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JUDGE HANFORD RESIGNS AT SEATTLE DURING INVESTIGATION

Federal Jurist Telegraphs Resignation to President Taft Today.

IMPEACHMENT ORDERED AS RESULT OF CHARGES

Judge Whose Decision in the Olson Naturalization Case Caused Stir Retires.

(By Associated Press to The Coos Bay Times.)

SEATTLE, Wash., July 22.—United States District Judge Cornelius H. Hanford whose conduct on the bench has been under investigation for nearly a month by a sub-committee of the House Judiciary Committee, today telegraphed his resignation to President Taft.

Members of the House Committee assembled at an early hour prepared to continue the hearing but the committee was not called to order. In a short time, the committee and Judge Hanford's counsel adjourned to an ante-room and the general impression was that there was something in the air.

Meanwhile Hanford was seated on the bench in the adjoining court room listening to a motion. He seemed under no greater strain than for weeks. About ten fifteen, Chairman Graham of the committee left the building and told reporters that when the committee reassembled it immediately would take a recess.

Judge Hanford's decision in the Olson naturalization case caused a great stir a few months ago, he refusing to grant Olsson, a Socialist, his final papers because of an alleged insult to the American flag by Olsson.

Statement by Hanford Judge Hanford's statement to the public is as follows: "The most constant strain under which I have worked for more than twenty-two years has been that of endurance. I am not likely to have a vacation or rest but a change of occupation will be a welcome relief. I intend to practice law in Seattle. In the investigations which have been conducted by the sub-committee of the House of Representatives, much testimony has been given by witnesses who know me and by others who do not. I am grateful for the commendation of those who have spoken and written appreciative of my efforts; as for those who have maligned me, I only wish to say that I would be ashamed of myself if I had not incurred the enmity of such people as they are. A judge is never so sure of being right as when his work has been criticized unfairly and without boasting, in view of all that has been and may be said of and concerning myself and my work, I am glad my record is what it is."

PROPERTY IS SOLD Sheriff Gage Disposes of Two Parcels Under Execution at Coquille.

The T. H. Chapman property at North Bend was disposed of at a sheriff's sale in Coquille Saturday. The property was bid in by J. P. Hinkbeard the plaintiff for \$243.73. It consists of two lots and a house in the residence district of North Bend and is supposed to be worth something close to the amount for which it was bid in.

Excise Bill to Pass WASHINGTON, D. C., July 22.—The passage of the Democratic excise bill was predicted today by the leaders who have made a canvass of the Senate. The bill passed the House by a large majority and comes a vote in the upper chamber Friday.

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LET US TALK IT OVER

"In politics it is almost a trivality to say that public opinion now rules the world. The only power deserving the name is that of masses and of governments while they make themselves the organ of the tendencies and instincts of masses."

THIS political truth, like other truths has exceptions. One of these exceptions is the "good roads" movement in Coos County. Good roads are not and should not be a matter of politics, but a matter of business.

Coos County is spending \$150,000 to \$200,000 per year on building good roads. There has been no improvement in method or manner of handling this vast sum of money over the time when the county was spending only as many hundreds as it is now spending thousands. The result is that there is a tremendous economic waste—waste in energy, waste in money, waste in labor because of lack of systematic method in construction and lack of modern methods in doing the work.

HANFORD'S ACT SURPRISES MANY

Officials Refuse to Say Whether Resignation Will End Impeachment—May Appoint Humphrey.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 22.—Word of the resignation of Judge Hanford came as a surprise to members of the House Judiciary committee and they declined to say whether his voluntary retirement would result in dropping the case. Representative Berger of Washington the last few weeks caused a report today that Hanford's resignation might be considered for Hanford's place.

RAILROAD NEWS OF COOS BAY

SPROULE TALKS MORE RUMORS OF LINE HERE OF DRAIN LINE

S. P. President Says Coos Bay Extension Is Being Rushed to Completion.

EUGENE, Ore., July 22.—President Sproule of the Southern Pacific and Mr. Strahorn have left here after an inspection of the projects here. While in Eugene President Sproule was emphatic in stating that the rumors that work on the Eugene-Coos Bay line have been stopped have no foundation whatever.

SEAMEN'S BILL UP House Resumes Consideration of Maritime Measure.

MANY LEAVE ON BREAKWATER Steamer Sails Sunday for Portland—Big Shipment of Butter and Cheese.

The Breakwater sailed yesterday for Portland with a good cargo of freight and a fair passenger list. She carried about 45 sacks of wool and a large shipment of butter and cheese. Those sailing on her were as follows:

LIKENS TAFT GIFT TO HEAVENLY ONE WASHINGTON, July 22.—At the White House today, a fifty dollar bill for Taft's campaign fund was received from a preacher at Galveston, Tex. who wrote "I find things given in secret reach Heaven, therefore I prefer my name to remain obscure."

NEW YORK MURDER GANG HAD REHEARSALS FOR CRIME

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A country-wide search for Rosenthal slayers is on. Some of the East-side characters whom detectives are searching for are "Lefty" Leeds, a gun man, John Whitey, Harry Valon, a gambler, Sam Schepps, a gangster, and Itsky, another gangster.

Details of Plot District Attorney Whitman's information is that the plotters planned to have the killing appear to be the outcome of a fight between the gamblers. He received a telephone message immediately after the shooting saying, "You had better get down to the Metropole ahead of the police or a pistol will be found on Rosenthal's body."

Emperor of Japan Somewhat Improved Today But Has Not Passed Danger.

TOKIO, July 22.—The improvement in the condition of the Emperor which set in this morning continued throughout the day.

One of the specialists attending the Emperor, issued a note of warning. He is quoted as saying that this is only the first stage of the Emperor's malady and advising against over hopefulness because the second and third stages must be passed through before full confidence that his majesty's recovery can be restored.

MAN 79 GETS RIDE IN AUTO Samuel L. Johnson, Coquille Resident 44 Years, Takes His First Auto Trip.

Samuel L. Johnson of the Coquille Valley visited Coos Bay Saturday and Sunday. This was the first visit he has made to this section of the county for more than 30 years past, although he has been a resident of the Coquille Valley for 44 years past. Mr. Johnson is 79 years old. When he first came to Marshfield there was one store here and to make the trip he had to come on the Coquille river and down Isthmus Inlet. It was necessary to go to Empire to get mail and provisions.

Mr. Johnson came to Marshfield to visit his nephew, Joseph Coates, a millwright at the Eastside mill of the C. A. Smith company, who is now quite sick. Mr. Johnson Sunday took his first ride in an automobile, visiting North Bend, Empire and the surrounding country. He was astonished at the growth of the com-

WOW! DRY STATES TO BE MADE DRYER (Special to The Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., July 22.—The Judiciary committee of the Senate has ordered a favorable report on the bill to prevent the shipment of liquor from "Wet" into "Dry" states.

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