

STANDARD DEFENSE IS ALL COMPLETE

Rosenthal and Johnson Follow Watson in Fight to Keep Trust Alive.

NO DECISION UNTIL FALL

Closing Argument of Government Will Be Completed This Week, and Court Will Take Long Deliberation.

ST. LOUIS, April 9.—The Standard Oil lawyers completed their arguments today in the Government's suit to dissolve the corporation as a violator of the Sherman law.

Attorney Kellogg will sum up for the Government tomorrow and the court then will take the case under advisement. In view of the great mass of evidence and arguments to consider, it is not expected that a decision will be handed down before Fall.

David T. Watson, Pittsburg's most noted corporation lawyer, concluded today his argument upon the law from the viewpoint of the Government suit to dissolve the Standard Oil Company for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Question of Present Only.

Mr. Watson, to a great degree, repeated his argument of yesterday afternoon, dwelling with more particularity upon the details of the law as he insisted it should be construed by the court.

The Pittsburg lawyer emphasized strongly his first legal proposition that it mattered not what the defendants might have done in former days—the only question for the court was whether the Standard was engaged in unfair competition and engaging in unfair competition on November 15, 1906, when the bill of complaint was filed against them.

Mr. Watson also took issue with Prosecutor Kellogg that the men forming the Standard were liable and guilty as alleged, under the Federal common law.

Mr. Watson insisted that the evidence showed only that the defendants enlarged through better business methods, but that of the restraint of trade there was not a scintilla of proof.

Rosenthal Takes Hold.

Mr. Rosenthal then began his argument, taking up first the alleged railway discriminations in favor of the Standard Oil.

"Maintain that in all this great record there is no proof that these defendants ever received discriminatory rates—secret or otherwise—over their competitors."

Mr. Rosenthal declared that the so-called "concessions," when reduced to last analysis, did not show that the Standard had received discriminatory freight rates from the railways.

"Our corporation has not grown because of rate discriminations," he said. "But because of the merit of its products."

Challenges Witnesses.

Discussing competition, the attorney said that only five of the witnesses called by the Government to testify to unfair tactics were not either discharged employees of the Standard Oil Company or competitors.

"Ninety-five per cent of the Government's evidence was incompetent and, if judged by the rules of evidence, would be thrown out."

John J. Johnson, of Philadelphia, then began the concluding argument for the defense, discussing both the law and the facts.

OIL EXPLOSION KILLS TWO

Refining Still in Standard Works Blows Up With Great Loss.

POINT RICHMOND, Cal., April 9.—Two men were burned to death and three others injured when a tank of Standard Oil Company this morning exploded.

The fire, which was scattered over eight acres of territory, was fought for over an hour by 1500 men, and the damage will reach \$20,000.

The dead: C. P. Lawrence, of the Marine Department; Joseph Granger, salesman; seriously injured, Clarence G. Perault, foreman; injured, department; James Montgomery, teamster; C. Greathouse, carman; A. Moore, tankman; "Bob" McFarland, stillman; Chris Schmidt, teamster.

The still which exploded in the last one used in the process of refining oil, and it is presumed that a leak in one of the pipes caused the disaster. When the alarm was given the emptying of the big storage tanks in the vicinity by means of an automatic system, was at once begun, but the fire was subdued before they were reached. A number of the men who were fighting the flames were overcome by the fumes of the burning petroleum, but were soon revived.

STATE IS SAVED \$10,000

Printer Dunlavy Cuts Expenses of Issuing 1909 Calendar.

SALEM, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—The State of Oregon will pay \$10,000 less this year for the printing of the calendar of the 1909 session of the Legislature than it paid for the same job following the 1908 session. This fact is disclosed by the account of State Printer W. S. Dunlavy for this piece of work, just passed up to the Auditor and for which a warrant has already been drawn.

In 1908 there were 648 House and Senate bills and in 1909 the number was 550. In 1908 the bill for printing was \$16,125 and for binding \$372.50, a total of \$16,500. The printing bill this year will be \$8863.77 and the binding bill \$337.50, a total of \$9201.27, difference in favor of 1909, \$7298.73.

The introduction of modern business methods in the state printing office has made this saving possible, resulting in decreased cost for composition, press work, binding and paper.

OLD MAN IN SORRY PLIGHT

Paralyzed, He Is Unable to Tell Authorities Who He Is.

DALLAS, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—Nearly helpless and at times hardly conscious, an unknown and aged man is retained in the County Jail in this city, pending investigations by the authorities

to ascertain his identity and the whereabouts of his friends and relatives, if any there be.

He was found yesterday morning lying on the road between Black Rock and Falls City in a semi-conscious condition, one side of his body being paralyzed and his right shoulder dislocated. The men who found him were unable to learn anything about the unfortunate man or where he came from, as he had never been seen about that neighborhood before, and, in his helpless condition, was unable to comprehend or answer intelligibly questions that were put to him. He was brought down to Dallas yesterday and turned over to the county authorities, who have been using every effort to ascertain his identity, thus far without success.

The only clue they have secured is a report that he had been seen to board the train at Perrydale on Wednesday, the day before he was found in the road near Falls City. He appears to be about 60 years old and is of German nationality.

Twelfth Man Suits Prosecution and Defense Has Last Word Monday.

One Talesman Never Heard of Case.

PROSECUTION IS SATISFIED.

Lutge was the 12th juror and Judge Lawlor immediately declared the prosecution satisfied with the verdict.

The defense, however, was not satisfied with the verdict and declared that the jury was biased and that the trial was unfair.

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JURY ON MONDAY?

Court Has Hopes That Calhoun Men May Be Picked.

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\$35.00 Ladies' Tailored Suits \$15.59

A Hat or a Pair of Shoes Free

500 Strictly Up-to-date Suits On Display
500 New Spring Hats to Make Your Selections
500 Pairs Easter Dress Shoes Also On Display

\$30.00 Men's Nobby Suits \$9.98

A \$3.00 Hat Free With Each Suit

350 Stylish Suits in All Colors.
350 Dress Hats, All Shapes and Colors

MUSICAL TREAT TONIGHT

The well known Stiles' Orchestra has been engaged for the entertainment of the public. Whether you want to buy goods or not, come and hear the music tonight. Bring your families along. All are welcome.

RE-ELECT GEORGE LAZELLE

Clackamas County Fair Board Holds Annual Session.

OREGON CITY, Or., April 9.—(Special.)—The Board of Directors of the Clackamas County Fair Association met in session in the Courthouse this afternoon to elect the officers for the ensuing year.

George Lazelle, of Oregon City, was re-elected. James W. Smith, of Mackburg, was elected vice-president; W. H. Baird, of Canby, treasurer; Millard Lee, of Canby, secretary.

The committee on the premium list is composed of M. S. Shrock, Hubbard; M. Rambo, Oregon City; T. J. Garz, Willamette; Mrs. May Waldron, Oregon City; A. J. Lewis, Maple Lane; committee on soliciting for special premiums: Millard Lee, Canby; O. E. Freytag, Gladstone; A. J. Lewis, Maple Lane.

The association will issue 5000 copies of the premium list. The meeting of the executive committee, which is composed of the president, vice-president and treasurer, will be held at Canby on Tuesday, April 13, at 1:30 to make further arrangements.

The date of the county fair has been set for October 28, 29 and 30. The race track is in excellent condition, and many horses have been training during the winter. The races are to be one of the chief