

REFORMATORY INQUIRY.

RETURNED AT ELMIRA WITHOUT JUDGE LEARNED, WHO IS ILL.

The Prosecution Quite Introducing Testimony About Faddling to Wrongly Arrest Some Letters to and from Judge Devo of Buffalo—Yamato Fazio's Threat Against Superintendent Brockway.

ELMIRA, July 24.—The investigation of the Elmira Reformatory by the special committee appointed by Gov. Flower was resumed this morning by Judge Learned, who is ill.

The Chairman was not present, and in his absence Mr. Devo acted as Chairman. A great deal of the time today was taken up wrangling over the admission of evidence. The prosecution gave up for the time being the effort to prove that persons had been confined to that building was cruel, and devoted their time to trying to impress on the committee that the transfer system on which incommunicable convicts are taken from the institution to State prison is a bad one and operates unjustly. There was an effort to get certain inmates had about other inmates, and that on the strength of these forced confessions the other men were punished and transferred to State prisons.

These admissions were all in relation to the commission of a crime which is known in the institution as the January deal, and which caused the transfer in January, 1893, of more than forty inmates, many of them officers of the prison. It has been charged ever since that the evidence on which the transfers were made was not sufficient. The facts as explained by the officers of the institution who investigated the various cases, and who were sworn to keep the same confessed without the knowledge of any of the others, and without being able to converse with any of the others, and that each accused the same persons. As there was no possibility of collusion in the matter, it was considered that the evidence was more than conclusive. The officials say it is sufficient reply to any charge that the transfer to State prison was severe, that if the prisoners were tried and convicted of the crime of which they were accused they could be punished by a two-to-one-year term in State prison.

As a presiding officer Mr. Devo proved to be as quick, if not quicker than Judge Learned whenever a dispute arose, and he had a delightful habit of taking the common-sense view of things. As has been the case at every session of the committee some of the inmates told stories of physical maltreatment and physical punishment that didn't stand water a second under the skillful questioning of Dr. Austin Flint; and the wisdom of Gov. Flower in selecting an eminent physician for one of the committee received added proof. One of the most significant things brought out in testimony was the fact that the defendant at the former so-called investigation did not expect of reward. What was the basis of that hope has not come out. The witnesses who testified before had interviews with the prosecutors of the charges against the Reformatory.

At the opening of the session today, Mr. Devo announced the absence of Judge Learned, and said he had a letter from the Judge requesting that the investigation go on without him for the present. Concluding his announcement, Mr. Devo said:

"It is understood, of course, that the committee intends now to remain in session until the complaints have finished their case. It may be desirable to hold sessions morning, afternoon and evening, if necessary."

This would be necessary, he said, to enable the committee to get the full story of the case, and to make a report to Gov. Flower before his term of office expires.

Judge Gilbert testified to this plan, because Mr. Coudert couldn't be present.

Mr. Devo insisted, he said, on an ample opportunity to get all the facts of the case, and that he would not be able to proceed in an ordinary manner. He thought you were going to hold only four sessions this week.

"The prosecution ought to be able to close its case this week," said Mr. Flint.

"I don't want to say," retorted Judge Gilbert, "but I think you will find it as long as there are any witnesses to be examined, and when there are no more to examine, the case will be closed."

Mr. Devo remarked that the managers of the institution were exceedingly anxious for the early trial of the case, and that he had no objection to the case being tried as early as possible.

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TESTIMONY FOR DOHERTY.

"PROTECTION" FOR MRS. THURLOW EVIDENTLY NOT CONTINUOUS.

Policemen Testify to Scores of Arrests That Were Made at and About Her House—The "Bald-headed Sergeant" Admits Taking Her Bond Many Times for the Release of the Yamato of Her House.

When the Police Commissioners resumed yesterday the trial of Capt. Doherty and his former ward, Mrs. Thurlow, the witness James J. Conroy was called for the first time.

Lawyer Froumle asked him what orders Capt. Doherty had given regarding Mrs. Thurlow's house at 23 Second avenue. The witness replied that the orders were to pay particular attention to the house and arrest any women who might be found loitering around the street, or in the hall, or in the kitchen, or in the parlors, or in the bedrooms, or in the closets, or in the cellars, or in the attics, or in the porches, or in the yards, or in the grounds, or in the vicinity of the house.

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WARD MAN CAMPBELL DENIES.

His Lawyer Contends that He has Not Been Properly Indicted.

Police Captain Gunner's former ward man, Samuel Campbell, when indicted by the Grand Jury for bribery several weeks ago, pleaded not guilty, with leave to withdraw the plea and demur to the indictment. F. B. House, Campbell's lawyer, appeared before Judge Martine in Part I. in the General Sessions yesterday to withdraw the plea. Mr. House demurred to the indictment on the ground that it was defective in that it did not specify such an officer as the woman applied to for a bribe, and that it did not specify such an officer as the woman applied to for a bribe.

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THREE WASHERS OUT DEAD.

FALL OF AN ELEVATOR IN CLAUSEN & PRICE'S BREWERY.

Laden with a Ton and a Half of Meal, the Elevator Drops with Five Men from the Fifth Story to the Basement—The Two Survivors Perhaps Mortally Injured.

Three men in the employ of the Clausen & Price Brewing Company at Fifty-ninth street and Eleventh avenue were killed by the fall of an elevator yesterday afternoon and two others were seriously, if not fatally, injured. The elevator was overhauled by the firemen, who broke, dropping the men from within a few feet of the top floor of the building to the cellar beneath. The elevator fell with great swiftness, and the escape of the two survivors from instant death was marvellous.

The five men who were on the elevator at the time of the accident are employed as "washers-out" at the brewery. They had loaded the lift with bags of meal, which were to be carried up to the fifth story of the building. There were thirty of these bags, each weighing 100 pounds, and to support the elevator at the second floor while the extra weight was being put on board, two broad beams were stretched across the shaft under it. When the elevator fell these snapped like toothpicks.

The men loaded the elevator, which is an ordinary wooden freight lift, having peculiar sashings, at the second floor. It was made in Yonkers, five years ago, by the Otis Company, and two years ago, a new cable was put in. Just before the elevator reached the fifth story the cable snapped. This freed the drum from the shaft, and the elevator fell to the ground. The cable was of steel, six inches in diameter, of six strands, each strand being made up of twelve wires. It broke at the fifth story, and the elevator fell to the ground. The cable was of steel, six inches in diameter, of six strands, each strand being made up of twelve wires. It broke at the fifth story, and the elevator fell to the ground. The cable was of steel, six inches in diameter, of six strands, each strand being made up of twelve wires. It broke at the fifth story, and the elevator fell to the ground. The cable was of steel, six inches in diameter, of six strands, each strand being made up of twelve wires. It broke at the fifth story, and