

GRAND JURY WILL THOROUGHLY SIFT INSURANCE GRAFT

Jury Today Began Its Work of Investigating the Alleged Misappropriation of Millions Of Dollars.

SHELDON SAID TO BE AT POINT OF DEATH

A Committee Is Appointed to Visit Chicago and Other Branches of the Company —A Statement Made.

(American News Service)

New York, Dec. 7.—The grand jury today began an investigation of the alleged misappropriation of millions of dollars of funds of the Phoenix Insurance company by former President Sheldon, who now lies at the point of death at his home in Connecticut. A committee will visit Chicago and other branches of the Phoenix.

A statement concerning the conditions was laid by Superintendent Hotchkiss of the State Insurance department before the district attorney for possible criminal action. It is charged that the president has overdrawn his salary, that he has unloaded doubtful securities on the company and that he has used the company's assets as collateral to secure his own personal speculative accounts. The directors come in for a share of censure.

Loans to Officers.

Among the loans to officers of the insurance department specified are the following:

To James F. Porter, while he was state superintendent of insurance, loans of \$39,500.

To Isaac Vanderpael, while he was chief examiner of insurance companies, loans of \$100,000.

To Robert H. Hunter, while first deputy superintendent of insurance, loans of \$60,040.77.

To William H. Buckley, while third deputy superintendent of insurance, loans aggregating \$61,000.

It was announced last night at a meeting of the board of directors that President Sheldon was removed from office and that in his stead, E. W. T. Gray, formerly auditor of the Continental Insurance company, was elected president.

Company's Capital Not Impaired.

In a formal statement Mr. Hotchkiss says he does not believe the capital of the company is impaired, and that thus far there is no evidence that its securities are not intact, but he admits that the investigation is unfinished.

George P. Sheldon, member of many clubs, and as chairman of the laws and legal committee of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, one of the best known insurance men in the country, has been president of the Phoenix since 1887, and it is charged that under his administration the annual reports of the company made to the insurance department during at least the last ten years, and probably longer, are false in more than one particular.

PERFECTLY CLEAN.

An Explanation That Didn't Convince the Boy's Mother.

"I've just spanked Ned. I don't know what course you'll pursue with Stephen," remarked the mother's intimate friend.

"What have the boys been up to now?" was the timorous query.

"About the very last thing you'd imagine. They've been eating luncheon with the laborers working along the ear track. And you might as well know the worst at once—they've been eating meat cooked in a shovel."

With a frantic vision of a hopelessly germ-ridden child, Stephen's mother called her interesting heir to speedy account.

"I didn't eat luncheon with any strange men," he indignantly persisted. "Those men are all my friends. And I didn't eat any meat cooked in a shovel, either."

"What did you eat, then?"

"Only some gravy cooked in a shovel by one of the men." Then, perceiving the wild alarm in the maternal countenance, "But it was clean, all right, mother, for I saw the man wipe off the shovel with his hat before he poured 'n the gravy."

Love and Gold.

Daniel O'Connell, the famous Irish statesman, had a great rival, Sergeant Tom Gould, pronounced Gold. Tom was a confirmed old bachelor, but when over eighty years of age proposed to and was accepted by a girl of eighteen. He announced his engagement to O'Connell in verse, concluding thus:

So you see, my dear Dan, that, though eighty years old, A girl of eighteen fell in love with old Gould.

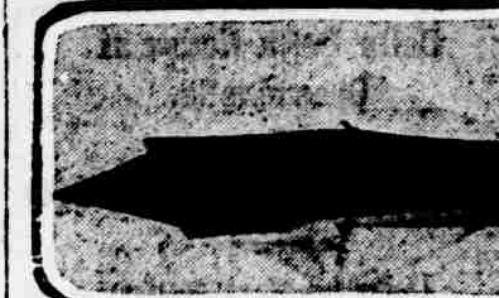
To which O'Connell replied: That a girl of eighteen may love gold it is true; But, believe me, dear Tom, it is gold without U.

Better Than Fresh.

"Are you sure these eggs are fresh?" "Positive! They were really not due until tomorrow." —Fliegende Blätter.

TAKEN TO THE JAIL

Vito Cossentino, the Italian who shot himself behind the ear in a miniature riot on a Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern traction car at Mt. Auburn, recently, has been removed from the hospital to the county jail where he will await trial for drawing a dangerous weapon or shooting with



intent to kill. Although the wound in his head has not entirely healed, yet he is much improved and believed to be entirely out of danger.

SOUTH END WANTS A LINE EXTENDED

Committee Goes to Indianapolis to See Officers of Traction Co.

IS A NEEDED IMPROVEMENT

PRESIDENT TODD INFORMS LOCAL MEN THAT HE WILL SEND OFFICIALS HERE TO MAKE AN INSPECTION.

