

WILL TURN OUT TO BE A JOKE

Investigation of Bribery Charges to Prove a Boomerang.

WILL SHOW UP NOISE MAKERS

Lobby Chatter Now Being Used as a Club Against the Elson Telephone Merger, Which Has but Little Opposition to It—Cry of "Crookedness" Used by Yount to Save His Text Book Bill.

Columbus, O.—(Special.)—The investigation into the bribery charges so flamboyantly circulated some days ago will develop into an inquest. And of course everybody knows that inquests are held over the remains of dead ones.

The "corrupt" lobby and the "iniquitous" proceedings of lobbyists were favorite themes of some writers not long since, but after careful inquiry into the many stories set afloat it looks as if somebody's bull was about to be gored—and there is no denying that the goring will be a good one. In fact, it might be safe to prophesy that the people who made all the noise about the lobby will be the ones who will be hard hit.

This lobby business has been a joke from the outset. Now it is worse—it is becoming nauseating. The men who inspired the talk of a corrupt lobby are now fearful that an investigation will drive them deeper into the mire than their own statements put them into the mud.

As a matter of fact, every man who has loudly demanded an investigation and who promised to divulge fearful information now wishes he had never opened his mouth on the subject. It develops that this talk of a pernici-ous lobby originated on occasions of trips "about town" participated in by members of the legislature and outsiders.

There being much lack of it in the hall of the house, everybody voted for the bill. The real leaders of the Republican and Democratic sides have not been in sympathy with the probe proposition. They have not been able to see that there was any real crookedness.

Just put it down in your notebook that the investigation of bribery and crookedness will result in the blackening of some men's reputations—not because of the lobby, but because of their antics outside of legislative halls. And write it down also that the whole thing will turn out to be a huge joke.

It's a popular move to cry "crooked lobby." Senator Yount of Darke county, than whom there is no more fiery lawmaker in this general assembly, is trying to make a law by loud ly whooping it up against the "lobby." In his mind's eye he sees a regiment of lobbyists hereabouts working tooth and nail against his bill to foist uniformity of text books upon rural schools.

He says the schoolbook trust and its minions are here to kill the Yount bill, now in the house, and he charges that practically every rural superintendent in the state is a tool of the book trust and is working against his measure. It is a fact that the rural superintendents and teachers are against the Yount bill to compel rural schools to use text books selected by a commission sitting at Columbus, but up to this writing the author of the measure has not led the house members to believe that the movement against the bill is a result of crookedness.

And as a statement of fact, it may be set forth herein that there is some doubt in the minds of many legislators if the so-called book trust really is against the Yount bill. To many it looks as if that measure would make fine picking for the big schoolbook publishing house.

This lobby talk is also being used as a club against the Elson telephone merger bill, which is before the senate. No one will deny that one telephone, properly regulated, is better than two telephones.

It develops that Governor Harmon may not be opposed to the Elson bill in its present shape. That it is a step in the direction of better service for less money no one doubts. The only question has been whether the public interest has been sufficiently safeguarded. Practically all who have given the measure consideration are of the opinion that the public is amply safeguarded. Since it has become generally known that no consolidation can be made except with the approval of the railroad commission, and that the commission is authorized to hear complaints and fix rates, the friends of the bill are rapidly increasing. These facts no doubt have had much to do with the governor's present attitude. Furthermore, conferring jurisdiction upon the railroad commission is in line with the governor's recommendation. It is well known that he favors increasing the powers of the railroad

commission rather than creating other expensive commissions.

When the telephone interests were heard in the senate on the Elson bill there was but little opposition to it. Those who spoke against the measure were Judge Lewis Brucker of Mansfield, J. H. Ainsworth of Dayton, H. P. Folger of Circleville and H. D. Critchfield of Chicago.

The line-up for the bill was most formidable, and besides the author, Mr. Elson, included: A. N. Wilcox of Paulding, president of the Paulding Home Telephone company; A. J. Miller of Bellefontaine, Judge J. C. Royer of Tiffin, E. S. Kelley, president of the Commercial club of Springfield; Homer Metzger of Clyde, representing the Ottawa Telephone company, the Eastwood Telephone company, and a stockholder in the Sandusky Telephone company; Blake Hendrickson of the Medina Telephone company, C. H. Dale of Troy, editor the Troy News; G. W. Riser of Ottawa, F. E. Gutzarey of Marion, A. J. Hess of Sidney and H. F. Hill, vice president and general manager of the Central Union Telephone company.

General Manager Hill of the Central Union Telephone company entered a vigorous protest against the regulatory features amended into the bill in the house, and objected particularly to the power given to the railroad commission to fix rates.

