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CLOSES FOR HERMANN

Attorney Worthington Concludes Argument Today

COURT ADJOURS 11:15

Case Will Probably be Disposed of by Jury the Latter Part of Next Week—Cathcart's Testimony Weak.

(Special to Evening News.)
PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 5.—Colonel Worthington closed his argument for the defense in the Hermann trial at 11:15 this morning, and a few moments later court adjourned until Monday when Prosecutor Heney will begin putting in rebuttal testimony. This will probably hold the attention of the court until Monday noon. It will probably be the latter part of the week before the case is disposed of by the jury. In firing the last gun this morning, Attorney Worthington, for the defense, attacked the testimony of Henry Meldrum. W. W. Cathcart, a former employee of Meldrum's office was placed on the stand and told of the time Hermann visited Meldrum. He stated the two were closeted in a room alone and that Mays was not a visitor to the office during the time Hermann was there. The witness fixed the date of this latter occurrence sometime in the fall of 1902, but Cathcart's testimony was badly weakened by the fact that Mr. Hermann's visit to see Meldrum was in the year 1901 instead of 1902, as testified to by the witness.

PORTLAND, Feb. 5.—After cross-examination which had lacked only a few moments of consuming three full days, Binger Hermann was excused yesterday from the witness stand in the United States court. In all that time Francis J. Heney sought to entrap the ex-commissioner into statements which might tend to strengthen the theory of circumstantial evidence upon which Heney bases his hope of conviction.

The prosecutor fired volleys of questions covering the history of the operations of "land frauds" along the Pacific coast from the time of the first invasion of the district by experts from Minnesota and Michigan down to the time that Mr. Hermann retired from the general land office in February, 1903. Mr. Hermann was asked for his interpretation of the timber and stone act of 1878. What manner of frauds could be practiced under it and how the law of 1897 could have been manipulated by unscrupulous persons for their private gain.

Mr. Heney's fire of questions failed to weaken Mr. Hermann on the important points of the Blue Mountain conspiracy charges, and in that respect the defendant is considered to have emerged in fairly good condition.

Mr. Heney, however, has prepared the ground for a closing argument and has accumulated material to piece together for the benefit of the jury. Mr. Heney will urge that many of the negative acts of Hermann are conclusive of his knowledge of the Blue Mountain conspiracy. He has presented evidence in the endeavor to show that as early as 1900 Mr. Hermann was informed that frauds were being perpetrated in the application of the timber and stone act and that

he relied solely on his field agents to report frauds, instead of beginning operations himself to expose and stop the use of "carloads of bogus entrymen." The cross-examination returned repeatedly to the first exposures made in the Cascade forest reserve of this state, where Hyde and Benson secured the school lands before Mays, Pater, McKinley and Tarpley were alive to the situation.

The government has sought to make it plain that the letters from Zabriskie were in the hands of the commissioner several weeks before the time that he ordered the withdrawal of the Blue Mountain range, and Mr. Heney is urging that Mr. Hermann's failure to stop withdrawals for reserve purposes after securing that information was actuated by a desire to assist Mays and his associates.

Insincerity is Charged.

Mr. Hermann did not do many things which he might have done to make an end of the practice of using dummy applicants, the government charges, and for that reason Mr. Heney will urge that Mr. Hermann was insincere in his advocacy of an amendment to the law to end the panacea for land fraud evils. The prosecutor devoted his energies to showing that Mr. Hermann could not have escaped knowledge that frauds were notorious in this state and called attention to editorials and current stories of the operations of the timber thieves as presented in the Oregonian. Mr. Hermann testified that he failed to see the articles in many instances and that in others they made no impression on his mind.

In the course of his examination of Mr. Hermann, the attorney for the government went back 45 years in the life of Senator Mitchell to establish that W. Lair Hill had published the statement that Mitchell had accepted a bribe of \$2,500 and that the facts of the case were familiar to Mr. Hermann. The defendant denied knowledge of the transaction and said that Senator Mitchell had borne a good reputation.

Mr. Hermann denied that he ever had said to Emmett Callahan in Washington that he knew that Mays, Odell and other Oregon friends owned the school lands in the proposed Blue Mountain reserve. Mr. Heney could not present any witness to corroborate Callahan, and it is considered that the word of the defendant is as good as that of the Baker City attorney concerning the incident.

