

GRAND JURY DEALS HARSHLY WITH MOYER AND McELROY.

BOTH TOLD THAT THEY'RE DERELICT.

Have Not Jailed Illegal Liquor Dealers.

THE BIG MAPLE SHORTAGE.

McElroy Failed to Collect \$17,000 From the Ex-Treasurer.

Grand Jury Informs Him That the Law Does Not Discriminate Between Cases of Political Affiliations and Recommends That He Get to Work at Once—Further Calls Moyer's and McElroy's Attention to the Fact That the People of King County Will Hold Them Responsible—Hart Reminds the Jury.

The grand jury made its final report to Judge Benson in the superior court yesterday, and was discharged after a session of six weeks, spent in investigating the county road scandals and business of lesser importance. The result of its labors was twenty-three indictments, several of which have not yet been made public.

It is definitely known that none of these indictments is against gamblers, and that after much discussion the jury concluded there was no case against the gamblers and dropped the subject without action. It is said on good authority that one of the comic opera situations in the grand jury room while this subject was up was an attempt on the part of the nine Populists on the jury to indict Mayor Humes and Chief of Police Reed for some fancied offense in allowing gambling to run in Seattle, to which the eight Republican jurymen would not consent unless Sheriff Moyer should also be indicted. The Populists, it is said, refused to indict the sheriff, and so the entire gambling investigation fell to the ground.

Up to yesterday the grand jury reported true bills, and although the greatest precautions were taken yesterday to prevent the names of the other persons indicted from becoming known, it was ascertained that James McGuire, of Durham, has been twice indicted for selling liquor without a license; that James Brackett and two men named Burtenshaw and Edison have been indicted for alleged road fund frauds in the third county commissioner's district in connection with ex-county Commissioner Heaton; and that at least one other indictment for obtaining money under false pretenses was found against Levi G. Smith.

The indictments already published are against Smith and Heaton, forgery; Smith and Heaton, false pretenses; Heaton and County Commissioner Boyce, false pretenses; Robert Gourley, false pretenses; Dan McMillan, murder; Heaton and F. S. Kinney, false pretenses; J. A. Christian, J. K. Layton and Charles Nurrager, selling liquor without license.

The grand jury's final report is a remarkable document in some respects. Its most conspicuous feature is a vigorous demand upon the sheriff and prosecuting attorney to enforce the law concerning illegal liquor selling; an equally pointed rebuke to the prosecuting attorney for his failure to promptly collect the \$17,000 shortage of ex-treasurer John W. Maple. Considerable space is also devoted to a polemic for the length of time the jury's deliberations have consumed. One recommendation is that the coroner's office be abolished. It is stated that thirty-two cases were inquired into, and that 131 witnesses were examined.

County Offices.

The report first deals with the various county offices. It is reported that the county commissioners' office was thoroughly investigated. The jury finds the records in good form and kept in a careful and systematic manner. A system of checks has been adopted which is intended to prevent alteration of accounts, to defraud the county. The commissioners, however, the jury reports, have failed to

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The Populists of King county are at last heaving sighs of relief. The superior court grand jury has adjourned and the die is cast. It was called together for the ostensible purpose of looking into the action of the Populist prosecuting attorney, James F. McElroy, in dismissing criminal charges against several persons connected with county scandals. As a matter of fact, the grand jury did thoroughly into the working of the offices of King county, and particularly into the prosecuting attorney and sheriff's offices. Its verdict is against Prosecuting Attorney McElroy and Sheriff Moyer. Both are condemned.

Ex-Sheriff A. T. Van de Venter, Republican, is complimented for his able management of the affairs of his office while sheriff. The compliment looms up all the more when placed alongside of the grand jury's language in connection with Sheriff Moyer and the duties he is falling to perform.

The jury first of all says that illegal liquor selling is going on in King county, and that it is the duty of the prosecuting attorney and sheriff to see that such criminal work ceases, and tells Mr. Moyer and Mr. McElroy further that they will be held accountable to the citizens of the county for being derelict in their duty.

