

DEFENDANTS MAY IMMUNIFY THEMSELVES

Rumors That One or More of Alleged Fellow-Conspirators Will Make Confessions.

IMMUNITY BATH READY?

Henny Refuses to Discuss the Story That He Has Found Means to Strengthen Case Against Ex-United States Attorney.

Francis J. Henny, who is about to begin the trial of John H. Hall, and 11 other defendants in the Butte Creek case, denied last night that the Government is without sufficient evidence to convict Hall, but he would neither affirm nor deny the rumors that are afloat to the effect that the three defendants, W. W. Steiwer, Clarence B. Zachary and H. H. Hendricks, is about to confess, or is willing to confess, and by that confession strengthen the case against Hall. That Mr. Henny has a surprise to spring during the Hall trial is certain, but whether it will come in the way of a confession from one or all three of the defendants mentioned, Henny is not saying.

When asked last night whether any confessions had been made to him, Mr. Henny smiled his broad, knowing smile and answered by saying: "The bars are down and I am susceptible to the effects that have to be said by any of the defendants to have a coup to make, I'm not going to give out the tip until I am ready to do so. My attorneys for the defendants can tell whether some of the defendants have made, or have offered to make, confessions."

Steiwer Will Not Talk. Steiwer also refused to discuss the question, when asked last night, at the Imperial Hotel, whether he had been instructed by his attorney, Henry E. McGinn, not to discuss his case, and referred the interviewer to whatever Judge McGinn said on the matter by saying that his client "had nothing to confess."

The story that leaked out yesterday that the effects that have to be said to make sure of his case against Hall, had made overtures to several defendants to supply the evidence that he was lacking against Hall, and that he had the evidence, the immunity bath would be ready. It is said that Steiwer stands ready to plead guilty to feeling public indignation, but that he would not admit that he is guilty of conspiracy.

While gossip had it that Steiwer was the man willing to talk, there was also an impression abroad on the street that it was Zachary who had gone to Henny and told all he knew about Hall's connection with the Butte Creek case.

In one of the other trials growing out of the same case, Judge Henny, who is the man who made a confession, and it is believed that the famous Henny method is about to get results again.

Trial Postponed a Day. When the Federal Court commenced yesterday morning Mr. Henny asked for a postponement until this morning, in order that Tracy C. Becker, who has been assigned to assist in the prosecution of the land-fraud cases, may be present.

Attorney Becker, on account of a late train, was not able to reach the city in time and Henny informed Judge Hunt of the fact, saying that he wished Attorney Becker to be in court when the trials began. Judge Hunt was disinclined to grant further delay and gave notice that in order to make up for time already lost it would be necessary to hold longer sessions.

Mr. Henny was glad to get another day in which to get the Hall case ready for trial. The delay has given him a chance to go over all the evidence in the case and to meet with the important Government witnesses.

There was some gossip around the courtroom yesterday that the trial would be further delayed by demand by John H. Hall for a separate trial. Hall, through his attorneys, filed a petition for a separate trial at the time of his arraignment, but the matter has never been brought up in court.

Webster, who is associated with Hall in the trial of his own case, said last night that there would be no demand made for a separate trial and that so far as Hall was concerned, the case is ready for trial.

Select a Jury Today. When court convenes this morning, unless there is some other outlook for it, the work of selecting a jury will begin. It is Mr. Henny's intention to try for a jury out of the 43 men still left on the panel. No special venire will be called unless there is a reason to believe that a jury cannot be obtained.

Another thing that will perhaps be disposed of before the Government gets to the trial of the Butte Creek case, is the plea in abatement filed by Attorney W. Lahr Hill, attorney for P. P. Mays, which was before the court last night. Mays, through his attorney, filed the plea in abatement, asking that the indictment against him be quashed on the ground that George Gustaf, a member of the grand jury that found the indictment, was not a naturalized citizen of the United States.

It is not believed that this request will be granted, for Gustaf is said to have been able to get his naturalization papers and will show that he has been in the United States 33 years.

At the Theaters. What the Press Agents Say. TWO PERFORMANCES TODAY. "The Man of the Hour" Both Afternoon and Night at the Heilig.

