

DEFENSE OF WOOD

Testimony in Pension Fraud Case Completed.

HOSEA WOOD ON THE STAND

He Denies Conspiracy, and Says He is Only a Salaried Employee—Stenographers Contradict Statements of Prosecution's Witnesses.

The introduction of testimony in the case of T. A. and Hosea Wood, accused of conspiracy to defraud the Government, was completed in the Federal Court yesterday.

The defense occupied the entire day and introduced some strong testimony. The two young women stenographers employed by Wood made good witnesses for the defense, and withstood a hard fire of cross-examination.

The case opened yesterday morning with D. J. Slover on the witness stand. He was called to testify in relation to the application of Mrs. Hill, who, it appears, had been remarried before she applied for a pension.

Slover testified that he heard a conversation between Mr. Wood and Mrs. Hill in which the latter said she had been summoned before the special pension examiner, and he heard Mr. Wood say to her that if she had told him of her marriage she could not have got him to take her claim.

Witness said he urged her to tell the special examiner the truth about the matter. Witness further stated that Wood asked Mrs. Hill why she had not told him of her second marriage when she made an application for a pension.

T. J. Gregory testified that he heard Wood tell Mrs. Hill that she had misrepresented things to him when applying for a pension.

Isaac N. Knight testified to the same conversation as the other witness.

Hosea Wood Makes Denial. Hosea Wood, the second defendant, was next called.

He swore that he had been employed in his father's office simply as a hired clerk and had no interest in the business outside of a salary. He had never entered into any conspiracy with his father to defraud the Government or any one else, but had tried to do his work honestly.

Witness denied that he had ever had Melrath place his seal on affidavits when the witness was not present. He admitted that he took Mrs. Gibbs' affidavit to her to be signed, and that Melrath was not along at the time, but said that he called her up by phone at a later date, introduced her to Melrath over the phone and he took her acknowledgment to her signature over the phone.

When shown the papers that the witness dated wrong, the witness admitted that they were in his handwriting, but said he knew nothing further about them. Witness further admitted that some papers needing the jurat of Melrath had been sent to him at the Coast, and that the jurat had been affixed, but he contended that they had never returned to him.

Stenographers Defend Wood. Miss Minnie Dowling, one of Mr. Wood's stenographers, was called next.

She testified first in relation to the affidavit of A. H. Matthews in support of a claim for Roxana White. Matthews swore on the stand that he never intended to make any affidavit for her.

Miss Dowling took her notebook and read from it the original affidavit which she said she had given to her by him. She then read five or six others which she said were dictated to her by him. She said that she was aware of these affidavits, and signed the forms, which she filled out when she had leisure time.

She denied positively that she had ever filled out anything in a blank affidavit except what had been dictated to her by the claimant. When she was asked if the witness who was on the witness stand as Matthews was the same man who gave the affidavits to her, she said she had not seen Mr. Matthews on the stand, but saw the same man in the courtroom. The defense wanted the prosecution to admit the identity of the witness, but the latter objected and Judge Belinger upheld the objection, that it was a serious matter, for the testimony of the stenographer was an impeachment of that of Matthews, and she would have to identify him by sight.

Matthews was not present. She was sent for and positively identified by Miss Dowling. On cross-examination Miss Dowling admitted that Wood had dictated the wording of the affidavits, but she swore positively that it was never done except in the presence of the affiant, who heard and knew what was being dictated and sanctioned it.

Discredits Willmott's Story. Miss T. N. Kutzenga, a notary public and stenographer, was called next.

She said she had taken dictations of affidavits both from Wood and from the veterans herself, but always in the presence of the affiant. She denied that she ever filled in anything over the signature of a blank affidavit, except what was given her by a veteran or Mr. Wood in the presence of the affiant. She denied that she ever constructed her to fill out dates that were erroneous, or to do anything that was not in accordance with the law.

In relation to the affidavit of R. B. Willmott in support of the claim of Lucretia Garrison, she produced from her notebook the original affidavit, which she said was dictated to her by Willmott. Willmott swore for the prosecution that he had never made such an affidavit and had not been sworn to one. Miss Kutzenga testified that she had sworn him to the affidavit, he dictated to her and which she had in her notebook.

