

AFFIDAVIT IN COAL CASE FALSE

Garfield Says Sworn Statement Made by Cunningham Was Presented to Him by Ballinger.

REFERS TO THE GUGGENHEIMS

It Says Copper Men Had No Interest in Cunningham Claims.

BOND ISSUE NOT NECESSARY

Former Secretary Defends His Irrigation Certificate Scheme.

THINKS TAFT WAS MISLED

Intimates Secretary Ballinger Might Be Responsible for Misinformation of President as to His Reclamation Plan.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—James R. Garfield, former secretary of the interior, was finally excused from the witness stand at the Ballinger trial this afternoon.

Mr. Garfield stated that Mr. Ballinger, after having been commissioner of the land office, submitted to him on September 17, 1908, an affidavit signed by Clarence Cunningham and containing the statement that the Guggenheims had no interest whatever in the Cunningham claim.

Attorney Brandeis, who was questioning Mr. Garfield, followed up this declaration by reading from Secretary Ballinger's report to President Taft on September 4, 1908, concerning the Cunningham claim.

Mr. Garfield said Mr. Ballinger in giving him the affidavit left the impression that his action was entirely correct and that he had been requested by friends in Seattle to leave it on file for whatever it might be worth.

The former secretary of the interior was examined and cross-examined as to his administration of the office which he gave up to Mr. Ballinger on March 5, 1909.

Mr. Garfield, in explaining what he did in the matter of the withdrawal of lands without specific provision of law, declared he was working in the interest of the people and to prevent monopolistic control of power sites and consequent exorbitant prices to the consumer.

Head Issue Unnecessary. The testimony of Mr. Garfield was embraced by the declaration of the witness that he did not believe the \$30,000,000 bond issue recommended by President Taft to congress was necessary for the proper forwarding of irrigation work in the west.

Mr. Garfield said this in defense of the cooperative agreement he entered into with water users' associations and of the reclamation certificates he issued in evidence of work performed and which have come to be known as "Garfield currency."

Mr. Garfield claimed that it was evident Attorney General Wickersham and President Taft did not have the proper information before them when they reached opinions adverse to the legitimacy of the reclamation certificates.

The witness immediately implied that Mr. Ballinger might have been responsible in this connection, but he did not make an outright statement to that effect.

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The witness said Mr. Ballinger thought lands already entered should be allowed patent at the \$10 an acre rate provided by the old law.

Questioned by Senator Sutherland, Mr. Garfield said he believed himself that at locations "made in good faith" the entries should have the right in the \$10 price.

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Masouredis Prefers Life to New Trial

Greek Who Killed Officer Lowery Loath to Leave the State Prison.

John Masouredis, convicted of the murder of Patrolman John Lowery of South Omaha and sentenced to hang June 10, would rather serve a life term in the penitentiary than take his chances in another trial.

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Portal to Fortune Opens to Knox, Jr.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Newspaper Offers Disinherited Son of Secretary Job as Reporter.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., March 10.—An opportunity for Philip C. Knox, Jr., son of the secretary of state to begin carving out a fortune and future for himself and his bride was tendered to him today when a Plattsburg evening newspaper wired him an offer of a position as a reporter.

Mr. Knox, who eloped with Miss May Bolger of Plattsburg, N. Y., and married her in Vermont, was quoted yesterday as saying his father had warned him he would have to shift for himself.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 10.—Philip C. Knox, Jr., said today that he had been offered so many positions that he was bewildered. Telegrams are coming in from all parts of the country containing offers of positions in mechanical lines.

"I have more friends than I thought," he says. "I have twenty-five offers of positions now and more are coming. I am considering an offer in this city very seriously. It is along mechanical lines and I think I may accept, at least for awhile."

Young Knox will begin next Monday selling automobiles. "I think I am suited to the business," he said. "And will show my father the stuff I am made of and perhaps I will own a factory myself some day."

Mexican States Fight Corn Trust

Local Governments Import Grain in Effort to Relieve Poor Oppressed by Corner.

