

UGLY SCANDAL IN SCHOOL BOOK STEAL

Record of Frank J. Browne Who Seeks Election to Position Held by Roncovieri

How the State of Washington Was Mulcted by Shameless Ring in 1900

Frank J. Browne, candidate for the republican nomination for the office of superintendent of schools, against the incumbent, Superintendent Alfred Roncovieri, now has to try to explain to the Good Government league the Washington state school text book scandal in which he was involved in the year 1900.

Not only was it asserted that Browne was the leading spirit in organizing the Westland company, but it could not be denied that Browne, as state superintendent, was the most active official in having the books adopted as state text books, and a glance at the books themselves showed that they were worse than useless for the purposes for which they were printed.

Browne brought on the local exposure himself. "I had no desire to make a personal fight against Browne," said Superintendent Roncovieri yesterday, "but he in every way has been contending me with respectable men and intimating that I am under corrupt influences. It is all fits a man with the reputation that Browne has to attack a man who is known as I am in the city in which I have been raised. I can not but resent the mud slinging attacks which this unconvicted grafter is making against me."

Roncovieri and his friends presented to the Good Government league photographs of the Seattle newspapers containing the expose of Browne and the corrupt school book ring. The exhibits were many and the Good Government league considered them yesterday when the Brown case was up for discussion. The record of Browne, as presented in the newspapers of Washington, is to be printed and widely circulated among the voters.

The exposure of Browne's complicity in the Washington school book scandal, through the publication of the statement of T. P. Hollcraft, who was associated with Browne in the early days of the schoolbook printing game. Hollcraft stated that in December, 1899, when he was in the office of the superintendent of public instruction of Washington state, which was filled by Browne, and Browne asked "if I would co-operate with him in the matter of adopting and printing textbooks to be adopted by the board of education of the state of Washington for use in the public schools of the state. Early in January, 1900, at a meeting in the superintendent's office, Superintendent Browne informed me that a company would be organized, viz., the Westland publishing company, to publish books which would be adopted by the state board of education for use in the public schools of the state. He informed me that George E. Blankenship of Olympia, H. O. Hollenbeck of Seattle and other persons would be interested in the company. During the conversation with me, Browne above referred to he told me that I could assure Professor Hughes (who was to compile the spelling) that he need not be afraid that the books would not be adopted by the state board of education.

Subsequently the books were adopted and were declared to be careful examples of misinformation. The geography, prepared by Harr Wagner, was considered the worst. As an example of its ingenuity it gave on one page the population of South America at 20,000,000 and on a following page placed it at 40,000,000, leaving the hapless pupil to take his choice. Dawson City, in the Klondike, was generously moved over into Alaska, and many other glaring mistakes were made. In the spelling, compiled by Professor W. J. Hughes of Fairhaven, Mount Rainier was spelled "Rainer" and Mount Olympus was spelled "Olympia," to give but two of many errors.

Superintendent of The Public Schools And His Opponent



ALFRED RONCOVIERI



FRANK J. BROWNE

PIONEER MOTHERS MAY GET BUILDING

Commissioners View With Favor Plan for Rest Lodge in Golden Gate Park

The Pioneer Mothers' association is in a fair way to have granted its request for a resthouse in Golden Gate park, as was made manifest by the expression of the park commissioners in session yesterday afternoon. It was suggested that the log cabin of the '49 mining camp of the Midwinter fair, now used as a toolhouse, could be fitted up for the purpose, but action was deferred until the mothers' association can be consulted.

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Barron urged the erection of a temporary structure in which to house the two engines that were used in connection with the "steam paddy" in leveling the sandhills of San Francisco in the early fifties, and which have been offered to the park by David Hewes.

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Gutzkow presented a large, live eagle to the commission, and it was decided to place it in Mission park. Superintendent Bert Larue of the children's playground presented his July report, which showed that the receipts were \$5,443 and the disbursements, including salaries, \$3,124, leaving a profit of \$2,319. It was announced that Larue was ill and that he had been removed to Trinity hospital. The commission voted to allow Adolph Holms, the landscape gardener, who was shot by a holdup man in the park, his full salary until he shall be able to return to work.

