

HERMANN TURNS UP HITCHCOCK

Shows He Suspended Benson-Hyde Claims Without Delay.

CALLS SECRETARY SLOW

Letter Shows Holzinger Report Held Up by Hitchcock—Hermann Urged Repeat of Lien Land Law for the Forest Reserves.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 2.—Just prior to the adjournment of court today, counsel for Binger Hermann sprang a protest in the shape of documentary evidence tending to impeach statements made by ex-Secretary Hitchcock when he was on the stand. The Secretary had testified that one reason for calling for Hermann's resignation was because the Commissioner had withheld the report of Special Agent Holzinger exposing the Benson-Hyde land frauds.

Letters read today from the official files of the Department showed that Hermann not only transmitted that report to the Secretary but that he suspended the fraudulent engineer without waiting for authority from the Secretary. The letters were furthermore interesting as showing that Mr. Hitchcock, long after receiving the Holzinger report, ignored its existence and twice called on Hermann for his reasons for suspending the Benson-Hyde entries, when the reason had been previously set forth in two letters written by Hermann to the Secretary.

Urged Repeat of Lien Land Law.

The defense also offered numerous other letters written by Hermann to Mr. Hitchcock showing that at various times from 1890 to the date of his retirement, Hermann urged the Secretary to recommend the repeal of the land law and in one letter dated July 31, 1891, recommended that no more forest reserves be created until that law should be repealed, or at least modified so as to restrict lien selections to land of equal value to that relinquished to the Government.

This evidence was submitted to show that at the time Hermann was accused of conspiring with Williamson, May, Jones and others in the Blue Mountain reserve case, he was actually urging the repeal of the very law under which those frauds were to have been perpetrated.

Ezra N. Hill Creates Diversion.

The rest of the day the proceedings were monotonous and unimportant, save that several witnesses were produced to show that Hermann was not an intimate friend of Senator Mitchell, who testified to being present in Mitchell's room in the Dewey Hotel when Puter called and secured his promise to help in exposing the Watson case. Mr. Hill declared he saw Mitchell during that entire conference and that nothing passed between Puter and Mitchell. Mr. Hill was persistently cross-questioned by District Attorney Baker and, being possessed of ready wit, brought about several amusing situations. He said Puter almost went down in his witness chair when he began to see Hermann and get the patents to his claims. Puter said he would be ruined and that Mrs. Watson, whom he had induced to invest money in the claims, would also be financially ruined. This interview took place in March, 1902.

Told Books Were Being Torn Up.

W. A. Richards, ex-commissioner of the General Land Office, testified that in January, 1902, he was told by his messenger that the chief messenger and an assistant were tearing up Hermann's letters in the corridors. This testimony was objected to by the prosecution and the court remarked that he did not see how the fact of publicity regarding the destruction of the letter-books would affect the character of the act. Mr. Baker testified that the Government would argue to the jury that the defendant destroyed his letter-books openly and notoriously.

Charged With Pillaging Blocks.

George Hissalon, a local attorney, who for a time represented Benson before the Land Office, testified that Hermann and Benson were not on good terms. C. L. Dupuis, chief of a division in the Land Office, testified to seeing Mr. Baker and also that on Hermann's telephone order to the Treasury, Benson's accounts were recalled and he was never allowed to settle, thus blocking certain land deals.

THE DAY'S DEATH RECORD

Don Carlos Taft, Geologist. CHICAGO, April 2.—Don Carlos Taft, former professor of geology at the University of Illinois, died yesterday of apoplexy at his residence here. Mr. Taft was born in Swanzey, N. H., in 1827 and graduated from Amherst college in 1852. He accepted the chair of geology at the University of Illinois in 1870 and ten years later moved to Hanover, Kans., where he established a bank, of which he was president until 1877, when he came to Chicago.

DENY ALL EARLE'S CHARGES

Sugar Trust Men Also Rely on Statute of Limitations. NEW YORK, April 2.—The answer of the American Sugar Refining Company and Henry O. Havemeyer and John T. Parsons to the suit brought against them by George H. Earle is received for the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company. The answer is a general denial to each and every charge made by the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining Company. After making a general de-

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TO ROUT OUT THE WICKED

LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE IS FORMED AT WOODBURN.

Proposed to Prosecute Those Accused of Illegal Voting and Rid City of "Joins."

WOODBURN, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—A well-attended meeting was held in Association Hall tonight, and after addresses by Rev. D. H. Leach, Rev. D. W. Cook, Walter L. Toole and others, a Law and Order League was organized, with H. Overton as president, Wallace Livesey as vice-president, E. P. Morcom, secretary and A. E. Austin, treasurer.

