

CORRUPTION IN SAN FRANCISCO

Ruef's Testimony Further Implicates Prominent Men. Mayor's Trial Postponed.

San Francisco, May 17.—Abraham Ruef, while before the grand jury, testified regarding the Parkside Traction Company deal, by which, according to the line of attack laid down by the prosecution, the director of the Parkside Corporation paid to Ruef \$30,000 to procure a franchise to enhance enormously the half of the lots composing the Parkside Real Estate tract. The information in possession of the prosecution is that of this sum \$18,000 was to be paid to each of the eighteen supervisors for voting the franchise, and that the remainder, \$12,000, was to be shared equally between Ruef and Schmitt.

Personnel of Company. Among the directors and stockholders of the Parkside Traction Company were W. M. Crocker, one of the foremost capitalists of San Francisco; Charles E. Greene, manager of the vast Crocker estate and an official in the Crocker-Woolworth bank; C. E. Umbran and Douglas Watson, wealthy real estate men; F. W. Tillman, wholesale grocer; Wellington Green, an officer of the Crocker-Woolworth bank, and Joseph Green, capitalist, also president of the corporation. All of these men were called before the Grand Jury.

The fact that several of them were in the inquisitorial chamber only a few minutes gave rise to the report that they had refused to testify. This was not confirmed.

Schmitt's Trial Awaited. The examination of Abraham Ruef before the Grand Jury was resumed today. He was further questioned as to the alleged bribery of Mayor Schmitt and the supervisors by the United Railroads, pursuant to his testimony of yesterday that \$200,000 was paid by that corporation for the purpose of electrifying the street railway system. Ruef refused to forecast the information he will impart. Mr. Matzen, of his counsel, says the mayor will appear for trial in Judge Dunn's department of the Superior Court next Monday.

Ruef's Imprisonment Postponed. The understanding is that the carrying out of the sentence imposed upon Abraham Ruef two weeks since by Judge Danne will indefinitely be postponed in order that when he takes the stand in court against "those higher up" his testimony shall not be that of a convict. Detective Burns is authority for the statement that it is the purpose of the prosecution to send Ruef eventually to San Quentin penitentiary, but the trial of corporation officials who have been indicted and others who have not yet been formally charged will, it is thought, take so long that Ruef's incarceration will be delayed at least a year.

No more has been made for his admittance to bail. It is said that he prefers to remain in the custody of Elizer Biggs.

STRIKE VIOLENCE.

One Man Shot as Result of Row in Longshoremen's Strike. Associated Press Despatch. New York, May 17.—One man was shot and instantly killed and another wounded in Hoboken to-day as a result of a row growing out of the longshoremen's strike. The dead man was Harry Marshall, a bystander. The man who fired the fire, who himself was wounded while resisting arrest, is Benjamin Vincent, 35 years old, who is said to have been employed by a detective agency. Vincent narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of a crowd of angry strikers before he was locked up.

Democratic Senators Sign.

Associated Press Despatch. Boston, May 17.—A petition signed by ten Democratic senators urging legislation to prevent the merger of the Boston and Maine Company with the New York, New Haven and Hartford Company, was filed with the clerk of the senate to-day.

RED DEER.

Red Deer will send a smart contingent of freemen down to Calgary on Victoria day to enter the sports competition. The Council is now considering the advisability of making real estate agents take out licenses.

C. L. Durie, of Edmonton, acted as crown prosecutor in the case of H. E. Plays, blacksmith, who was brought up before Justices Fulmer and Wallace, charged with complicity in the counterfeiting case.

The opening of the baseball league will take place on May 24th at the exhibition grounds. About \$2,500 will be given in prizes in connection with the Red Deer exhibition association.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA.

Preparations are being actively made for the big round-up for the whole of Southern Alberta, which takes place on May 28th at Eight-Mile Lake. \$375 were added in April to Medicine Hat revenue from real estate licenses.

The recent anniversary celebration at Lethbridge cost \$1,500. The gas borers at Lethbridge have now reached a depth of over 300 feet. They are at present in a soapstone stratum.

