

GRAFT CHARGES MADE

THE SEELEY HEARING.

Accused Former Official Refutes Charges Before Supt. Stevens.

Albany, Jan. 30.—Charges of petty graft were made against Frank B. Seeley, the discharged superintendent of reservoirs at Lock 10 of the Erie Canal, at the hearing before Superintendent Stevens of the Department of Public Works, today. Affidavits prepared by several canal employees, on which Superintendent Franchot based his discharge of Mr. Seeley, were testified to by witnesses. Some of these charges were not answered directly by Mr. Seeley, who testified in his own behalf. Others were explained, but, taken as a whole, the hearing revealed an apparent lack of discipline among the canal employees and a general spirit of disregard for the state's welfare.

Underneath the hearing lay touches of politics which appeared here and there. Telling about a set of orders which were sent along to the canal men, Mr. Seeley said they came from "Mr. Tubbs, of Rochester."

"And did you obey them?" asked Superintendent Stevens.

"Oh, yes," replied Mr. Seeley; "we were supposed to obey any orders which came in that way just the same as if they came from the superintendent himself."

"Who was superintendent then?"

"George W. Aldridge," said Mr. Seeley, adding: "That was so, wasn't it, Mr. Mead?" turning to Winslow M. Mead, deputy superintendent.

"I don't know anything about it," said that official, who comes from Mr. Aldridge's town, where the Mr. Tubbs in question is well known.

Among the charges made against Mr. Seeley were those that he hauled lumber for his private saw mill on state swamps; that his son Charles, carried on the payroll as his clerk, spent most of his time at the mill; that fewer lockmen were on duty than were required by law; that those who didn't work at the locks either worked on the Seeley farm or at their own proper occupation (one drove an ice wagon, another kept a saloon); and that many canal men were not compelled to wear their badges, which they said were "too heavy."

W. H. Nicholson, of Rochester, assistant superintendent of public works for the western division, who had Mr. Seeley investigated, testified to much of this. O. A. Eggenston, of Newark, Wayne County, a lock tender who did some of the investigating, told about more of it, and said that some of the lock tenders in Mr. Seeley's jurisdiction took money from the boatmen who passed through the locks, which was contrary to the law.

Seeley himself entered a general denial of the charges. He did not in his testimony specifically refute the charges about the lumber or the use of the state's crane. He said the men under him were required to do their duty, and if they did not he discharged them. It was a physical impossibility for him to watch each of his twenty-three subordinates. He was at work all the time, and his son was not absent when he should be working, although he gave some attention to the state mill. He believed there might be some collecting of money from the boatmen among his subordinates, but he was not there for extra services rendered to the boatmen. He had never seen any money passed. Some time ago he had discharged two men for this, and the men were "shy" when he was around.

Superintendent Stevens took the case under advisement. There is an impression that a great hearing among the canal employees will be the result. The superintendent said that in any future case of sufficient importance he would hold a public hearing.

AIMED AT MONOPOLIES.

Several New Bills Introduced at Albany.

Albany, Jan. 30.—The considerable group of bills already introduced in the Legislature aimed to prevent various kinds of monopolies was augmented to-day by several new ones, including one by Assemblyman Burns, of New York, providing that every contract, combination, agreement or arrangement whereby two or more persons, associations or persons engaged in the same or similar business within a city shall fix or attempt to fix any uniform or arbitrary rates is declared to be against public policy and illegal and void. Penalty for a second offense is revocation of right to do business.

Assemblyman Surpless, of Kings, introduced a bill providing that no person, firm or corporation doing business within the state shall make it a condition of sale or lease of machinery that the purchaser shall not buy or use the machinery or material in any other firm, person or corporation or must use exclusively those of the lessor or seller of such machinery or material. Violations are made felonies and contracts in violation shall be void as to condition.

Pools or agreements to fix or maintain fixed prices are made felonies and contracts in violation shall be void as to condition. This bill would define such a pool or agreement as a contract in writing or otherwise, which provides for a fine of from \$50 to \$1,000 and imprisonment for one year or both.

Provisions violating the provisions of the act would be deemed to have forfeited right to do business in this state. The Superintendent of Industries is directed to make a report to the first of July of each year inquiring whether such corporation is interested in such pool or conspiracy and require answer before September 15 following.

MORGAN'S FIRM RAILWAYS AGENT.

Will Represent Interborough, New York City and N. Y. & L. I. Companies at Albany.

