

EXTORTION CHARGED BY LABORERS

GREEKS EMPLOYED IN RAILROAD SHOPS BRING SUIT AGAINST NICK MUNRO.

A case which will attract considerable interest throughout the state of Montana and which vitally affects every person, firm or corporation engaging in the business of "employment," was filed in Justice Small's court yesterday afternoon by County Attorney Mulrooney. The tenth legislative assembly passed an act which, among other things, provides as follows:

"Section 1. That any superintendent, foreman, assistant, boss, or any other person or persons, who shall receive, or solicit, or cause to be received or solicited, any sum of money or other valuable consideration, from any person for or on account of the employment of such person or any one else, or for or on account of any promise or agreement, to employ or continue to employ, any such person, or any one else, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000, or undergo an imprisonment in the county jail of not more than one year, or both, at the discretion."

If the theory upon which the complaint is based is correct it will put every employment agency in the state out of business and make those who have conducted them liable to fine and punishment for a misdemeanor. Among other things the constitutionality of the law will be tested, as abridging the right of contract. The complaint was filed by County Attorney Mulrooney on behalf of the state of Montana; Attorney James L. Wallace appearing for the defendant, Nick Munro. Mr. Munro voluntarily appeared in court, waiving the formality of arrest or the issuance of a warrant. The complaint was filed at the instance of some Greek laborers who claimed that they had paid Mr. Munro money for securing them a job. As soon as Mr. Munro discovered that the complaint had been filed, he appeared in court with his attorney and gave bond. The case was set for hearing on April 4, by agreement of counsel.

In this case there are 13 complaining witnesses who make the charge that Nick Munro, the defendant, after charging them the sum of \$10 each for a job in the Northern Pacific roundhouse and shops, assessed a further amount of \$1 to be paid each month. Failure to pay the monthly tax was attended, it is said, by immediate dismissal from the service of the railroad company. The defendant is a man who is regarded as well to do in the Greek community, owning a good paying general merchandise business on Railroad street, together with a saloon on Woody street. For a long time he has acted as padrone for the Greek laborers in this vicinity and has been operating an employment agency in connection with his other several businesses.

Three months ago two men, Greeks by birth and men whose knowledge of the English language gave them a prominence with their fellows, took up the matter of the Munro extortion with a local firm of attorneys. The case was later taken up with the local railroad officials who, in turn, turned the entire matter over to the secret service department of the Northern Pacific at Livingston. Since that time the affair has been taken up directly with the Northern Pacific officials in St. Paul and at the same time with Governor Norris. An answer to the letter addressed to the state executive was received in Missoula on Thursday morning advising the complainants to submit the charges to the county attorney. This was done, resulting in the above action.

During the past three months, it is said, Munro has made the assertion that a portion of the money received from the Greeks as first fee for securing positions for his countrymen with the Northern Pacific, has been turned over to the officials in charge of the shops and roundhouses. This statement, however, was carried back to Munro, who is reported to have contra-

DELTA SIGMA IS TO CHANGE TO BETA PHI CHAPTER TODAY



BETA PHI CHAPTER OF KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

This day is to be the last in the history of the Delta Sigma sorority of the University of Montana and the first in the life of Beta Phi chapter of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. This afternoon at 2 o'clock members of the local organization will become identified with a national college order—one of the best and strongest in the world of education. Mrs. Mary Canby of Grants Pass, Ore., will be in charge of the installation of the new Kappa chapter and the ritualistic ceremonies will be followed by a banquet at Ye Olde Inn.

Box Party.

Last evening a box party in honor of Mrs. Canby and Miss Powell, who is here as the representative of the

Seattle chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, was given at the Harmon by the members of Delta Sigma. Those present were: Mrs. Canby, Miss Powell, Misses Maude McCullough, Lucy Whitaker, Nellie Whitaker, Mrs. Jim Mills of Butte, Mrs. J. R. Toole, Mrs. H. T. Wilkinson, Mrs. F. C. Schuch, Misses May Murphy of Butte, Frances Jones of Anaconda, Ruth Smith of Dupuyer, Marjorie Ross, Ethel Wilkinson, Carrie Wharton, Nan Vivian, Marguerite Lucy, Abbie Lucy, Dolly Green, Ethel Marcum, Ona Sloane, Eva Coffey, Alene McGregor, Edna Fox and Thula Toole.

Membership Roll.

The following will be the membership roll of Beta Phi chapter: Frances

Jones, May Murphy, Ethel Evans Mills, Ruth Smith, Alene McGregor, Edna Fox, Mary Rankin, Marjorie Ross, Ethel Wilkinson, Eva Coffey, Marjorie and Abbie Lucy, Lucy and Helen Whitaker, Maude McCullough, Mary Errod, Isabel Roman, Nan Vivian, Dolly Green, Carrie Wharton, Florence Leach, Grace Rankin, Ethel Marcum, Thula Toole, Anabel Ross and Ona Sloan.

