

TOO VILE FOR THE YOUTH TO READ.

As a Measure of Decency and for the Protection of Public Morals the Portland Library Association Expunges the "Examiner" From Its Files.

PORTLAND, OR., March 6.—At a special meeting of the board of trustees of the Portland Library Association, comprising some of the most intelligent and influential men here, a resolution was adopted expunging the San Francisco Examiner from the files of the library.

A CALL correspondent interviewed several of the trustees with respect to the proscription of the Examiner, and as to whether there was any very recent cause for their action.

"We would just as readily allow the young people visiting the library to revel in the nastiness of the Police Gazette as have them perusing the columns of the Examiner as it is now conducted," remarked one of the trustees.

Another trustee stated his reason for voting for the adoption of the resolution as being the repugnance he has for the so-called new sensational newspaper.

The action of the Portland Library people is discussed everywhere, and scarcely an expression of condemnation is heard.

DRAGNET SUBPENAS ISSUED

Examiner Fakers Left No Hole Through Which to Crawl.

ALL TELEGRAMS SOUGHT TO BE PRODUCED.

Long Green Lawrence's Connection With the Hale & Norcross Litigation.

IT INSPIRED THE LYING YARN ABOUT BRIBERY.

Correspondents Behind Whom Hearst's Managing Faker Hides May Accompany Him to Jail.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., March 6.—Winning under the probe that has discovered to the world its utter shamelessness and malignancy, that galled jida, the monarch of the "new journal" fakers, now prates of his honor, and seeks to hide its death of facts behind a veil in which its poverty is equally great.

Acting under instructions, the only member of the Examiner staff who admitted to having any knowledge of the data on which the bribery fake article was based, refused yesterday to divulge such information, its sources, or anything that would give the investigating committee a tangible clue to work upon.

This peculiar attitude is viewed with scorn and ridicule. Attention is directed to the public character of such an excuse, which is presented to shield the honor of one individual, when that same person has been guilty of not only impugning the honor and integrity of nearly eighty legislators, but by his present course is presumably preventing the exposure of a most serious crime and the punishment of the criminals.

Viewing the matter in this light, there is a positive conviction, not merely a sentiment or opinion, on the part of every one familiar with the subject, that the Examiner article was a fake; that it was known to be a fake when published and that in order to avoid being publicly branded as a self-confessed faker it was willing to make martyrs of members of the editorial staff.

This idea that it had an object in seeking to bring about the defeat of Assembly bill No. 273 by the publication of its fake bribery article was apparently confirmed by the statement made by Frank Moffitt in the interview published in THE CALL this morning to the effect that he had declared that Andy Lawrence, managing editor of the Examiner, was interested in the Hale & Norcross judgment.

While little regret is expressed over the predicament in which the managing editor of the Examiner has involved himself, sympathy is felt by many of the Legislators for his subordinates, and more particularly for "Blinker" Murphy, who, it now appears, has also made himself liable to imprisonment for contempt.

right Murphy was asked by Senator Morehouse: "Do you know of your own knowledge of any communication relative to this matter from the city of Sacramento by any person connected with the Examiner, either on Saturday of last week or for a week or ten days preceding that time?"

His reply was: "I do not think I can answer that question unless Mr. Hearst consents to my doing so." Senator Morehouse stated to the committee that he did not think this was a proper ground for declining to answer, as the matter in question was not a privileged communication.

Chairman Dickinson directed the witness to answer the question.

"I do not desire to be in contempt to the committee," replied the witness, "but I shall have to decline to answer the question under the circumstances." His further examination was abandoned at this point, and it is understood that in the resolution that will be introduced in the Senate on Monday, three persons of the Examiner staff will be called to the bar of the Senate to purge themselves or be punished for contempt. These will be Andy Lawrence, J. J. Levings and Al Murphy.

So palpable has now become the fake character of the story published in the Examiner of last Saturday that there is talk about a combination between all the maligned members of both branches of the Legislature for the purpose of bringing libel suits against that journal, each legislator to sue for \$50,000.

Much mystery and capital has been made by the faking newspaper out of the telegrams which it stated had passed between Senator Voorheis and certain prominent people. It has tried to make it appear that the Senator from Astoria had received telegrams from Charles F. Crocker, Alvina Hayward and W. F. Herrin in reference to the use of illegal means to bring about the passage of Assembly bill No. 273.

