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AND INTIMATED THAT THERE WERE OTHERS

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charges openly made in the public press of the city of Scranton that cer-tain members of the councils of said city had demanded and received from persons interested in the passage or defeat of the measure before said ceuncils, knowo as the Lackawanna Telephone company ordinance, large sums of money as bribes to influence their votes on said ordinance. Third-The further rumors and charges made that certain councilmen of the city of Scranton had demanded and received from persons interested in the passage, through the councils

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DISCUSSING THEIR WORK. DISCUSSING THEIR WORK. We respectfully report that we de-voted ten days of the time that we bave been in session to the exclusive consideration of the above matters: that during that time we worked ar-duously and inquired diligently into the matters before us. We made con-stant use of the district attorney's of-fice and particularly of the county de-tective, whose whole time was taken up in serving subpoenas for witnesses tective, whose whole time was taken up in serving subpoenas for witnesses called before us. A large number of witnesses were also served with sub-poenas by members of our own body. Notwithstanding the activity on the part of the county detective and mem-hers of the jury, during the latter part of our session we were obliged to seek the assistance of the sheriff, from whose office many subpoenas were served. During the portion of the ses-sion devoted to the above matters, we examined over 100 witnesses, some of whom were recalled several times. whom were recalled several times.

As a result of our investigation, we deplore the necessity that compels us to report that the rumors and charges, which, in the opinion of the honorable court and ourselves, made necessary this investigation, are too firmly on facts and truth. We find that a condition exists in this community which, to all right minded citizens, must be ap palling. Its correction demands the earnest and intelligent effort of all public officials, whose duty it is to see that the laws are obeyed, and who have not yet been contami-nated by the seducing wiles of the briber. The task is so great that in its performance the officers of the law should receive the active cooperation of all public-spirited citizens who have the welfare of the community at heart.

We take up the matters presented to us seriatim

A CONSPIRACY EXISTED, The slot machines: This matter was presented to us for our consideration on account of the frequent and per-sistent rumors and charges that were ments already made, comprise our en-tire action, we wish to make public made, that in this city there existed a vast conspiracy in which were gath-ered publi. officials, their agents and acknowledgment of the great assist-ance of his honor, Judge Edwards, has been to us, and thus commend others, the object of which was to per-mit the operation of these gambling him for the patience with which he has listened to our requests for ad-vice, the zeal he has displayed for the devices in consideration of the pay-ment of the sum of \$5 per week by those so operating them to the mempublic welfare and the uniform court-esy he has shown every member of bers of the conspiracy. We find that such a conspiracy did exist and had this body who had occasion to consult him during the lengthy session that existed for a long period prior to the issuance of an order by the mayor of the city some time in February last. We wish to call the attention of the honorable court to another matter, which appears to us nothing short of The evidence we heard in relation to this matter would fill several large-sized volumes. Much of it was valuethis matter would fill several large-sized volumes. Much of it was value-less. None of it enabled us to ascer-tain with a degree of positiveness necessary to bring indictments against the real head or heads of the consuir-sized volumes. All the several large-tain with a degree of positiveness necessary to bring indictments against the real head or heads of the consuir-tion of the several large-tain with a degree of positiveness necessary to bring indictments against the real head or heads of the consuir-tion of the several large-the real head or heads of the consuir-tion of the several large-the real head or heads of the consuir-something over one hundred transthe real head or heads of the conspir-acy-that is to say, who the persons stolen goods came before us. In fully were who were in a position to oner the "protection" which, in the opinion of the jury, the law-breakers so long enjoyed. That this tribute of \$5 per week was pretty g.:erally paid and that the agents of the conspiracy suc-conded remarkably well in inducing that the agents of the conspiracy suc-ceeded remarkably well in inducing their guilty victims to believe that the "protection" they offered was well worth the tribule demanded, and was not mythical, but real, is easily in-formed from the evidence. Significant ferred from the evidence. Significant of this is the fact that in the case of ninety or more-in which prosecutors those witnesses who admitted tary did not appear, the addentified and appear the addentified tary followed the further statement that the stolen property, as to take the matter of costs away from the jury. Moreover, whenever it was actually We are very strong in the opinion found that if the tribute was not paid that these cases—at least the greater the evidence of arrest and confisca-tion of the slot machine followed. There was no lack of evidence that officers and quasi-officers advised other officials seemingly more zealous than themselves to cease interfering with persons operating these slot machines. In some instances this advice assumed the nature of a threat, and aldermen and constables were told that dire ca-lamities would befall them; that valuable patronage would be lost; their defeat at coming elections secured if they did not cease issuing and serving warrants on the owners and operators of the slot machines. Even the mem-bers of the grand jury were not immune from these threats, and word was conveyed to at least one of them that a position which he sought would be refused him if he did not lessen his efforts to secure the conviction of these law-violators. These were some of the obstacles which confronted us, and the difficulty in securing evidence in cases of this nature is our only excuse for not securing greater results.

tion, we further recommend that he be established competing company. The suitably recompensed for his labors. P. A. BARRETT, Foreman. Scranton, Pa., March 30th, 1990. JUDCE EDWARDS' COMMENTS.