HIS CHAUFFEUR BURNS' SPY.

Gallagher Accompanied on Boodeling Trip as Detective. SAN FRANCISCO, April 2.—(Special.)—When Supervisor James G. Gallagher was dashing about San Francisco last winter in his red automobile, the quiet, unassuming young man at the wheel was none other than a disguised detective in the employ of William J. Burns.

SEVEN CARS IN THE DITCH.

Freight Wreck at Onconta—Passengers From No. 1 Are Transferred. BRIDAL VEIL, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Westbound freight train No. 58 was wrecked at 6 o'clock this evening at Onconta, five miles east of here, because of broken wheels on one of the cars. Seven cars were ditched. No one was injured. The wrecking train from Albina arrived at 9 o'clock and it is expected the track will be cleared by daylight. A special train carrying empty coaches from Portland transferred the passengers from No. 1 westbound.

HOLD TRI-STATE CONFERENCE

Railway Commissioners of Oregon Idaho and Washington to Meet. SALEM, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—Plans were tonight perfected by the State Railroad Commission by which the Washington, Idaho and Oregon Commissioners will hold a joint conference at Olympia on April 11. The meeting will be mainly for the purpose of co-operation in conducting investigations and matters of mutual interest will be discussed.

CHARGED WITH PILLAGING BLOCKS.

ASTORIA, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—John Robinson and his son, Quincy Robinson, of Skippanon, were arrested today on an information charging them with larceny of a number of blocks, ropes and chains from the stranded British bark Peter Redale. The plunder was found concealed under the bay in a barn at the defendants' home. The defendants are in the County Jail pending a hearing in the Justice Court tomorrow morning.

ODD FELLOWS AT SALEM.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., April 2.—(Special.)—Good Will Lodge, No. 63, Order of Encampment I. O. O. F., was instituted in White Salmon by Special Grand Deputy Harvey, of Vancouver, Wash., tonight. The encampment begins its existence with a membership of 38 pilgrims. Delegates were present from Hood River, Dufer, Vancouver, Carson and Goldendale.

HUNDRED DIVORCE CASES ON DOCKET

OREGON CITY, Or., April 2.—(Special.)—The April term of the Circuit Court in Oregon City convened in court Monday, April 15. The number of divorce suits on the docket will exceed those of any former term, there being nearly 100 such cases pending.

VERDICT ON COLTON WRECK

Coroner's Jury Fixes Blame and Censures Railway Company. COLTON, Cal., April 2.—The verdict of the coroner's jury convened to investigate the wreck at Colton last Thursday, in which 23 people lost their lives and nearly a hundred more were injured, was returned this evening. The foreman of the switching crew and his assistant are added with responsibility for the wreck through criminal negligence, the engineer of the wrecked overland train is declared guilty of negligence through running too fast; the Southern Pacific is censured for operating the freight cars in which many of the Italian immigrants were killed.

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POINTS FOR THE DEFENSE.

The experts for the prosecution admitted that they had reached their conclusions as to Thaw's present state of mind by unsound and fraudulent observations of him in the courtroom and from writings alleged to have emanated from him during the trial. Among the latter were 24 pages of newspaper clippings and memoranda written by Thaw as suggestions to his chief attorney, Delphin M. Delmas, for his summing up address to the jury. Mr. Jerome's experts declared these writings were those of an insane man. The experts for the defense declared there was absolutely nothing in the writings upon which to predicate an opinion.

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REPUBLICANS WIN KANSAS CITY, KAN.

KANSAS CITY, April 2.—D. E. Cornell, Republican, was elected Mayor of Kansas City, Kan., today over W. W. Rose, Democrat, and John Gray, Socialist, by a plurality of about 1000 in a total vote of 15,000.

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were victorious, the latter by a small margin, and in Colorado Springs the straight Republican ticket won out. In the mountain towns where liquor selling was before the voters, the saloon element carried the day.

TAINTED MEAT AT PANAMA

CONGRESSMAN RAINY SCORES THE COMMISSARIAT. Investigation Will Show Big Scandal. He Charges That Stewards Are Grafting.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Congressman H. T. Rainey, of Illinois, after spending eight days in the Panama Canal zone, today returned here enthusiastic over the progress made, but most unfavorably impressed with the management of the Commissary Department.

REPUBLICAN FOR SUPREME JUDGE.

MILWAUKEE, April 2.—Justice R. D. Marshall, Republican, appears to be selected to the Supreme Court over Henry Scudder of Marinette. The returns are close.

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