

# BINGER HERMANN ASKS FOR REFUND

## Ex-Land Commissioner Wants Government to Pay His Late Trial Costs.

### SKIRTS THEN ALL CLEARED

#### Prosecution Never Based on Fact, Says Former Representative.

#### Packed Jury Investigation May Follow Request.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, July 20.—Binger Hermann, of Roseburg, ex-representative and Commissioner of the General Land Office, is anxious that Congress pass a special bill to reimburse him for all money expended by him in defending himself in the two trials which he underwent, as a result of the prosecutions instituted at the direction of the late Secretary Hitchcock. He wants to recover all money spent, both in the Oregon case and in his trial in this city for the destruction of public records.

#### Refund Thought Necessary.

Inasmuch as the President has seen fit to pardon Jones, who was convicted by a packed jury, Hermann thinks that he is entitled to a refund of all costs, as being the only means whereby the Government can clear its obligation in his case.

The Washington trial, Mr. Hermann maintains, was never based on any reasonable ground, and was purely the result of the Secretary's determination to prosecute as well as to defend. He believes that trial was proven an utter failure, he thinks there is justice in his claim against the Government.

Mr. Hermann's first trouble will be in getting a relief bill introduced in his behalf. While the subject was broached during his recent visit to Washington, no bill was presented to Congress, and there is little prospect that one will be presented, if so it will have to be introduced by a member from some state other than Oregon. And if any bill of this nature is introduced it is very doubtful if it can be passed, at least not without a long, hard campaign.

#### Investigation May Follow.

The introduction of such a bill, however, might have the effect of bringing on a Congressional investigation into the Binger Hermann trials, and might bring before Congress the whole showing of the matter in which Detective Burns packed his jury at Portland; the same facts which led the President to grant an unconditional pardon to Willard N. Jones. And if Mr. Hermann cannot get a refund of the money which he expended to defend himself, he would be pleased to have a Congressional investigation into the trials. In fact, that was one of the things that brought him to Washington. If he can have the investigation, he will stand a better chance of getting a refund bill.

#### BUT ONE CHARGE IMPERILS

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trial democracy would be substituted therefor.

The charge that Judge Hanford had had improper relations with a local woman, who has several grown sons in her home, likewise resulted in a victory for the jurist. The only testimony in this respect was furnished by four detectives, none of whom could testify as to anything improper. A flashlight showing Hanford leaving the home at 10 o'clock at night was submitted in corroboration of the fact that he had frequent visits at the home. So clearly was this charge disproven that Congressman Higgins of the committee, at the conclusion of the testimony, had inserted in the record the specific allegations of the affidavit.

#### Drink Charge Falls Flat.

On the matter of drunkenness, 126 witnesses were examined. Of these were positive that Judge Hanford had been intoxicated; 22 believed so, but were not sure, saying that possibly illness could account for the judge's condition; five had never seen him under any indication of liquor.

Of the 14 who had seen him intoxicated, four were detectives. Two of them were refuted by other witnesses. Of the remaining 10, two admitted that they entertained prejudice against the jurist, while still another had lost a case in Judge Hanford's court. The testimony of several of those remaining was refuted by other witnesses.

#### Excessive Fees Denied.

Most of the witnesses who had seen the judge when he had the appearance of being in liquor used the same street-car that he used for many years as his sleeping while going home, or closing his eyes on the bench, was explained by the many witnesses subpoenaed by the defense. They testified that those habits were peculiarities of the judge.

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## Speaker Clark Leads Pilgrimage and Wishes Candidate Well in His Fight.

### DELEGATION 116 STRONG

#### Governor Says His Way of Getting Along With House, if Elected President, Would Be To Treat Members as Partners.

SEAGIRT, N. J., July 20.—Champ Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives, led his caravan of followers a tortuous way today along the dusty roads of Seagirt to Governor Wilson's summer home.

They came, 116 strong, from the House of Representatives in a special train from Washington to shake hands with the nominee and bid him God-speed for the Presidency. It was the first time in the history of the United States that Democrats or Republicans in Congress had quit their work to dash across the country and hail the party standard bearer.

#### Visitors Present Autographs.

Mr. Clark had something to say and he did not want to wait until the long line of Representatives had filed by and had his collective say, so he held up the program for a minute or two and told the Governor that they had come to see him and wish him well in his fight and that they had brought along their autographs in a little book to remind him some day that the Democratic majority of the House had closed up office and had traveled down to Seagirt to "get acquainted with the President-elect."

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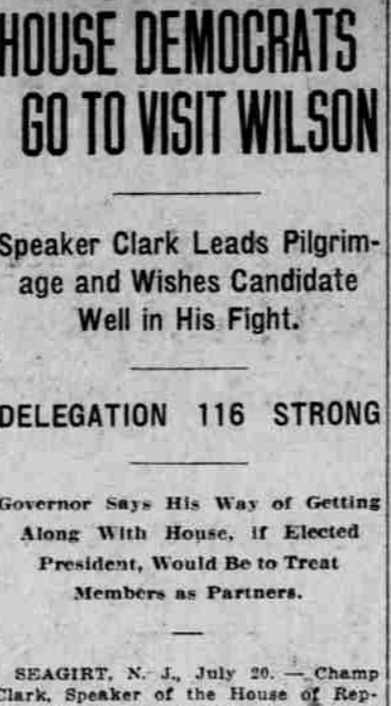
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