

INDICTS TO ONE

Federal Grand Jury Takes a Holiday.

MEETS AGAIN ON TUESDAY

Dr. W. H. Davis Tells of His Connection With Land Cases.

HELD SIX DISPUTED CLAIMS

Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann Will Be Allowed to Appear, and They Will Be Interrogated by Prosecution.

The Federal grand jury met yesterday morning at 10 o'clock for a short time, but aside from the examination of one witness nothing was done so far as is known.

The expected indictments of Loomis and Ormsby were not returned, as it was supposed they would be, judging from the line of testimony that has been given during the past two days or more. At noon the jurors adjourned further consideration of the questions before them until Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Dr. W. H. Davis, of Albany, was the only witness of the session held yesterday and he came before the jury at his own request. It being supposed by him that he was about to be considered by the jury in connection with the frauds.

Dr. Davis is a prominent resident of Albany and has been the Mayor of that city for several years. He has also served as chairman of the Republican County Central Committee of Linn County for several terms. It has been intimated that Dr. Davis was connected with the transactions of the Pater-Watson deal, and it was to explain his connection that he went before the jury.

Dr. Davis and His Claim.

The allegation is that Davis had taken up a claim in township 11 south of range 7 east, but that he had abandoned it, and that after the forest reserve was created, covering that portion of land, he proved up on his claim and secured patent to it, acting upon the advice of an attorney. The claim was hung up in the Land Office, however, before patent was issued to it and Dr. Davis took the question up with Commissioner Hermann, so it is said, and wrote to him asking for his claim, in company with those of other Albany people he expeditious as soon as possible.

After a little further delay, it is said, Dr. Davis went to C. E. Loomis and hurried up his report on the land, after which the patents were in due course of time allowed to issue.

After the issuance of the patents Dr. Davis bought six of the claims in that township, and it was upon these circumstances that he was supposed to be connected in some way with the dealings of the conspirators.

It is understood that Dr. Davis wished to appear before the jury in order to explain his acts, which he holds were entirely lawful and proper. From the fact that he was called to give his testimony, it is supposed that the jury considered the evidence against him to be capable of explanation, and he was therefore given a chance to explain away any doubt which might have been heretofore cast upon his acts.

Mitchell and Hermann Next Week.

Senator Mitchell and Representative Hermann will be allowed to appear before the jury when it reconvenes on Tuesday. It is not known at what time they will be called to give their testimony, but it was expected on Tuesday or later in the week. It is the general supposition that much of the testimony already given may have some connection with the alleged acts of Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Hermann, but how many more witnesses will be examined before the jury is unknown.

It is the rumor that a large number of witnesses from different parts of the state will be brought to the city the first of the week by the prosecution and that their stories will have something to do with the outcome of the cases against the Congressmen.

Both Senator Mitchell and Mr. Hermann are waiting to learn what their connection with the cases is alleged to be and yesterday afternoon Senator Mitchell called upon Mr. Heney for a conference in regard to the matter. It is not thought that the case of the Government, as it is supposed to exist, will be outlined to the gentlemen before their admission to the jury room, and it is said to be a doubtful matter as to whether or not much will be told them when they are admitted.

Both to Be Questioned.

The general supposition is that the two witnesses will be questioned in regard to their connection with certain acts, alleged to have been discovered not to their credit, but that unless they are able to fathom the Government's attitude and evidence from these questions no further statements will be made to them. It is cited that it is not the general practice of prosecuting officers to show their entire hand when dealing with the persons whom they expect to indict.

Ormsby and Loomis are supposed to be as good as indicted, though the expected developments did not come yesterday. It is pointed out that the testimony of Dr. Davis might have had something to do with the case of the two former Government officials, and that their cases may in all probability be settled during the first day of the next session.

Nearly all the witnesses who brought the names of Ormsby and Loomis into the tangle during the former trial have been before the jury and there does not seem to be much testimony left, so far as is known, which would be likely to be needed in bringing an indictment against the former Forest Superintendent and the Special Agent.

Few More Indictments Expected.

It is not known when the Government will begin to produce its evidence, which it is alleged will connect Representative Williamson with the conspiracy. Up to this time it is not known that his name has been before the jury in a formal way at least. From some indications the belief is prevalent that the jury will have completed its work and adjourned by January 10. If this proves true it would seem that not very many indictments can be returned if new evidence has to be brought before the jury. Taking this view, it is the opinion that only those at the head of the land fraud will be brought to the notice of the jury from this time on. Further belief is given to this idea by the fact that so far only one new indictment has been returned, that against F. P. Mayes. There has been sufficient evidence presented for the consideration of the jurors to indict more persons, but for some reason, known to the Government and the jury, such action has not been taken.

It is the general opinion, then, that only big indictments will come from the jury room from this time on, or that if any lesser conspirators are indicted it will be because their cases have come up, not from immediate and personally conducted examination, but as the result of the evidence introduced to indict those at the head of the frauds. The remainder of the term will therefore be of great interest because the public will expect prominent names to be brought into the cases by the Government.

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CHINESE LOTTERYMEN WARY

Plain Clothes Men Try to Catch Them in Act, but Fail.