Mr. L. Lonsdale Doupe, head of the townsite department of the C. P. R. and Mr. J. Callaghan, of the engineering staff of the same company, passed through town en route to Battleford. Mr. G. Wilson, formerly a machinist at the C. N. R. round house, has been promoted to the mechanical foremanship in the place of Mr. J. Unsworth, who has gone to his home-stead. Engineer C. H. Mitchell is seeking a suitable site to locate a power house on the banks of the Saskatchewan.

SASKATOON.

Mr. Frank C. Sewell, of the British Columbia General Contract company, who has a force of men working out east of here on the C. P. R. grade, was in town recently. Two cars of steel for the traffic bridge have arrived in the city from the Canadian Bridge company, Walkerville.

Fishing at this point along the Great Saskatchewan has begun, and the citizens are deriving much recreation from this sport. Mr. Jas. H. Ritchie, C.N.R. engineer of the city, has been appointed to the Engineers' Conference to be held at an early date in Quebec city.

REGINA.

A big cut will have to be made in the city estimates because of the city plans exceeding the borrowing powers for this year means \$560,000 or 20 per cent. of last year's assessment. There will be such a large amount of sand and gravel used in Regina this summer that the Canadian Northern railway people are thinking of running a siding from Lumsden to the gravel pits to haul gravel to Regina.

Four hundred and eight homestead entries were made at the Battleford Lands office last month.

REPLY TO MR. DALY.

To the Editor. Sir,—In taking trees up leave as much earth as possible to the roots, and disturb the roots as little as possible. Dig a hole large enough to permit the roots to get in without being cramped, throw some of the surface soil into the hole, stir it around and make a good soft bed for the tree, pour a pailful of water into the hole, get down on your knees and with your hand work the soil in between the roots well, pack in firmly as you are filling in around the tree, leave a little hollow, so that the rain and dew will have a tendency of running towards the tree instead of away from it, water through the summer when you think it necessary, and you will experience no trouble in growing all kinds of trees. I will take pleasure in showing you my trees and shrubs at any time if you will call and providing you with maple and caragena seeds in season.—Yours truly, N. SUTHERLAND. Strathcona, May 15, Box 213.

Hughes President of Baptists.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, May 17.—Governor Charles E. Hughes, of New York, was to-day elected president of the new northern Baptist convention, which was organized here to-day. This action was taken at the general meeting of the delegates to the general Baptist societies and other Baptist laymen.

Fined for Showing Their Pictures.

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Twenty-four Years Ago

From Old Files of the Bulletin, May 15, 1883.

Wheat sowing is finished. D. McRae and M. Rowe are burning a lime kiln at the Big Island. They will raft the lime down.

Messrs. W. F. Bredin and Mr. McLeod and son, arrived from Winnipeg via Swift Current yesterday afternoon.

Tracklaying and grading commenced on the C. P. R. about the middle of April, a month earlier than last year.

Mr. McNaughton, of the H. B. Co. land department, is expected here shortly to settle matters in regard to lots on the H. B. Co. town plot.

Upwards of one hundred people attended the nomination of candidates for membership in the Northwest council, held in the public school house, Edmonton, on Tuesday last.

Wheat seeding is over, both at Edmonton, St. Albert and Fort Saskatchewan, and barley sowing soon will be. The seed time has been most favorable, and grain is growing well, although the weather has been so dry.

W. R. Breerton, of the H. B. Co., has arrived from Jasper house, where he has been on a trading expedition. He says that the Shuswaps, from the west side of the mountains, report that large quantities of supplies are being distributed along the C. P. R. line from Kamloops to Tete Jaune Cache, and that a large amount is being stored at the Cache, where four men are in charge.

There was a dance on Tuesday, 27th March, under the auspices of Messrs. Brown and McKay and others of Mr. Thompson's party, and it was quite an event as Mr. Brown certainly did astonish the natives. I will not attempt to describe the costumes of the ladies, but let it suffice to say that the H. B. Co. had just the day before received a bale of cottons from Edmonton.—Correspondence from Slavo Lake.