WANT WATER IN SQUARE Communications were received from J. C. Astredo of the playgrounds commission and from Rev. A. C. Bane of the Anti-saloon league complaining of the lack of water facilities in Union square for drinking purposes for the many who frequent that place at noon to eat their lunch.

The Admission day festival committee asked for permission to display fireworks in Union square during the Admission day festival. Superintendent McLaren said that considerable damage was done to the grass during the Portola festival by digging holes for the placing of mortars. It was decided to take up the matter with the committee, with a view to have the fireworks fired from some of the unoccupied lots north of the square.

The Richmond central improvement club petitioned the commission for a viaduct at Nineteenth avenue, to connect the Richmond with the Sunset district. The petition was filed.

WRESTLER AND WIFE ACCUSED OF BATTERY Dispute Over Neighbor's Cow Ends in Arrests

Ernest Schneberger, electrician and champion wrestler of the Pacific coast, and his wife, Doris, were charged before Police Shortall yesterday with battery and the cases were continued till Monday. Mrs. E. Golden, an elderly woman living at 815 Lyon street, a neighbor of the Schnebergers, testified that on Thursday night the Schnebergers seized her cow and tied it to a post in front of their residence and when she went for the cow she was told it would be handed over to the pound keeper. She protested and Mrs. Schneberger struck her, blackening her eyes. Her son, Joseph, ran to her assistance and Schneberger struck him. What became of the cow was not divulged.

NO ANGRY GALE IN COUNTY JAIL

At Least Not in That Part in Which the Contemptuous Trio Abide

Within the Elements Rage, but Within Three Barristers Munch Chicken

Bleak and drear the autumn wind raged about the old county jail building off the Ingleside road. Outside the chill was in the air and the sore distressed trees were whipped and lashed about in the sorry gale that blew rough and sheer from the booming Pacific over the hill.

Such was the outside of the cold cell house. What would be expected within, where the sorry felons and misdeeds paid the punishment for their crimes against that society which shivered and shuddered in the August blast? Gloomy and dark of course, is what you would suppose. But you have another supposition coming.

Inside there is a rosy room, bright with the warmth from the heater and cheery with the exquisite odor of fried chicken and peach shortcake. The aroma of tobacco that really came from Cuba permeates the air. In a wide armchair sits him whom we may designate as Prisoner No. 1. He is reading a book. On his table are the broken wishbone, Prisoner No. 2, his cheeks rosy from a promenade in the garden among the dahlias and phlox, is lighting his second cigar, and Prisoner No. 3, a younger man, is beating a merry tattoo on his teeth with a toothpick.

Outside the wind shrieked and rattled the iron barred casement. The eerie sound of the blast came fitfully through the lace curtains at the window and mollified the inmates of the three incarcerated. They thanked their lucky stars that they were not forced to brave the angry elements.

The three prisoners, gentle reader, were A. A. Moore, Thayer Moore and John Barrett, sentenced to five days out of the wind at the county jail for contempt of court.

The three sheltered men yesterday quoted from the poets: Stone walls do not a prison make. Nor iron bars a prison. For chicken, cream and angel cake Can charm our sullen rage.

The Moores and Barrett were not left to suffer the heat of the station yesterday. They had a small and select company of visitors at the jail. Patrick Calhoun, William M. Abbott and T. R. Porter Ashie in one automobile and T. R. Ford and Lewis F. Byington in another, drove through the wind, and had lunch with the three attorneys.

It was a delectable lunch—in fact, if it were served anywhere except behind bars it would be called, and rightly so, luncheon. There were relishes, speckled mountain trout, chicken en casserole, asparagus, a dainty peach shortcake, with a baked undercrust, and sliced peaches, uncooked and fragrant, floating in the top. Then there was coffee and cigars, and the merry company sat about the board and enjoyed prison fare from the St. Francis. The door was closed so the odor of beans could not slip in unawares from the Burlingame club, with a view to arranging a polo match at the stadium during the Admission day festival.

