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MIEHLSTEIN IS ACCUSED OF GRAFTING

Building and Plumbing Inspector Charged With Taking a "Rake-off" on Market Job

CONTRACTOR MAY TAKE THE MATTER TO GRAND JURY

Attack Is Unfair and Great Surprise to Me, Says Accused Plumbing Inspector

Joseph J. Miehlestein, building and plumbing inspector of the city and county, may be called before the board of supervisors at a secret session to testify to the part he has played in the improvement work being done at the fish markets.

At a caucus of the board of supervisors yesterday morning, when it met to prepare the budget for the coming semi-annual period, serious charges were made against Miehlestein on information received by Supervisor M. C. Pacheco. The latter asserted that he had been informed that the building and plumbing inspector is receiving a fee amounting to seven and one-half per cent of the cost of the improvement work being done at the fish markets as a supervising architect, and in addition to this is receiving two and one-half per cent as a commission from the materialmen.

Supervisor Pacheco informed the board that one of the contractors on the job has asserted he will bring the matter before the territorial grand jury, and ask that a thorough investigation be made into Miehlestein's connection with this work. As building and plumbing inspector the latter is required to pass on the improvements when they are completed, and says Supervisor Pacheco, he is supposed to do so impartially as a disinterested public official.

The board received the accusations against Miehlestein with obvious surprise, and later different supervisors intimated they would give Miehlestein a chance to explain them away.

Several thousand dollars have been or are being spent at the fish market for improvements, which were ordered to be made jointly by the territorial board of health and the board of supervisors. The floor is being put in in some places, and marble counters, with metal drains. The work has been under way for several months and is now almost completed.

Supervisor Pacheco stated that the information of Miehlestein's alleged "rake-off" on this work came to his attention first from a plumber, and that later information received has confirmed it. He turned over his information to the board yesterday when the question of doing away with an assistant building and plumbing inspector came up. No definite decision was reached on this proposition, but one or two of the supervisors stated that an assistant was no longer necessary, as one man could handle all the inspecting of building and plumbing going on at present.

Supervisor McClellan was not present at the caucus and as he is the chairman of the ways and means committee, and has, therefore, an important voice in budget-making, many of

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CANDIDATES FOR MAYORALTY WILL BE WELL QUIZZED

John C. Lane Can't See Way Clear to Accept Ad Club's Invitation

At least three prospective and avowed candidates for the mayoralty are expected to appear at the Ad Club luncheon tomorrow and, upon invitation of the club, express their views and answer questions. And "the Mayor's Day Quiz" promises such interest that a big attendance is expected.

John Lane is one candidate who isn't coming, according to his letter in response to the invitation. Lane intimates that he doesn't feel called upon to attend. The other candidates, so far as is known, will all be present, including Harry E. Murray, Joel C. Cohen and Mayor Fern. Eben P. Low says he isn't a candidate but that he'll be there to see the fun, anyway. D. P. R. Iseberg hasn't been heard from. It is not expected now that he is going to run.

Members of the club, it is hoped, will be ready with questions to ask the various candidates. Any candidate who hasn't been mentioned is at liberty to appear and go through the mill along with the rest.

SAFES

All sizes, new and second-hand.
H. E. HENDRICK
Merchant and Alakea.

PRACTICAL ROAD-MAN CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR



Harry E. Murray who supports frontage-tax laws, better roads and other civic improvements.

UNIFICATION IS PLAN OF HEADS OF ASSOCIATION

Open Meeting Called for Monday to Plan Charitable Work on Large Scale

Plans for an "Association of Charities" to handle charitable work on a large scale, instead of the Associated Charities handling it in a small manner, will be discussed at a meeting June 29, in the makai pavilion of the Young Hotel.

Direct cooperation of all societies in Honolulu interested in charitable work is the desire of the promoters of this meeting. Every nationality, religion, sect or cult is invited to have a representative present to take part in the discussion and formulation of a campaign of action, in the initial step in the unification of action of the charitable work of Honolulu.

The Associated Charities is equipped with a central registration system, similar to that used in the larger cities of the mainland, and it is desired that every organization in the city make use of this means of handling charitable matters.

The directorate of the Associated Charities, under whose auspices the meeting for next Monday has been called, is composed of the leaders of the different societies of the city interested in the work of the institution, six members elected at large and the officers of the organization. Every organization with a charitable feature is entitled to membership on this directorate and it is the desire of officers of the organization that every society avail itself of the opportunity and be represented at this most important meeting.