In an effort to detect Chinese in the act of conducting a lottery drawing, Captain of Police Moore last night sent a detail of officers, in command of Sergeant Hogeboom, to watch a store on Second street. For two hours the men, who were attired in plain clothes, remained under cover of the darkness, but nothing suspicious occurred, and

A \$25,000,000 FAIR

The Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition that will be opened in Portland on June 1 next, will not be a Fair local in its interests. Special commissioners from many of the great countries of Europe and Asia have already been appointed with plenary powers. These commissioners have been instructed by their home governments to make the largest and most creditable exhibits possible at the great Fair. When these exhibits may have all been installed, the Exposition will have represented an outlay in excess of \$25,000,000. The illustrations of the buildings of the Fair, of the natural beauties of the Fair grounds, and of the artistic details of the leading Fair structures, that will be published in the New Year's Oregonian will convey accurate information of the scope of the coming Exposition to thousands of people. The New Year's Oregonian will be published Monday morning, January 2. It will be mailed to any address in the United States or Canada, postage prepaid, for 10 cents a copy. Address The Oregonian, Portland, Or.

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FAKERS IN TOWN

Forerunners of the Coming Exposition Hit the City.

People Should Take Warning and Patronize Reliable and Established Institutions.

During the coming Lewis and Clark Exposition many traveling spectacle-vendors will visit Portland to locate temporarily until the Fair is over. Some of these fakers are already in the city distributing their booklets and photographs broadcast over the city.

Only yesterday a poor, pathetic, little old woman, who looked like a wisp of last year's hay, and made a miserable living by sewing, called on a well-known optician for advice in regard to her eyes. She sat in their office and wept with disappointment while she told how she had paid \$25 but a few days before to one of these fakers for a pair of glasses she was unable to see with.

"I will not tell you this optician's name," said she, "but I saw his photograph and advertisement several times, and thought I would give him a trial and see if he could help my eyes. He said he was an Eastern specialist and was equipped with all the latest instruments for fitting glasses. After testing my eyes he said that my left eye had completely 'died up,' and that I was surely going blind. The fearful way in which he explained my case to the 'head doctor' frightened me, and I paid him \$25 for a pair of glasses I could have bought anywhere else for \$2.50."

It is not to be wondered at that these quacks should go to small, out-of-the-way towns, and reap a rich harvest in a few weeks, but when a concern following fakers' methods can exist for several months in a big city, it looks very much as if there were a large number of people who prefer to be swindled. Of course, these spectacle-vendors will guarantee their glasses to be the best that's made, but after they have gone, of what value is the guarantee? Where will you find the man who is to make it good? He has departed with your money, leaving you a pair of cheap ready-made glasses and a supply of valuable experience. But don't give him the chance. Consult a concern of established reputation that you know is here to stay. Among the many reliable and permanent institutions in the city is the Oregon Optical Company, located at 173 Fourth street, in the Y. M. C. A. building. This institution has the largest practice in the Northwest, and all transactions are guaranteed. Mr. R. A. Thompson, who personally examines every case, has had over 17 years' experience in fitting glasses, and you may depend upon an honest opinion every time.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CITY HALL

Mayor Receives a Handsome Gift From Councilmen.

The atmosphere around the City Hall yesterday was heavy with the sweet fragrance of yuletide greens. Many exchanges of presents were made, much to the pleasure and gratification of the recipients.

Wholly unexpected was the presentation to Mayor Williams by the Council members of a most remarkable and beautiful copper urn. It is of ingenious Japanese workmanship, extremely large and highly decorated. His Honor was quite overcome by this agreeable surprise. The presentation was made by Councilman Zimmerman, who, in behalf of his fellow spokes a few words, to which Mayor Williams responded briefly.

Santa Claus meandered around the Auditor's office yesterday and, though unper-

THE SLAGEN VIKING SHIP.

According to Professor Montellus, the Viking ship unearthed at Slagen, in Norway, is a pleasure yacht of the period, having several marked characteristics which distinguish it from the stockad ship.

The force of clerks in the City Hall was kept busy nearly all day signing messengers' receipt books, or replying to Christmas greetings over the telephone.

Fire Chief Campbell received a pretty calendar from the Chief of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department, on which was a picture of Portland's fireboat. Needless to say, Chief Campbell was much pleased by the unexpected gift coming from the little Oregon city.

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SHIP WAS NOT INTENDED FOR WARFARE OR LONG CRUISES.

Several costly carved objects were also found, such as sledges, in which even the coachman's footboard is decorated with a handsome carved design and numerous small figures of men and animals. One object was part of a walking stick, the handle of which was carved as a dog's head in fine, almost modern style. Gangways to ships were also found, and ours handsomely ornamented, and so well preserved as to warrant the use of them today.

TAKE NOTICE!

Dr. B. E. Wright, the Painless Dentist, will give away the \$900 Automobile on Thursday evening, Dec. 29, at the Lyric Theater, corner 7th and Alder streets, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M. Be sure and be present with your coupons, as it will positively be given to some coupon-holder in the house. Come now to have dental work done and get coupons.

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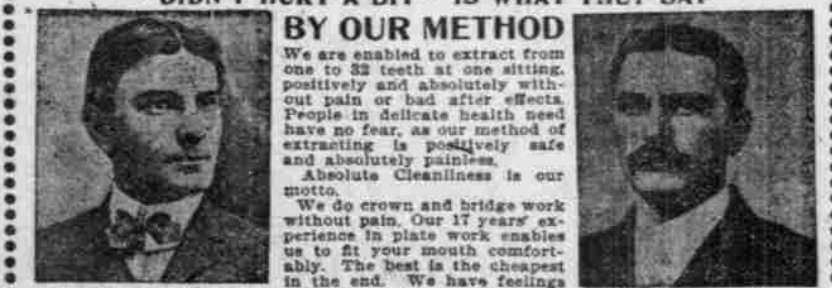
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