After this week the house will drop out of the public eye and the seat of battle will be in the senate. The house leaders figure that when the general appropriation bill is out of the way it will be up to the senate to get busy and make it possible to adjourn sine die within a short time.

The senate has the Langdon tax commission bill and the Elson telephone merger bill already within its possession, and before the week has passed will have received the Woods public utilities bill and perhaps the appropriation bill. These are the only big things pending, and when they are acted upon by the upper body the general assembly can quit without fear of criticism.

The house passed the Reed bill for a commission to investigate the lack of ventilation in the statehouse. There being much lack of it in the hall of the house, everybody voted for the bill.

Some 10 years ago \$40,000 was invested in a ventilating system for the statehouse and large sums have been spent since without noticeable results. The legislators declare they want less hot air and hope the investigating committee, authorized by the Reed measure, will find a solution of the problem of better ventilation in the capitol.

Favorable report was made of the Mooney bill to facilitate the calling of a constitutional convention. It reenacts for this instance only the Longworth law. If a state convention of a political party indorses the call, then all ballots cast for the straight ticket of that party are to be counted for the call. The passage of the Mooney bill, which already has passed the senate, probably will be followed by indorsements by the Republican and Democratic conventions. That would insure the call.

A substitute bill, modifying the capital punishment law, was reported by the judiciary committee for the Geleerd bill, abolishing capital punishment. Death caused by train wreckers is put in the category of first degree murder. The present restriction in sentencing to death is reversed. Now if the accused is found guilty of first degree murder he must be sentenced to electrocution unless the jury recommends mercy. Under the Geleerd bill, he will be sentenced to life imprisonment unless the jury recommends death. Recommendation of a first degree murderer to pardon or parole is forbidden except on proof of innocence.

The Evans bill for an eight-hour workday for women went to the calendar as a nine-hour bill. It restricts employment of women to nine hours a day with two exceptions: (1) to make a short day's work for one day in the week; (2) to make up time lost some day the same week because of breakage or repair of machinery upon which the employe depended for employment. In no case are there to be more than 54 hours work a week.

Under the McFadden bill, favorably reported, the city board of health is to appoint the local registrars of vital statistics for cities, and the fees are increased. The registrar's fee in Cleveland and Cincinnati is made 10 cents; in Columbus and Toledo, 15 cents; in Dayton, 20 cents; in other cities 25 cents.

Representative Browder of Darke introduced a bill, basing salaries of county commissioners on the tax duplicate of 1910, so as to prevent large increases because of next year's large duplicate. A bill by Representative Geleerd of Lucas provides for the appointment of a woman on the board of trustees of the Girls' Industrial school. Residents of Delaware county are made ineligible.

Toledo Theaters

LYCEUM STOCK COMPANY OPENS NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT.

The Lyceum Stock Company which had such a big success last spring at the Lyceum, opens its second season next Sunday night in Annie Russell's greatest hit, "A Royal Family," which was never before seen at popular prices, being one of the biggest hits ever seen in the high priced houses. It is one of the most expensive royalty bills obtainable but the company is to put on nothing but this class of bill, giving Eleanor Robson's great success, "Merely Mary Ann" for the second week. The company is headed by beautiful Mary Servoss, the very popular leading woman of last year and Fred Eric as leading man. He was leading man for two seasons with Maude Adams and also played leads with Madame Kalisch and Marie Doro and is one of the handsomest young leading men on the stage and one of its best actors. Chas. Horn, the comedian of last year's company, and Henry W. Rowell, the juvenile, both return this year and the rest of the company include some of the best known people in the theatrical profession. In fact the company is the equal of any organized and the Lyceum will be able this spring to present nothing but \$1.50 successes at 25 and 50 cents prices. Matinees are on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, with all the dress circle and balcony (a thousand seats) at 25, while at night the down stairs is all 50, with the first three rows in the balcony 35 and the rest of the balcony 25. Seats can always be obtained a week in advance, both phones No. 31, and patrons can also at no extra charge have the same seats reserved for them every week. Last season it was impossible to obtain seats the day of the performance, and so all those who expect to witness these fine attractions would do well to arrange for their season's seats immediately.

Attractions at the Valentine Theatre, Toledo, Week of April Eleventh.

The visits of John Drew to this city always attract audiences of exceptional brilliancy, and his forthcoming appearance here at the Valentine theatre Tuesday, April 12th, should be an occasion of particular interest because of the sentimental interest attached in view of his recent successful recovery from the distressing accident which occurred at the height of his run at the Empire theatre in New York. Mr. Drew's vehicle this season is an uncommonly clever adaptation of a French comedy of manners entitled "Inconstant George." It deals with the amorous adventures of a French gentleman of fashion who is afflicted with an excessive fondness for the fair sex, and who is never entirely happy unless he has at least four "affairs" in progress simultaneously. The supporting company is headed by the strikingly beautiful Miss Mary Boland.

