

THUS CRUMBLE ALL THE FAKES

Legislators Laugh as the Coyote Bribery Yarn Falls.

Sleuths of Hearst's Local Sewer of Scandal Tried in Vain to Make a Story.

Testimony Before Investigators Shows That Power Is Innocent of the Allegations.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., March 18.—George McCalvey, the ex-Deputy Secretary of State, who, for reasons which may be surmised by those who know him best, besought his friend Assemblyman Power of San Francisco to confess to an Examiner reporter that he and several of his colleagues had been bribed, was before the investigating committee this afternoon and corroborated the statement of Reporter Moran of the Examiner as to the questions used by them to induce Power to say something which would sound well in the fake journal. He denied that he had received or had been promised any money by the Examiner for his services, or that he had been hired by that paper.

Attorney Morganstern represented Power in the examination. "Why did you advise Power to confess?" he asked. "Because I thought he was cornered and would be cornered, but Power denied very emphatically that he had received any money," responded McCalvey. "Did you have any reason to believe from Mr. Power's statement," asked Mr. Morganstern, "that he had received any promise of reward or money for his vote, or to change his vote on that bill?" "No, sir."

McCalvey testified that Power and Packard were not concealed behind the green baize screen at the main entrance, but that Packard was leaning against one of the pillars at the side of the big doors, and Power was standing in front of him, both in plain view of a score or more of people in the lobby.

W. A. Ryan of the Chronicle told the committee that he had gone with Packard and Eagan (Packard's friend) to the California State Bank, where Cashier Gerber informed him that he did not know Packard, that no money had been drawn from the bank by Packard or any one else, or that any money had been received or order for the payment of money from Budget or any one else at Bakersfield.

Then they went to the Western Union Telegraph office, where Packard authorized the young lady in attendance to produce any telegrams passing between himself or any one else, and the young lady replied after a search that there were no such telegrams there. He had not seen the telegram or a copy of it which appeared in the Examiner and the Chronicle, but its purport had been told him by an Assemblyman who would not consent to the use of his name.

On further inquiry the fact was elicited that this Assemblyman had said to Mr. Ryan that he had heard some one say that he had heard some one else say that there was a rumor that a telegram had been sent stating that "\$3000 would save Bert on reconsideration." This was the extent of the information imparted to the Chronicle reporter by the long-earred Assemblyman, upon whom no name can be committed, because he chooses to remain anonymous.

Mr. Morganstern asked the committee to force the reporter to disclose the identity of the scandal-monger, but the committee did not care as the matter was simply wild rumor and the gossip of a few gossamers in the Assembly.

The testimony of Mr. Ryan was a blow at the head of the fake, but the blow at the heart of the fake was administered by Cashier Gerber of the California State Bank, who swore that he did not know Packard; that he had not received any orders from Kern County or elsewhere to pay Packard any money whatever, or from any one to pay any one else any money in connection with the coyote bill.

It will be remembered that both the Examiner and the Chronicle asserted that after Packard left the Assembly chamber he went to the Western Union office and sent a dispatch about coyotes, the buzzing of the wires having sounded in the ears of the Examiner Sherlock Holmes like the yelping of coyotes.

Then they said that Packard went to Gerber's bank and drew \$3000, which he probably distributed to Assemblymen, with the exception of the half dozen virtuous legislators who told their suspicions not to a policeman or to the poundkeeper, but to the Examiner sleuth. The day's evidence left the Examiner without a leg to stand upon and convicted it of having deliberately and maliciously faked a libel for the purpose of having a sensation.

Secretary of State Brown testified that he did not know that Packard or McCalvey had any coyote scandal claims before the State Board of Examiners.

Senator Voorhees of Amador was asked as to the conversation testified to by Wright of Alameda. The Senator said that Wright remarked that he had voted for the bill and he was very sorry for having done it, and he was going to vote for a reconsideration the next day. The witness might have said that he hoped there would not be another scandal.

