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TO TRY HALL SEMI-SEPARATELY

MORE AID COMES TO HELP
HENNEY WITH CASES.

Sudden Turn of Events Today Gives Color of Truth to Reported Losing of Evidence Against Hall—Thought That Confessions of Others Necessary to Convict Principal Defendant—Remaining Defendants Excused for the Time Being.

Portland, Jan. 15.—A sensation was sprung in the trial of John H. Hall, Franklin P. Mays, E. P. Mays, W. W. Steier, C. B. Zachary, H. H. Hendricks and others charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of public lands, when Francis J. Henney announced that the state had decided to grant Hall's request for a separate trial and from that of the other defendants, to a certain degree.

Hall will be tried with Edwin P. Mays, Franklin P. Mays and Steier, and the remaining defendants were excused for the time being and no announcement was made as to when they will be tried.

This move on the part of the special prosecutor, Henney, lends a color of truth to the sensational rumor which gained certain credence, to the effect that the evidence in the Hall case has been lost and that Henney is relying on the confessions of certain of the defendants in the case, to convict Hall. Henney refuses to either confirm or deny the story.

T. C. Becker, special assistant to the prosecutor for the government, reached Portland last night and took active part in this morning's proceedings.

EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION.

Object to Ruling of Judge Hanna, in Putman Case.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 15.—The local organization of the State Editorial association, passed a resolution last night condemning the ruling made by Judge Hanna of Douglas county, in

the trial of Editor George Putman in a recent libel suit brought by District Attorney Reams because Putman criticized the district attorney and the grand jury for failing to bring a true bill in an assault case. The matter will probably be taken up before the State Editorial association next Friday, when that body meets here.

Deep Drainage Tunnel.

Cripple Creek, Col., Jan. 15.—Bids were opened today for the completion of the mammoth deep drainage tunnel at Cripple Creek. The successful bidder will be compelled to complete the contract by January 1, 1911. The tunnel will be either 7x10 feet, or an 8-foot circular bore, and 15,500 feet in length, of which 1200 feet have been completed.

THAW LISTENS TO MANY EXPERTS

LITTLETON WINS IN
FIGHT FOR ADMISSION.

Expert on Insanity Relates That an Aunt of the Prisoner is Now Insane—Other Testimony States That Thaw Acted Erratic Prior to the Shooting of White—State Secures Right to Examine Qualifications of Expert—Sharp Conflict.

New York, Jan. 15.—Dr. Horatio C. Wood of Philadelphia, was the first witness in the Harry K. Thaw trial this morning. He testified that he had examined Harriet A. Thaw, an aunt of the prisoner, in the spring of 1904, to determine her mental condition. Miss Thaw is now in the insane asylum. District Attorney Jerome was granted the privilege of examining the witness as to his qualification as an expert. In the wrangle over the admission of the evidence, Littleton won points and got the evidence before the jury.

Christopher Daggin of New York.

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BOURNE DENIES POLITICAL DEBT

ADVANCES REASON FOR
SCHUEBEL APPOINTMENT.

In a Statement From Senator Bourne Is Advanced the Real Reason for Appointing Schuebel to Succeed Bristol—Denies Political Debt and Says Honesty and Integrity is Alone Responsible—Thinks Roosevelt Has Shown Good Judgment.

Portland, Jan. 15.—Senator Jonathan Bourne issued a statement today explaining his attitude in relation to the Schuebel appointment to the United States district attorneyship to succeed Bristol, which will be published in tonight's Journal. Bourne declares in it that Schuebel was not appointed in liquidation of political debts, but "chiefly and primarily on account of his personal honesty and integrity and on my firmly-grounded faith in his legal attainments, based upon endorsements of judges in courts he has practiced in."

"Yet, over and above all this consideration," continues the statement from the junior Oregon solon, "is the consideration of the president to give recognition to the principles for which Mr. Schuebel stands and for which his partner, Mr. U'Ren, has made a most heroic and unselfish battle—for a better system of laws within our state."

