handed to icted to place it in the records During a merciless cross-examination continuing two hours, in which Mr. Page repeatedly appealed to the court for protection against the ene gette assault of Mr. Johnston, he maintained his story with marked composure. Mr. Fleming denies wholly the state. ed his story with marked composure.

Mr. Fleming denies wholly the statement of his clerk, and his solicitor will place four other clerks from the department on the stand who will swear that Mr. Page told them that he received the compromising list from Aid. Woods, as that official swears he did, and not from the Assessment Commissioner. This will constitute Mr. Fleming's chief source of defence, together with the showing of malice upon the accusing clerk's part.

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Woods Appronched Page.

One of the striking phases of Page's story was that since the scandal assumed serious proportions, Ald. Woods approached him and appealed to him with an exhibition of passion to try and forget anything he knew about the list. The witness said the alderman was much exercised and pleaded to be assured the list was not yet in existence to confront him in the event he swore that he had never made such a list. Commissioner Fleming maintains that Ald. Woods passed the names of the Markham-place voters he put on the assessment rolls over the counter in the usual way; that they were received by Clerk Page and entered on the list without his knowledge. Ald, Woods swore that this was true. Page's story most emphatically contradicts this view. He was positive about this feature. It was as clear as if it had happened the day before. He was impressed with the fact that it was wrong then, that it meant a deal to plug the vote, and therefore remembered it distinctly. He admitted bitterness toward Mr. Fleming, and recounted numerous instances in which he thought he had been harshly treated.

Re Ald Woods





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Clerk Page in his evidence on Saturday before the civic investigation gave the following extract from his note book, relating to his connec-

tion with Aid. Woods and Robert Fleming, re the padded list:

Re Ald. Woods—Monday, Jan. 26, 1904, 11.40 a.m.: I was called from the rear office to the front office by Mr. J. Winchester, and in response to Ald. Woods. The alderman and myself went to the Court of Revision room. Finding it occupied, we went to court-room No. 2, and found it locked. From there we went to committee-room No. 2. Ald. Woods stated: "Harry, between God and man, I do not remember about the list, although common-sense tells me there must have been one." I stated I remembered the circumstances very distinctly. He said it was ancient history to him, and he could not remember about such things four years ago

possible that this special list were in existence. I told him I did not asked the commissioner if these men think so; as far as I was concerned I was sure it was not.

This list was destroyed, as such data

was not kept more than a year. He was very positive that the commissioner had ordered the work done, and was certain he would not have done such a thing without the most formal instructions from his superior. Otherwise he would have gone into the Registry Office and assured himself they really owned the property the list show-

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then to committee room No. 2 Mr. Woods acted as if he wanted a private interview with Page.

"Then what happened?"

"Woods sald so me: 'Harry, as between God and man do you know anything about that list? Was it still in existence?' I said I did not think so, as notes were not kept longer than a year. I kept a note of the conversation. He wanted to know if the list existed or not. It was ensier to swearlif there was no such list. He WOULD NOT THAT THERE WAS NEVER SUCH A LIST, AND THEN BE CONFRONT-ED WITH THE LIST.

"Ald. Woods again appealed to me about the list. I said Mr. Fleming. HE ASKED ME THEN IF I COULD NOT FORGET ALL ABOUT THE LIST.

"I said, 'I could not, Frank,' I remember it as plain as if it was yesterday."

Then the witness referred to his memorandum of the conversation to see if he had forgotten anything. Ald. Woods assured the witness he would not get into trouble if he forgot about the list. That aftermoon I saw Mr. Yoods again and told him there were others who saw the lists, so to be careful what he taid.

"He asked me again if there was any danger of the list being in existence. I told him yes, there was, and that others on the inside had seen it.

Markham Place Changes.

"The changes in the book for Markham-place were made about Sept. 14 or between Sept. 14 and 17 the changes were made," said the witness, going back to the subject.

A follo with changes in red ink was handed the witness. He said it was the Court of Revision's work, expunging from' the records the bogus yoters for some reason, that the slip introduced was the original from' the records the bogus yoters for some reason, had the slip introduced was the original from' the records the bogus yoters for some reason, had the slip introduced was the original from' the records the bogus prepared for some sinitered property to be used to see the subject.

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A follo with changes in red ink was that the slip introduced was the original memorandum of the appeal. He intimated this particular slip had been ing from the records the bogus voters prepared for some sinister purpose for this particular case, tho it bore all earmarks of routine office work. The motion on which the Court of Revision made the changes was introduced. The prosecution attempted to ed that he would show the slip to be Revision made the changes was introduced. The prosecution attempted to show that after the Mayor had written to the department about the case Commissioner Fleming caused the motion to be made that started the Court of Revision machinery, which tresulted in the change from the false list to the proper one. The connection was not established. The witness not clear in his mind at the time what thought it was routine. Hundreds of such motions were received in routine matters.

The motion of Mr. Johnston announce the support of the appeal. The witness realized that if names were being put on the rolls as owners; of property when in fact the title to probably for the purpose of erecting a basis for fraudulent voting. But it was not clear in his mind at the time what it meant, but suspected it was a plan of Ald. Woods to pad the list in the Fifth Ward for the coming election.

The examination in chief closed by the reading of the recommendations of Mr. Fleming, dated 1900, to the Board of Control advising an increase of salary of \$5 per week. The recommendation was excellent,

Fifth Ward for the coming election.

Asks Court to Protect.

The witness was pressed so closely over his personal aftercation with Mr Fleming that resulted in his transfer from the front office (a desirable form the front office (a desirable form) to a rear room, that he appealsalary of \$5 per week. The recommendation was excellent,

Prige's Cross-Examination.

On cross-examination.

On cross-examination impuned the motives of Harry Page. He asked him if he had not threatened to "get even" with Fleming, and if he was not a broth pin-in-law of Mr. H. C. Hocken, a news
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Fleming, and if he was not a brother in-law of Mr. H. C. Hocken, a newspaper man, who was opposed to Fleming. The witness denied threats and admitted his relation to the newspaper man.

Mr. Page said he had been forced to defined himself, since Mr. Fleming had defined himself, since Mr. Fleming had defined himself, since Mr. Fleming had defined the transaction, and he felt that he was unnecessarily involved in a questionable transaction. Mr. Johnston witness said the Commissioner made he was unnecessarily involved in a questionable transaction. Mr. Johnston witness said the Commissioner made he was unnecessarily involved in a questionable transaction. Mr. Johnston witness said the Commissioner made he was unnecessarily involved in a questionable transaction. Mr. Johnston witness said the Commissioner made he was unnecessarily involved in a questionable transaction. Mr. Johnston witness said the Commissioner made he was unnecessarily involved in a questionable transaction. Mr. Johnston witness said the Commissioner made he witness said the Commissioner made the transaction. Mr. Johnston witness said the Commissioner made he witness said the Commissioner made he witness said the Commissioner made he was unnecessarily involved in a questionable transaction. Mr. Johnston witness said the Commissioner made he was unnecessarily involved in a page said in the summer of 1901 the Commissioner matters for some head of the commissioner made he was unnecessarily to the commissioner made he was unneces

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