Assemblyman Godfrey voted no, but changed his vote at the earnest solicitation of Emmons. "Emmons always stood in with my bills and I thought I would return the favor," added Godfrey.

E. F. Moran of the Examiner was re-called and swore that Andy Lawrence gave him instructions to interview Power and that Lawrence said that if Power was pushed hard he would confess to having been bribed. Lawrence told Moran on that occasion that he had in his possession a telegram which showed evidence that there had been bribery. He did not show the telegram or state its contents.

journal until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY.

Several Interesting Measures Pass the Legislature.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., March 18.—The Senate this morning reconsidered the vote by which the appropriation of \$300,000 for a State building in San Francisco was lost last night, and passed the bill to the Assembly.

The general appropriation bill was passed and sent to the Senate for concurrence in the Senate amendments.

The claim of John Mullan against the State of California for \$46,616 30 was passed. Bills were also passed appropriating \$2500 for William M. Sullivan, \$10,000 for William H. Donnelly and \$5000 for J. W. Newbert, all of whom were injured while in the service of the National Guard.

The Senate this afternoon passed the following Assembly bills: By Moran, appropriating \$10,000 to improve Salt River, Humboldt County; by Jones, amending the act of 1883 relating to annuities to public schoolteachers; by Chynoweth, amending the act of 1881 relative to swamp land districts.

The Assembly bill by Cross relative to pawnbrokers was lost. The bill by Clark providing for the publication of legal advertising was refused a second reading.

Braunhart called up the Senate bill providing for experts in the case of the Southern Railway Railroad against the State for reconsideration.

Withington raised the point of order that under the resolution adopted yesterday no Senate bill could be considered after noon to-day. Flint, who was in the chair, ruled the point not well taken, whereupon Withington appealed from the decision of the chair, this being the first appeal taken this session, and will probably be the last, as it only received four votes.

Withington then spoke against the bill and it was lost.

After the recall in the Senate to-night Morehouse moved that the Attorney-General be authorized to represent the Senate in the case of the State Board of Health; that the habeas corpus of Lawrence and Levings, made returnable to-morrow morning. A resolution by Dickinson to this effect was adopted.

The Senate passed the following Assembly bills: Providing an additional clerk to the adjutant-general, whose duties shall include the duty of receiving and filing his salary at \$1500; appropriating \$5000 to pay the claim of A. J. Bourne, who was injured by escaping prisoners at San Quentin when he attempted to capture, create and regulate in any city in the State public warehouses other than warehouses for the storage of grain or wool.

The Assembly this morning upon reconsideration, passed Assembly bill 582, appropriating \$50,000 to dredge Humboldt Bay. It also passed Assembly bill 583, amending section 1196 of the Political Code, relating to elections; also Senate constitutional amendment 42, appropriating \$100 for the relief of John G. Conlin of San Francisco, was refused passage.

The Assembly this afternoon passed the following Senate bills: By Shippey, authorizing the Governor to employ agents to collect war claims due the State from the United States; by Aram, relating to the collection of assessments in reclamation districts within the State; by Flint, providing for the improvement and repair of Sutter's Fort grounds; by Voorhees, to pay the claim of W. H. Murray, superintendent of ramie culture, to pay the deficiency in the appropriation for the Preston School of Industry; by Smith, appropriating \$250 to pay the claim of the Tribune Publishing Company against the State.

Also Assembly constitutional amendments amending article IV of the constitution relative to session of the Legislature, adding a new section, to be known as 53, relative to the consolidated city and county governments.

The Assembly passed the following Senate bills: By Doty, to provide for the construction of a State highway from Sacramento to Polson; by Tracy, giving notice of reconsideration; by Jones, to provide for the protection of public highways from damage by storms and floods and authorizing the expenditure of public money for the purposes thereof; by Flint, appropriating \$3000 to pay the claim of E. N. Strout for services rendered as Reclamation Commissioner; by Braunhart, providing for the issuance and sale of bonds for the extension of the seal wall from the present southern terminus on the water front; also Assembly bill appropriating \$5000 to pay the claim of Frances Williams.