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DIRECT SERVICE TO LONDON REALTY

Kosmos Steamship Line Announces Welcome News to California Producers

Seventy-five Day Schedule, With Only Three Stops, Begins August 27

Direct and regular steamship service between this port and the markets of the old world, which has long been the dream of the California producer, was made a reality yesterday, when the Kosmos line announced its intention of putting on one fast through ship every month, beginning with the liner Serapis, which leaves here August 27. Instead of taking 110 days or longer, as would be the case under the old schedule, the Serapis will make the run to London in 75 days.

After leaving here the Serapis will call only at Salina Cruz, San Jose de Guatemala and Valparaiso, going from Chile direct to London and from there to Hamburg. There will be one fast steamer every month. Between each through ship will be one that will make all the Central and South American ports of call, as has been the case with the Kosmos ships up to this time.

This new service will equal in point of time the express service to Europe over the Tehuantepec route, is quicker than the Panama route and has the advantage over all other routes of taking the freight to its destination without transshipment. Another advantage for the new service is that the freight will be in the tropics for little more than one week.

This is a service that the local shippers doing business with Europe have wanted for years, and although the announcement of the new schedule was made only yesterday, the Serapis will take from here nearly 4,500 tons of California products.

The cargo will include 2,000 tons of dried and canned fruits and salmon and 2,500 tons of barley. This is all the freight for Europe that there will be for aboard the steamer, which will also carry 2,000 tons of freight for Chile.

CHAUFFEUR TO TEST TAXICAB ORDINANCE

John Donahue Arrested for Being Without Permit

When the case of John Donahue, a chauffeur, charged with violating ordinance 92, by standing on the street with his taxicab without a permit from the mayor, was called in Police Judge Shortall's court yesterday, Attorney Bush Fennell, on behalf of Donahue, demanded a trial by jury. When the judge expressed his surprise Fennell said:

"There is more behind this than you are aware of. The mayor has issued an order that no taxicabs will be allowed to stand on the streets and I purpose to test it." The judge set the case for trial by jury on August 17.

Sergeant Gorman, who arrested Donahue, said the order had been in effect for a long time and there was nothing new about it. Donahue had his permit revoked and when the sergeant found Donahue standing with his taxicab in front of a crossing in front of 212 Powell street he admonished him. Later he saw him at the same place and placed him under arrest.

HUSBAND AND WIFE RACE FOR DIVORCE

Mrs. Schwartz Reaches Court First; Both File Complaints

Herman and Maude Schwartz raced one another to the divorce court yesterday, each filing suit for separation from the other. Mrs. Schwartz reached the goal first, her complaint being lodged with the county clerk about five minutes before that of her husband. Each alleges cruelty. Mrs. Schwartz says her husband beat, battered and bruised her when she was sick, in consequence of which she was under a physician's care for some time. Drawing her out of bed, Schwartz is accused of having told his wife the floor was good enough for her. Other charges are that Schwartz remained away until late at night gambling, that he struck his wife on the nose, broke her teeth, and that he swore and cursed at her.

Schwartz accuses his wife of wrongfully charging him with unfaithfulness, of drawing a revolver on him and of using vile and obscene language to him. Because her husband manifested "insane and frantic jealousy," Catherine A. Blakesley was granted a divorce yesterday from Columbus L. Blakesley. The plaintiff complained that her husband frequently accused her falsely of improper conduct with other men and used vile and abusive language to her.

Judge Conley granted Leona G. Woodman a divorce from Elbert Woodman on the ground of willful neglect. Suits for divorce were begun yesterday by: Isabelle Marks against Gustave, desertion; Dorothea Johnson against Francis, willful neglect; Ella Harrows sued Harry W. for annulment of their marriage on the ground that the defendant's former wife is living.

PLANS APPROVED BY UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

BERKELEY, Aug. 12.—The university authorities last night adopted finally the plans and specifications of the new \$200,000 agricultural building, which will be erected north of the old cinder track. It is expected that bids for the actual construction of the building will be called for at once.