Albany, Jan. 30.—The firm of Broad, Abbott & Morgan, of which George W. Morgan is a member, has filed with the Secretary of State a letter announcing that it is the legislative agent for the Interborough, the New York City Railway Company and various other street railway concerns. Among them is the Belmont concern behind the Stuyvesant tunnel project.

Assemblyman Francis is waiting for some indication from the road that it wants a hearing on his bill to repeal the Stelway franchise. If these hearings do not take place, he will demand one and file his speedy passage.

F. D. COLE MADE A PRISON WARDEN.

Ex-First Deputy Secretary of State Appointed by Superintendent Collins.

Albany, Jan. 30.—Frank D. Cole, of Cairo, Greene County, First Deputy Secretary of State, in the last administration, was appointed today to the vacant wardenship of Clinton Prison at Dannemora by Superintendent C. V. Collins of the State Prison Department. The salary is \$3,500 a year and maintenance term of office at the pleasure of the Superintendent. The appointment will take effect on February 15.

BILLS APPROPRIATING MILLION OUT

Action Taken by the Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly.

Albany, Jan. 30.—Appropriators of more than \$1,000,000 are represented in seven bills which the Assembly Ways and Means Committee voted to report to-morrow. The appropriations range from \$500 to \$52,500. The bills favorably considered were those of:

Mr. Rogers, appropriating \$30,000 for new state hospital buildings.

Mr. Moreland, appropriating \$30,000 for refunds on liquor tax certificates, \$50,000 for the schools, \$100,000 for the State University, \$100,000 for current resolutions of the Legislature, and \$10,000 for printing session laws, and \$25,000 for the expenses of the Senate and the Assembly.

Mr. Stanley, appropriating \$5,000 for the commission to investigate the blind in this state.



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COMMENDS MR. RAINES.

T. De Q. Tully Says Anti-Saloon League Is Disappointment.

Albany, Jan. 30.—Senator Raines received a letter from T. De Quincy Tully, secretary of the Law Enforcement Society, commending his attitude toward local option legislation, the Anti-Saloon League and Dr. Russell, its head. Mr. Tully said that what was needed was not a different law, but the enforcement of present law, and that the Anti-Saloon League had proved a great disappointment to temperance people of the state.

PARTISANSHIP DENIED.

Statement from Association to Prevent Corrupt Practices at Elections.

Albany, Jan. 30.—The following statement was given out to-night by the representatives here of the Association to Prevent Corrupt Practices at Elections:

Efforts have been made, on the part of certain politicians and newspapers, to have it appear that the enforcement of present law, and that the Anti-Saloon League had proved a great disappointment to temperance people of the state.

It is not our intention to take away from the Board of Altermen the power to authorize increases in the police force.

Senator Saxe introduced a bill permitting voters who have moved within the election district in which they had previously lived to vote at primary elections if not less than thirty days before the primaries they file affidavits with the custodians of primary records setting forth the change of address.

A measure by Assemblyman Burns is aimed at various trusts, particularly the Ice Trust. It provides that any combination of firms or associations to restrict output and raise rates of payment is illegal and void, and a second offense may be punished by revocation of right to do business.

Assemblyman Cuyler proposed a constitutional amendment raising the salaries of legislators to \$2,000 a year. Assemblyman Baldwin introduced a bill permitting railroads outside of incorporated cities to charge three cents a mile if they are over 140 miles and not more than 50 miles long, but fixing the two-cent rate for those over 150 miles long.

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Among other bills introduced to-day were those of:

Senator Carpenter, incorporating the "Young People's Missionary Movement in the United States and Canada," with a board of thirty-nine managers.

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Mr. Goldberg, providing that marriages by writ have existed, notwithstanding the fact that the party leaders signed the "Elmira Compact," limiting the money to be spent on advertising in election districts, and obligating the different parties to observe the law, and offering a reward for proof of violation of the law.

When the Clinton County proceeding came to be heard, the defendant made a motion to quash the writ of prohibition, thus causing an adjournment, and the public opinion of the county was obtained. Although the association was in this instance prohibited from bringing the inquest before the jury, the public opinion was obtained.

THE HEARST AND GATES PROCEEDINGS.

The three other proceedings brought by the association were the Gates case, the Hearst case and the Hearst case.

On investigation the association ascertained that fourteen Democratic county committees had failed to file a report as required by law, and that in twenty-eight counties of the state no report had been filed.

There are a number of other reports which, on mature investigation, should have been subjected to a judicial inquiry. It is proposed to bring a bill to amend the law, so that it shall be the duty of every county committee to file a report of the receipt of the office of the Secretary of State by the receipt of several thousand of these reports, making it impossible for the association to bring proceedings within the statutory time against every person or committee upon whose report further inquiry seemed necessary.