There will be two performances at the Heilig Theater, fourteenth and Washington streets, today. A special price matinee will be given at 2 o'clock and a performance tonight at 8:10. The sensation of the past year in theatricals, George Broadhurst's famous drama on the graft situation, "The Man of the Hour," will be the attraction. This interesting and timely play will also be the bill every night the remainder of the week, with a special price matinee Saturday. "The Man of the Hour" has caused more talk around town than any play Portland has ever had, which is easily explained when the recent investigations of graft throughout the United States are considered. Seats are selling at theater for the entire engagement.

of the biggest successes of the year. The principals are all high-class people. The comedians are funny, the singers can sing and the chorus is a bouquet of singers and dancers that is seldom equalled. The piece as a whole is a winner from start to finish and appeals to all those who like a good show for its own sake. There will be a matinee this afternoon and another on Saturday.

"THE OTHER GIRL" AT BAKER Augustus Thomas' Peculiar Comedy Presented This Week.

There was never another just such play as Augustus Thomas' comedy, "The Other Girl," which the Baker Company is presenting to its usual large audience all this week. A champion prize fighter mingling with people of high society is so original and striking a subject that none but a playwright of highest degree like Thomas, could have written it. It is one of the most amusing and at times perfectly thrilling plays Portland theater-goers have ever seen has been created. Matinee Saturday.

Empire Matinee Today. "A Texas Outlaw" will be given at the mid-week matinee at the Empire today, and every night for the rest of the week. It is, as the title indicates, a story of a life in the great southwest borderland, and deals with a period when the respect for law and order was not so strong in men's hearts as it is now. The play is full of stirring scenes and situations.

"The White Caps" at the Star. "The White Caps" is the bill at the Star Theater this week and from the receipts of the box-office this seems to be the best bill that the R. E. French Stock Company has presented to the Pacific coast in several weeks. This is a melodrama in four acts and is founded on the Gobel murder in Kentucky, several years since. Any one hearing a good drama will find a nice evening's entertainment at the Star until and including Saturday evening.

HENRY WOODRUFF IS COMING Clever Star Will Present "Brown of Harvard" at Heilig Next Sunday.

The attraction at the Heilig Theater, Fourteenth and Washington streets, for three nights, beginning next Sunday, January 19, will be a special price matinee Tuesday afternoon, will be Henry Miller's production of the best of all college plays, "Brown of Harvard," with the brilliant young star, Henry Woodruff, in the title role. Mr. Miller is surrounded Mr. Woodruff with an exceptionally good company of players and series of stage mountings—that is the equal of any production that ever came to the Pacific coast. The advance seat sale will open next Friday morning at box-office, the theater.

"THE MILLS OF THE GODS" By Author of "The Man of the Hour" at the Baker.

The Baker Stock Company will give a splendid production of George Broadhurst's serious drama, "The Mills of the Gods," all next week, beginning this morning and unless there are changes in the present programme, he will try the remaining land-fraud cases after Henny is through with the Hall trial.

"The Devil's Auction" Sunday. Commencing Sunday afternoon the "Devil's Auction" will be the attraction at the Marquam next week. This is a show that never fails to appeal to the public as one of the best of the kind that has ever been put before the public. It teems with comedy and song, and the spectacular features of the show always please the masses.

"A Desperate Chance" Next Week. Theodore Krenner's melodrama, founded on the notorious Eddie Brown, escape from the penitentiary a few years ago, will be the Empire's next week attraction, starting Sunday matinee. There is plenty of heart interest furnished by the wife of the warden, who aids the criminals to escape, leaving home, husband and child and only recovering her senses after the brothers have been killed. A complete scenic equipment is carried by the company, representing the actual locality in which the scenes occurred.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS Week of Big Features. The fascinating Miskoff troupe in the Russian dance and Frank Hall, who is the champion lion, Wallace, form the double feature at Panatages this week. The Russian dance is a whirlwind of action and these graceful performers make the most of the famous dance. Hall's daring entrance into the lion's cage gives the audience a thrilling five minutes. Jolly Zeb, the musical comedy star, and Miss Dolly, violinist, are two other big acts.

