

JURY SECURED TO TRY BANKER ROSS

Lawyers Make Opening Statements.

LEGAL BATTLE BEGINS TODAY

First Move of Defense Will Be to Exclude Testimony.

BASED ON A TECHNICALITY

Attorney Will Object to Any Evidence Offered on Ground That It Does Not Support Indictment of Diverting School Funds.

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At the very outset the defense will object to the evidence as not supporting the allegations of the indictment, and then will be heard arguments on the technicalities by which Ross hopes to escape responsibility for his part in the pillaging of the state school fund.

The jury was secured today with surprising ease. The case was called shortly after 1 o'clock and before 3 1/2 jurors had been sworn to try the case.

The statute provides that in cases involving crimes punishable by life imprisonment the defense shall be entitled to 12 peremptory challenges.

Judge Burnett held that the statute mentioning imprisonment did not apply to judgments of this kind and that only six peremptory challenges would be allowed.

The examination of jurors was without particular incident, except that the defense sought to gain an advantage by leading the jury to believe that this case was in some way connected with an alleged controversy between H. W. Scott and Ross nine years ago over matters of legislation.

In the opening statement to the jury M. L. Pipes gave a careful and concise review of the history of school fund legislation from the time when the framers of the constitution expressly vested in the State Land Board the exclusive power to control and invest the school funds.

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SULTAN EATS HUMBLE PIE

GIVES IN TO ITALY WHEN FORCE IS THREATENED. Allows Establishment of Postoffices and Italian Settlement in Tripoli—Fleet Is Recalled.

ROME, April 20.—The threatened trouble between Italy and Turkey apparently has ended as a triumph for Italy, for the present at least, there will be no demonstration by Italian warships in Turkish waters.

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DENIES CHARGE HE IS PLUTOCRAT

Bryan Says Views Unchanged by Wealth. GETS INCOME FROM PEOPLE

NEW YORK, April 20.—W. J. Bryan arrived here this morning and spent a busy day in conference with Democratic leaders of this and other states. His most interesting utterance was a reply to the charges that his acquisition of a large income by his newspaper and lectures has made him as much a plutocrat as those whom he attacks.

TRAIN-WRECK KILLS 41

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FORCED TO DESERT BRIDE

HUSBAND FRIGHTENED BY THREAT OF PROSECUTION FOR MARRYING COUSIN. SEATTLE, April 20.—(Special.)—Perry McGee and Miss Nettie Monk were married last week in Tacoma, says a special to the Times from Montevideo, Wash.

JAPANESE HONOR MURRAY

TOKIO, April 21.—A most interesting banquet was held Monday in commemoration of the meritorious service rendered Japan by the late David Murray, the American who, from 1873 to 1877, served the government as adviser in educational matters and practically laid the foundation of the modern system now used in Japan's education.

CONTINUES TO IMPROVE

PASO ROBLES, Cal., April 20.—(Special.)—Rear Admiral Evans spent a very good night, said Surgeon McDonald this morning. "He slept well, ate well this morning, and his digestion is improving. I am certain that the course of treatment which is being followed out here at the hot springs is doing him a world of good."

THE DEMOCRACY:—"THERE AIN'T NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 'EM, SO VOTE FOR CHAMBERLAIN" FOR U.S. SENATOR: GEO. E. CAKE HARRY M. CHAMBERLAIN

STATUS OF REPUBLICAN CONFLICT. Table with columns: Name of State, Number of Representatives, Number of Senators, Total, and Contested.

The above is the table issued by the Staff managers, brought up to date. Of the delegates instructed for other candidates, those from Illinois are for Cannon, Indiana for Fairbanks, New York for Hughes and Wisconsin for La Follette.