HARRY COUZENS, NOTED WRITER, CALLED BY DEATH

Friends in Honolulu Hear That Former Resident Has Passed Away

News has been received by friends in Honolulu of the death of Harry D. Couzens, very well known to the old residents of Honolulu and widely throughout the territory. He died at Phoenix, Arizona, on April 29, after a long battle with tuberculosis.

The Couzens lived here several years ago. Mr. Couzens being connected with the United States internal revenue office. They had many friends in Honolulu. He went to Phoenix early in 1913 and became a close friend of Governor Hunt and other Arizona leaders. He was held in high regard and warm affection by those who knew him well.

A brilliant writer and a man of great mental power along his favorite lines of literature, Couzens won fame some years ago by his short stories and sketches. His stories of the South Pacific brought him a large audience among mainland readers. A number of his stories were published in book form under the title, "Brethren of the Beach." He continued his literary work even while on his deathbed, some of his stories being published just a few days before he passed away.

Mrs. Virginia Lucas Couzens and their baby, Harry D. Couzens, Jr., have been residing for some time at Pahala, Kau, Hawaii. Mrs. Couzens is principal of Kapapala school.

Kansas state agricultural college has a campaign on for enlisting 20,000 Kansas boys and girls in agricultural and home-making contests this year. A special state organizer has been appointed.

MURRAY OUT FOR MAYOR; UPHOLDS FRONTAGE-TAXING

Former Supervisor Has Concrete Program as He Enters the Municipal Race

PLAYGROUNDS AND PARKS ARE GIVEN ATTENTION

Features Good Roads and Outlines Cantonier System to Maintain Them

Harry E. Murray former supervisor and now superintendent of road construction for the Lord-Young Engineering Company today formally announced his candidacy for mayor on the Republican ticket.

His platform, which is published below in full, brings out Mr. Murray as a staunch supporter of the frontage-tax laws and of the good roads movement. He pledges himself to give all his time to the mayoralty if he is elected to office. He declares himself for economy in civic affairs.

"The operation of the frontage-tax system is the only way by which Honolulu can afford to carry out the badly-needed and expensive street improvements," said Murray this morning. "I am firmly of the belief that the board of supervisors should make an energetic effort to develop improvements under these laws."

His platform is as follows: "To the Voters of the City and County of Oahu:

"I hereby announce my candidacy for the position of Mayor, as a Republican, pledging myself to support the platform of the Republican party.

"Economical and efficient county government can only be secured by the mayor using his time and office for county business, by keeping in close touch with the machinery of government by conferring with the several committees of the board from time to time upon the conditions of the departments under their supervision, and by reporting in open meeting on municipal affairs.

"I am committed to a definite, progressive road policy, to include guarantee of permanent upkeep of that great tourist asset, the drive around the island.

"I will put forth every effort to make our present streets and thoroughfares such, in fact, as well as in name, maintain the roads.

"Fully equal in importance to the building of good roads is the proper maintenance of the same. To this end, I believe in the employment of

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M'GARN LOSES LAST FIGHT ON JURY INDICTMENT

Technical Objections Overruled by Judge Robinson After a Strong Fight

SATURDAY SET AS DATE FOR ENTERING HIS PLEA

Interlocutory Appeal to Supreme Court of Territory May Be Taken, Says Rumor

A strong fight was waged before Judge Robinson of the circuit court this morning by counsel for Jeff McCarn, U. S. district attorney, in an effort to knock out the indictment upon which the district attorney is held on the charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon Claudius McBride, the Hilo attorney.

The fight was unavailing, the technical objections overruled, and Mr. McCarn was held to plead to the indictment, which he was ordered to do Saturday morning. Exceptions have been taken by the U. S. district attorney's counsel to all the rulings made by the judge on the plea and motions so far introduced, and a report went the rounds of the court room this morning that an interlocutory appeal to the territorial supreme court is contemplated, bringing the plea and motions up for review before the higher tribunal, but regarding this Mr. McCarn's attorneys would make no statement.

Attorney L. Andrews, speaking for the prosecution, asked that the district attorney be required to plead this morning after the court had overruled the demurrer, but at the instance of the other side, Judge Robinson allowed Mr. McCarn until Saturday, saying that a few days' delay in entering the plea would be immaterial.