Best of Vaudeville. The Grand is offering the best bill that has been in Portland in many months, this bill being composed of wire artists, comedians, singers and sketch artists. Among the stars of the company are champion gymnast understand of the world, with his troupe of eight Arabian acrobats and tumblers, being the feature act, and the moving pictures at the latest out, being of Fighting Bob Evans' feet leaving for the Pacific Coast.

Chit-Chat of Sporting World. BY WILL G. MAC RAE. KANSAS CITY IS GOING TO HAVE A SIX-DAY CYCLE RACE. What's the matter with Kansas City? Has the Humane Society gone out of business?

Last week was a good one for the books at Emeryville. Long shots won it out of 35 races. Thirteen favorites and six second choices accounted for the rest. Where's your beat'em system, Mr. Cook?

In order to pick a stallion for the California Breeding Bureau there is to be a race for stallions at Emeryville. The winner will become the property of the breeding bureau.

At the Theaters. When Radip Water, the shifty son of Rappallo-Water Girl, owned by S. C. Hildreth, won the Adams Selling Stake, last Sunday, he duplicated his feat of a year ago. In both races the sprinter met and defeated a cypress field.

A prophet says that Boston will sink into the sea. Only the sports and prize fighters who dislike cold baths will be alarmed over this prediction.

Jack Blies, the Oakland backstop, who was drafted by McCloskey for St. Louis, will not sign the contract sent him.

Portland Y. M. C. A. Wins. The basketball game played last night by the Victoria, B. C. Y. M. C. A. team and the local Association team, in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, resulted in a score of 48 to 25, in favor of the local players. The superiority of the Portland team was apparent from the opening of the game.

Peace Society in Pendleton. PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 14.—(Special)—A local branch of the National Industrial Peace Association was organized in this city tonight. The movement was instituted through the efforts of P. H. Scullin and W. F. Collins, of San Francisco.

HERE TO AID HENNEY Tracy C. Becker Joins Government Counsel.

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ASSIST IN THE HALL TRIAL Buffalo Attorney Will Have Charge of Land-Fraud Prosecution After Henny Returns to the San Francisco Cases.

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GOOD LUCK TO JOE. The following communication has been received by The Oregonian, with a request for publication: We hear that Joe Donovan, one of our esteemed young men, has enlisted in the Coast Artillery as an engineer. We are sorry to lose Joe, who, as his social friends and acquaintances wish him all kinds of good luck in his new field of usefulness, as he was a first-class citizen and a noble soul. Well, Joe, old Boy, bring back as good a record as you left behind. R.

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The delayed Southern Pacific train from California. Mr. Becker's connection with the prosecution of Oregon land frauds will begin this morning and unless there are changes in the present programme, he will try the remaining land-fraud cases after Henny is through with the Hall trial.

Mr. Becker is one of very prominent members of the Buffalo bar. He is personally acquainted with President Roosevelt and several members of the Cabinet. While Mr. Becker has been connected with a great number of important legal cases in New York state, this is the first time that he has been connected with legal matters for the Government.

Mr. Becker was admitted to the bar in 1878 and during his legal career he has been counsel in many important legal cases. At the request of the Attorney-General of New York, he was employed as counsel and conducted the investigation and criminal prosecution of the president and board of directors of the German Bank, of Buffalo, which failed in 1905. He is a Republican in politics.

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PACIFIC COAST WEATHER. STATIONS. Baker City, 350.00 4NW Cloudy; Blinn, 450.00 4NW Clear; Boise, 300.00 4W Cloudy; Butte, 200.00 16N Cloudy; Helena, 400.00 6NW Clear; Klamath, 340.00 6NW Clear; North Bend, 480.00 4E Cloudy; Portland, 400.00 3N Pt. cloudy; Red Bluff, 500.00 4NW Clear; Roseburg, 500.00 4E Cloudy; Sacramento, 540.00 4SE Cloudy; Salt Lake, 450.00 4SE Rain; San Francisco, 50.00 6NW Clear; Spokane, 340.00 4E Clear; Tacoma, 440.00 6ND Clear; Tualooh Island, 480.00 10E Clear; Walla Walla, 540.00 4SW Cloudy.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. The disturbance noted over Central California this morning is moving eastward and this evening over Utah. It retains its eastward movement, being attended by general precipitation over Northern California, Nevada, Utah and Southern Idaho. Rain.