A matter which impeaches the prosecuting attorney is that dealt with by the grand jury in reference to ex-County Treasurer Maple's shortage. Mr. Maple owes King county in the neighborhood of \$17,000. There is nothing criminal in connection with the shortage. Bank failures, etc., brought it about, but Mr. Maple owes it to the county just the same. Mr. McElroy has not, it is said, hastened to collect this money. The grand jury tells the court in its final report that Mr. McElroy should proceed to get that money, and Mr. McElroy's attention is called to the fact by the grand jury that the law does not discriminate in such matters on account of political affiliations (Mr. McElroy and Mr. Maple are both Populists).

When the grand jury came into court yesterday and made its final report, the portions of the report calling the prosecuting attorney to task for not proceeding against ex-Treasurer Maple, and threatening that the people would not allow illegal liquor sellers to go unprosecuted, called forth the wrath of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Hart, who was present and who immediately moved the court to strike them from the report. In an impromptu argument on the motion he proceeded to call down the grand jury in a characteristic way. If the grand jury knew that the law prohibiting liquor selling without license was being violated, said Mr. Hart, it was the jury's duty to ferret out and indict the offenders. Its members were violating their oaths if they did not.

If the grand jury didn't know that those laws were being violated, then it was meddling with something about which it knew nothing, and had no call to talk about. He would be charitable enough to think that in this instance the grand jury was talking about something it didn't know anything about.

He also objected to the resolution thanking him for his attendance upon the jury, and wanted that wiped out. He hadn't gone before the jury voluntarily, but had been ordered there by his superior, and if any thanks were to be extended, Mr. McElroy should receive them. He didn't want to be mixed up with any such grand jury.

Members of the grand jury added to the confusion by insisting on the objectionable portions being left in, and Judge Benson refused to strike them out, to which Mr. Hart solemnly objected.

The grand jury, to the date of its adjournment, has cost the county about \$3,500. This is the result of computations made yesterday by disinterested county officials at the request of a Post-Intelligencer reporter. The exact figures cannot be learned for some time yet, as the various fees and vouchers have not all been checked up.

formulate any rules for the government of the county jail, as required of them by the law. The jail, the jury says, is conducted in the same manner as it was before the new law went into effect.

The auditor's office the jury finds to be conducted in a careful and systematic manner.

Evidently the complicated accounts of the county treasurer were a little beyond the jury's comprehension. Little is said regarding this office beyond the fact that the frequent changes in the laws have made the system of bookkeeping very intricate, and necessitated the employment of a large force of clerks.

As to the county clerk, the grand jury finds, after a somewhat extended investigation, a great deal to commend. The service is prompt and efficient. The clerk, the jury says, should, however, have more vault room for keeping records and papers. The jury reports that the sheriff seems to have the business of his office well in hand. The jail appears to be clean and well lighted and heated. The ventilation of the jail is poor, however. The jury thinks proper screens over the windows on the west side of the jail, so that they could be left raised, would remedy this lack of ventilation to a considerable degree. The county prisoners appear well cared for. The jury finds that the open condition of the windows in the jail makes it impossible for the jailer to see "this key, knives, saws, or in fact any weapon the prisoners may desire," out of the jail. A court house lounge, upon reading this portion of the report, expressed the opinion that the jury must have been largely composed of prohibitionists, since it classed whisky with deadly weapons. A number of recommendations concerning the strengthening of the jail by new screens and iron doors in place of wooden ones are made. It is also recommended that a cell for insane prisoners be constructed in a room not now in use.

The assessor's office the jury finds to be in competent hands and the assessor is complimented.

The county superintendent of schools has dispensed with a regular clerk and takes a laudable pride in the faithful and economical discharge of the duties of his office and in raising the standard of the public schools. This is what the grand jury says.

County Surveyor P. D. Hamlin is highly complimented for his administration of the affairs of his office and thanked for suggestions furnished the jury regarding the county road system.

The Coroner's Office.