In rebuttal the prosecution called A. J. Marshall and Joseph L. Melrath. The latter denied that he had taken Mrs. Gibbs' acknowledgments by phone. Both sides then rested their case.

Court was adjourned until Monday morning.

WON FAME AS EDUCATOR.

Prof. Mark Bailey, Who Died Thursday, Was Well-Known in Oregon.

Professor Mark Bailey, an educator in Oregon for 23 years, died at the residence of his son in Tacoma, Thursday. He was 82 years old at the time of his death, but had retained all his faculties. He had retired from the chair of mathematics and astronomy at the University of Oregon in 1885, and since last September had been living with his son, Professor Mark Bailey, Jr., a member of the faculty of Whitworth College. He was sitting in the parlor of his son's home, reading the Greek New Testament when overtaken by the attack which ended his life.

Professor Bailey is very well known in this state, having first come here in 1873 to fill the office of president of McMinnville College. In 1875 he accepted the chair

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FORGED CHECKS PASSED.

Three Saloons and a Clothing Store Pay Out \$468.

All of the blank checks stolen from the office of the Western Transportation & Towing Company, at the foot of Oak street, Saturday night, have been cashed in, and three saloons and the Hub Clothing Store are the victims to the extent of \$468, while four other checks, amounting to \$150, have been cashed at other places.

Detective Lou Hartman has been assigned the case and is endeavoring to find a clue that will lead to the capture of the forgers. The checks were cashed Saturday night, the same evening they were taken from the office of the company. All but three of the checks were forged.

At Eugene Blaser's saloon, on Burnside street, four \$40 checks were cashed, while the Blazer saloon on First street was taken in with three \$40 checks. The Hub Clothing Store cashed one check for \$40, cashed another \$40 minus \$1.50 paid for a pair of shoes, and gave \$37.50 change to a third man who presented a \$40 check in payment of a 25-cent necktie.

At Peterson's room, at Front and Morrison streets, a \$21.50 check was cashed, while four \$40 checks were cashed at other places in the city.

The police were notified that the checks were missing as soon as the company's office was opened Monday morning, but as the checks were drawn on the First National Bank and all cashed through other banks, the deception was not detected until the bogus checks were presented at the First National Bank Tuesday morning.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL CLOSED

Precaution Is Taken Because of Discovery of Three Smallpox Cases.

Owing to the fact that three cases of smallpox were brought to St. Vincent's Hospital a few days ago and kept several days before the attending physicians were able to diagnose them, the hospital has been closed to patients since Saturday morning.

In every case the patients had not sufficiently developed smallpox to ascertain what their illness was, but as soon as it was discovered, they were promptly removed to the pest house by City Physician C. Zan, and the apartments occupied at the hospital were thoroughly disinfected. The hospital was not quarantined, as it was not deemed necessary, owing to the fact that few persons were exposed to the disease. They were moved to other quarters in order that no chances of spreading the disease might be allowed.

NEWSBOYS' BENEFIT.

To Raise Funds for a Newsboys' Library and Clubroom.

Wednesday evening, May 25, there will be given at the Marquand Grand Theater an entertainment under the direction of Otto Prag and D. E. Keasy, two former newsboys, to raise funds for a newsboys' library and clubroom. Those taking part will include: Frank Richter, the blind pianist; Professor Krohn and his class in gymnasium drill, and others. Short addresses will also be delivered by three Portland business men, and the newsboys will include in the program a song, a few words. The stage will be decorated with cut flowers, the gift of a friend, and a picture of the late Hon. W. H. Corbett.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

State.

Justice of the Supreme Court—Thomas O'Day, Multnomah County.

Oregon Dairy and Commissioner—E. M. Dwyer, Clatsop County.

Second Congressional District. For Congress—J. E. Simmons, Multnomah County.

Fourth Judicial District. Circuit Judge, Department No. 1—G. W. Allen.

Circuit Judge, Department No. 3—Mark O'Neill.

District Attorney—John Manning, County.