International Ring Battle.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 15.—Another international battle is scheduled to be fought day after tomorrow, with Freddie Welch, the crack English lightweight, and Charley Neary of Milwaukee, as opponents. The bout will be for 10 rounds and will be staged by the Milwaukee Boxing club. Welch has shown himself an exceedingly clever and elusive boxer and may be able to win out on points, although it is considered certain that Neary would have all the best of it in a long distance encounter.

CHAMBERLAIN FAVORS EDITOR

MEDFORD EDITOR MAY
CAUSE JUDGE WORRY.

Discussing Peculiar Jury Verdict and Remarkable Fine of Jackson County Judge, Governor Chamberlain Today Says That Sometimes, Appears to Be Wrong—Editor Rescued Inaction of District Attorney and the Grand Jury and Was Indicted.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 15.—Governor George E. Chamberlain today, in an interview, censured Judge Hanna of Jacksonville county court, who made such a remarkable ruling in the Putman libel suit last week and after a 4-3 vote on the jury verdict of guilty, threw the Medford editor \$150.

Friends of Putman had wired to Chamberlain and requested him to remit the editor's fine. Putman heard of this and today notified Railroad Commissioner West that he would not accept a remission, as he was guilty of no crime and that he was confident the higher court would grant him justice.

Governor Chamberlain said: "Assuming the facts to be as stated in the press reports, Mr. Putman is entitled to omission of the fine. I am of the opinion that such a fine should not have been imposed."

Putman's alleged offense was that of criticizing a grand jury for its failure to indict a man who made a murderous assault with an ax upon Mayor Reddy of Medford. The grand jury retaliated by indicting the editor. The original trouble was over non-suitable railroad depot facilities which the mayor strenuously objected to.

MORE POLICE PROTECTION

POUNDMASTER HARDING
WILL JOIN "COP" SQUAD.

New Duties Will Not Interfere With His Duties as Caretaker of the Pound—Can Be Found at the City Recorder's Office Henceforth—New Man on Tonight—No Additional Expense for Better Police Protection—Fines for December High.

Additional police protection is to be given the city of La Grande commencing with tonight when Poundmaster Ed Harding is to be mustered into the regular police force. This will not leave the pound without a master, nor does it mean the appointment of a successor, for Mr. Harding is to serve in the capacity of both. If the services of the poundmaster are needed he can be communicated with at the city recorder's office.

This brings the regular force to four.

The police committee of the city council has solved the police force problem effectually by placing Mr. Harding's name on the regular police force roll. The additional will mean no extra expense to the city, as the salary allowed the poundmaster will henceforth recompense him for police duty as well.

Many Fines Last Month.

Into the city's coffers during last month have come \$512.50 from fines imposed and collected from prisoners, and were brought in by three policemen. The total fines for December of the year previous were \$323.76.

Woolgrowers' Convention.

Helena, Mont., Jan. 15.—An increased attendance marked the second day of the National Woolgrowers' 44th annual convention, many visitors from a distance arriving to take part in the sessions. Several speakers of national fame will address the convention today. Great interest is being manifested in the midwinter sheep show arranged by the Montana woolgrowers, and in which thoroughbred

stock from all parts of the country has been entered. A beautiful silver trophy will be given by the national association for the best display, in addition to the \$1000 in other prizes.

Texas Nut Growers Meet.

Ablene, Texas, Jan. 15.—An unusually large attendance marked the opening today of the joint meeting of the Texas Nut Growers' association and the Texas Horticultural society, which will continue for a session of three days. A magnificent display of Texas fruits and nuts is a feature of the convention. Officials of the Nut Growers' association report that Texas has now become one of the foremost states in the production of nuts, especially pecans, and that the industry is rapidly assuming large proportions.

GHASTLY SCENES ENACTED TODAY

MONDAY NIGHT'S HOLOCAUST
KILLED ABOUT 200.

One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Bodies Have Been Identified From Among Victims of the Monday Night Theater Fire—Coroner Thinks Death List Will Reach Nearly 200—All Bodies Buried Within Three Days, Identified or Not.

Boyerstown, Pa., Jan. 15.—Ghastly scenes are being enacted here today in the public school houses, where the victims of Monday night's holocaust are being identified. Three undertakers and assistants assorted the charred bodies as best they could.