It is when the grand jury's report touches upon the coroner's office that it furnishes some interesting reading. This is the way the office is spoken of:

"The coroner's office under Dr. Vandell is apparently well administered, although this grand jury is of the opinion that the coroner's office as a discoverer of crime is practically useless. We therefore would recommend to our next legislature the abolition of this office, and that cases hereafter coming under the jurisdiction of the coroner be investigated upon complaint lodged before the proper officer."

In a recapitulation the jury says that it urgently and emphatically renews the recommendations of its former report regarding the speedy construction of an extension to the central portion of the court house to the east, carried up to the height of the present building, with a fire-proof roof. This would meet the imperative needs of the treasurer's office for more vault room, furnish additional office room at the same time, and afford the same relief to the clerk's office, which would be located in the upper story of the proposed addition.

The importance of the construction of a new jail outside of the court house, in the enjoyment of which the citizens of the present jail could be used, is also dwelt upon by the grand jury in this connection. The basement of the court house could then be used for offices for the officers for whom rooms are now being rented outside of the building, the jury says.

The report, continuing to deal with the subject of the court house, contains a resolution recommending that the county commissioners secure the services of a faithful watchman to guard the building at night, and assist the night jailer. The fastening of the outside doors of the court house at night is also recommended.

In Their Own Behalf.

The remainder of the report in full is as follows:

"We desire to make the following statement so that the people may know just what the grand jury has accomplished, and therefore submit the following

to protect certain of Maple's bondsmen on account of money deposited, and from these securities we will probably realize about \$6,000 within a short time. Within a very limited time I believe the Maple shortage will be reduced to not more than \$2,000, and this amount I am satisfied the bondsmen will then pay on demand without difficulty. That is all there is on that score.

"As to illegal liquor selling, I have for several months been receiving anonymous letters, principally from North Bend and that district, complaining that liquor was being sold without license by different parties. I wrote to these parties, stating that complaints had been made, and they all wrote me denying the charges. Judge Jacobs, when I asked him what course I had best pursue, told me that I would be justified in paying no attention to such unsigned communications; that he always burned them when he received them. The only signed communication I ever received complaining about illegal liquor selling was from the Great Northern Railway Company, at Wellington, and this I turned over to the sheriff for investigation. The investigation was started before the grand jury convened, but resulted in no action by the grand jury. It is my opinion that county justices of the peace and constables are the proper officers to investigate and initiate prosecutions against such offenders. I can't constitute myself and my deputies detectives for the purpose. I only want information from parties who will prosecute, and I shall always be willing to perform my duty.

"The jury's action in recommending the abolition of the coroner's office is something beyond me. I have always found that the office was a great aid to me in the prosecution of criminals, and it is one that has existed from the earliest times, and now exists in all English-speaking countries. That grand jury, however, might reasonably be expected to recommend almost anything. I only wonder that it didn't recommend that the prosecuting attorney's office be abolished and a grand jury substituted. It is my opinion that the coroner's office is as useful as any other branch of the county government."

The prosecution attorney's office is inclined to be amused over the jury's apparent assumption that the money received from the prosecution of illegal liquor sellers would, if obtained, go to pay in part the expenses of the jury's session. Mr. McElroy says that, in fact, the money goes to the school fund.

The case of Saloonkeeper Pete Burns, accused of grand larceny, was considered by the grand jury while in session, and the indictment returned not a true bill. An amusing circumstance is that Burns had already had a preliminary hearing and been bound over to the superior court for trial. The action of the grand jury frees him from the charge.

Warrants have been issued upon the indictments found by the grand jury not yet made public, and the sheriff's office is now endeavoring to place the alleged offenders under arrest. It is supposed that most of the indictments are for frauds in connection with the county road fund.

After the report had been read and ordered filed by the judge the minutes of the grand jury were tenderly consigned to the flames in the grate in the judge's private chambers, and the grand jury was dismissed with a few words of commendation from the judge and was a thing of the past.

CONSULT Florence Marvin, Seattle's prophetess, 614 First.

Further Time to Plead.

Ex-County Commissioner Heaton and ex-Road Supervisor F. S. Kinney were ar-

raigned before Judge Benson yesterday, but did not plead to the indictment charging them with obtaining money under false pretenses. They were given until Friday next to plead or move against the indictment.

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