Emmett Callahan also testified that he talked with Mr. Hermann about a method of cutting the school lands out of the reserve and that Mr. Hermann showed him how to "checkboard" the reserve. Mr. Hermann said that he did not remember doing that, but he might have exhibited such a plan. He had eliminated the railroad lands from the San Francisco reserve in that manner.

Letter is Henry Boomerang.

The result of Mr. Heney's inquiry into the Jones letters was boomeranging for the government. Jones was shown to be one of the conspirators, but the contents of the now famous "gratitude" letter was shown to alude to lands other than those in the Blue Mountain reserve. It was not shown that Mr. Hermann did anything out of the ordinary for Jones, but upon redirect examination it was made clear that Mays and Jones, as members of the legislature which elected the senator from Oregon in 1903, were not numbered among the 12 supporters of Mr. Hermann for that position.

Mr. Heney has shown that Mr. Hermann was an active candidate for the senatorship and will make strong use of the Brownell letters wherein Mr. Hermann promised to assist Brownell to secure a position with the Southern Pacific railroad as a reward for his support.

Mr. Hermann stuck closely to his contention that the fact that Senator Mitchell's letter requesting that a list of land claims forwarded on behalf of Hyde and Benson be made "special" meant nothing out of the ordinary. The witness remained unshaken in the assertion that the "unwritten law" of the interior department was so to designate all letters from members of congress, and that it was no especial favor to Senator Mitchell.

In his last hours on the stand two incidents occurred which are to be used by Heney in attacking the credibility of all the testimony given by Mr. Hermann. Mr. Heney left the subject of the Blue Mountain conspiracy and suddenly asked Mr. Hermann concerning a visit to the California oil fields. Mr. Hermann stated that he went out of curiosity only, but later it was made to appear that he was the guest of some of the investors operating in the district. Soon afterward Mr. Hermann first denied close relations with a California officer who was charged with being dishonest, and then admitted the authorship of several letters showing intimacy.

An objection was made by the defense to the reading of the letters concerning Allen's alleged fictitious accounts, as being not pertinent to the Blue Mountain Reserve conspiracy. Mr. Heney said that he proposed to show that the report of the land fraud transactions, as submitted by Special Agent Hollingshead, directly charged that Allen was receiving bribes, and that Hermann was a personal and intimate friend of Allen. Under that contention, the court allowed Heney to read four letters written by Hermann, in which he boasted of Allen's different presents of fruit, spoke of his daughter calling on him, and of the fact that a son-in-law of Allen was being assisted by Hermann, referred to a furlough for the forest superintendent and sent

In fact, the Hull is going to make you discard the old umbrella for all time, so take advantage of this offer and bring your umbrella to our store immediately.

W.E. CLINGENPEEL
Jeweler and Optician

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ENTERTAINED AT DRAIN

Roseburg Boosters Enjoy the Time of Their Life

AT SUTHERLIN TODAY

Big Banquet Held at Drain Last Evening—Addresses Delivered by a Number of Local Residents Home Tonight.

(Special to Evening News.)

DRAIN, Ore., Feb. 4.—The "Get-Together" business men's excursion, comprised of about thirty of Roseburg's most representative business and professional men, arrived here shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon and were met at the depot by Dwight Reed, mayor; W. C. Edwards, president of the Drain Commercial club; S. H. Hazzard, postmaster; Ira Wimberly, Benton Meyers, N. D. Cool, C. R. Applegate and other prominent Drain citizens.

After an informal visit and handshaking at the depot Mayor Reed delivered an address of welcome, informing the members of the party that their presence was much appreciated, and that the keys of the town would be turned over to them during their brief stay.

At the conclusion of Mr. Edwards' address the delegation was escorted to South Drain where they viewed the steel and other material to be utilized in the construction of the Coos Bay railroad. Not only did the steel furnish evidence that work was soon to be resumed on the extension, but there were numerous other marks indicating building activity at an early date.

Enroute back to Drain the party was taken to the holdings of the Skeletal Lumber company, one of the largest lumbering enterprises in the northern part of the county. There the party remained for an hour viewing with amazement the vast piles of lumber ready for shipment to the various markets of the world.