The fight this morning was clearly and entirely on technical grounds and, according to Mr. Andrews, it was a case of "technicalities run rife." The first point raised in objecting to the indictment was that the mere recital that the revolver held by the defendant was "loaded with gun powder and leaden bullets," was not sufficient to indicate that the weapon was "obviously and imminently dangerous to life."

Attorney E. W. Ashford, who argued the demurrer for the defendant declared that the indictment should have gone on to say that the revolver was mechanically capable of being discharged, as a broken pistol, though loaded with the powder and bullets, was not obviously and imminently dangerous to life.

It was on the second technical

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HE IS BLOCKING THE WORK OF MEDIATORS



General Venustiano Carranza upon whom pressure is being brought to bear towards a settlement of Mexican difficulty.

HAROLD MAPES HAD HARD TIME LEAVING MEXICO

Young Engineer Near Death Before He Was Able to Escape—Here for Rest

Exposed to death in many possible forms, and barely escaping with his life in a series of struggles with a band of desperadoes, Harold Mapes, a mining engineer now in this city, an arrival from the coast in the bark R. P. Rithet this morning, is a refugee from the troubled republic of Mexico, and declares that he has no desire to return there until peace and order are permanently restored.

Barricaded in the depths of a mine in Guanajuato district, where the young American mining engineer had been employed, Mapes was kept a prisoner for more than seven days before he gained his freedom by forcing his way through a heretofore undiscovered underground passage that led from the slope of the mine into the heart of a jungle frequented by wild beasts.

Facing starvation, Mapes, more dead than alive, crept into the City of Mexico, where his pitiable condition appealed to kindly disposed foreigners and he was secretly given assistance that eventually took him into El Paso, Texas.

The days were filled with terror for Mapes, he said, when asked to relate some of the bitter experiences he met in attempting to leave Mexico for the United States. The ascent of a mountain upon which the foot of man is said to never have been set, almost proved his undoing.

Mapes stated this morning that the mining interests of central and eastern Mexico are greatly dissatisfied at the prospect of mediation of the troubles that led to the encounter between the United States and the Mexican forces. He declared that brigandage and pillage were daily occurrences at the time he left the country behind.

In referring to an instance in which the Mexicans are alleged to have attempted to take his life, Mapes said that while he was at work at the bottom of a thousand-foot shaft, a large quantity of material and broken rock was dumped into the hole. By this method he was cut off from escape, until his companions, noting his absence, conducted an investigation and discovered his plight.

Mapes is visiting Honolulu for rest and recreation. He expects to remain in the islands for several months.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL MAY PROBE ESCAPE OF R. J. RITCHIE

That the territorial attorney general is to investigate into the facts surrounding the escape of R. J. Ritchie, from the county jail, upon information he has received which throws a new light on the escape, is the substance of a rumor that is circulating throughout the city.

Attorney General Stainback is on Hawaii at present, but will return tomorrow. Leslie P. Scott, deputy attorney general, stated this morning that he had heard of no such pending investigation.

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SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS RAILROADS OWNERSHIP OF \$700,000,000 OIL LANDS

Many Companies and Operators Involved Affected by Ruling and Approximately 3,000,000 Acres Involved—Local Interests in California Fields Greatly Enhanced by Decision of Highest Tribunal of Country

[Associated Press service by Federal Wireless.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 22.—The United States supreme court today affirmed the claim of ownership of the railroads to \$700,000,000 worth of oil lands.

A large number of oil companies and operators are affected by this ruling and approximately 3,000,000 acres of oil-bearing land is involved.

In addition to the foregoing special dispatch to the Star-Bulletin, the Henry Waterhouse Trust Co has received a cablegram from Politz & Co., San Francisco, saying that the Associated Oil Co. had won its land case in the federal supreme court. It was added that Associated was selling at \$39.50.

Probably both dispatches refer to one decision, and the entire litigation between the government and the holders of western oil lands, affected by the two orders of withdrawal by President Taft, is thus determined.

As previously stated in this paper, the federal court of Wyoming had decided against the government in one case, followed by Judge Dooling of the California district court the same way, and both cases were appealed to the supreme court of the United States.

