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TODAY

GORDON REINSTATED

CITY COUNCIL EXONERATES THE ACCUSED OFFICER.

TWO ALDERMEN AGAINST HIM

Fleming and Carriher Wanted Officer Expelled—Gordon Assigned to Duty This Morning.

(Special to the Inter Mountain.)

Anaconda, Oct. 12.—The charges of grafting brought against Patrolman Frank Gordon by Chief Taylor, were not sustained by the members of the city council who sat as a court of investigation in the city hall last night. The accused was exonerated by a vote of eight to two, and the mayor ordered his star returned to him upon his reporting for duty. The aldermen who voted for Gordon's retention were Gangner, Hattenhoff, Luxton, McHugh, Nye, O'Leary, Steuermagle, and Wallace. Those opposed were Carriher and Fleming. Collins and Williams were absent.

The Testimony.

The hearing began promptly at 8 o'clock and lasted until 12:30 o'clock this morning.

The prosecution was represented by City Attorney C. M. Sawyer and the defense by C. J. Walsh and John R. Boardman.

After some discussion as to the mode of procedure the witnesses subpoenaed in the case were called before the clerk to be sworn, after which all were excluded from the room, an understanding having been reached between the attorneys that the members of the council could best judge the merits of the testimony produced by not allowing one witness to hear what another had to say.

The Prosecuting Witness.

Only three witnesses were placed on the stand by the prosecution, all of whom were courtisans of Mainville, two of them being directly interested in the case at issue. One of them, Bessie Howard, is the woman whom Patrolman Gordon arrested one week ago last Sunday, it being alleged that she played a leading role in the robbing of a restaurant keeper, John Davis, of \$119 in money on the night of Sept. 26.

Bessie Howard.

The Howard woman testified that on the night stated Davis was in a place next door, kept by a woman known as Grace Arnold, that trouble occurred there; she went to the rescue and found Davis trying to choke her neighbor, at the same time accusing her of stealing his money. When she appeared on the scene Davis made his exit, but appeared

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later with Patrolman Gordon, who accused the witness of the theft, but told her that if she would pay him \$50 he would drop the matter and say nothing further about it.

The witness claimed the officer had stated that if she refused he would land her in the city jail. She told Gordon that she only had \$5 in the house, but finally borrowed \$4 more from the Arnold woman, which she declared she gave to the officer, rather than be locked up. The witness also claimed that the officer then threatened her that if the balance was not paid by the following Sunday he would place her under arrest. She did not meet the demand and was accordingly arrested.

Arnold woman.

The Arnold woman was brought in and her testimony was practically the same as that given by the witness who preceded her.

The story of Ada Baker, the third witness, was along the same lines, but she also attempted to give extremely damaging testimony against the moral character of the defendant. All three witnesses declared that Gordon drank frequently, and often appeared in that part of town in an intoxicated condition. The prosecution endeavored to make capital out of the fact that Gordon was not on the Mainville beat the night the robbery is alleged to have occurred, but later in the proceedings the defendant and others who testified in his behalf stated he had left his regular beat only on the assurance from Davis, the victim, that the regular officer on duty there could not be found.

Baker Woman.

The Baker woman made an effort, through her testimony, that Gordon had talked with her on the street last Friday, and in the course of the conversation Gordon had told her that if he could get a couple of women to testify as he wanted them to he could get other witnesses sufficient to fasten the stigma of grafting upon Chief Taylor, Assistant Chief O'Brien and Officer Smaltz.

In the cross-examination conducted by Mr. Walsh the Howard woman denied that she had ever been in Anaconda prior to last March, denied that she had ever been arrested and ordered to leave town by Former Chief White. She also denied, when accused by Mr. Walsh, of putting her hand through a window screen and stealing the money out of Davis' pocket.

When the prosecution rested the counsel for the defense moved for a non-suit, but before the members of the court of inquiry, to a man, reused to entertain the proposition. So the hearing proceeded further.

The Defense.

The first witness for the defense was C. J. Walsh, who went on to testify as to the sobriety of Gordon on the night of the alleged robbery and subsequent nights.

Mr. Walsh related that Gordon told him of the robbery the night it occurred and asked his advice as how to proceed; he also stated the Howard woman had offered him \$10 to keep quiet. The witness told Gordon not to take the money and to proceed very cautiously or else he might be trapped.

Gordon was next put on the stand to testify in his own behalf and was subjected to a rigid cross-examination by Mr. Sawyer.

The most damaging fact brought out against him was the fact that he had left his beat on Main street on the night of Sept. 26, to carry a letter from Henry Fritz, a bartender, to a house of ill repute in Mainville. His explanation of it was that he was asked by the sender to get a boy to take it over, but not seeing any on the street that time of night told Fritz that he would take it over himself after midnight.

Relating how he happened to go to the scene of the trouble on the night of Sept. 27, Gordon said:

"Davis came over to where I was on Main street, said he had been robbed and wanted me to go over to Mainville and make an arrest. I told him Officer Smaltz was on the beat there and to find him. Davis replied he could not find Smaltz, then I thought it was my duty to go with him. I went with Davis and we confronted the Howard woman. I asked her to return the money she had stolen from Davis, but she denied that she had taken the money. Finally we went away. Davis said he would be satisfied if he could get back half the money and we returned, made the demand for the \$50, in accordance with Davis' wishes. Still the woman refused to produce any money."

