

WILL FACE JURY

Senator Mitchell Now Coming Home.

HE WILL START TODAY

Learns of Attempt to Involve Him in Land Frauds.

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OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 17.—Senator Mitchell will leave for Portland tomorrow night to appear before the grand jury, which is soon to take up further the land-fraud cases. It has been intimated to the senator that an attempt will be made to have the jury indict, not only Representative Hermann, but himself, and it is to testify in his own behalf that the senator will return at this time.

The announcement that the grand jury is to hear evidence against Hermann and Mitchell causes no surprise in Washington, at least so far as Hermann is concerned. It has been known for a year that Secretary Hitchcock hopes to bring about Hermann's indictment, but this is the first time it has been opportune to bring matters to a head. It was not until today that Senator Mitchell received an intimation that he was to be brought in along with Hermann. He promptly decided to go home and appear in self-defense. He expects by personal testimony to establish his innocence and to return to Washington before Congress reassembles after the holidays.

NO SUBPENA ISSUED.

If Mitchell Comes, it is of His Own Free Will, Says Hency.

In relation to the foregoing dispatch, Francis J. Hency, Special Assistant Attorney-General, said last night: "Neither Senator Mitchell nor Elmer Hermann have been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury by me. I have nothing to say as to what will be presented before the jury when it meets. The matter of either of them coming here to meet with the jury at this time is entirely of their own will. I tried to get both of them here to testify in the recent trial which was to have been before the court, but which was continued at the request of the Government. I also wished both of them to appear as witnesses in the other trial in which conviction was secured. In the first trial Mr. Hermann did appear, but in my endeavor to get his attendance as well as that of Senator Mitchell in the other trial failed. As regards what comes before the jury I have nothing to say, for obvious reasons."

HIGH PRAISE GIVEN BAKER.

Cortelyou and Dover Pleased With Oregon Campaign Management.

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News of Son's Arrest Kills Him.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 17.—Joseph W. Ray, an election judge, who is serving a sentence of six months in jail for contempt of court, received word today that his aged father, A. M. Ray, dropped dead at his home in McLeansboro, Ill., after reading a letter from him giving a complete account of the circumstances leading to his incarceration.

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