

problem which presents itself to the prosecuting attorney and the court is the same as if this condition were based upon a valid instead of an invalid reason.

“Realizing the great importance of the motion now made, I request the court to give it careful and deliberate consideration, and to treat it in the nature of a request for advice and direction, with the full assurance to the court that I am ready at any moment to try any or all of said cases, if the judgment of the court should not accord with my own as to the advisability of the course here suggested.”

On February 19, 1906, the judge of the superior court granted the motion of the assistant prosecuting attorney, and the water deal cases, which for five years had made Grand Rapids famous in the land, had come to an end as far as the court records were concerned.

The following is a list of the cases, the defendants and the disposition of each, according to the court records:

Lant K. Salsbury, city attorney. Bribery and conspiracy. Fined \$2,000.

Thomas F. McGarry, attorney. Bribery and conspiracy. Sent to Ionia for four years. Paroled in the spring of 1906.

Stilson V. McLeod, banker. Bribery and conspiracy. Never tried.

Gerrit H. Albers, attorney. Bribery and conspiracy. Acquitted.

Henry A. Taylor, millionaire promoter. Conspiracy. Fined \$2,000.

George R. Perry, mayor. Bribery. Jury disagreed. Never retried.

Corey P. Bissel, member Board of Public Works. Bribery. Fined \$400.

Malachi Kinney, alderman. Bribery. Pleaded not guilty. Never tried.

David E. Burns, state senator. Bribery. Acquitted.

John Muir, alderman. Bribery. Pleaded not guilty. Never tried.

Peter De Pagter, alderman. Bribery. Pleaded not guilty. Never tried.

James Mol, alderman. Bribery. Convicted. Granted new trial. Acquitted.