The Friday night that the Fritz letter was delivered, Gordon testified that the Howard woman sent word that she would see him.

"This night she admitted she had taken the money and said that Taylor, O'Brien and Smaltz had been there and raised trouble about the money. She said \$40 of it she had divided between Chief Taylor, Assistant O'Brien and Officer Smaltz, that she had given the former \$15 each, \$10 to the latter and had saved \$10 for him, which he refused."

John Davis was a strong witness in behalf of the defense and his testimony had considerable weight with the members of the council.

Other witnesses testified as to Gordon's previous good character.

The city attorney put Chief Taylor, Officer Smaltz and one or two others in rebuttal.

Chief Taylor declared that Gordon had told him nothing about the case until the Saturday after the alleged robbery occurred and that was when he asked him about it.

Officer Smaltz explained that his absence from Mainville at the time of the alleged robbery was due to the fact that he had taken some prisoners to the city jail.

The case was tried in every particular in a fair and impartial manner.

Gordon was back on the force again this morning.

Special Council Meeting.

(Special to Inter Mountain.) Anaconda, Oct. 12.—Mayor Stephens today called a special meeting of the city council for next Monday night, to hear reports of city officers, audit and allow bills, to let the contract for putting in

the sewer in district No. 16, and to arrange for the completion of letting the contract for the publication of the city ordinances. These were matters to have come up last Monday night, but were not reached on account of the sudden adjournment taken, after the fistie encounter between Aldermen O'Leary and Williams.

Have you been to the new rink?

"BIG BILL" COMES TOMORROW.

A Season of Minstrelsy at the Theater Next Week.

(Special to the Inter Mountain.)

Anaconda, Oct. 12.—The cast which will be seen at the Margaret theater tomorrow evening, with William De Vere in his new and successful comedy, "A Common Sinner," is said to be one of the best that has been put together to support a farce comedy star. It includes Clayton Kennedy, who made such a decided hit when last here with Hoyt's "A Trip to Chinatown," in his unique piano specialty; William Philbrick, also remembered as being one of the leading features in that same comedy; Maymie Taylor, Mattie Rooney, the talented daughter of the late Pat Rooney; Daisy King, long identified with George Lederer as a leading figure in his many spectacular productions, and one of the strongest singing parties ever heard in a musical production.

The sale of seats has been large, and for choice locations an early application would be advisable.

The most artistic musical arrangement that has ever been perfected with a minstrel organization will be found with the Big Haverly's Mastodon Minstrels, which come to the Margaret theater next Wednesday. Claude Merkee, one of the most prominent musical directors we have, has left nothing undone that would make this end of it attractive. His grand orchestra is much augmented and contains among other soloists, George Morgan, England's leading minstrel tenor. The comedy part of it has not been overlooked either, as George Wilson, the famous Young family, Dan Allman and 10 other comedians are with the company.

Skating is more beneficial than physical culture.

THE POLICE SCANDAL.

Entire Force Coming in For Criticism on Grafting Charges.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Anaconda, Oct. 12.—If anything can be judged from the statistics contained in the records of the office of City Treasurer Harper there seems to be vague grounds for the assertions which have been made and spread broadcast in the city that the police department of Anaconda is guilty of wholesale grafting.

The filing of charges of extortion against Patrolman Gordon, who was last night exonerated after having had a fair and impartial trial, created talk that the entire police department was involved in the business of grafting from denizens of the tenderloin district.

An effort has been made particularly to involve Chief of Police Taylor and Assistant Chief O'Brien, but no one has as yet attempted to bring charges against either of those gentlemen, although there are persons who are prone to believe that those officials are subject to criticism. Whether their conduct has been unbecoming of the positions they hold remains to be seen. Nothing has been proven against them up to the present time.

One thing, however, is certain, the receipts of the police department show very gratifying gains, which is at least in their favor. This morning an Inter Mountain reporter took pains to look into records and thereby obtained a comparative statement between the record made by the police department under ex-Mayor Madden's administration and the first five months covered by the administration of the present Mayor Stephens, as follows:

Under Mayor Madden—Police court fines for 24 months prior to May 1, 1901, 2,437. Average collections per month, \$101.54. Row fines for 25 months prior to June 1, 1901, 2,351.50. Average per month \$94.26.

Present administration—Police court fines, May 1 to Sept. 30, 1901 (five months), \$1,125. Average collections per month, \$225. Row fines, June 1 to Sept. 30, 1901 (four months), \$440. Average per month, \$110.

Increases—In police court fines, per month, \$123.46. In row fines, per month, \$14.75. Total gain per month, \$137.20. These figures were not obtained with the view of defending chief Taylor or Assistant O'Brien, but merely for the purpose of giving the public information which might be helpful to them before passing judgment upon the merits of the accusations.

The new rink is a delightful place to spend the evening.

BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP.