Joint State Senator, Multnomah, Washington and Columbia Counties—John T. Milner.

Senator to fill vacancy—Isaac Sweet.

State Senators—J. F. Fiegel, T. V. Holman, John Lamont, George W. Simons.

Representatives—Robert Brady, W. L. Brewer, Arthur Brock, E. R. Clary, F. P. Dabney, D. M. Conough, N. H. Grant, J. G. McBrinn, R. W. Montague, J. A. Newell, Olesby Young, John Van Zante.

Joint Representative, Multnomah and Clatsop Counties—J. E. Hodges.

Commissioner—John Sleret, Sheriff—Tom M. Word.

Clerk of County Court—Frank Lee.

Treasurer—W. H. Lesh, Assessor—D. F. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools—H. W. Herford.

Surveyor—R. C. Bonser, Coroner—J. W. Morrow.

Justice of the Peace, E. H. Cahalin; Constable, William Miller.

East-Portland Justice of the Peace District—Justice of the Peace, C. A. White; Constable, J. M. Freilinger.

Mount Tabor Justice of Peace District—Constable, D. P. Lane.

Multnomah Justice of Peace District—Justice of Peace, A. J. Vandever; Constable, George Williams.

WORLD'S FAIR EXCURSIONS. For the world's greatest Fair to be held at St. Louis from May to October, the Northern Pacific Railway Company will place on sale special round trip excursion tickets. The dates of sale will be May 21, 22 and 23, June 16, 17 and 18, July 1, 2 and 3, August 5, 6 and 7, September 5, 6 and 7, October 1, 2 and 3. Standard and tourist sleepers will be operated through to St. Louis. For rates and other information in connection with routes, etc., call on, or address A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent, 256 Morrison street, corner Third, Portland, Or.

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His argument that the work of American missionaries in that country would always be ineffectual until caste was abolished, so that intercourse could be had with all classes, convinced many leading educators and philanthropists that his view of the situation was logical, and the result was that he obtained scholarships in many universities both in Oregon and California.

The Oregon Society for the Emancipation of India from Caste Slavery was organized in Portland to promote this work, and interest in the subject has been kept alive through its efforts. While the colleges furnish scholarships, there are other expenses connected with bringing students from the Far East and maintaining them while in school, all of which has to be done by subscription.

Girind Mukerji is a bright young man of 24, who speaks excellent English and is a graduate of the University of Calcutta. He has also attended the Imperial University of Tokio, Japan, and is well versed in mental philosophy, the history and mathematics. He talks well and is delighted with what he has seen of America. It has not been decided what college he will enter, but whichever one it is, he will be enthusiastic enough to devote his life to the study of the life in this new world.

"The freedom of the people and their social equality makes a great impression upon me," he said, with his big eyes glowing like live coals. "It makes everyone seem happy, and it is a wonderful thing to see ladies who are educated and have the same freedom men have." But he was not enthusiastic enough to be blind to the difficulty of reforming India. In a hurry. When asked if India would be the same as America if our customs and free citizenship were introduced there, he looked grave.

"If India could be Americanized, it would take many years, for India is India, you know. The traditions and superstitions of centuries would have to be stamped out and that cannot be done in a hurry. But I believe that it will be accomplished by her own sons in time. The reform society of India, which we call the Brahmo-Somai, is doing good work and gradually growing in membership and strength. When such people as Soami Ram return they can mingle with all castes as priests or monks, although as citizens we have all lost caste and cannot associate with our families. But being enabled to approach all people as monks, just the work desired can be accomplished."

Mr. Mukerji, like Ram, is a Brahmin, but, having mingled with his people indiscriminately, he has lost caste. He says that many men who go out into the world and are in a position to teach the Hindus much, fall in their mission from the fact that the life of the man of no caste is a lonely and empty one, and he grows weak and rejoins his people by a series of penances by which he can be restored to his former standing.

"This is a bad example, and only suffices to strengthen the superstitions and customs which we want to destroy," said he. There will be a meeting of the society at the residence of Judge Senitz Wednesday evening, at which time it will be decided which college in Oregon this young man will attend.

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