Stabling Affray at Linnton. Joe Perrula, a Greek laborer, was stabbed in the face and head by a number of his fellow countrymen, in a saloon brawl at Linnton, yesterday afternoon, and in response to a telephone call, Constable Lou Wagner visited the scene. After investigating, Wagner arrested four Greeks and took them to the County Jail. Owing to their inability to speak English their names were not learned last night. One of the men arrested is said to have admitted having stabbed Perrula. The injured man is being taken care of by friends at Linnton. All were employed in a sawmill at that place.

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MEETING NOTES. SPECIAL MEETINGS will be held at Gospel hall, 46 East 8th st. South, commencing Wednesday evening, January 15, and continuing afterwards, 7:30, and evening, 7:30, to Sunday evening, January 19. You are cordially invited to attend.

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 46, A. F. & A. M.—Special communication this (Wednesday) evening, 8:15, at the Burchard building. Work M. M. degree. Visitors cordially invited. By order W. M. H. RICHMOND, Secretary.

PORTLAND CHAPTER, NO. 2, R. A. M.—Stated convocation of Chapter, No. 2, R. A. M., this (Wednesday) evening, 8:00 o'clock. Work in past and M. E. degree. A. M. KNAPP, Sec.

SAMARITAN LODGE NO. 2, I. O. O. F.—(Wednesday) evening at 8:00 o'clock. All members and friends of the lodge, visitors welcome. By order, C. E. GEVOLD, Sec.

A. & A. S. R. SEVEN—Seventh semi-annual reunion. Program for tomorrow, 9 A. M. candidates assembly for registration 10 A. M., 4th, 5th and 9th streets. 9 P. M., 14th degree. By Order, VEN MASTER.

HAWTHORNE LODGE NO. 111, A. F. & A. M.—Stated communication this (Wednesday) evening at 8:00 o'clock. Work in past and M. E. degree. Work in M. M. degree. Visiting brothers welcome. C. H. MINER, Sec.

WILLAMETTE LODGE NO. 2, A. F. & A. M.—Stated communication this (Wednesday) P. M., at 8:00 o'clock. Sharp, new Masonic Temple, at the remains of our deceased brother, E. F. Fanning, all present desired. Visiting brethren welcome. W. S. WELLS, Sec.

FUNERAL NOTICES. OSTRAND—The funeral services of Margaret Ostrand will be held at the family residence, 415 Morris st., at 2 P. M. today (Wednesday). Friends invited. Interment Lone Mt.

LABREIN—In this city, Jan. 13, Margaret Labrein, wife of J. H. Labrein, died. The funeral services will be held at Finley's chapel, Thursday, Jan. 15, at 10:30 A. M. Friends invited.

DEWEY—The funeral of the late Joseph S. Dewey, of Lakewood, Or., will take place Thursday, January 15, at 10 o'clock, from Finley's Chapel, cor. Third and Madison st. Interment Rose City Cemetery. Friends invited.

SLAVIN—The funeral services of the late John A. Slavin will be held at the family residence at Hilldale, at 12 o'clock today (Wednesday), Jan. 15. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment Riverview Cemetery.

BAILEY—In this city, January 13, at the family residence, 907 Thompson st., Mrs. Margaret C. Bailey, aged 95 years, 4 months, 11 days. Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services, which will be held at the above residence at 1:30 P. M. today (Wednesday), Jan. 15. Interment Riverview Cemetery.

FANNING—At the North Pacific Sanatorium, husband of Edna C. Fanning, beloved husband of Mamie J. Fanning, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fanning, brother of Mrs. James Harger, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Ernest, Emma and Eva Fanning, of this city. Funeral services from Holman's chapel, Wednesday at 2 P. M. Interment Riverview Cemetery. Friends invited.

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