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Oregon's Bar Association Will
Prepare to Entertain Interna-
tional Guests Next Year.

MANY ATTORNEYS ATTEND
ANNUAL STATE MEETING

President Burnett Bitterly Ar-
raigns Legislature for
Changing Laws.

Almost equal in scope to that of the meeting of the bar associations in St. Louis this summer is the special meeting of the Oregon State Bar association, which is being arranged for the Lewis and Clark fair in Portland next year. While St. Louis spent about \$200,000 in entertaining the lawyers, Portland will not spend as much, but the lawyers themselves will provide the money. This was decided upon by the State Bar association in session in Judge George's courtroom this morning.

A resolution was introduced endorsing the Lewis and Clark fair, and calling for a special meeting of the State Bar association to be held some time during the fair, when all the lawyers of the Oregon country will be asked to join with the state association in the management. Prominent lawyers from all parts of the world will be secured to make addresses. It was suggested that two days be devoted to this meeting. Judge C. H. Carey introduced the resolution and spirited arguments followed, but the adoption was practically unanimous. A committee of five men to act in conjunction with a member of the



Judge George H. Burnett, President
of the Oregon Bar Association.

bar association from each county will be appointed to have control of the arrangements for this proposed convention.

Legislators Arraigned.
Against the present system of legislation and the present caliber of legislators President George H. Burnett barked the curse of lawyerdom in the annual address, which he delivered before the society this morning. He discussed the subject of legislation, referring to most of it as a necessary evil.

"For the last 30 years," he said, "there has been hardly a session of the legislative assembly in this state when there was not some tinkering with the school laws, the system of taxation, the road laws or game laws. Before even the courts and lawyers, not to mention the other callings and professions, can familiarize themselves with the acts of the legislature, another one is in session making patchwork of the code and general laws and tearing up what has been done by its predecessors."

"It is lamentable that the people send to the legislature members who have such narrow breadth of mental vision that the senatorial question prevents a rational view of every other subject, as a copper held close to the eye obscures the most beautiful landscape."

"There are those who proscribe for this condition the nostrum of election of the United States senators by direct vote of the people. It is to be regarded as fortunate for the people that there are probably enough obstacles in the way of amending the constitution of the United States on that subject that it will never be accomplished."

Should Elect an Honest Legislature.

"It goes without saying that the senatorial election has often been a seri-

ously disturbing factor in the work of the legislative assembly. But the fault is not in the method of the election, it is rather in the weakness or wickedness of the legislators charged with the duty of the election. The remedy lies in the duty of the people to select members of the legislature possessing both ability and honesty."

The forenoon session was taken up principally with the address of the president and the consideration of the resolution for the special meeting next year. A number of routine committees were appointed and a few reports made. This afternoon Judge M. C. George delivered an address, and routine business was transacted.

It is expected that there will be a hundred or more lawyers at the dinner at the Commercial club this evening. A very palatable menu has been prepared, which will be served at 7:30. Charles F. Schnabel and William M. Calk, the committee in charge, has made every preparation for a delightful evening. A program containing a number of interesting topics has been arranged. Judge C. H. Carey will preside at the dinner. Judge Webster will preside as toastmaster. The toasts and responses are:

"The Lawyer of the Old School," Mayor George H. Williams; "What the Bench Owes to the Bar," Judge John B. Cleland; "The End of the Law," Waldemar Seton; "Our Duty to the Bar Association," Judge Charles H. Carey; "The Client," William D. Westwright; "The Lawyer's Obligation to Society," C. E. S. Wood; "Reminiscences," Judge Charles B. Bellinger; "English Courts in Action," George A. Shepherd; "The Lawyer and Culture," Wallace McCamant.

MANNING TO DRAW UP TRUE BILLS

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pers had been prepared until I heard it outside the grand jury room."

"The Blasler case is like the rest of them," said Mr. Manning. "I was not consulted or even informed of the investigation until told that the indictment was ready. I do not consider the evidence against Blasler sufficient."

"As the law is, Mr. Manning," retorted the judge, "that is not for you to say. The grand jury has evidently found it sufficient and it is left to the courts to pass upon the question of the sufficiency of the evidence. It is your duty to sign these indictments, and I shall expect no longer delay in this matter."

Indictments Returned.
The Blasler indictment was not included in the batch that was returned when the grand jury reported at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Four were returned, as follows: Charles Wade, attempting to obtain money and property by false pretenses; M. A. Ward (Julius Heisland) is also mentioned as guilty in the indictment; A. H. Breyman and John Somerville, prominent capitalists of the city, charged with "willfully and wrongfully committing an act which grossly disturbs the public peace and openly outrages the public decency and is injurious to public morals." They are said to be the owners of the Fair house, a notorious place in the north end.

City Auditor Devlin was a witness before the grand jury this morning. He testified regarding the construction of the Tanner creek sewer also in regard to the poolroom conducted by the Warwick club, of which M. G. Nease is manager, and other matters.

