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LOBBY WAR DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE TO GO BEFORE COM-
MITTEE IF NECESSARY
TO GET RESULTS.

FIRST WITNESS IS CALLED

Insidious Lobby War Started in
Washington Today—All Senators
to Be Required to Give Facts About
Themselves—President Will Take
Personal Hand—Has Given Com-
mittee Help.

Washington, June 2.—President Wilson has assumed personal charge of the lobby investigation by a subcommittee of the senate judiciary committee. At a meeting with correspondents today the president unequivocally told how he expects to guide the inquiry. He said he summoned Chairman Overman and Senator Reed to "make several suggestions," in regard to procedure and scope of the investigation, declaring his suggestions will be scrupulously followed. The president wouldn't state what the suggestions were, saying they would appear during the hearing. The president doesn't contemplate testifying, for he said he hadn't been invited or subpoenaed, but expected to furnish the committee with considerable information from files of the White House. He probably will send a batch of papers to the committee tomorrow.

The currency bill, he said would not go to congress this week, because completion of the measure has been delayed. He also admitted no further note regarding the alien land law had been received from Japan, and said he may name a dozen ambassadors next week.

Investigation is Started.
Washington, June 2.—Diligent hunt for the "insidious lobby" which the president says is operating against the Underwood bill was started by a subcommittee of the senate judiciary when the committee began the questioning of senators to find out what steps they had taken, if any, to influence the tariff legislation, whether any member of the senate was financially interested in the pending measures. The committee will meet morning, afternoon and evening until the work is ended. A long list of questions is prepared for the senators to be examined from.

OUTLAW GIRL RECAPTURED

INDIAN GIRL TAKEN IN HILLS
BY OFFICIALS.

After Sensational Escape She Is
Again in Hands of the Law.

Pendleton, June 2.—Julia Walker, the Indian girl, who escaped from officers by wheeling her horse and outrunning the deputies and afterwards escaping to the mountains, is arrested today, according to reports received here.

She was charged with horse steal-

REED SMOOT.
United States Senator From Utah,
Who Planned Tariff Bill Fight.



first witness, denied he was financially interested in any pending bill. The second question was for the names of all persons with whom he talked regarding the tariff bill. Ashhurst said it was impossible for him to recall all but he had talked with Representative Ketner of California, and named several others. Ashhurst said one senator whose name he couldn't recall asked him to visit the president and ask him to relax on his views on free sugar. Ashhurst told the senator he heartily agreed with the president's views.

Danced at Opening.
Cleveland, O., June 2.—Under the auspices of the Playgrounds association of America, elaborate ceremonies today marked the formal opening of Cleveland's playgrounds. Thousands of little folks participated in folk dances and dances of all nations. Movies will reproduce the ceremonies in every city of size in the country.

WOOD TRIAL IS RESUMED

BOOKS, CHECKS, ETS., OF COM-
PANY IN EVIDENCE.

Outlay to Detective Agencies Shown
by the Documents.

Boston, June 2.—Books, receipts and vouchers of the American Woolen company were presented as evidence when the Wood, Atteaux and Collins trial resumed today. They showed the company paid the Sherman Detective agency at Boston, \$485 during May, 1912, to cover work done at Salem in connection with the trial of Breen, the Lawrence undertaker who is said to have reported the strike condition to the Woolen trust. As a result of the evidence today is expected to defer additional testimony instead of resting the case when the state closes.

James Bailey, manager of the Woolen company's mills at Lawrence, admitted on the stand that he approved a thousand dollar bill for detective hire in behalf of the company, and also admitted he purchased 4000 copies of Lawrence papers in January and had distributed them widely. A long argument over the admissibility of the papers into evidence followed. These contained accounts of the discovery of dynamite and a two column interview with Wood cautioning the strikers not to resort to violence. The court admitted the papers under conditions.