Joe Macdonald arrived from Winnipeg on Saturday, May 12th. His carts arrived with freight for J. A. Macdougall & Co., on the 15th. He reports that there is great activity in railroad matters in Winnipeg. The C. P. R. is to be completed to Calgary by Langdon, Sheppard & Co., in August next. The Manitoba and Northwestern has unlimited English capital at its back, and a great deal of the stock is held in Winnipeg. Their objective points are Prince Albert, Edmonton and Athabasca Landing. They expect to reach the latter place in three years. They mean business.

L. Kelly, who went east via Calgary some time ago, was coming in on the train from Maple Creek, when at a point about eight miles west of Swift Current the road and train sank in a piece of alkali ground, and the passengers were obliged to walk to Swift Current. Several days elapsed before the train was got out and the road made good. Swift Current was a lively place, but the town consisted principally of tents, and there did not seem to be any intention of making it a permanent place, although the site is excellent. The country around, however, is valueless for farming purposes. The prairie in the vicinity and for a long distance west was burned.

B.C. Wants Fire Warden.

Vancouver, May 16.—The provincial government is in search of a fire warden, a man who has great knowledge of the woods and who is willing to take a four or five months' appointment at the rate of \$125 per month. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, arrived in Vancouver this morning from Victoria, and it is reported he is prepared to arrange for the appointment to be made as soon as a suitable man can be found. Just how long this position will go begging is causing some speculation among loggers and lumbermen.

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"CANADA AGAIN" INCESSANT CRY

How our English Correspondent Views the Emigration From Great Britain.

Now that the rush of immigration is on, bringing occasional prairie school-bus to us from the long trails from the south, and almost daily carloads of British settlers, it is of interest to know something of the conditions across the water.

An excellent idea of this is afforded by our London correspondent, who says: To visit Liverpool almost any day in the week and saunter down to the docks is to realize that we are at the height of the Canadian emigration season. It is a thrilling sight to see these huge liners filling with fine, young Englishmen, and amid all the pain of farewell and to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," passing slowly down the Mersey to a land where new hope awaits those for whom English conditions make no provision. But in truth we need go no further than Charring Cross to realize how strongly the current has turned Canada-wards. The windows of the Canadian government emigration offices have been attractively re-fashioned. In one window is depicted a standard train on the Grand Trunk system, and by an ingenious distribution of electric light the train is shown at night to be in full flaring career across an open country. In the other window is a large sized model of a Canadian homestead and watermill, and here again most effective use is made of the electric light to show that night though it be, the mill is at full work. I passed by these windows late last night, and it was entertaining to hear the astonished comments of the passerby. "Canada again," said one; "why it's nothing but Canada nowadays." And this, indeed, is very near the literal truth. They tell me at the Canadian Pacific railway head office at Trafalgar square that they are booking from 120 to 150 people to Canada every day over this one Canadian counter, and to judge from those I saw yesterday they are of an excellent type.

The Exodus of the Young. This week takes back to Canada three of the government farmer missionaries who have been touring the agricultural districts spreading Canada's fame as a home for British settlers. I have seen a letter that one of these delegates, Mr. Rice Sheppard, sent to Mr. Bruce Walker, the Canadian assistant superintendent of emigration, and I know from other inquiries that his success is only typical. "We expect a busy time here next week," he writes from an Oxfordshire farming center. "I expect my five brothers and families will go out. A cousin of mine and the wife and family of my brother who came out to me last fall leave today for Strathcona, so we expect to have quite a Sheppard colony. If they all go out we shall be over 70 in number." He also notes a little group going together from Axminster, in Devonshire, and another little group of father, sons, uncles and cousins from Winchester. There is no better form of emigration than this. These little English communities carry with them associations of the old land which form the most potent nuclei for British emigration. A friend of mine has been spending a week in a Gloucestershire village. He himself comes of good old English farming stock. He is, moreover among those who believe that under a reformed fiscal system, agricultural England would once again smile as peacefully as ever it did, and his remark to me was: "I cannot quite say I enjoyed myself, it is heart-breaking to see the finest young fellows in your own village—the clean-limbed young Englishmen you have known from babyhood and who should be the very bulwark of English agriculture in the next generation, filing off one after another to a distant colony like Canada. I suppose it is all right for the empire, but it is bad, bad business for England; at least, that is my view." I mentioned this circumstance to a London business man, and this was his rejoinder: "It is not the English village alone that is suffering. Why, I myself can't keep an office boy. I get them, fine young fellows of 15, 16 and 17 years of age, begin to get them accustomed to the ways of business life, when somehow or other they get fired by all this talk about Canada, and away they go. One of them left about six months ago for Moosomin, and now upon his letters another is off, and I fully expect

