

JERSEY CITY CHIEF USES STOLEN CAR

Easy Methods Uncovered in County Investigation by Mackey Committee.

POLICE DO STABLE DUTY Fines Reduced and Payments Made Without Payroll Verification.

EDWARDS HITS INQUIRY Denies He Has Anything to Fear in Scrutiny of 1919 Election.

Much interesting information concerning politics as played in Hudson county and commission forms of government as administered in Jersey City and Hoboken was gathered yesterday by the Mackey Legislative Committee in a busy five hours of testimony taken in the Hudson County Court House.

Although the Mackey committee's researches are handicapped by the action of Gov. Edwards in refusing to approve the House's vote of \$15,000 additional funds, the committee, Senator William B. Mackey, Jr., said yesterday, hoped to go a little further into Hudson county intricacies. It will not, however, go as far back as the 1919 election, at which Gov. Edwards reached office through a 36,000 plurality in Hudson county. Gov. Edwards, in a statement, denied he had anything to fear from a scrutiny of the election, but said the committee was jumping around too much instead of getting down to brass tacks. He declared he would approve an additional appropriation if the money were really needed, but not for "such work as that done already."

Used Stolen Automobiles.

Although the memory of Frank Van Winkle, the chief clerk of the Jersey City Police Board, was had in spots, and Chief of Police Richard P. Battersby was not always well informed about matters affecting the department, John A. Bernhart, chief investigator for the committee, found them the most interesting witnesses of the day.

Mr. Van Winkle, who is a brother of former Representative Marshall Van Winkle and has been in office sixteen years, admitted that he had indorsed the name of Robert Sydney, a patrolman, to the last check drawn to Sydney, but made it plain that Sydney got that part of the money he was entitled to and the city got the rest.

"I asked Chief Battersby for permission to take a Ford sedan I saw down in the police yard," he said in response to another question, and admitted that he knew it was a stolen automobile. After the car had been fixed he had it for between two weeks and a month and used it for personal business exclusively. Then the owner appeared. He paid \$28 to keep it, he said.

Later, being dissatisfied with this car, he bought another stolen car from the Boston Insurance Company, which had paid the owner before the Jersey City

police found it. He paid \$400 for this car after visiting Peter Bentley, who represented the company and who is a brother of John Bentley, Director of Public Safety, and in charge of the Police Department. He denied having paid tribute to any one.

"Long Fines" Reduced.

In response to further questions he said a year and a half ago he had "contributed" \$250, but failed utterly to remember to whom, even when asked to turn it to the patrolman, sergeant, lieutenant or captain. He denied also that word had been passed to him recently "to come across again."

"Not to me," he said. "They know I'm not in the habit of contributing."

Mr. Bernhart caused Van Winkle to produce an order signed by the Director of Public Safety announcing that "excessively long fines" all those of more than thirty days' pay, were reduced to not more than thirty days. That, students of Jersey politics say, was designed to have a favorable effect upon the commission election next month.

Chief Battersby denied responsibility for payments made to Detective Claude Russ, chauffeur to Charles P. N. O'Brien, former Director of Safety, while Russ was under suspension for absence without leave.

"How can you account for the fact that you can tell the date a car was stolen when you haven't found the owner?" Mr. Bernhart asked, after looking over police record cards of stolen automobiles.

"I can't account for it," Chief Battersby answered cheerfully. He was also unable to explain why in about two-thirds of the cards car numbers and motor numbers were left off. He admitted he had no authority to pass on a car to Mr. Van Winkle. Further questioning drew forth the fact that the chief is now using a stolen car.

Police on Stable Duty.

"Why was that car turned over to Mr. Van Winkle?"

"He came and asked for it," the chief said.

"You mean to say that if any official came in and asked for a car there you would give it to him?"

"It depends on who he is."

"Do you play favorites?"

"In the Police Department, but not outside it."

"I can commend you at least for a frank statement," Mr. Bernhart said.

Five policemen are doing stable duty for the thirty-two horses of the twenty-six mounted men of the force, questioning elicited. The police quartet last did police duty some time during the war.

Commissioner Gustav Bach, director of revenue and finance of Hoboken, testified that he paid out money without proper authority when it was for labor and he thought the men needed their money. The mere fact that the payroll had not been verified would not prevent this, he said.

Senator Mackey announced that a transcript of the testimony taken the previous day, when Commissioner Harry Schmulling of Hoboken told about hiring the "workers" for the playgrounds, would be sent to Supreme Court Justice Swazey and Pierre P. Garven, prosecutor, for consideration.

COST \$25,000 TO UPSET WILL.

Jury Declares Testator of \$500,000 Estate Was Incompetent.

To prove to the satisfaction of a jury that James J. McCabe of 42 West 147th street, who died in 1915, was incompetent to make the will in which he disposed of a half million dollar estate cost the estate \$25,000 in lawyers' fees. Surrogate Colahan yesterday signed a decree approving of the jury's findings and an order awarding to the attorneys the fees they sought.

John E. O'Brien, representing Patrick Rohan, a McCabe chauffeur, to whom had been bequeathed \$3,500, received \$5,500 for looking out for his client's interests. Chom, Gutman & Richter, who represented James J. McCabe, Jr., and Raymond J. McCabe, brothers who made the contest, obtained \$9,000. A Wells Stump and William J. Black, representing other heirs, got \$4,000 apiece. John T. McTigue, who represented three other heirs, received \$1,500.

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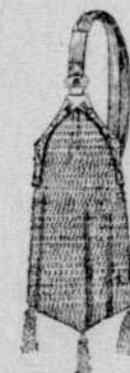
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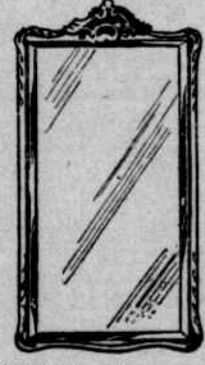
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