Tonight's banquet is to begin at 8:30 o'clock. It will be one of the most elaborate ever served in Missoula. The dining room of Ye Olde Inn will be decorated in flowers and the colors of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, dark blue and light blue. Ten courses will be served.

SEEKS TO RECOVER TAX DEBTS TOWN OVERWHELMED BY WATER

SUITS ARE FILED AGAINST BIG FLATHEAD COMPANIES BY COUNTY ATTORNEY.

BIG TANKS AT PARKERSBURG, W. VA., BURST, AND TWO PERSONS ARE DROWNED.

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Kalspell, March 19.—Suits against the Big Blackfoot Milling company and the Julius Neils Lumber company were filed in court here this afternoon by County Attorney Stevens to recover taxes alleged to have been illegally refunded to the defendants by the county commissioners. This action follows the bringing of suits against the commissioners, Main and Lewis, but with which the county attorney refused to identify himself, contending that as county attorney it was his duty to defend the officials instead of to act against them. Then it was decided to bring the suits against the companies.

The present procedure grows out of an incident which arose at the time of the equalization of the county tax roll of Flathead county. The two big companies contended that their property had been assessed out of proportion to the assessments upon other property of the same nature, and asked a reduction in the amount of their taxes. Attorneys were brought into the matter by the companies and the commissioners were led to believe that unless a reduction was made the companies would refuse to pay the taxes and enjoin the officials from selling their property under the delinquency provision. Yet it was decided that no direct reduction could be granted without inviting other companies and property holders to come forward with similar claims for reductions. This contingency was avoided by the payment of the full assessments and the granting of rebates after the payment.

Now it is contended that the commissioners had no authority to grant the rebates, hence the company received money which does not belong to it but to the county. Making this a basis for his suit—that the money rebated is the county's—the county attorney has filed his suits.

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 19.—Two persons were killed, three others probably fatally injured and many more slightly hurt and many houses completely wrecked and 40 more badly damaged when two large water tanks supplying the city with water burst early this morning.

The dead: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waggle. The bodies were found in the ruins of their home. The seriously injured: Mrs. John Mahoney, both legs broken, hurt internally, probably will die. Mrs. Kate Karnes, acrid, badly bruised and shocked; may die. Clara Jones, colored; probably will die.

The immense stream of released water rushed down Prospect hill, sweeping everything before it. Houses were swept into the street and the residents were knocked from their beds. One whole family was carried down a street 70 yards, their house being torn almost to pieces, yet all escaped except one girl, who suffered a broken collar bone. The two tanks contained the entire city supply of water, and a famine is now imminent. The damage will amount to between \$200,000 and \$250,000. St. John's Lutheran church was through its sacrifice many lives were spared and much more damage prevented, as it was directly in the path of the water. The breaking of the tanks is believed to have been caused by some miscreant.

PROSPECTIVE BUYERS RUSH TO HAMILTON

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Hamilton, March 19.—Probably not in the history of Hamilton have so many land buyers come in at one time as last night. Twenty-five people, mostly land seekers, registered at the Ravalli. At the Hamilton at least that many were turned away, while other lodging houses were filled to the limit. Also the private car brought out by John McGee held 16 more.

Among those at the Ravalli who are intending to purchase land are L. M. Beaman, W. B. Ransom, Mr. Gode, Mr. Berry, Walter Brown of Minneapolis, T. H. Gore of Carlisle, Ill.; E. E. Swaygart and wife of St. Paul, E. M. Ferguson, W. A. Eden, J. T. McGraw, H. B. Kundson of Duluth, Minn.

HAMILTON BREVITIES

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Hamilton, March 19.—R. B. Robertson of Chicago has purchased 67 acres of land in "Home Acres Orchard" of the Bitter Root Valley Irrigation company. Mr. Robertson is delighted with the valley, and well pleased with the purchase he has made. W. S. Munsell of this city received a telegram announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. T. S. Munsell of Downing, Mo. Mrs. L. Hackett went to Missoula this morning to spend a few days with friends.

Clark Snyder of Chicago arrived on the Copper City last evening and will be the guest of Walter Gregory. Jones' bones arrived Wednesday night in Victor with the body of his brother, Will Jones, who recently died in Idaho. Mrs. George Miles of Darby and Mrs. Lovell Osbourne of Hamilton are sisters of the deceased. Senator Charles M. Fairbanks of Plains, Scot Barnea, John Samfacan and George Good of Thompson have been inspecting the property of the Swastika Coal Mining company. All these gentlemen have acquired an interest in the company. Albert Hammond, a popular engineer of the Milwaukee road, has been visiting his parents at Darby. Mr. Hammond intends to go to the coast soon, where he will stay until after the Seattle fair opens.

