

TRACING COURSE OF PUTER CLAIMS

Looked Suspicious Till Mitchell Was Paid, and Then Rushed Through.

MITCHELL'S MEMORY BAD

Neither He nor Hermann Could Recall Mrs. Watson—Much of Robertson's Interesting Testimony About Hermann Excluded.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 26.—That interest in the trial of Roger Hermann is lagging was strikingly illustrated today when one of the jurors fell asleep in the midst of the testimony of Harry C. Robertson, formerly private secretary to Senator Mitchell.

Interesting Facts Shut Out.

Had Mr. Robertson been permitted to tell extensively of his relations with Hermann in 1896-97, when the latter was first in Congress, he could have materially effected some statements of those who appeared as character witnesses for the defendant.

Progress of the Puter "5-11" claims through the General Land Office was traced today when George R. Ogden, a clerk in the public lands division of that office testified.

Thought Patents Justified.

All of the papers in the claims, he said, were asked for either by Commissioner Teymann or Assistant Commissioner Richards.

Money Made Mitchell Nervous.

Harry G. Robertson, of Seattle, Wash., private secretary to Hermann during the latter's term in Congress in 1896-97, and who held a like position with the late Senator Mitchell from 1901 to 1906, testified for the Government.

Their Memories Failed.

In 1904 he called a conference at Mitchell's hotel between Mitchell and Hermann. The latter had just returned from Portland, where he had been a witness in the land-trust case against Puter.

Letter on Hyde-Benson Frauds.

The Government put in evidence a letter purporting to outline the character of the land operations of the Hyde-Benson-Diamond combination.

King on Way East to Testify.

VALB. Or., March 26.—A. G. King, ex-county clerk of Malheur County, but now a resident of Seattle, arrived in the county seat Friday en route to Washington, D. C., in company with Deputy United States Marshal Crabtree.

BOARD OF IMMIGRATION President Appoints Men to Investigate and Prepare Law.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The President has appointed the following as civil-mens of the Immigration Commission, authorized at the last session of Congress: Charles P. Neill, Commissioner of Labor, Fred W. Jenks, of Cornell University, and William R. Wheeler, a business man, of Oakland, Cal.

End of Bitter Fight Lasting Six Years Is Passage of Bill—Adds \$500,000 to the State Revenue.

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TURN MORE MONEY LOOSE

Cortelyou Enlarges Customs Deposits and Pays Interest Ahead. WASHINGTON, March 26.—Under instructions recently issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, Collectors of Customs throughout the country were directed to deposit their customs receipts in the regular depositories.

The Secretary also has instructed the Treasurer of the United States to mail at once to the owners the checks for interest due April 1, 1907, on registered bonds of the 2 per cent consols of 1899 and the 4 per cent funded loan of 1907.

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NO TARIFF TREATY WITH CANADA.

LONDON, March 26.—Replying in the House of Commons today to a question of Mr. Forester, Foreign Secretary, Mr. Balfour said that the negotiations respecting commercial reciprocity between the United States and Canada, which had been left unsettled in 1898, had not been reopened in the recent negotiations of Ambassador Bryce and would form no part of them.

Arrange for Summer Camps.

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PROPOSES JOINT CONFERENCE

SCHIFF WANTS RAILROADS AND COMMISSION TO PLAN NEW LAWS. NEW YORK, March 26.—Jacob H. Schiff, head of the banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., said today that the fear that something exceptionally distressing will happen to the railroads in the way of legislation is more accountable for the present state of affairs in the stock market than the money market is.



MAP OF THE WARRING CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES.

tion of railroads in Nebraska into \$500,000 on present property, to say nothing of vast improvements being made. Of the total, between \$100,000 and \$125,000 will go into the city treasury of Omaha.

HILL SEES DANGER SIGNALS

NEW YORK, March 26.—J. P. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Company, returned to the city yesterday from the West. When asked for his views on industrial and railway conditions, he replied: "Remember that there is a decided difference between hard times and business recession. There is nothing in present conditions to make anybody apprehensive."

TWO-CENT FARE BILL PASSED

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 26.—The Senate today passed the House 2-cent railroad fare bill, which now goes to the House for concurrence in the Senate amendments, one of which provides a fine of \$100 for each offense committed by a railroad company against the provisions of the act.

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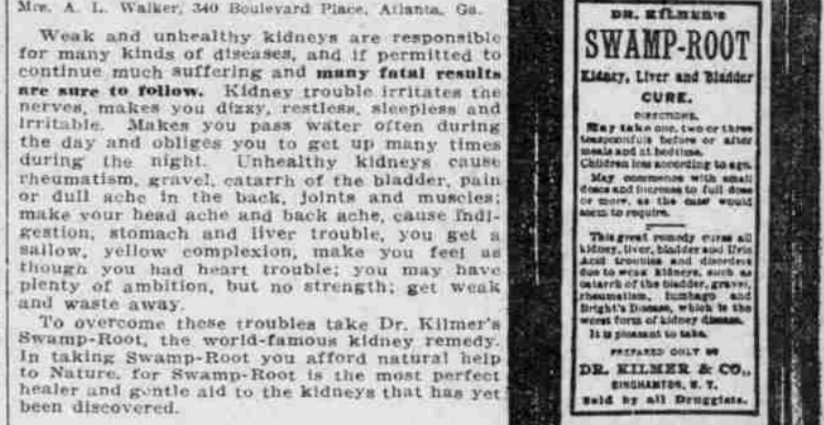
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How to Find Out If there is any doubt in your mind as to your condition, take from your urine on rising about four ounces, place it in a glass or bottle and let it stand 24 hours. If on examination it is milky or cloudy, if there is a brick-dust settling, (Swamp-Root is pleasant to take.)

GIVES UP COURT-MARTIAL

ST. PETERSBURG, March 26.—At the close of two days debate, the lower house of Parliament today adopted a preliminary Constitutional Democratic resolution providing for the abolition of the drumhead courts-martial, and instructing the committee to draw up and present a bill to this effect with as little delay as possible.

Bomb Misses the Governor.

BIALYSTOK, March 25.—A bomb was thrown today at Governor-General Bogalevski while he was out driving. The Governor-General was not injured, though the force of the explosion broke all the windows in the street and his coachman was slightly wounded.

Forbidden to Go Out at Night.

KITAISS, Russia, March 26.—Orders have been issued forbidding the people of this place to walk the streets between the hours of 6 P. M. and 7 A. M. This action is taken because of the murder of a police officer named Klaparski.

Advertisement for Quaker Maid Rye featuring three gold medals and a woman holding a glass. Text includes '3 GOLD MEDALS FOR Quaker Maid Rye' and 'S. HIRSCH & CO. Kansas City, Mo.'

Advertisement for an investigation offer. Text includes 'INVESTIGATE THIS OFFER It Is Bona Fide No Strings Attached to It' and 'The Daily and Sunday Oregonian, one year, \$9.00.'