Returning to Drain shortly before 5 o'clock in the evening the visitors spent an hour interviewing the business men, never at any time forgetting to mention the chief object of the occasion—that of uniting the citizens of Douglas county in one great campaign of advertisement and development.

At 6 o'clock in the evening the party was again taken in tow by the business men of Drain and escorted to the I. O. O. F. hall where they were seated at long tables well laden with all the delicacies of the season. As soon as the visitors were seated N. D. Cool, one of Drain's best known merchants, delivered a brief address in which he brought to the mind of the visitors a number of rules, purported to have been adopted by the Drain Commercial Club. The rules were of a humorous nature and brought forth prolonged laughter. At the conclusion of Mr. Cool's discourse the hungry visitors partook of the banquet—ast which was prepared and served by the ladies of Drain.

Concluding the meal the party was escorted to the smoking apartment, where they enjoyed an hour's chat, the best of Havanas obtainable being furnished by the members of the Drain commercial organization.

Shortly before 8 o'clock in the evening the visitors were again taken in hand by the reception committee and escorted to the main lodge hall, where hundreds of Drain citizens awaited to greet them. At the conclusion of a selection rendered by the Drain male quartette, which brought forth prolonged applause, Presiding Officer W. C. Edwards spoke briefly, surrendering his chair to George Neuner, Jr., secretary of the Roseburg commercial club.

Mr. Neuner responded briefly, thanking the members of the Drain organization for the honor bestowed upon him. Mr. Neuner also called the attention of the assembly to the urgent necessity of co-operation in the development of a community, citing in numerous instances the results that had been obtained in other sections of the country through united effort.

Concluding his address, Mr. Henry Richardson, of the drug firm of Patterson & Richardson, was introduced. Mr. Richardson accepted as his subject, "Getting Back to the Soil," and needless to say that he handled the topic in a masterly manner. Briefly, the speaker confined his remarks to the production of Douglas county soil, claiming that it would produce as good, if not superior fruits and vegetables found anywhere in the west. In conclusion Mr. Richardson offered an individual prize of \$5 to the person who would deliver at the local exhibit building the best bushel of potatoes produced in the vicinity of Drain.

C. D. Beale, representing the Luse Land & Development company, followed Mr. Richardson, taking as his subject, "Advertising and the Benefits Derived Therefrom." Mr. Beale called the attention of the assembly to the great transformation that had occurred at Sutherlin valley during the past two years. Relative to such transformation Mr. Beale said: Two years ago the present site of Sutherlin valley was known to the world as Canans Swall, while today it has a thriving little town in its midst. The speaker contended that the improvement had been brought about by ad-

vertising and co-operation and not through individual effort.

J. D. Zurcher, of the Commercial Abstract company, was the next speaker introduced. Mr. Zurcher chose as his subject, "The Ladies' Auxiliary," and in a brief, but yet forcible manner brought to mind the necessity of such an organization at Drain. The speaker contended that the commercial clubs of the several towns throughout the country were aided in the publicity work to a great extent by the ladies, whose boosting consisted chiefly of beautifying the towns and surrounding country. "All of these things count in the great campaign toward the development of a country," said Mr. Zurcher, "notwithstanding that there are some mossbacks who say they do not."

C. W. Clark, the official photographer of the Roseburg Commercial Club, followed Mr. Zurcher, taking as his subject, "Scenery in Douglas County from a Photographer's Standpoint." Mr. Clark alleged that skill was an unknown quantity in obtaining beautiful views in this county, stating that no matter where you stationed the camera the picture would be imposing.

Henry Harth was the next speaker of the evening, confining his remarks to "Unity of Work." Mr. Harth said that a united effort was necessary in obtaining results, inferring that individually any enterprise of great note would fall.

Dr. Seely, of the medical firm of Drs. Seely, Sether & Stewart, chose as his subject, "Boozing." Mr. Seely simply gave an insight into the great work that had been accomplished through the efforts of the Roseburg commercial organization during the past two years, alleging that in no other manner could such substantial results be derived.

B. W. Strong then spoke briefly on "The Get-Together Spirit." Mr. Strong pictured a few weaklings struggling for development, stating that no matter what effort they put forth failure would result. On the other hand, however, the speaker painted a picture of the people of a county firmly fixed in the grasp of progress, stating that they would win the day, regardless of the obstacles encountered.

