

POICE JUDGES QUESTIONED BY GRAND JURORS

Inquisitors Begin Investigation of Bail Bond System, Fines and Continuances

Night Court Suggested as Only Remedy for Practice of Sleek Shysters

The grand jury searchlight was once again brought to bear upon the dark shadows of police court administration yesterday, three of the police judges being subpoenaed as witnesses before that body and questioned as to the scandals and quasi charges of corruption and fraud which have arisen time and again and which are based on the peculiar infliction of justice issuing from some of the police court benches.

The jury has before it a mass of data gathered by Harry McKannay, secretary to the mayor, and this, together with the records of the court, while it may not be of sufficient strength to warrant an indictment, will at least disclose the workings of the mysterious "push" politicians and doubtful attorneys who make sleek living of the pockets of the unfortunate beings falling into their clutches.

The three judges who were examined were Judges Deasy, Weller and Conlan. It was to Deasy that the grand jury turned for some enlightenment on the evils, asking his advice as to the best method of eliminating them from the people's courts of justice.

What is your opinion is the greatest evil surrounding the police court at present? he was asked. He answered with perfect candor. "The system of bail is the strongest political organization which is the outgrowth of it."

Judge Deasy explained to the jury the condition of affairs which has been palpable to those whose business has taken them to the police courts for years past. He told of the band of politicians, saloon keepers, vagrants and shyster lawyers who flourish on this industry. He pointed out that in many instances, before a prisoner was brought to the police station, his bondmen who had never seen him before were waiting at the desk ready with his bail.

"How can this be done?" he was asked. "By a night police court, such as New York has installed," he replied. "Let the prisoner be brought to trial when he is arrested; if guilty let him be punished, and if guilty let him be punished. It is an evil which is common to every city in the United States, but until it is removed it will hamper the progress of justice."

The examination of Judge Conlan was totally different in character. He was not asked for any advice as to the best method of eliminating evil from the police courts. The grand jury did not want his opinions for a standpoint of morality or justice. Different, far different tactics were adopted. He was asked to explain the system of continuances in his court. From the mass of data gathered by the grand jury, there was chosen the case of Tony Bronzini, whose case was continued 29 times, taken under consideration for a month and quietly dismissed. Others of similar character were there. Some of the members of the grand jury, fully aware of the system employed in the case of a favored criminal is continued indefinitely and then dropped when the prosecuting witness is brought out by the prosecution.

In the case of the grand jury, which the prosecuting witness was laid up in the hospital from the effects of an assault and pending his recovery the case continued until he was able to appear in court. In some instances, he did not show up, and there was nothing left for the court but to dismiss the prisoner.

"I tell you the majority of the members of the grand jury are laughing at this affair. Many of them thought the afternoon was wasted. The whole thing was worked up by that anarchist. They again I was asked about the system of bailing prisoners. They have no right to prevent a party bailing another out. That is all poppycock. The law gives a man accused of an offense the privilege of being bailed out, and if he can find a bond willing to put up the necessary bail he has a perfect right to make use of the privilege."

The question of police court fines was another subject taken up by the grand jury. One of the matters into which the grand jury is probing is why but 6 per cent of the cases in police court are convictions. The cases brought face to face with the realization that the community is spending a vast sum in its various police and judicial channels for the prevention and punishment of crime and that the results from the wrongdoers, which are expected to cover a reasonable portion of this expenditure, aggregate sums ridiculously disproportionate to the number of arrests made. They are seeking enlightenment on the peculiarity shown in the fines of the police