PASSED BY THE ASSEMBLY.

This City May Now Pay Unpaid Claims for Materials.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., March 18.—The Assembly, by a unanimous vote, passed this evening Senate constitutional amendment 41, which will allow San Francisco to pay unpaid claims for materials, etc. The following is the amendment, which will be presented to the people at the next State election. It is of great importance and interest to the people of the Bay City.

Section 18 reads: "No county, city, town, township, board of education or school district shall incur any indebtedness or liability in any manner or for any purpose exceeding in any year the income and revenue provided for such year, without the assent of two-fifths of the qualified electors thereof voting at an election to be held for that purpose, unless before, or at the time of incurring such indebtedness, provision shall be made for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest on such indebtedness as it falls due and also provision to constitute a sinking fund for the payment of the principal thereof on or before maturity; which shall not exceed forty years from the time of contracting the same, provided, however, that any and all claims for making, repairing, altering, or for any work done upon or for any material furnished for any street, lane, alley, court, place or sidewalk, or for the construction of any sewer or sewers in said city and county are hereby exempted from the provisions of this section, and in determining any claim permitted to be paid by this section no statute of limitations shall apply in any manner; and provided further, that the city of Vallejo in Solano County may pay its existing indebtedness incurred in the construction of its water works whenever two-thirds of the electors thereof voting at an election held for that purpose shall so decide. Any indebtedness or liability incurred contrary to this provision, with the exception hereinbefore recited, shall be void."

DEFEATS SHAWWELL'S BILL.

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The matter came up on the final passage of Seawell's Senate bill 196. "I call your attention to the fact," said Mr. Dibbis, "that this bill is passed at the instance of a Senator who is promoting its passage and who has been from day to day on the floor of this Assembly demanding that members shall pledge themselves to vote for a law to enable him to win a lawsuit in Mendocino County."

In concluding his remarks Mr. Dibbis said: "And now, Mr. Speaker, I wish to say one word more in the nature of a personal and a parliamentary privilege. Because I have decided to stand here for decency, because I have dared to speak as I now speak, Senators in the other house have threatened to defeat every measure that the people of San Francisco may desire of a law to enable him to win a lawsuit in Mendocino County."

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The bill lacked four votes of a majority, and was killed.

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Assembly bill No. 182 authorizes any city and county of this State to take its census. It was considered and reported favorably as amended. This bill has since become a law. The purpose of this bill is to enable cities to take their census without waiting until the Federal census is taken. Bonds in the city of 75,000 inhabitants are entitled to a certain number of letter-carriers who receive a specified salary per year. Los Angeles in this regard is the only city in the State. The Federal authorities as a city having a population of 50,000, when in fact she has over 75,000. Cities having a population of 75,000 are entitled to an increased number of letter-carriers, each of whom receives \$150 per year more than those in cities having only 50,000, and by taking a new census the city of Los Angeles, with a population of 75,000 and more and will be entitled to an increased number of letter-carriers, each of whom will receive an increased salary. This bill was drawn by Postmaster Matthews of Los Angeles for the express purpose of increasing the number of letter-carriers of the city of Los Angeles.

The committee introduced as a substitute to Assembly bill 298 an act providing a relief fund for injured and disabled firemen of the volunteer fire departments in incorporated cities and towns. By the provisions of this substitute a relief fund is created, out of which any member of the department who shall become sick or injured while in the actual discharge of his duties shall be entitled to \$10 per week benefits for a period not to exceed six months. This bill was reported favorably by the committee and has passed both houses. This bill is designed especially to enable the city of Alameda to own and operate its own electric lighting and power plant.

The committee considered and reported upon about seventy-five bills, many of which were of great importance, but those here named. As a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Committee on Revision of the Codes Mr. Valentine has personally passed upon a great number of the bills.

San Rafael Medal Winners. SAN RAFAEL, CAL., March 18.—The medal winners in Company No. 5, Fifth Regiment of San Rafael, who hold their regiment monthly shoots at Schuetzen