Senator Voorheis makes no secret about having received a telegram from each of the individuals named and of their contents, and is ready to submit them to the committee whenever its members call for them. The one from Hayward asked Voorheis' support for Senator Wolfe's bill relative to extending the rights of corporations sole, a measure in which Archbishop Riordan is greatly interested.

That from Mr. Herrin was in reference to the claim of the Southern Pacific Company against the State for money due it, according to a recent decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, while the dispatch from Colonel Crocker requested Senator Voorheis to support the University tax bill, the final passage of which was a cause of rejoicing throughout the State.

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Should that body not decide to imprison the witnesses for their contempt if they continue to obdurate the Assembly will press the matter to such a conclusion, as that body is determined to make the Examiner prove its positive charges or admit that the whole fabric of its article was, as Attorney Knight virtually admitted last night, composed "of a little moment in idle rumor and street talk" when the writer was "filled with good gin cocktails."

Attorneys Knight, Clunie and McEnerney this evening served the following paper upon Chairman Dickinson of the Senate investigating committee:

In response to the understanding between ourselves and the committee last night we have to request that you issue the following subpoenas: To Frank Jaynes, superintendent Western Union Telegraph Company, requiring him to appear before the committee on Monday, March 8, 1897, and bring with him all telegrams under his control that within sixty days last past have been transmitted over the wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company and addressed by Senator E. C. Voorheis from Sacramento to Alvina Hayward at San Francisco or San Mateo, to Colonel C. F. Crocker at San Francisco, to George W. Baker at San Francisco or Oakland, or to W. F. Herrin at San Francisco, and also to bring with him any telegrams under his control that have within sixty days last past been transmitted through the Western Union Company to Senator E. C. Voorheis at Sacramento from Alvina Hayward at San Francisco or San Mateo, George W. Baker at San Francisco or Oakland, and from W. F. Herrin at San Francisco.

The document asks also for telegrams from Hayward to Baker, from C. F. Crocker and from W. F. Herrin.

The counsel ask for a second subpoena requiring Jaynes to bring all telegrams that have been sent or received at Sacramento between January 10 and February 27, inclusive, by Senators Andrus, Hart, Bulla, Chapman, Doty, Dwyer, Feeney, Franck, Hall, Henderson, Langford, Linder, Mahoney, Morehouse, Pedlar, Prisk, Seawell, Shine, Stratton, Toner, Voorheis and Wolfe and fifty-one Assemblymen.

The names given in the request are of the Senators and Assemblymen who voted for Caminetti's bill 273, but nothing is said about the bill in the document. The fact that the request for the subpoenas does not state that the telegrams required relate to that bill shows that the Examiner's attorneys are playing a game of bluff.

They know that under the rule of evidence telegrams relating to any other bill than 273 are not admissible in evidence, and that the committee may therefore refuse to issue them. The subpoena asked for. Then the Examiner will raise a howl to the effect that the Senate desires to suppress evidence. That is the last desperate resort of the Examiner's attorneys.

Why don't they ask for all telegrams relating to Assembly bill 273? That is the bill for supporting which they allege that the Senators and Assemblymen named in the subpoena voted.

To the evident chagrin and disappointment of the Examiner crowd Chairman Dickinson late to-night had the dragnet subpoena served on Superintendent Jaynes by telegraph, Mr. Jaynes having previously consented to accept service in this manner.

STATE PRINTING OFFICE. Johnston Makes an Explanation to the Investigating Committee.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., March 6.—The joint committee to investigate the affairs of the State Printing Office this afternoon, with Senator Dickinson in the chair, H. T. Devlin appeared as the attorney for the State Printer.

Advertisement for THE HUB clothing store. Features include: 'DON'T MISS THE BIG BARGAINS AT THE HUB'S GREAT REBUILDING SALE.', 'A CASE OF MUST WITH US. WE MUST VACATE HERE BY APRIL.', 'MUST! SELL OUT! GET OUT! AT ONCE!', 'THE GOODS MUST GO!', 'THIS WEEK WE PROPOSE TO MAKE THE BANNER WEEK OF OUR GREAT COMPULSORY REBUILDING SALE!', and a list of clothing items with prices like 'Men's Fine Imported \$17.50 SUITS AND OVERCOATS' for \$9.50.

chased, moving the bindery and composing-room, painting the building and other matters. John Skelton, a coal dealer, was asked as to the manner in which he delivered coal to the State Printing Office. Senator Dickinson said to Caminetti, who was examining the coal-dealer, "If you believe or even suspect that coal was bought and paid for and was not delivered, we will give you every opportunity to ascertain that fact—we will give you full scope."