GUADALAJARA, Mex., March 10.—War on the so-called Hacendados Corn trust is now being waged by the Guajuato and Jalisco state governments, which have ordered 1,200 bushels of American corn shipped at once from the Pacific port of Manzanillo.

The first will be before the American Peace and Arbitration league on "Naval Armament in Its Relation to the Preservation of Peace." The second address will be at the banquet of the New York Republican Club.

Mr. Garfield admitted that in urging general legislation by congress early in 1908, he had made the statement that he was willing to condone fraudulent entries in Alaska provided the entry was compelled to pay an increased price for the land to the government.

Garfield on Alaska Bill. Former Secretary Garfield, resuming his testimony, made an explanation of the Alaska coal bills that were introduced in congress during his administration of the interior department.

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CHICAGO CORNER IN PORK SUPPLY?

South Omaha Men Think Market is Being Handled by Windy City Bulls.

FIFTEEN-DOLLAR HOGS IN SIGHT Present Price Likely to Go Much Higher Yet.

ONE PACKER IS BEING SQUEEZED Man Who Thought Seven Dollars High is Caught.

NEW RECORD ON OMAHA MARKET Ten-Forty-Five Paid for One Load Thursday and Supply is Short at All of the Big Markets.

Fifteen dollar hogs! That's the prediction made by a South Omaha man, who is in close touch with the market.

"Of course, it is a bubble right now," he argues "for even \$10 is an unusual price for hogs and it is not warranted by natural conditions. So long as the price was going up a nickel or a dime at a time, it seemed like an outcome of the scarcity, but when it begins to jump by quarters, then the only rational conclusion is that there's something back of it all more potent than just supply and demand."

"Who do I think it is? Well, it's somebody not far away from the Board of Trade building in Chicago. The South Omaha boys have had this in mind for several days, and are keeping as close to shore as possible. It is the general belief hereabouts that one of the big packing firms, whose name has been much in the papers of late, is getting beautifully squeezed in a pork deal.

Little Being Sailed. "Not a great deal of this \$10 pork is going into the cellars. The supply of hogs on the market is scarcely more than what is required for the fresh, hot trade, so that the actual stock of provisions is not being extended by the costly pork. But a lot of stuff packed months ago is coming out at the fancy figure. How long it will keep up can't be told; but the short supply of hogs is favorable to the corner that is apparently in the making here."

Another feature of the situation is that animals that a year ago would not be looked at by the packers are being sold now at fairly good prices. For example, sheep that wouldn't have been touched last season, are now going for \$4 and \$4.50, and cows that were being turned over to dairymen are being taken up by the packers at prices around \$5 to \$5.50.

Five records were broken on the South Omaha live stock market Thursday, when Clay Robinson & Co. paid the highest prices in the history of the market for hogs and sheep.

Sixty head of hogs were bought from C. A. Svedeborg, a farmer from Hampton, that averaged 231 pounds and brought \$12.45. They also bought 406 head of Mexican lambs that averaged seventy-six pounds and brought \$2.45, 211 ewes that averaged ninety-five pounds and brought \$7.70.