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that when his place is filled yet a third will follow." This is of course quite the Canadian point of view, but it is well to put it on record in Canadian hearing.

The Englishman in Canada. The recent discussion in the Montreal Star on the subject of the Canadian attitude towards the Englishman in Canada has an interesting reflex in the Canadian Gazette. An English visitor, Mr. D. Dainow by name, hits the nail on the head when he tells intending settlers that they make a tremendous mistake when on reaching Canada they continually talk of England instead of trying their utmost to get used to things Canadian and understand Canadian life; and see how superior for the ordinary worker and laborer it really is.

"I have," he goes on to say, "seen Englishmen, three weeks in the country, 'damning and cursing' Canada because they could find no work. On the other hand I have seen industrious, hardworking Jews who have fled from the Russian persecutions prospering and thanking God for the freedom of this vast and beautiful Dominion." He admits that he has met with much the same prejudice against the Englishman in the United States, and the moral he draws is that the Englishman who crosses the Atlantic to improve his position had better make up his mind to settle down in the country or his adoption and become a faithful and loyal citizen there or use his time to better advantage by staying where he is.

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John Rae Returns From Farmers are Busy. Hotel Accommodations.
John Rae, provincial legislator for the district between and Lloydminster, returned from a trip of inspection to the district and in the towns along the line. Mr. Rae drove from Tofield, a distance of 29 miles, is no hotel in Tofield, but a license for a hotel will be established there. Mr. H. business in Tofield was if hotel accommodations were available. The night he spent in the room over a with five other travellers. port in favor of granting Tofield a Fine Town. It was my first trip up between Chipman and Tofield. Mr. Rae to a Bulletin reporter "and I may tell you the fine country." At present it is working early and late and from what I could see the road they do not until their crops will be made tilled as a result of the late. Tofield is at present settled condition. The village are removing original town site to a new half a mile south. When which will run through the site, the villagers will be put up stakes, for the G site is half a mile south of town site, and the village fully situated within easy

200,000 IN LIGHTS
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There is perhaps no public in Canada that has excited discussion in the various municipalities of the eastern as well as the western provinces of the Dominion the street and house lighting as it has been presented growing village and town. There are those who maintain private ownership of electric plants is conducive of better than municipal control, but the number is few in the west, has less in the city of than in any other of the municipalities of the prairie.

Plant a Success in Edmonton. For Edmonton has been particularly successful in its municipal lighting plant. Good administrative management has brought city plant to a high state of present requirements. As a proof of the success attended civic control, Edmonton has a large number of electric power in the form of descent lights than any other the Dominion. For this which is a creditable one all progressiveness of the people the department in charge of tion of the city's affairs, the less an authority that the Electric Review of a recent

200,000 INCANDESCENTS
At the present time there wards of two hundred thousand incandescent lamps in use in the city and the number is increasing. Almost daily applications are coming in at office and the men of the department have their hands full in making office and store connections. The rates to consumers of power are much lower than most western cities. The che which prevail in Edmonton interested other cities of the "City Electrician Ormsby is of frequent communication for particulars of the Edmonton. These are frequently accompanied commendatory remarks of plant, and the lower prices

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