Richard Nicholson of Darby was in Hamilton on business yesterday. Harry O'Barton has recently acquired residence in the Riverside addition to Mr. Wait of the west side. The deal was handled by J. C. Johnson. Mr. Dissinger, a member of the ditch

RETURNS INDICTMENT AGAINST ONE

Los Angeles, March 19.—The special grand jury sworn in by Judge James this morning returned an indictment at 5 o'clock this afternoon after being in session five hours. Under the direction of Judge James the name of the man indicted is to be kept secret until an arrest has been made.

The only witnesses examined today were Joseph Durand, an alleged lieutenant of Nick Oswald, who was with the jury two hours and a half this morning, and Edwin T. Earl, publisher of the Evening Express, who was with the jury all afternoon.

Judge James fixed the ball of the indicted man at \$5,000, upon the advice of the district attorney. There is reason to believe that the indictment found is against Nick Oswald, who has been located at Tia Juana, just over the border in Mexico, where he fled from this city after the order of Judge James calling for a special grand jury investigation of the city administration under former Mayor A. C. Harper, had been issued. Detective Browne of the district attorney's staff is now in Tia Juana.

WORKS CLEVER RUSE AND CATCHES ROBBERS

Chicago, March 16.—After being held up and robbed of his watch and money by two men on a lonely south side street tonight, William Paul informed the robbers that he, too, was a highwayman, waiting for a victim. The robbers gave Paul his money back and asked them to walk with him. The trio walked until they came to a policeman. Then Paul helped the policeman to capture the robbers.

TWO NEW FACTORIES.

Chicago, March 19.—It was announced here tonight by C. S. Funk, general manager of the International Harvester company, that within a year that concern will have in operation two large European manufacturing establishments, one in France and one in Germany.

Bright and Active at 94.



Mrs. Lorena Smith, of Branford, Conn., who is 94 years old, says she is bright and active and retains her mental faculties through the constant use of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey which builds her system up and restores the vigor and strength of youth. Mrs. Smith recently wrote: "For a number of years I have been using Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey and found it very beneficial to me and am still using it. I have tried other tonics, but find Duffy's seems to suit my constitution the best and does me the most good. I am now in my 94th year. Am bright and active and retain all my mental faculties." Every testimonial is guaranteed genuine and is published in good faith with full consent.

Mrs. Smith's case is similar to that of thousands of others, both aged men and women, who have been kept hale, hearty and vigorous by the constant use of Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey as a medicine. It is a predigested food which has a stimulating and tonic effect upon the system. It builds nerve tissues, prevents decay and keeps the entire system in a normal, healthy condition.

Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey

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A VEGETABLE DIET CURES WHISKY HABIT. Washington, March 19.—"If you have a strong appetite for king alcohol and want to be cured of the habit, just eat a vegetable diet for six months." This was the advice given today by Dr. D. H. Kross of this city in an address entitled "Dyspepsia and Its Relation to Intemperance," before the American Society for the Study of Alcohol and Other Drug Narcotics. He declared that overeating leads to drunkenness. Elmer Overturf went to Darby Wednesday evening to attend lodge. Marion Overturf of Darby is a guest at the F. H. Drinking home on North Second street. Miss Bess McEain of Anaconda arrived on the Copper City Wednesday night and will visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Torrance. J. L. Peterson of Pacific Grove, Cal., who has been conducting revival meetings at the Methodist Church North, was called home today, having received a wire that his wife is seriously ill. At a business meeting of the members of the Presbyterian church last Wednesday evening it was decided to make a good many improvements on the church and grounds. Active church work was also planned for the next 12 months. D. C. Grey and Will Grey are preparing to set out about 150,000 apple grafts, mostly of the McIntosh variety. It is also reported that the Oregon Nursery company of Salem, Ore., are going to set out 1,500,000 McIntosh Red grafts, with which they expect to supply the Bitter Root trade. At a meeting of the baseball enthusiasts of the Bitter Root valley at the city hall in Hamilton on Thursday evening the following officers were chosen: President, George T. Beaggs of Stevensville; secretary and treasurer, Mort White of Hamilton. The organization will be called the Bitter Root Valley league. Representatives were present from Corvallis, Victor and Stevensville. A suit of foreclosure was filed in the district court today by James Robb vs. George Smith. Frank Bullock went to Missoula this morning and will return on the special after the theater. There is Only One "Bromo Quinine." That is Laxative Bromo Quinine. Look for the signature of E. W. Grove. Used the world over to cure a cold in one day. 25c.

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