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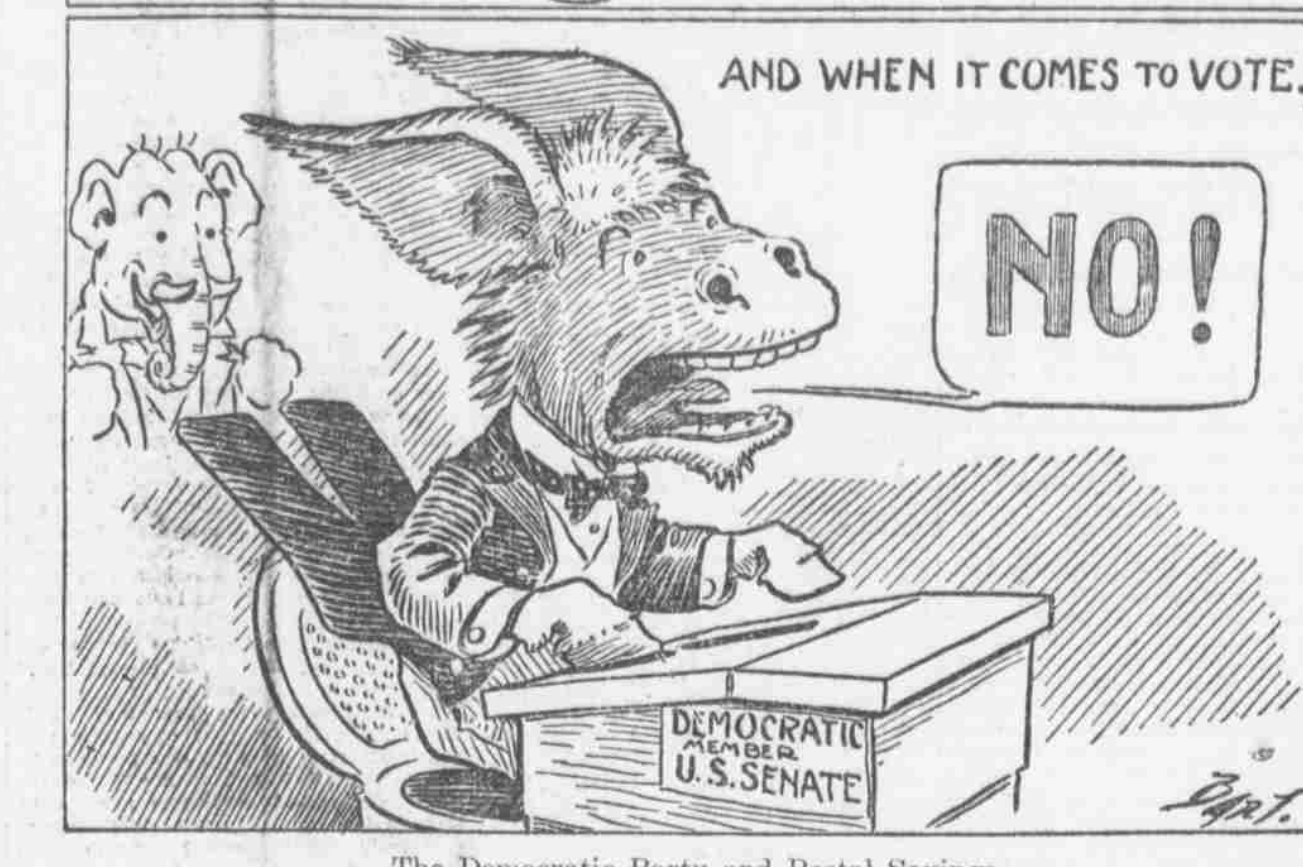
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The Democratic Party and Postal Savings. From the Minneapolis Journal.

RETAILERS SELECT OMAHA State Federation Votes to Meet Again in This City.

RE-ELECT FRED DIERS PRESIDENT Profane in Their Expressions of Appreciation at What Has Been Done for Their Comfort and Pleasure.

Fred Diers, Madison, president. Henry Bolton, Schuyler, vice president. W. H. Avery, Tilden, secretary. M. A. Hostetter, Shelton, treasurer. E. F. Langford, Elmwood. E. H. Finch, Kearney. Fred Dewber, Arlington. John Gallogly, Atkinson. Eugene Battan, Hastings.

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Curse of Church Cuts Property Values in Two

Decree of Excommunication Against Buyer of Expropriated Lands Costs Millions to State.

PARIS, March 10.—No further arrests had been made today in connection with the scandal developed in the discovery of a shortage of something like \$2,000,000 in the accounts of M. Dues, one of the liquidators of the church properties taken over by the state.

The most fantastic details of the methods employed by Dues are published. According to them he obtained a commission of \$3,000 on the sale of the Stanislas college property and gave a long lease of another property for \$2,000 which lease was immediately sublet for \$8,000.

