

GIGANTIC WOOD COMBINE PLANNED

Retailers Now Seek Route to Relieve Them From Present Situation.

DEATH TO LAW PREDICTED

Secretary of Western Retailers' Association Asserts Result of Loss of Suit by Government Will Mean Killing of Statute.

SPOKANE, Wash., July 8.—(Special.) Retail lumbermen, prosecuted by the government for alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust law, will rely upon a proposed gigantic organization of retailers in all lines of trade through the country to relieve them from present conditions.

Organization of all retail merchants into a great non-partisan political association is now being undertaken by the lumbermen. It is freely admitted that the chief purpose of this organization will be the repeal of the Sherman law. If this is construed to prohibit such activities of retail organizations of the retail lumbermen admit, "What will happen if the government's suit against us is successful?" said A. L. Porter, secretary of the Western Retail Lumbermen's Association, in answer to the question.

Death of Law Predicted. "It will eventually mean the killing of the Sherman anti-trust law. Resolutions favoring the organization of all retailers into the 'National Retailers' Association' were adopted at the recent meeting of the National Lumbermen's Association, at Chicago, since that time an organizer has been employed and is now in correspondence with practically all lines of retailers. An effort will be made to hold a convention at Chicago this fall, if possible, and determine upon some plan of action.

The lumbermen whose efforts have been devoted to starting the new organization expect it will eventually have 1,000,000 members. It is described as a "non-partisan political organization."

Major Everett Griggs, of Tacoma, new president of the National Lumbermen's Association, succeeding Edward Hines, of Chicago, at a convention at Chicago of publishers in behalf of the indicted secretaries of the retailers' association.

Publicity Plan Out. Letters have been addressed to millmen throughout the Northwest, inclosing printed matter favorable to the lumbermen, which the manufacturers are requested to have published in local newspapers as interviews with themselves.

To date the manufacturers have not interested themselves directly in the troubles being experienced by the retailers' organization. It is held by many of the manufacturers that too much activity on behalf of the retailers' organizations would connect them, in the public mind, with the suits against the retailers.

CANBY LODGE INSTALLS

I. O. O. F. Plans to Erect Fine Building for Own Home.

CANBY, Or., July 8.—(Special.)—Canby Lodge No. 156, I. O. O. F., installed the following officers last night, O. R. Mack, D. D. G. M., acting as installing officer; J. Ray Hayward, N. O.; Calvin O. Keenan, V. G.; Howard H. Eccles, secretary; W. H. Bair, treasurer; Ivan Dimick, warden; J. E. Sutherland, R. S. V. G.; George Matina, L. S. G.; C. L. Bates, R. S. G.; J. L. Hekerson, L. S. N. G.; Ed Shull, R. S.; W. E. Miller, L. S. S.; J. Wilson, conductor; A. H. Knight, L. G.; Arthur Wink, O. G.

The installation ceremonies were followed by a banquet and smoker, participated in by the members of the lodge and visiting brethren. Canby Lodge No. 156, is one of the strongest lodges of the order. It is now planning for the erection of a large concrete building upon valuable property it owns in this city, the new building to consist of storerooms on the ground floor and a fine lodge hall, with banquet rooms and all the usual preparation rooms, etc., found in a modern up-to-date lodge building.

EAGLES MEET AT HOQUIAM

City Prepares Entertainment for 1500 Visiting Delegates.

HOQUIAM, Wash., July 8.—(Special.)—The sixth annual state convention of the Eagles of Washington will meet in this city tomorrow morning for a three days' session and it is expected that upwards of 1500 visitors will be in Hoquiam for the meeting. Already the advance guard of the delegates has arrived.

The first big party of delegates is expected tomorrow evening. A special train will arrive from Puget Sound. Another large party is expected on a late train tomorrow night, and others will reach Hoquiam Monday.

Elaborate preparations have been made for the entertainment of the visitors. Two of the features will be a picnic at the beach at Woodpeck Tuesday and an electric parade in Hoquiam Tuesday evening. The convention closes Wednesday.