A committee from the South Side Improvement association composed of John Knollenberg, chairman of the railroad committee of the association; Hans Koll, Adolph Bliekwedel, president of the association, and Attorney Perry Freeman went to Indianapolis yesterday to confer with Robert T. Todd, president of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern traction company in regard to the extension of the street car line in this city from South H street, its present terminal south to South N street. The erection of the new factory in Beaverville and the greatly increased number of residents south of South H street make a street car line in that section of the city a much needed improvement.

President Todd stated to the committee that he would send an engineer and Mr. Jeffries, general superintendent of the company to Richmond as soon as possible to investigate the conditions and make arrangements for the extension of the line. It is thought no difficulty will be encountered in making the company realize the necessity of an extension of the line and to secure an order for the improvement.

GET GOOD FEATURE

A contract has been closed by George L. Goodwin, corresponding secretary of the Richmond Chautauqua association with Nat Brigham, an illustrated lecturer, to give two lectures at the 1910 session of the chautauqua. Mr. Brigham is noted as the best illustrated lecturer in the United States.

On the opening night, Friday, Aug. 26, Mr. Brigham will lecture on the subject, "The Grand Canyon," which will be profusely illustrated. His second lecture will be given Saturday afternoon, Aug. 27, and will be on the subject, "From Coronado to Kit Carson."

ASKED TO BE SHOWN

"Wait until I hear the evidence," stated Thomas Tipton when arraigned in the city court this afternoon and asked whether he were guilty or not guilty of public intoxication as charged in the affidavit. The evidence was heard and Tipton promptly declared that he was guilty. A fine of \$1 and costs was assessed by Special Judge Freeman who gave the man his choice of getting out of town or going down to jail. Tipton, who is 70 years of age, said he had no place to go and would rather be locked up for 11 days.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

If you want white hands do not depend too much on cream and lotions.

Redness of the hands, like redness of the nose, is often caused by poor circulation.

Delicate women who fear catching cold from having the hair shampooed in winter should buy a good tonic,

which dissolves the dust and dandruff that are bound to accumulate without great care. Ask your hairdresser for a cleansing lotion for the scalp that can be rubbed in every few nights and will keep the head free from dust and dandruff and the hair soft and brilliant.

Women who are compelled to do a good deal of housework and whose fingers are constantly in water should try the plan of washing their hands in the ordinary way with soap and water and while wet of rubbing dry salt well over the cuticle. This will remove all grime and stains and will keep the hands smooth and white. A slice of lemon is invaluable for preserving the fine texture of the skin and should be rubbed over the hands while washing.

Light hair is apt to grow darker with age and anything that would entirely prevent this would be so drying as to be injurious. There is a shampoo mixture, however, that will do no harm and may aid you. It is made of raw egg, a teaspoonful of powdered borax, half a teaspoonful of violet ammonia and a quarter of a teaspoonful of sub-carbonate of potash. Beat well together and then stir into a quart of warm water. Wet the scalp and hair thoroughly, massaging at the same time. Use no soap.

HUNTS FOR SISTERS

Miss Mary Fortune of East Liverpool, Ohio, has written a letter to Postmaster J. A. Spekenhier inquiring of him if there is any one by the name of Fortune living here. She says that three sisters left home about thirty years ago who she believes are living in Eastern Indiana. Her parents' names were James and Mary Fortune. She would like to hear from her sisters if they live here.

Great Luck.

"Did Tom have any luck hunting tigers in India?" "Yes, great luck."

"How?" "He didn't meet any tigers."

Latham Establishing a New Record



Hubert Latham making a high flight in the aeroplane in which he broke the world's record in France. In a forty-mile gale he attained a height of 1,600 feet.

SCHOOL EVENT TO BE BIG SUCCESS

High School Students Make Great Preparations for Their Fair.

ARE MANY ATTRACTIONS

THERE WILL BE A PLAYLET, A VAUDEVILLE SHOW, A DOLL SHOW, FISH POND, CIRCUIT COURT AND BRASS BAND.

Great interest is manifest in the afi Festival which will be held at the local high school on Friday evening of this week. The event promises to be one of most successful enterprises ever undertaken by the students and faculty of the high school. The proceeds will be turned into the treasury of the Athletic association, as the main object of the festival is to boost the funds of that organization, which are exceedingly low at present. It is thought the affair will be a great success.

The "big show" will be held in the chapel, on the third floor. Prof. Kelly has charge of the performance. The cast includes Misses Elvira Shute, Lucy Smyser, and Marjorie Meagan; Misses Everett Haisley and Hubert Smith, and they have been rehearsing faithfully for the play. The performance will be very laughable and afford an excellent entertainment, it is said.

HAS AN ASSISTANT

Miss Maude Pettibone will assist county superintendent C. W. Jordan hereafter. The work of the office has become too great for one person to attend to.

FILE SUIT ON NOTE

Suit was brought in the circuit court today, by August Freese and Charles Gale against Daniel W. Fannington on promissory note, demand \$416.83. It is alleged in the complaint that the note was given October 15, 1901 and amounted to \$200.

THE PRINCESS SLIP.

One Piece Undergarments Not Novel, but Very Useful.