The Journal gives some interesting figures regarding the deterioration of the property of non-catholics congregations and teaching orders which former Premier Waldeck-Rousseau originally estimated would realize \$300,000,000 for the state.

Land Void of Power Sites Large Part of Withdrawals Made by Garfield Along Grand River Are Restored.

TARIFF EXPERT IS DEAD

Charles H. Evans, Who Assisted in Making All Bills for Twenty-Five Years, Passes Away.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Charles H. Evans, an employee of the Treasury department who assisted the congressional committee in the preparation of the various tariff bills from 1872 till 1897, died at his home here yesterday aged seventy-eight years.

Rescued Man's First Request is for a Chew of Tobacco

The Bee has made Easter shopping easy.

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POLICE PREVENT MEETING

Gates of Base Ball Park in Philadelphia Are Closed.

PHILADELPHIA, March 10.—A crowd estimated at 10,000 persons went to the national league baseball club park this afternoon, despite the announcement of the authorities that a mass meeting called by the general strike committee would not be permitted.

Police Prevent Meeting. The crowds followed them at Fifteenth and Norris streets a band of men attacked a car, breaking all the windows.

Newspaper Men Arrested. Five newspaper reporters who came down Broad street in an automobile ahead of the crowd were placed under arrest.

Land Void of Power Sites. The committee of ten of the Central Labor Union which is conducting the general strike has given out figures to support its claim that between 15,000 and 20,000 persons are idle.

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MABRAY MIKE'S TELL OF DEALS

Testimony Given by Members and Victims of "Big Store" Gang at Council Bluffs Trial.

THREE "WRESTLERS" ON STAND Tell of Turning \$10,000 Trick One Day at New Orleans.

LETTER PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE Transmission Through Mail Part of Technical Charge.

MANY WITNESSES YET AVAILABLE Prosecution Has 124 More Who Can Be Used in Cases Against Mabray and His Eighteen Fellow Defendants.

Testimony of members of the "big store" gang in its victims began the trial of John C. Mabray and his eighteen fellow-defendants yesterday.

Mabray has burned his bridges behind him and thrown down the gauntlet for a battle in his refusal to accept a proposition for a plea of guilty.

Mabray Stands Pat. "You can hang me first before I will turn on those fellows," Mabray is quoted as having answered the proposition made by W. H. Byers, attorney general of Iowa.

Eight Farmers on Jury. T. B. Kooback, harness maker, Harlan, Charles C. Johnson, farmer, Persimmon, A. F. Holman, retired farmer, Schie, W. D. H. Roberts, printer, Manilla.

When court opened three more defendants appeared and were arraigned and pleaded not guilty. They were Ed McCoy of Salt Lake City, Fred S. Mull, Solon Springs, Wis., and George W. Harrison, Superior, Wis.

John R. Robbins and Ben Marks were granted continuances until next term of court. They are both out on bail.

Jury Given Special Warning. In his charge to the jury Judge McPherson urged them to the greatest caution in positive terms.

"The town is full of detectives and spies on both sides," declared the judge. "Make no mistakes."

"It seems to me that there is a bevy of men about here who are attempting to peddle out what they call facts. You will try this case what you hear from the witness stand."

The opening statements were made by Marcellus L. Temple, district attorney, for the prosecution, and Emmett Tinsley, Mabray's lawyer, for the defense.

Coleman Temple gave a generalized statement of the methods of the Mabray gang and defined to the jury the duty in the case on trial as only to decide whether or not the defendants were guilty of having used the mails in the perpetration of fraud.

Mr. Tinsley made much of the technical phase of the case in relation to the question of the use of the mails and followed this lead painstakingly in the examination of witnesses.

Thomas Gay was called to the stand early in the afternoon at the completion of the opening statements to tell his story, that of the Mabray gang's operations by a man on the inside. Gay, a wrestler, is youthful in appearance for his 33 years. His testimony was decisive and frank, delivered with the air of a man who knew just what he was into and who was willing to unburden it all.