COMBINE EFFECTS RESULTS

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lent will veto any special or general tariff bill that may be sent to him, they will be content to allow the Senate to vote down their tariff bills and adjourn. They are not so desirous of making speeches as to be willing to remain in sweltering Washington all the rest of the summer and fall, when they know in advance that nothing can be accomplished thereby.

There is every reason to believe that the President will veto any tariff bill, other than Canadian reciprocity, that Congress may send to him this session. It is certainly not approved a wool bill, for he has taken the position that schedule K should remain undisturbed until the tariff board submits its report, which will be next December. And if he will not approve a wool bill, he will not approve a general revision bill which includes a revision of the

GIRL MAY BE WITH

Uncle Knows No Such Person as Hazel Danner.

DEFENSE SCORES FOR SEE

Stephen Bridges Says Wife Gave \$250 a Month and That Others Not Named Swelled Total Gifts to \$25,000.

SEE HAS REVELATION PREDICTING ACQUITTAL; PROSECUTOR THINKS OTHERWISE.

"All Chicago will be at the feet of Mr. See before the end of next week. The state has failed to prove its charges."—Mrs. Felicia Rea. "We have won. The accusation was terrible, but truth will prevail, and Mr. See will walk from court a free man."—Mona Rea. "In a new revelation I am told that the jury will find me innocent. My only concern has been the torture to which the woman has been subjected."—Evelyn Arthur See. "Mr. See has won. They failed to blacken my name and they can not send Mr. See to prison. Absolute life will triumph."—Mildred Bridges. "The jury can find Mr. See guilty, but, even if they send us all to the penitentiary, the work of absolute life will go on."—Mrs. Stephen H. Bridges. "My case is perfect. I am not a prophet, but I know that this man is going to the penitentiary."—Prosecutor Burnham.

EUGENE CAMPAIGN ON SPECIAL BOND ELECTION STATEMENTS NOW ISSUED.

Water Board Pleads With Citizens to Vote for Issuance of \$57,000 in Paper for Benefit of City.

SEE DOES NOT TAKE THE WITNESS STAND IN HIS OWN BEHALF.

The defense rested was made at the opening of court by Attorney Cantwell, and came as a surprise to the prosecution, who apparently believed that See would take the stand to tell his own story and interpret certain passages from the "Book of Life."

It is said See was anxious to testify, but finally was persuaded by his attorney to keep off the witness stand.

When court convened today attorneys for the defense announced that they had other witnesses, but were willing to stand on the evidence already introduced. The state called Mona Rea, his priestess of the absolute life cult, and Captain Danner, of the Sheriff's station, in rebuttal.

Mona Rea testified that she had written the greater part of See's unpublished bible and her testimony before Judge Tutbill, in which she said See was the author of the teachings, was introduced. Captain Danner was recalled for the purpose of proving that Hazel Danner, who is suing See for \$30,000, is not a myth. One of the sensations of the day was the discharge of Grant Newell as attorney for Mona. He appeared before Judge Tutbill and suggested questions to a lawyer for the defense.

Lawyer Ordered Out. Judge Honore reproached Newell and ordered him out of the case. Newell protested, but was told that he was too intimate with counsel for the defense to act for Mona.

A sensational ending came when Police Captain Danner, called in rebuttal by the state, declared that the \$20,000 damage suit against See, brought in the name of Hazel Danner, his supposed niece, charging she was abducted by the reveler, was a "frame-up." He declared there was no such girl as Hazel Danner, to his knowledge, and that he had no brother with a daughter anywhere near the age given by the mysterious girl litigant.

Telegrams from Galveston today announce the death in a Mexican hospital of a brother of Mona Rea. He was wounded while serving as a soldier in the Mexican army.

MONA REA'S BROTHER DIES.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, July 8.—Albert Rea, a member of the American company of insurers in the recent revolution and a brother of Mona Rea, founder of "Absolute Life" in Chicago, died in the military hospital here July 6.