One piece combination undergarments may not be novel, but they are of especial value at the present moment, when the slender effect is the goal after which every woman is striving, for any extra material beneath the carefully fitted gown is likely to spoil the otherwise perfect effect. Many women have been inclined to regard the princess slip or foundation dress as somewhat of a needless extravagance, but the exigencies of prevailing fashion have made them readjust their ideas on this subject.

The woman, therefore, who wishes to obtain the best results in her dressing will find this garment of no small importance and a matter of such convenience that, once worn, she will not be able to do without it. The usefulness of this princess slip is to avoid the fullness and gathers which occur at the waist when separate skirt and bodice are worn and to clothe the hips without any unnecessary material. The bottom of the skirt may be full, but the top must be gored out until the garment fits perfectly.

The model pictured here is carefully shaped to the figure by seams both back and front, and the opening, which comes at the back, must be fastened with snaps, hooks or buttons. If the latter method is adopted, be careful to have small buttons and buttonholes.

It is unnecessary to have large buttons, which only make the garment look clumsy.

The combination slip may be developed in one of the lightweight silks or taffetas, lace edging serving as trimming on the waist. The skirt is constructed so that the blouse is detachable, a point which increases the utility of the garment, as a change of blouse is easily possible.

If the blouse is made of the foundation material, seven and three-quarter yards of twenty-seven inch width will be needed. If silk is not desired, lawn or nainsook will give very dainty results.

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TOSS OVERSTREET INTO THE ARENA

Friends Want Him to Run for Secretary of State Nomination.

DEFEATED FOR CONGRESS

ONLY OTHER CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB NOW IS ROBERT G. TUCKER, INDIANAPOLIS NEWSPAPER MAN—THE OUTLOOK.

(Palladium Special)

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 7.—Since Carl Riddick, of Winamac, has announced that he will not be a candidate for the republican nomination for secretary of state, a new candidate has been tossed into the arena, whether he wishes to get in or not. He is Jesse Overstreet, former congressman from the Seventh Indiana district. Overstreet was defeated a year ago for re-election by Charles C. Korbly, the present Democratic congressman. Overstreet went down under the avalanche which carried down several other republicans in republican districts. He was a member of Congress for fourteen years, and when he retired he was made chairman of the committee on post offices and post roads, one of the most important committees of congress. It was he who built up the great system of rural mail delivery. While he was a member and also chairman of that committee, he saw the expense of maintaining rural free delivery increase from \$10,000 a year, to more than \$30,000,000 a year, until free delivery service was planted in every state and territory in the union.

He Has Opposition.

But he went down with the rest last year. There has been talk of nominating him again for congress, but considerable opposition has developed and several other candidates are mentioned who will probably run against him if he seeks the nomination.

Will H. Craig of Noblesville, one of the best known republican editors in Indiana, has brought Overstreet's name into the race for secretary of state. Craig believes he would make an ideal secretary, and that he would make such a good record in that office that the people would want him to run for governor at the expiration of his term in that office. Overstreet is now a member of the national monetary commission, which pays him \$7,500 a year, and it is regarded here as extremely doubtful if he will be willing to give up that place to run for secretary of state or to serve if elected. There are many of his friends who believe that there is a more important place for Overstreet and they are not encouraging him to run for the nomination.

Tucker in the Race.

The only other candidate for the nomination for secretary of state up

Hoppe Plays Billiards in Odd Way



Willie Hoppe, the world's champion billiardist who is giving an exhibition of his marvelous playing ability in a New York music hall in a unique way. Hoppe has a fourteen foot mirror set at an angle behind the billiard table on the stage and in this mirror the audience can see every shot that is made. The only difference from the real play is that Hoppe is shown playing left handed.

to this time is Robert G. Tucker, of this city, a newspaper man. He is said to be building a good many fences and gathering a good deal of strength.

In the last day or two there has developed considerable talk to the effect that the Republicans of this state may yet have a love feast. The general understanding was that no love feast would be held this year, thus breaking the custom of the party in this regard, as for years a love feast has always been held during the holiday week preceding a state or general election. A good many of the leaders feared that this would not be a good time for such an event, while so many post offices are still unfilled, but they have come to the conclusion, so it is said, that it would be better to hold a love feast now than after the jobs have been given out. Nothing definite will be known on this subject, however, until the members of the state committee and some of the party leaders come to this city within the next few days and talk it over.

Democratic Possibility.

A new Democratic possibility has loomed up in the field for a state nomination. Lew Ellingham, of Decatur, member of the state committee from the Eighth district, and publisher of the Decatur Democrat, it is said, might be induced to accept a democratic

nomination next year for secretary of state, auditor of state or something else.

Ellingham is counted one of the democratic wheelhorses of the state and a man with a large following. While he is a member of the state committee at the present time, he is not a Taggart man and has never been controlled by that element. It is safe to count on him as standing with Governor Marshall and John W. Kern in their plan to reorganize the state committee and run the state campaign next year. Ellingham has not made any announcement of