AFFINITIES BRAVE SEA TO FOIL WIFE

John M. Ludwig and Soulmate Flee From Farallones in Fishing Boat

Woman's Cross Continental Chase to Block Divorce May Be Renewed

By making a picturesque escape from the Farallone Islands in a fishing boat, John M. Ludwig, wireless operator and chief electrician at the station, has started Mrs. Margaret Cecelia Ludwig, who came across the continent to prevent Ludwig getting a final decree of divorce from her, on another chase. With the electrician at the time of his getting away was Nellie Yonemura, the wife of a Japanese importer now in Chicago, who has been living at the lighthouse station as "Mrs. Ludwig." They left together Thursday morning, and are supposed to be now in hiding in San Francisco. On application of Mrs. Ludwig, a warrant for the arrest of Ludwig and the Yonemura woman was issued yesterday, and the police are now searching for the pair.

News of the escape from the island was contained in a wireless telegram received at Meigs' wharf Thursday by the officer commanding Mare Island from the lighthouse station, which read: "Ludwig left Farallones without permission this morning in a fishing boat, boarding it by means of the boat attached to the wireless station. He took wife with him."

William F. Herron, attorney for Mrs. Ludwig, stated yesterday that he believed Ludwig and his alleged paramour landed at Meigs' wharf Thursday night, and are now in San Francisco. That Ludwig reached this city is admitted by his attorney, Henry G. W. Dinkelspiel, who stated in Judge Conley's court yesterday that he had seen his client. When questioned later about the whereabouts of Ludwig, Dinkelspiel was somewhat vague in his remarks, and said he could not tell where Ludwig is staying, but believed he would be in court Monday. The case was up yesterday on an order requiring Dinkelspiel to show cause why the interlocutory divorce should not be annulled. On the motion of Dinkelspiel, the hearing went over to Monday, Herron protesting against the continuance.

There was a heavy surf raging on Thursday when Ludwig escaped from the Farallones, and in leaving the station in a small boat Ludwig took a desperate chance. The warrant for the arrest of the pair was placed in the hands of Detective McGrayan.

OFFICERS OF NATIVE DAUGHTERS INSTALLED

Presidio Parlor Under New Administration for Term

Deputy Grand President Laura Hermann has installed the following officers of Presidio Parlor No. 148 of the Native Daughters of the Golden West for the current term: Mary Otten, past president; Edyth Dougherty, president; May Schmitt, Helen McCloskey and Flora Perry, vice presidents; Annie G. Henry, recording and Agnes Dougherty, financial secretary; Minnie Brinton, treasurer; Della Dunlap, marshal; Susie K. Pinner, Leslie G. Free and Minnie Gerhon, trustees; Irene Landthamm, organist; E. P. Lafontaine, physician; M. Bertola and Kittie Nickel, sentinels.

Miss E. Fitzgibbon, Who Will Assist Trocadero Concert



MISS E. FITZGIBBON

INSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN AT ONCE

Limited Number of Students Will Be Received at the Employment School

The school of employment at Trocadero, under the direction of Miss H. C. Richardson, will be open for students Monday, August 15. Only the 10 most suitable applicants in domestic science, design and dress making will be accepted, until the school is on a thorough working basis.

There will also be auxiliary classes in cooking and sewing for house keepers and young girls, while special preparations are under way, now that the summer is over, to accommodate weekend parties, with meals served by the domestic science department, already thoroughly equipped for the purpose. A feature of the Sundays in the beautiful Trocadero canyon is the open forum, conducted under the leadership of Miss Della E. Griswold. A musical program is rendered each week, and topics of general interest discussed by speakers of note.

Four of Miss Griswold's pupils will aid in tomorrow's concert. They are Elizabeth Fitzgibbon, Mrs. Frank J. Stanton, Miss Marie Jones and Joseph Ruddy.

CHIEF WARNS SALOONMEN—Chief Martin is determined to enforce the law against the sale or gift of liquor election day (Tuesday) and he cautioned the company commanders yesterday to see that his orders were carried out. Any saloon keeper violating the law will be vigorously prosecuted and his license may be revoked.

OFFICIALS READY FOR 10 DAY TRIP

Hetch Hetchy Tour Will Be Started at 6 O'clock Next Tuesday Evening

Ten supervisors, Assistant City Attorney John Nourse, City Engineer Marsden Manson, Police Photographer Blum, Chief Clerk Hagerty of the board, Clerk Kenny and Sergeant Maddon will start on the 10 days' Hetch Hetchy trip at 6 o'clock next Tuesday evening. They will leave by the steamer T. C. Walker for Stockton, thence by automobile, saddle horse and stage into the mountains.