FARMER'S SON ARRESTED

Too Many Bad Checks Alleged Cause of Hood River Catch.

SUNDAY THEATERS ISSUE

Sabbath Amusement Divides Grants Pass Folk Into Factions.

GRANTS PASS, Or., July 8.—(Special.)

Whether Grants Pass theaters shall open on Sunday is an issue that has divided the City Council and citizens of the town into heated factions. When the question came before the Council Thursday night, and an ordinance authorizing Sunday opening, with an emergency clause attached, passed at first reading by unanimous vote, citizens of the opposing faction debated the question so hotly that the meeting did not adjourn until morning.

The opposition to the ordinance seemed so determined that the Council itself split on the issue, finally rejecting the measure by a vote of four to three. Another ordinance in slightly different form has been drafted, but public sentiment is so divided that the referendum may have to be used to settle the matter.

IRRIGATION FIRM INCORPORATES.

SALEM, Or., July 8.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation were filed today by the Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation Company in Malheur County. The capital stock of the new company is \$100,000.

STATUS IS PUZZLE

Teachers Find No Standard in Their Profession.

SPEAKERS TELL DEFECTS

To Learn Reasons for Lack of Educational Efficiency, Investigation Is Sought by Delegates at Convention.

400 Oregon Teachers Attend.

SALEM, Or., July 8.—(Special.)—Superintendent Alderman says 400 Oregon teachers are in attendance at the National Educational Association now meeting in San Francisco.

Astoria Denied Warships.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—Replying to a request from Astoria that the war-

ships Milwaukee, St. Louis and Charleston be stationed there during the celebration, the Navy Department advises these vessels are now out of commission at the Puget Sound yard, and will not be in condition for service in time.

Postoffice Established at Rowena.

WASHINGTON, July 8.—A postoffice has been established at Rowena, Wasco County, with Frank W. Bourhill as postmaster.

American Vapor Gas Street Lamps are being tried out in Jerusalem.

connection with that road, and the officials have requested the Commission to inspect the line before these cases come up for consideration. Questions of operation and maintenance, as this is a new line, will be investigated by the Commissioners.

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Ladies' \$50.00 Tailored Suits, \$25.00
Ladies' \$40.00 Tailored Suits, \$20.00
Ladies' \$35.00 Tailored Suits, \$17.50
Ladies' \$25.00 Tailored Suits, \$12.50

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Boys' \$2.50 Wash Suits now... \$1.65
Boys' \$3.00 Wash Suits now... \$1.98
Boys' \$3.50 Wash Suits now... \$2.35
Boys' \$4.00 Wash Suits now... \$2.65
Boys' \$5.00 Wash Suits now... \$3.25
Boys' \$6.00 Wash Suits now... \$3.98

LADIES' TAILORED SUITS

BLACKS, WHITES, BLUES
Ladies' \$60.00 Suits now... \$45.00
Ladies' \$50.00 Suits now... \$37.50
Ladies' \$40.00 Suits now... \$30.00
Ladies' \$30.00 Suits now... \$22.50
Ladies' \$25.00 Suits now... \$18.75

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Every Wash Suit in the house marked down.
\$20.00 Dresses now... \$13.65
\$15.00 Dresses now... \$9.85
\$10.00 Dresses now... \$6.85
\$ 6.00 Dresses now... \$4.35
\$ 3.00 Dresses now... \$1.95

BOYS' KNICKERBOCKER SUITS

Every Boys' Knickerbocker Suit in the house marked down.
\$ 5.00 Knickerbocker Suits... \$3.95
\$ 6.00 Knickerbocker Suits... \$4.50
\$ 7.50 Knickerbocker Suits... \$5.35
\$10.00 Knickerbocker Suits... \$7.50
\$15.00 Knickerbocker Suits... \$11.25
\$18.00 Knickerbocker Suits... \$13.50
\$20.00 Knickerbocker Suits... \$15.00

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