CIRCUIT COURT CONVENES TO HEAR JUNE TERM CASES

Grand Jury in Session and First
Trial Case Heard This Afternoon

OFFICERS OF THE COURT

Presiding Judge—J. W. Knowles.
State's Attorney—F. S. Ivanhoe.
Clerk of the Court—Ed Wright.
Grand Jury Baliff—Fred B. Currey.
Trial Jury Baliff—John Baker.
Court Reporter—H. R. Hanna.
Grand Jurors.
A. T. Hill, Foreman.
R. D. Bancroft.
L. J. French.
E. E. Kirtley.
N. Daron.
J. A. Holmes.
Orland Anson.

With many cases of more or less importance docketed for trial, the June term of the circuit court convened this morning. The morning hours were devoted principally to filing of motions and arguments over demurrers to amended answers to the Stanchfield vs. Central Railway of Oregon case which was commenced after the lunch recess. The case involves the shipment of cement sent out by the Stanchfield Warehouse company of this city to Union. Attorneys R. J. Green for the plaintiff, L. Z. Terral and Crawford & Eakin, defendant's counsel, are the attorneys in the case.

The grand jury went into executive session at 10 o'clock after the jury roll call. A few of the jurors were excused, some for the day, some for the week and others for the term.

Nelson vs. Stewart is next, and Minnie G. Stevens vs. Bloom, et al., follows that.

Finds Brother Away.

Dr. George Phieffer of San Francisco arrived in the city last evening to visit his brother "Heinie" Phieffer, the local engineer who was seriously injured at Pendleton recently and who is now in a Portland hospital. The 'Frisco doctor passed through Portland yesterday but didn't know his brother was there. Now he has hurried back to the metropolis. Word received from the hospital is to the effect that the engineer is not improving as rapidly as he might be expected to.

Auto Owners to Meet.

A meeting of the Union County Automobile association has been called to meet Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Commercial club rooms. Business of importance is before the club and a big membership is urged to attend.

Swackhammer Returns.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Swackhammer left this week for Chicago where Mr. Swackhammer, who is studying medicine and surgery, will enter one of the largest hospitals in the country, after which he will gain further experience in a hospital at Los Angeles.—Union Republican.

Wrights Attend Ceremony.

Among the out of town guests at the Methodist church corner stone laying yesterday, were the members of the Tom Wright family of Union. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wright, Mrs. Edith Wright and Mrs. Ina Wright Herbst, the noted soprano.

COMMISSION DENIED CITY

NEWLY ELECTED DENVER COM-
MISSION BALKED.

Old Mayor and Treasure Refuse to
Give Up Their Posts.

Denver, June 2.—Armed police are on guard in the city hall and courthouse as Mayor Arnold and Treasurer Sullivan are resisting the newly elected city commission from taking control of the government. The commissioners refuse to attempt violence and no trouble is expected.

City officials in office say the action is designed to force the commission to start legal proceedings to test the legality of the commission form of government. The new commissioners organized today and elected a mayor, and passed an ordinance validating the existing ordinance and then formally demanded control of the city.

"Aagle Eyes" Meet.

Washington, June 2.—There was every indication when the 26th annual convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen opened here today, that the organization would pass resolutions upholding their fellow workers, the trainmen who recently demanded increase in pay and better working conditions from 52 eastern railroads. The brotherhood will remain in session eight days.

POMP ATTENDS LAYING OF LOCAL CHURCH CORNERSTONE

Plumbed, squared and pronounced true, the corner stone of the new \$30,000 Methodist church at Spring and Fourth was laid in place yesterday afternoon under direction of the Masonic grand lodge of Oregon and in a hewn-out cavity in the corner stone, were placed various articles and instruments which in years to come will record the momentous event to Methodism in this city. It was a great day for Methodists.

During the morning the announced program was carried out as announced with the exception that illness kept District Superintendent Winters from the pulpit and Dr. E. B. Fyke substituted. The Methodist church was packed for that service, and the big program which culminated with the laying of the corner stone, took place in open air during the afternoon. The Masonic grand lodge took complete charge, with Past Grand Master E. E. Kiddle acting as deputy, after Dr. Nathan Evans of Pendleton had delivered a splendid address on the "Unfailing Progress of the Church."

Impressive Ceremony Seen.