It is too early to estimate the value of the new law, but the experience already had shows the necessity of the bill.

JACKSON APPROPRIATION PASSED.

Albany, Jan. 30.—The Senate to-day passed the bill appropriating \$38,000 to meet deficiency in the Attorney General's department. As it increases by \$7,000 the appropriation made in the original bill, it must return to the Assembly for concurrence.

The passage of the Attorney General appropriation bill was the only feature of the session.

The Assembly passed one bill and both houses adjourned till 8 a. m. to-morrow. In both houses the session was marked down, insuring good speed calendars to-morrow.

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NEW BILLS AT ALBANY.

Bingham Police Measure Introduced Among Many Others.

Albany, Jan. 30.—Senator Page presented to-day the Bingham Police bill, designed to give the Police Commissioner of New York City greater powers over his department. This measure differs from the one introduced by Assemblyman Prentiss, in that it does not take away from the Board of Altermen the power to authorize increases in the police force.

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SIXTY PROBABLY DEAD.

None of Entombed Miners Thought To Be Alive.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 30.—Late advices received from the scene of the explosion at the Stuart Collieries Company's mine at Stuart, Fayette County, are that the number of victims will be about sixty, instead of seventy-five or eighty as was first estimated. The list of those known positively to have been in the mine at the time of the explosion includes thirty-eight whites and ten Negroes. Besides these there were a number of foreigners whose names are not known. The work of the rescuers to-day was placing brattices in the shaft and clearing the debris from the entries. This was slow work, but, considering the stupendous difficulties to be overcome, good progress was made, and the rescuing party hopes to be able to reach that part of the mine where the men were supposed to be some time before midnight. Chief Mine Inspector Paul and several assistants went to the scene of the accident to-night.

BURGLARS SCARE BUTTS.

Run Away Over Roofs When General's Son Approaches.

While at work pry'g off the skylight on the roof of the house of General McCook Butt, at No. 8 West 52d street last night, burglars were discovered, and, although the police quickly arrived on the scene, the men managed to escape over the roofs. The tracks in the snow were traced over several roofs, but were lost when the police came to barren spots.

Shortly after 7 o'clock, when Mrs. Butt's son, Robert, was at dinner, he was startled by the burglar alarm. The servants ran to him, and then a search was made throughout the residence. Mr. Butt was the first to arrive on the top floor, and as he was about to look around he heard hammering on the skylight. Without investigating further he rushed to the telephone and called up Police Headquarters. The East 51st street station was quickly told and a policeman was hurried to the house.

TO REPORT PAGE BILL.

Senate Judiciary Committee Takes Action on First Important Labor Measure.

Albany, Jan. 30.—Senator Page's bill, which would amend the Labor law by providing that no minor under sixteen years of age shall be employed in factories for more than eight hours in any one day, will be reported favorably by the Senate Judiciary Committee to-morrow. This is the first important labor bill of the session to leave committee.

The Page amendment provides that no minor shall be employed before 8 o'clock a. m. or later than 5 o'clock p. m., and practically enforces itself by providing that the employment of any minor outside the prescribed hours will be construed as a violation of the law. The law at present provides that minors may work nine hours a day, between the hours of 6 o'clock a. m. and 7 o'clock p. m., and the State Labor Department has found difficulty in enforcing it.

Six measures increasing the salaries of jurors in various counties were merged in the York bill and will be reported to-morrow. Assembly bills introduced by Messrs. Filly, Frisbie, Hamm and Volk affecting Rensselaer, Schenectady, Wayne and Catskill counties, respectively, and two Senate bills relating to Tompkins and Seneca counties, respectively, will be reported to-morrow.

THE MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

FOREIGN PORTS. Liverpool, Jan 30.—Sailed, steamers Baltic (Rr) Smith, New York via Queenstown; Laika Mantoula (Rr), New York via Queenstown; ...

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Public Notices.

BOND SALE.

CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y. Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned until Tuesday evening, February 6th, 1907, at eight o'clock, for the purchase of all or any part of \$25,000 of the City of New Rochelle's 4 per cent Improvement Bonds, series of 1905, of said City, of \$1,000 each, dated September 1st, 1905, and due on the 1st day of September, 1908, and two (2) bonds of \$500 each, and every September thereafter to and including the year 1918, and on the 1st day of September, 1919.

MEETINGS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE, Thursday, February 14th, at 10 W. 44th St., 5 p. m. R. A. DAYTON, Secretary.