The scenes were heart-rending. Many fainted after recognizing the charred features of some relative or intimate friend. Coroner Kohler has announced that all bodies will be buried within three days, whether they are identified or not.

Death List Large.

In all 168 bodies have been recovered and a large per cent identified. Those who are unidentified are either burned beyond recognition or in reality are strangers to the officers and coroner in charge.

Kohler thinks the death list will reach 175 or 200.

Indiana Lumber Dealers Meet.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 15.—In connection with the 24th annual convention of the Retail Lumber Dealers' Association of Indiana, opened here today, the Hoo-Hoo, the Indiana Hardware Lumbermen's association and the Central Association of Lumber, Sash and Door Salesmen are also meeting here. A Hoo-Hoo concatenation will be held late this afternoon, followed by a banquet tonight. The sessions will extend through tomorrow.

Ray W. Logan, who has been in Portland for several days, returned this morning.

CORTELYOU NOT RESIGNED

NOT AUTHENTIC, BUT
RUMOR IS BELIEVED.

Secretary of the Treasury Reported to Have Resigned—Refuses to Discuss the Matter, But It Seems Certain That Resignation Will Not Be Effective Until Senate Gets Through With Cross-Examination—Follows Several Disputes.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Although the report cannot be confirmed, it is asserted on reliable authority that Secretary Cortelyou has resigned. The announcement came immediately after his return from New York last night.

The story is current here and generally believed. It is said that Cortelyou will be given the presidency of the Knickerbocker Trust company of New York. The resignation came at the close of a stormy session with Roosevelt. It is said, following a cabinet meeting some time ago, when the secretary of the treasury made a demand upon the president to give him an equal amount of backing with Taft, as the administration candidate for the republican nomination for president. This, it is said, the president refused to do.

Cortelyou's tenure of office in the cabinet made it impossible, it is asserted. Since the quarrel with the president over an alleged interference of Cortelyou in the Taft plan of campaign. Immediately following this break Cortelyou went home and said he was sick with grip. Since then he has not been near the department. When asked as to his rumored resignation last night, he made a general denial, but would not go into details or submit to cross-questioning. He refused to answer the 'phone after 8 o'clock. It is believed Cortelyou will remain in the cabinet until he has answered the questions which the senate has put to him regarding his administration of the treasury during the panic. This information has been promised the senate tomorrow noon.

Denial at Last.

Secretary Cortelyou finally gave voice to the inquiries pouring into his office today. Late this afternoon he officially announced to the United Press that he has not resigned and that he does not intend to.

ROOSEVELT LETTER LOST.

Epistle to Governor Sparks Badly Wanted But Cannot Be Found.

Reno, Nev., Jan. 15.—War is on at the special session of the Nevada legislature. President Roosevelt's letter to Governor Sparks, which severely criticized him for appealing for federal aid during the Goldfield labor troubles, when there was no reason for it, has been stolen. Its whereabouts is greatly troubling both factions.

Another Week of Matchless Bargain Opportunities

We have Decided to Continue our January Sale for another week and will give you six full days more of the greatest Dollar Saving Opportunity you have ever enjoyed.

UNDERWEAR GREATLY UNDERPRICED FOR THIS WEEK

\$1.25 Mens Ribbed Wool Underwear in Natural Grey, this week	73c	Boys, Misses and Childrens odd Wool Garments worth up to \$1.00, this week	29c
\$2.50 Australian Lambs Wool, this week	\$1.38	75c Ladies Heavy Ribbed Fleece lined Underwear	43c
\$2.00 values, in Tan Ribbed Medium Weight Wool, this week	\$1.29	\$1.00 Ladies Union Suits, Fleece lined	78c
75c values Heavy Wool Fleece, this week	52c	\$1.75 values in Ladies fine ribbed All Wool Underwear, this week	\$1.38
\$1.25 Heavy All Wool Men's Flat Knit Underwear	69c	\$2.50 values in White ribbed All Wool Underwear	\$1.97
\$2.50 Mens fine Ribbed Worsted Underwear, this week	\$1.77	Childrens Heavy Fleece lined ribbed Underwear, regular price 25c to 50c, this week 19c to	33c
50c Heavy Fleece this week	38c		

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