The board members who will make the trip are: Deasy, Healy, Herget, Hocks, Kelly, Knowles, McLaughlin, Murdock, Pugh and Walsh.

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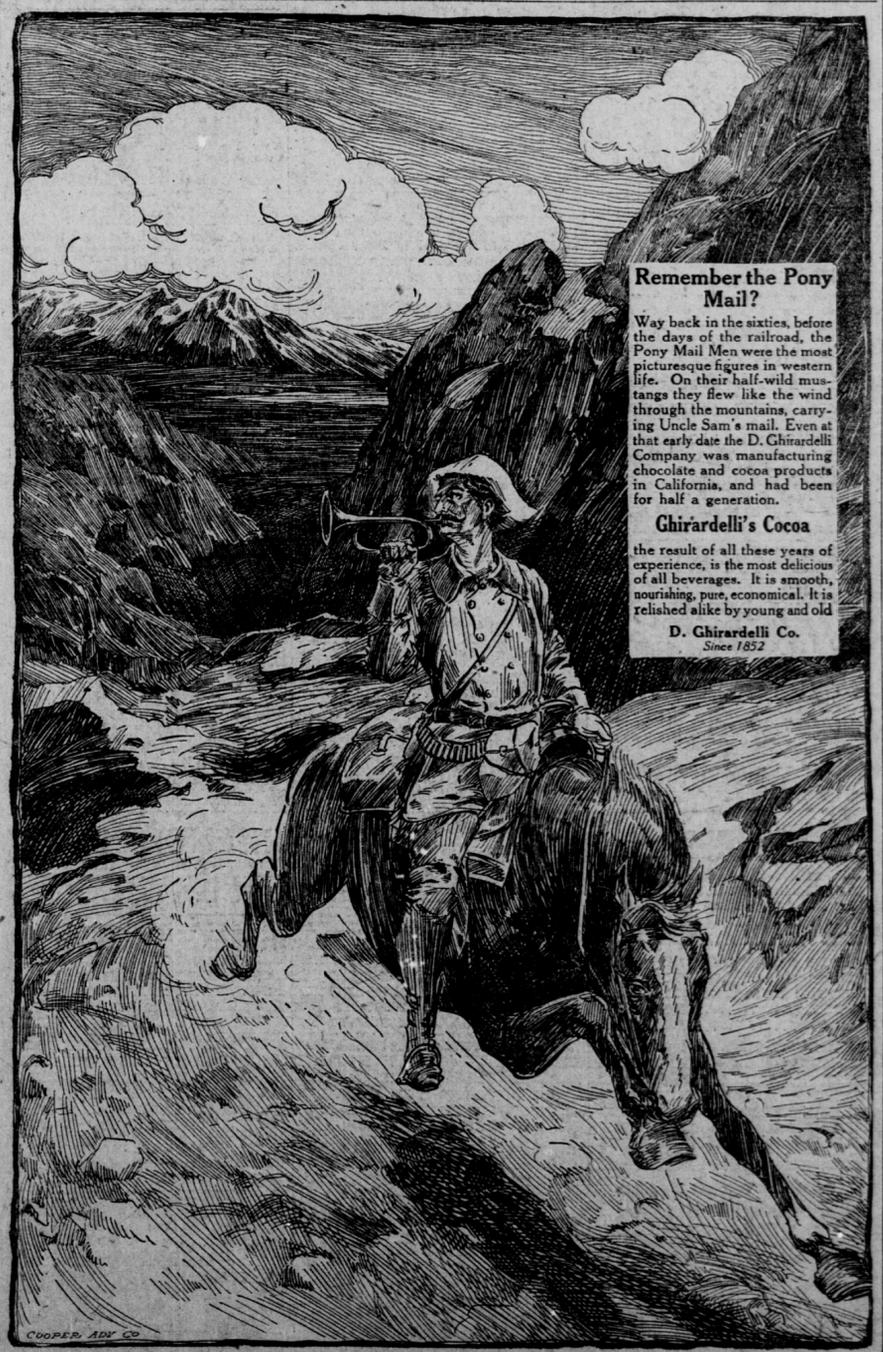
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