Local Masons, wearing insignia of their order, then took charge of the out-of-door exercises to which some 1,000 people were witnesses. The stone was rolled into place, and the presiding officers plumbed and squared it into place, and declared it a fitting stone to erect the magnificent edifice upon.

Many New Laws Rule

GUN LICENSE LAW AIMS AT UN-
NATURALIZED MEN.

Full Crew Now Required

Many Important Laws Go Into Ef-
fect in Oregon Tomorrow.

Tomorrow many new laws become effective in this state, and not least is the full crew law which requires three brakemen on all main line freight trains. It means the addition of at least 20 extra brakemen out of La Grande, in itself a big addition to the annual payroll of the city.

The new gun license law becomes effective too, but this law does not affect citizens. Aliens, those who have not declared their intentions, those who cannot become citizens, must first secure a gun license, costing \$25, from the state game warden and can then apply for hunting and fishing licenses. It is a misdemeanor for such persons to apply for the fishing license without first having obtained the gun license.

Such foreign-born unnaturalized citizens cannot have in his possession firearms of any description in any tent, car or camp, nor in the fields or forest.

Other laws that become effective tomorrow are:

The inheritance law is changed so that in the event a person dies leaving neither husband nor wife nor lineal descendant, his property descends in equal shares to his father and mother. Heretofore the father has been the heir to the exclusion of the mother.

The salary of circuit judge of the state is increased from \$3000 to \$4000 per year.

Hereafter any person who shall sell intoxicating liquors to habitual drunkards, or intoxicated persons, shall be liable to the wife, husband, parent or child of such intoxicated person for all damages resulting in whole or in

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EIGHT-HOUR LAW TO MEAN LOWER WAGES

FOURTH STREET PROJECT MAY
NOT BE AMENABLE TO
NEW LAWS.

TEAMSTERS MAKE PROTEST

Slight Furor Started Friday Appar-
ently Settled—Teamsters Today
Deal With Warren People and
Pacification Seems to Prevail—
Will Continue on 10 Hour Basis on
Fourth.

Amicable settlement, it now appears, will be the ultimate result of a small furor created last week by some 20 teamsters on the paving projects in this city, over the eight-hour law which becomes effective in Oregon tomorrow. By the law all workmen on public projects must not work more than eight hours each day, but the point taken by the Warren people on the Fourth street project is that the contract was entered into before the law was passed, and therefore the law is not binding on them until they accept a project under agreements dated after tomorrow. "We bid on a 10 hour working basis," argues Superintendent D. A. White, "and we can't continue to pay the wages we did for 10 hours when we get only eight hours of work. We have come to an understanding with the teamsters involved and everything will open up tomorrow so far as I know, as usual. Only one driver is on today but that has nothing to do with this question. We expect to go ahead with full steam tomorrow again on the basis that we are not required to apply the eight-hour law on projects signed long before the law became effective."

The teamsters held a meeting Friday night and discussed the matter and have taken members of the council in their confidence but it was not until today that they dealt direct with Superintendent White. They asked for 10 hours pay for 8 hours work, but came to understanding later that appears to pacify all. A meeting was scheduled for Saturday night but little was done, and unless someone with authority to do so orders the Warren Construction company to adhere the new new law, the company will finish the Fourth street project on the old schedule of working hours and apply the new law on new projects.

"I have not asked the advice of legal authorities on the law but that is the interpretation I have always heard put on similar laws," said Mr. White today in explaining, that in so far as he was concerned now, the company will proceed on the old basis. "The men understand that we can't pay 10 hour schedules for 8 hours work and I don't believe they will ask us to. Even if we do apply the 8 hour working basis we will not pay 10-hour wages."

Defeats New Law.

Taking time by the forelock, and avoiding the necessity of paying the \$2.50 doctor's fees necessary hereafter in obtaining a marriage license, Geo. L. Flagler today saved the half of a five dollar gold piece by obtaining a license, from County Clerk Wright to marry Edith Anderson.

Branchline Results.

Games played in the Branchline league yesterday: La Grande 3, Enterprise 8. (At La Grande). Wallowa 1, Elgin 6. (At Elgin.)