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MAN TELLS THRILLING STORY TO CHAUFFEUR Says He Was Held Up and Shot a Footpad A. M. Winters, chauffeur for the Taxicab company, picked up a man at Twenty-third and Mission streets about 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning who said he had been held up by two men about an hour previous at Twenty-fourth and Dolores streets. He had been shot in the leg, and thought he had wounded one of the robbers. Winters drove the man to a house in Pennsylvania Avenue, but did not know the number, nor did he get the man's name. No such holdup was reported to the police, and no one heard any shooting in the locality mentioned. Dennis Burke, 104 Hampshire street, was held up by three young men as he was entering his home shortly after 1 o'clock yesterday morning and robbed of a gold watch. One kept him covered with a revolver. William Norme, 247 Stewart street, was relieved of a gold watch, chain and locket, valued at \$71.50, on the Barbary coast early yesterday morning. The office of Dr. D. F. Mulvihill, dentist, 2580 Mission street, was entered by a thief Monday during his absence and six gold crowns, a gold plate and scrap gold valued at \$50 stolen.

Notice to Passengers Round Trip Transfer Tickets Now on Sale. Limits extend to First Avenue and Stanyan Street. Morton Special Delivery, 38 Stewart St. and Oakland Ferry Depot. Telephone Kearny 801.

CHECK PROVES WORTHLESS R. McLeod, a plasterer, was arrested yesterday on a warrant charging him with passing a fictitious check for \$44 drawn on the Bank of Italy at A. More, 1517 Dupont street, June 15.

Supervisors Offered Land at Pine, Hyde and Bush Streets Where the Lowell high school shall be located. The supervisors' building committee yesterday, and three sites were put forward for the new bond issue structure. No decision was reached. The site of the Le Roys, now living in Paris, rejected a tentative offer of \$130,000 for the First Avenue property in Richmond, which it had been proposed to use, the property being owned by a central position for \$130,500 by the owners and appraised by the city's experts at \$114,000. The use of the present site of the Denman school at Bush and Hyde streets by the purchase of the adjoining holdings of the De Laveaga estate and others, represented by Lyon & Hoag, was advocated by George Belew, who contended for a central position for the school, and said this site would be equally accessible from all districts. With the city's Denman lot, a site fronting 223 feet on Bush street, 240 feet on Pine, and 273 feet on Hyde might be secured for \$157,000, Belew said, and the committeemen were impressed with the location.

FORMER CITY OFFICIAL DIES AMID POVERTY Ex-Administrator Dorlan's Life Ends at Relief Home William Dorlan, public administrator of San Francisco during 1878-9, died yesterday at the Relief home. For many years Dorlan had been an inmate of the city's institution, although he had command of considerable wealth in the days of his prosperity. He received large fees in connection with the settlement of the Hastings estate and was at one time owner of Vichy springs. His holdings from the Hastings properties were taken from him in later decisions of the courts and other misfortunes robbed him of what was left of his property. He was in his seventy-eighth year and death was partly brought on by old age.

LADIES' DAY HELD BY ARMY AND NAVY CLUB Mrs. Eleanor Martin Assists in Receiving Guests The rooms of the Army and Navy club were called to overflowing yesterday with army officers, their families and guests, more than a hundred persons being present. It was the regulation "ladies' day."

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Joseph G. Gallagher, plumber, 1250 Valencia street, who positively identified Simpson as a man who short changed him out of \$5 about two weeks ago, promised to call at police headquarters yesterday and swear to a complaint charging Simpson with petty larceny, but he failed to make an appearance. Detectives Bunner and Erel have been detailed by acting Chief Anderson to find victims of Donahue and Simpson and they will endeavor to get as many as possible to swear to complaints against them.

CRUSADE UNDER PURE FOOD LAW CONTINUES Warrants Obtained for Arrests of Six More Violators Inspector Robbins of the state board of health is carrying on the crusade for an enforcement of the pure food laws and yesterday he swore to six more complaints in the police courts. Two saloon keepers, John T. Clark and C. H. Pusey, are charged with selling a seltzer water highball as a Shasta water highball—that is, instead of mixing whisky with Shasta water, as asked, they substituted seltzer water. Joseph Reichel, O. McMahon and James H. O'Connor are charged with selling seltzer water as Shasta water. John Doe" Torre is charged with selling butter containing about 40 per cent water.

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