D. C. Plizer, of the real estate firm of Cannon & Plizer, otherwise known on the trip as Mr. "Piller," spoke of the Drain soil, claiming that it would produce an apple even superior to those grown in the noted valleys of Oregon. Mr. Plizer urged that more orchards be planted, alleging that the time was near at hand when Douglas county would be recognized as the chief apple center of the west.

The next speaker of the evening was L. Wimberly, of the Review, who chose as his subject, "The Press as a Medium of Advertising." Mr. Wimberly said that the press of a county was in a measure responsible for the development, being ever ready to send broadcast the glad tidings of progressiveness. Mr. Wimberly called attention to the improvements made in Roseburg during the past two years, inferring that such improvements were at all times urged by the press. "The press of Roseburg," said Mr. Wimberly in conclusion, "is at all times ready and willing to aid in any legitimate advertising campaign."

Lloyd Riches, representing the Portland Journal, then addressed the assembly, taking as his subject, "Douglas County Girls From a Journalistic Standpoint." Mr. Riches, although somewhat backward in admitting the truth, said that of all the girls he had ever seen the maidens of Douglas county were the most beautiful. Concluding, Mr. Riches said that he might at some future date return to old Douglas, not as a representative of the press or a booster junket, but as a prospective groom.

Sheriff Fenton spoke on the subject of "The Members of the Party and Their Conduct." Mr. Fenton said that as far as he knew the party had behaved in a manner consonant to the occasion, their feelings being united in sympathy for the back number.

M. R. Ryan, county commissioner, spoke on the subject, "Good Roads," handling the topic most efficiently. Mr. Ryan contended that the present system of special taxation for road improvement was a farce, concentrating on a number of the most objectionable defects. Mr. Ryan said that he believed in equal taxation and therefore thought that the county

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NOVELTY THEATER

On the urgent request of the music lovers of Roseburg.

Bistolfi's Orchestra

will play three more evenings at the NOVELTY THEATER.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday
February 4, 5 and 6

Prices reduced to 15c for adults,
and 10c for children.

Change of pictures Saturday and Sunday.

Requests for special selections cheerfully granted by the orchestra.

BIG DAY ASSURED

February 16 to be a Gala Day in Roseburg

INVITATIONS ARE OUT

Special Programme, both Religious and Social Has Been Arranged for Occasion—Big Crowd is Expected.

Publicity Manager Darby Richardson is making elaborate preparations for entertaining the people of Douglas county on Wednesday, February 16. Invitations have been sent to the various commercial bodies in the county and it is expected that several hundred wide-awake residents will avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy a day of entertainment at the hands of the local commercial body. A special programme, both religious and social, has been arranged, thus assuring followers of every class and faction a good time.

The generalities of community advertising has not been content to state the opportunities that await the investment of capital and the energy of intelligent labor.

Douglas county possesses a surplus of varied opportunities in undeveloped fertile valleys and in the virgin timber and hidden mineral wealth of her hillsides and mountains. With

in her borders are the very opportunities which are today being sought everywhere alike by the capitalist, the manufacturer, the fruit grower and the farmer.

Scientific advertising has made many of our great business institutions what they are; an intelligent advertising, even upon a limited scale, will multiply the size of almost any industry. But advertising must be scientific and intelligent. Above all, it must deal in facts only, in a simple concise way.

The generality of community advertising has not been content to state the opportunities that await the investment of capital and the energy of intelligent labor.

And that is what is going to be done by the publicity department of the Roseburg Commercial club during the year 1916.

The aim of the Roseburg Commercial Club publicity department will be to conduct an advertising campaign on the basis of supplying definite information on specific subjects. Detailed information will be given the inquirer concerning the subject in

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and \$5.00

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If you have never yet worn Regal Shoes, by all means let us supply you with a pair this season. Only in custom-made shoes can you obtain equal quality

—and then you must pay many times the Regal price.

All the Regal styles are exact reproductions of expensive custom models—you can tell that by their smart, trim lines. And we can give you a made-to-measure fit in Regal Shoes, because they are made in quarter-sizes.

The new Regal styles will win your approval on sight.

HARTH'S TOGGERY

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