> After reading the report carefully Judge Edwards turned to the jury and sald:

established competing company. The evidence we received was disappoint-ing. The difficulties were great. They must be so from the very nature of the offense. The crime of bribery necessarily comprehends two distinct parties, each of whom is equally guilty. First the briber and then the bribed. The evidence of the one that might convict the other would also convict him of the first part and vice versa. So both parties take the de-fensive and remain silent. It is ob-vious that the evidence of the third party must be secured. But such of-fenses are not committed in the pres-ence of witnesses. Both parties use every precaution that human intelli-"We will direct your report, gentle-men of the jury, to be filed. It meets with our approval. The part referring to the county jail and court house will be referred in the senter completion be referred to the county commission-ers. I am sorry there is no law allowing us to provide extra compensation for the gentleman who acted as secretary ence of witnesses. Both parties use every precaution that human intelli-gence can devise. The language of the guilty compact is that of insinua-tion and innuendo. In the cases that were brought before our attention, "You've got to play ball." "We're not in councils for our health," and other expressions in which the English lan-guage is peculiarly rich, seem to be the favorite medium of conveying the desired intelligence. The evidence taken as a whole, however, seems to justify us in arriving at the conclusion that large sums of money were used of the grand jury. He will have to be satisfied by feeling that he has done his satisfied by feeling that he has done his duty and done it well. "Before I discharge you I want to commend your action as a grand jury. A large number of you have been in daily attendance upon the pub-lic duties for the space of three weeks, but you must consider that your action has been for the public. What-ever you have done will be for the benefit of the public. "I appreciate the difficulty that the

bushly us in arriving at the conclusion that large sums of money were used both to secure the passage of the Lack-awanna Telephone ordinance and also to accomplish its defeat. The exist-ence of a body of councilmen, banded together to act as a unit on legislative measures, wherein franchises of value "I appreciate the difficulty that the grand jury have been laboring under in obtaining direct evidence in regard to the bribery of councilmen. There is so much hearsay testimony and in shape of rumors that it is enough al-most to produce a moral conviction in

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Third-Bribery of councilmen in con-

nection with the passage of the elec-tric light ordinance. In connection with this matter we

have just concluded.

together to act as a unit on legislative measures, wherein franchises of value are sought, is a belief that has almost become a conviction to a large ma-jority of the grand jury. We are aware that such a statement as this may place under suspicion honest and honorable members of the Scranton city councils, and we deplore the pos-sibility of such a result, but we trust that the intelligent public will have no great difficulty in selecting the good from the bad. We wish that the evi-dence before us was of such a nature the minds of the grand jury. "There is much corruption among our councilmen and the care and discretion you have used by not allowing hearsay testimony to induce you to find indictments where there was n real or direct evidence to obtain con viction is commendable. The resul of your reports is not the measure o the effect. Though the indictment the effect. Though the indictments are comparatively few I have no doubt dence before us was of such a nature that we could bring indictments against those whom we think are guilthe effect of your investigation and the fear that has existed in some per ons during your inquisition will b ty, and thus separate them from those against whom no evidence was brought, either hearsay or direct. This, far reaching and will have the effect of toning up the moral sense of the ommunity and maybe the entering however, we are not permitted to do. In connection with this case sub-poenas were issued for a number of community and maybe the entering wordge to discover the corruption upon the streets and in the newspapers. I want each of you to feel that your action throughout has the full com-mendation of the court. I want to persons whom we have every reason to believe could give us valuable evi-dence, but service could not be made for the reason that they had left the suggest that you keep secret all the matters that transpired before the grand jury * * I now discharge you with the thanks of the court for your arduous labors for the last three jurisdiction of the officers of the court and therefore could not be reached. FLECTRIC LIGHT ORDINANCE.