President Taft made an order of withdrawal of oil lands from entry on September 2, 1909, but his power to do so without authority of congress was disputed. On July 2, 1910, however, congress having in the meantime granted him the power, he repeated the order. The controversy centered now to be decided by the highest court had reference to oil lands entered upon between the dates of the two orders mentioned.

It was understood that the motive of the executive was to reserve oil lands for naval supply purposes. Upon the question of the legality of the first order, Judge Dooling said:

"The effect of the order of withdrawal of September 27, 1909, whatever its purpose, was practically to suspend the operation of the mineral law as applied to the petroleum deposits of the public domain." This he held to be beyond the executive power without express authority of congress.

At last accounts two bills were pending in congress, having passed the house, making concessions to holders of oil lands who might be deprived of their claims through the first order of President Taft. They were to be allowed to continue development, up to a certain maximum area, with the payment of a royalty on the product. These concessions will be unnecessary after the decision of the supreme court. Among the claimants involved was the Honolulu Consolidated Oil Company, which lately suspended dividends on the stipulation of the Standard Oil Company that its payments for oil to the Honolulu be held in escrow by a bank pending the litigation.

All Factions in Mexico Must Make Additional Sacrifices

[Associated Press service by Federal Wireless.]

NIAGARA FALLS, Canada, June 22.—The mediators are endeavoring to impress General Carranza with the fact that it is necessary for all factions in Mexico to come to the understanding that it is the Mexicans themselves who must bear the burden of the present situation.

It has been plainly pointed out to Carranza that it will be necessary for each faction to make further sacrifices before any amicable agreement can be reached and before it will be possible for the mediators to successfully conclude their labors.

Members of the conference are most optimistic today, and profess a belief that Carranza and the other Mexican leaders who have been holding out for better terms than it will be possible to make, will eventually see the error of their position and agree to the terms as proposed by the ABC representatives.

Turkish Soldiers Learning Use of the Knife and Fork

[Associated Press]

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 22.—Not since its supposedly invincible battalions were rolled back by the Bulgarian advance at Lule Burgas has the Turkish army experienced a greater shock than the order issued by the new secretary of war, Envers Bey, that hereafter all Turkish soldiers must eat with a knife and fork.

The enlisted men are not only alarmed at the prospect of handling the strange implements, but are hurt by the intimation that faithful hands, which have always served the primary purpose of conveying food to their mouths, should be deemed no longer fit for that useful service.

The Turkish private is not proving an apt pupil. When his superiors are absent he squats upon the floor and devours his food in the good old-fashioned way, but at the approach of an officer he scrambles to a seat at the table and fails to wield his new weapons with all the skill he can command.

The civilizing process is not to stop with teaching the Turkish soldier table manners. The edict has also gone forth that he must learn to read and write.

Housing Conditions in Vienna Work Hardship

[Associated Press]

VIENNA, June 22.—The refusal of landlords in Vienna to rent flats to persons with children has become such an obstacle to families of the working classes that they are suffering real hardship in their quest for suitable living quarters. The condition of affairs has been presented to the city council and a proposal made to lower the taxes on houses whose owners would permit children to live in them.

While this particular motion was shelved it is not improbable that something may be done in this direction. Since taxes on house property in Vienna amount to more than 42 per cent of the gross rentals, any reduction would be extremely welcome.

Workers living in suburbs are found to be badly crowded, as many as eight persons sometimes occupying a flat that consists of one small room and a kitchen.

French Cantons Protest Against "Germanization"

BERNE, Switzerland, June 22.—The French cantons of Switzerland are protesting against the so-called "Germanization" of the Republic. The government blue books are now printed in German only. The municipality of Berne has ordered the removal of French names of streets, which until now, have had at the intersections the names in both French and German. The French names of several railway stations of the state lines have recently been dropped and the German designations kept. The French newspapers here affirm that Pan-German societies at Crefeld and at Berlin have subsidized German teachers so that they have been able to take positions in Swiss schools at salaries too small for their maintenance alone.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, more than 10 years a law authorizing conducted the service at Oahu Prison consolidation of schools, consolidation yesterday afternoon and was assisted is not looked upon with favor, official by the O. P. Quartet with two well ding to J. C. Muerman, an account of rendered selections. At the close of the bureau, who is now stationed in the service "Alpha Oe" was sung, the southwest. Two of the schools entire congregation joining in the visited by Mr. Muerman had only six pupils enrolled. The teachers received \$70 a month. Both schools had Although California has had for good libraries.