Bozeman and Anaconda Bowlers Play For Championship Tonight.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Anaconda, Oct. 12.—T. D. Flynn, Frank F. Tucker and Dr. G. B. Owens left at 8:30 this morning for Bozeman, where a match game is scheduled to take place tonight between bowling teams made up of Anaconda and Bozeman players.

At the last moment, Bert Story and Jud Hasley, who were expected to constitute the balance of the Anaconda team, found it impossible to go.

Flynn and Johnson of Bozeman will bowl a series of games for the championship of the state. It will be remembered that Johnson defeated Flynn on Tucker's alleys some time ago for the championship.

Go to the new rink and see for yourself.

MODERN WOODMEN.

Assessment No. 10 is now due and payable at W. C. Austin's cigar store, 114 1-2 E. Park avenue, or at Roach & Smith's, opposite the Montana.

The skaters at the new rink are delightfully funny.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Dr. P. F. Carman, osteopathist. Doctors recommend roller skating.

H. D. Shaw of Spokane is at the Montana.

If you feel blue, go to the new rink.

Max Cadden of Butte is a guest at the Montana.

Ladies should learn to skate.

John Alcock of Portland is a guest at the Montana.

Forget your troubles by skating at the new rink.

William R. Allen returned today to French gulch.

F. L. Kinney of Helena was in the city yesterday.

The Northwest Coal company, phone 56, office 107 E. Park avenue.

John Maguire, the veteran theatrical manager of Butte, was in the city yesterday.

If you go to the new rink you will go again.

G. D. Lounsbury, a well known traveling man of Chicago, is calling on the trade in this city.

L. P. Verberkmoes, optician and jeweler, moved to 116 East Park.

T. A. Kitter and W. J. Meahan were fined \$5.00 each by Justice of the Peace, Quane this forenoon.

The beginners at the new rink are funnier than a circus.

Alex and Lon Burnett were called yesterday to Red Rock on account of the serious illness of their father.

Mrs. David Moorh and daughters Jeanette and Babette left Thursday night for the coast for an extended visit.

The Northwest Coal company, phone 56, office 107 E. Park avenue.

The members of the Catholic Order of Foresters are preparing for their annual ball, which is to take place week after next.

Everybody enjoys themselves at the new rink.

Alderman Fred Gangner and family returned yesterday from a very pleasant trip east. They visited the Buffalo exposition.

Col. J. P. Hanley, prominent in Fraternal Union lodge circles, addressed members of that order at Dewey hall last night.

If you wish any information concerning the Modern Woodmen see W. C. Austin, at Austin's cigar store, 114 1/2 East Park avenue.

Apillie Waymer brought suit for divorce this forenoon against Merlin W. Waymer on the grounds of drunkenness and failure to support. The plaintiff asks the custody of her child.

Word has been received in Anaconda that Rev. Father Mallo, the venerable priest who at one time held the position of prelate at St. Ann's hospital, has been transferred from Mt. Angela mission, Cascade county, to North Dakota, where he will labor once more among the Chippewa Indians. Father Mallo enjoys the acquaintance of many friends in this city.

Send your child to learn skating.

At the Churches Tomorrow.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Anaconda, Oct. 12.—Services will be held in Anaconda churches tomorrow as follows:

First Methodist church, corner of Oak and Third streets, Rev. A. C. Macurdy, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12:30 p. m. Epworth League meeting at 6:30 p. m.

Christian church, corner of Oak and Sixth streets, Frank Minnick, minister. Morning sermon at 11 o'clock, evening sermon at 7:30. Sunday school at 12:15 p. m. I. N. Eton superintendent.

First Presbyterian church, Main and Fourth streets. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12:30 p. m. Rev. J. E. Burkhart will preach.

You will laugh heartily at the skaters.

Dressmaking.

Mrs. O. M. Merrill has secured the store, No. 209 Cherry street, Davidson building, and is now ready to see customers. Mrs. Merrill has had a large experience in Chicago, New York and other cities. From 1889 to 1896 she was in business in New York city. After that she was for two years engaged in Boston as cutter and fitter at Filene & Son's. For the past year and a half she has been fitter in the suit rooms of the C. C. C. company in this city. She will also do the fittings for McRae & Co.

Rubber tires and wooden rollers at the new rink.

"A Wise Woman."

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Anaconda, Oct. 12.—The most noticeable feature about "A Wise Woman," presented at the Margaret theater last night, was the absence of the wise woman. It is to be hoped that Frederick Murphy and Marie Lamour are capable of better things than they have a chance to do in their present roles.

The singing of Miss Alice Geer and Miss Ethel Balch was well received by the audience, as was also the closing song by the entire company.

See how the new rink has been fixed up.

An Error Corrected.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Anaconda, Oct. 12.—The statement which appeared in last evening's Inter Mountain in reference to the permanent closing of the Ravalli hotel by Superintendent Mehargue was not exactly correct. Mr. Mehargue states to the Inter Mountain correspondent that the Ravalli hotel has been closed temporarily only—during the winter months when travel is light—and will be reopened in April, next.

Skating at the new rink is healthy.

All a man has to do to make his wife ask him suspiciously what he is thinking about is for him to sit still for 10 minutes and keep his mouth shut.—New York Press

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