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INDUSTRIAL JOTTINGS.

what little we did get was not of a nature to be at all conclusive. Power-ful influences lobbyed in the interest of the measure, and in one instance we learned that \$100 had been offered to a minor official as a "present" if John R. Troch Has Been Rein stated by the New Superintendent of Motive Power.

to a minor official as a "present." if he would hurry along the final con-summation of the contract. This offer itself was in the highest degree repre-hensible we are advised that it would not form a unificial basis for an in-A conference between Superintend ent of Motive Power T. S. Lloyd, of the Lackawanna system, and the general grievance committee of Sam Sloan not form a sufficient basis for an indivision. Brotherhood of Locomotive dictment. In concluding our report on the mat-Engineers, was held on Saturday afternoon, which resulted in the reinstate ters especially entrusted to us by the honorable court and concerning which, the above, in addition to the presentment of Engineer John R. Troch to his old position, from which he was relieved some time ago by ex-Superinendent J. W. FitzGibbon.

When the new official learned the facts in the case, Troch was ordered to esume his regular run on milk train No 43, which leaves here at 10.10 a, m today, taking out engine No. 409, and thus ends a controversy which has been under discussion for several weeks

Mr. Lloyd received the committee in courteous manner and expressed himself as being pleased to meet them both as employes of the company and as representatives of the Brotherhood, and the conference was entirely satisfactory to all concerned.

D., L. & W. Board for Today. Following is the make-up of the Del-

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health. He has been in the employ of the company ever since its organiza-

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BRIBERY OF COUNCILMEN. Second-The alleged bribery of coun-climen in the matter of the passage of the Lackawanna Telephone company ordinances. These charges were made openly in

the public streets and printed in the press. In relation to these we sub-

oenaed nearly every member of both poenaed nearly every member of both branches of councils; also those whom rumor charged with having any knowledge whatever of the bribery alleged. This included those persons whom rumor said paid the bribe money, also those interested in the enterprise seeking the franchise as well as those interested in the already



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ninety-five per cent, of these cases aware, Lackawanna board for today: did not appear, the aldermen and jusmajority of them-were fictitious, pur-posely drawn up by unscrupulous aldermen and justices with a view of falsely and fraudulently drawing money from the county treasury. In egard to the manner in which alder-nen recklessly fix value of stolen men recklessly fix value of stolen property, we desire to draw the honorable court's attention to a trans-cript sent into the jury room by Jus-tice Mendleson, of Mayiield, in which man the justice fixed the value of cabbage lleged to have been stolen in October last, at fifteen cents a head. In

THIEVING ALDERMEN.

In this case the prosecutor appeared, out failed to secure a true bill, and the county has to pay the costs because the justice fixes the value of one hun-Hayes. dred heads of cabbage at \$15; while we believe other values fixed by aldermen on stolen property to be equal-ly false, we call the court's attention to this particular transcript to show the glaring boldness of aldermen and the starting bolances of andernen and justices in depriving grand jurors of the right to exercise their judgment in the disposition of costs in cases that are ignored, for want of a prose-cutor or in the absence of sufficient

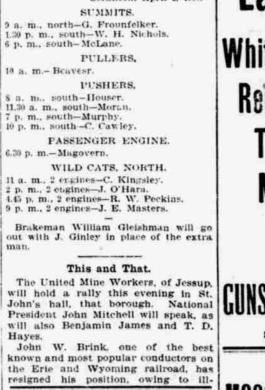
estimony. We hope if there is a rem-dy to prevent or check in some measure this vicious pilfering, the court will exercise it. We visited the county jail. We are

of the opinion that it is in a most unsanitary condition, and a fit place for the board of health to turn its attention. The escaping gases from the closets in the cells are most offensive. and apt to breed pestilence. We are told by the warden that the closets referred to belonged to an obsolete referred to belonged to an obsolete period in plumbing and sanitation. It seems to us nothing short of cruelty to keep prisoners in cells where the air is poisoned with escaping sewer gases. We deem this a matter that should received immediate attention. After a careful examination of the prison, we are of the opinion that it does not receive the attention that such does not receive the attention that such valuable property deserves. In several places, noticeably in the south wingfor want of repairs to roof gutters, the rain soaks through the plastered walls of the interior. We find the jail walls, especially on the west side, need atten-tion. The masonry immediately under the coping shows evidence of decay. The boiler in the jall kitchen is in need of repairs, or should be replaced with a new boiler.

The jury further recommend that the ommissioners give some attention to the court house grounds, take som the court house grounds, take some steps to beautify and make attractive the same. We would suggest that these grounds be turned into a park, furnished with benches, lighted with electricity, provided with a band stand, and made an attractive and healthful breathing spot during the warm months.

We further recommend that the Bradshaw Automatic Window Openet be placed on the Court House windows We further recommend that the county commissioners have the interior walls of the court house repainted wherever such improvement is necessary.

Realizing the necessity and appreclating the extra work done by our secretary, M. E. Flynn, by taking down mass of evidence in this investiga



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