The Valentine theatre, Toledo, will offer on Friday and Saturday evenings, April 15th and 16th, one of the most prominent successes of the day, J. B. Dodson in the comedy "The House Next Door." This piece has, ever since its production last spring, been one of the favorites of the public for it combines splendid acting with the most delightful comedy. The subject is racial prejudice. While it makes no pretense to a problem or teaching anything, it accomplishes such result accidentally when it furnishes the exquisite, charming comedy. The leading character is a testy, irascible, grouchy, impoverished nobleman, impersonated by Mr. Dodson, with no possessions save a mass of debts and his title and bitter hatred of his commercial neighbor of a different race. This character's son and daughter fall in love with the corresponding members of his neighbor's family. Then comes the overwhelming knowledge that his son's musical education has been obtained by means of loans from this hated neighbor. Out of this situation arises a number of very dramatic, although always amusing situations. The delineation given by J. B. Dodson is one of the rare things of the stage.

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By deep lanes which are jeweled with violets in spring, through rich glades of beechwood, pilgrims come every year to a quaint, high-roofed, green-robed meeting house called Jordans. In the rough little burial ground behind it lies William Penn, the most famous of all "the people called Quakers," the founder of the state of Pennsylvania and the author of a book which has not yet come into its own. All this country is rich in memories of the great work of English literature. "Once to these silent woods young Milton came. The "greatest man since Milton," according to sound Whig doctrine, Edmund Burke, chose to live hard by in that house which he "hung from top to bottom with pictures" and whose splendor Johnson was content "not to envy, but admire."

Americans, the most zealous pilgrims of the modern world, are naturally foremost in their devotion to the founder of one of their greatest states, says the London Telegraph. The spirit of William Penn, powerful in Benjamin Franklin, counted for much in shaping the destinies of the young American republic. It would not be difficult to trace its influence in some of the statesmen who guided the United States through the dangers of the next century. The reverence of America is natural, and it may well explain the project of which we hear, to remove Penn's ashes to an American shrine. But an explanation is not a justification. It is neither vulgar jealousy nor unreasoning sentiment which demands that the grave at Jordans should be left undisturbed.

No place in America could have the same fitness as the humble burial ground at Jordans, with its memories of the days when the followers of George Fox, persecuted and insulted by the powers of the day, were fighting their battle for freedom and the dignity of man. In England the fight was won, and to England belongs the dust of the victors. If any other country than the land of his birth and his death, of his work and of his sufferings, is to claim the shrine of Penn, not America alone, but all the civilized world might well appeal. To him as much as to its founder, George Fox, the Society of Friends owes its power, and the strenuous philanthropy of the Friends has left its mark all over the world. The poor in every country, the savage, the criminal, and the lunatic, owe much to the spirit of William Penn.

The Gift of Memory.

A writer in an exchange speaks in warm admiration of the power possessed by certain people of remembering faces and again recognizing persons they have met in the most casual way. He regards it as a great gift and one much to be desired. It is a gift, but it is by no means rare; in fact, a very common possession. What is far more rare, and not less to be desired, is the ability to associate the name of the person with his face. Innumerable are the men and women who remember faces well—too well, alas—who find it a trial of their lives that the names belonging to the persons identified by their eye vanish from their memory utterly at the critical moment.

It is indeed a desirable thing to be able to recognize instantly the people one has met, but only when this ability is accompanied with a fairly trustworthy memory for names. Otherwise it may be a questionable gift and even an affliction. For you may offer acceptable excuses for not recognizing acquaintances at sight, but when you have friends of long standing whom you encounter almost daily and then forget their names—for that there is no apology that will not be received coldly and with suspicion.

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Police Hoaxed by Clever Thief.

The police of Essen, Germany, are searching anxiously for a man who has hoaxed them in a most flagrant manner. Going with a hand-cart to the central police offices, where about fifty special officers are engaged, the man said he had been sent by the electric supply company to remove the bulbs, and that they would be exchanged for new ones before dusk. He was allowed to take nearly 200 bulbs, and several of the officers actually helped him to remove them. When darkness arrived and the new bulbs were not forthcoming the police rang up the electric light company to remind them of the omission. The reply was startling and left the police "very much in the dark." The company declared they had sent nobody for the bulbs, and knew nothing of the matter; in fact, only a fortnight ago they exchanged the old bulbs for new and more expensive ones. Then it dawned upon the police that they had allowed, and even assisted a bold thief to make a rich haul from under their very noses. Nothing has since been heard of the thief, and just now it is dangerous to speak about electric bulbs in the hearing of an Essen policeman.

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