Mr. Devlin took with him to the grand jury room the city records which showed that Nease had paid a license to the city when the council passed an ordinance purporting to license poolrooms in this city. He also told what he knew of the part certain city officials are accused of having taken in the Tanner creek sewer graft.

It is rumored at the courthouse this morning that Mr. Manning would ask for the discharge of the jury on the grounds that certain jurors had divulged a portion of its deliberations. There were many other rumors arising from exaggerated statements.

Another report of the grand jury, including an indictment against Eugene Blasler, is expected at any time.

ZEIGLER IS NOW UNDER REIGN OF MARTIAL LAW

(Journal Special Service.)
Chicago, Nov. 29.—A Carbondale company of infantry reached Zeigler this morning for the first time.

It is reported that scores of shots were fired at the train as it neared Zeigler. The military camp is now practically under martial law.

BAR OF HARDWICKS DIES.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, Nov. 29.—The Earl of Hardwick, under secretary of state for war since 1902, died suddenly today. He was born in the British embassy in Paris, March 14, 1867, and was educated at Eton.

BLOW TO DEFENSE

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the transactions with the conspirators, his studied forgetfulness of every incriminating circumstance, were the very opposite of the witness whose evidence was given today.

In the main, the strong-jawed face, direct gaze and clear cut utterance of Commissioner Richards there is the insistent suggestion of sincerity and straightforward truth. The impression made upon the jury was too obvious to be mistaken.

The morning session was more than half over when Commissioner Richards was called to the stand. In answer to the questions of Mr. Heney he stated that he has been commissioner of the general land office since February 2, 1903. From March 4, 1899, to February 2, 1903, he was assistant commissioner. "In the latter part of 1901 and the early part of 1902, what did you have to do with patents upon final proofs for patent?" asked Mr. Heney.

"I had nothing to do with that unless a case was referred to me by the commissioner."

Did Not Expedite Cases.
"Did you have anything to do with expediting cases for patent?"

"I had no authority at all for expediting cases, because I considered that the special privilege of the commissioner himself and one not often exercised by the assistant commissioner."

The witness stated that in February, 1901, C. E. Loomis was a special agent of the land department, and he identified a letter press book shown to him by Mr. Heney as one containing letters to special agents at that time.

"I call your attention to the copy of a letter shown on page 468. Have you ever seen it before?"

"Yes, sir."

"State if you can whose signature is appended to the letter?"

The signature is that of Blinger Hermann, commissioner of the general land office."

The letter was the first letter of instructions sent to Loomis, directing him to investigate the entries in township 11-7. A second letter from Hermann to Loomis was also identified by Mr. Richards.

Objections by Judge Pipes, on the ground that the original letter should be produced, were overruled. The copy, brought from Heney's retreat:

"We cannot produce the original, for the reason that it is presumably in the possession of Loomis, who was himself one of these conspirators and should have been indicted with them."

The copy of the letter was allowed to go in, but with the stipulation that portions of the letter should be read, might excite a prejudice against the defendants should be withheld from the jury. A copy of the letter of instructions to S. H. Ormsby, the forest superintendent, who made the investigation of the fraudulent claims, and who also joined the conspiracy, was identified and placed in evidence.

Senator Mitchell's Call.

"Do you recall certifying for patent any claims in which Puter or Emma Watson claimed an interest?"

"Yes," Commissioner Richards replied. "In the first part of March, 1902, Commissioner Hermann called me into his office and Senator Mitchell was present. Hermann had a lot of papers there relating to 12 homestead entries in Oregon, and he asked me to take the papers, go through them and see whether patents ought to issue."

In explanation of the procedure followed the witness said:

"As assistant commissioner I had considered nothing in relation to homestead entries sent to me by the commissioner. I acted on nothing not specially sent me by him. That was the only way I came to act on these papers. I had jurisdiction over no particular division and so acted only on what came to me from the commissioner."

Commissioner Richards then identified as a part of the files of the general land office the Watson papers, and said he had shown them to the witness, Mitchell, shortly after the papers had been referred to me by Commissioner Hermann."

"When Senator Mitchell introduced me to Puter," the witness continued, "he told me that Puter was a reputable man, one of the best citizens of Oregon, and he said I could rely on anything he said. Mrs. Watson called upon me a few days later. She said she was a widow and that she had purchased these 12 claims partly with money of her own and partly by borrowing money. She said the men from whom she borrowed the money wanted her to repay it and she was therefore anxious to get the patents so as to be able to raise money on the land."

"Did these statements influence you to expedite these claims?"

"They had some influence, for they afforded apparently good reason why these people should be so anxious to get their patents."

Mr. Richards identified a letter-press copy of a letter from Hermann to Mitchell, in which the former stated that he had expedited the 12 Watson claims according to the senator's request.

"Dear Senator: It will be seen that the case has been made special, as per your request. B. H."—was the significant prospect in Hermann's handwriting.

TRIAL NEARS AN END.

**Prosecution May Close Tomorrow and
Case Reach Jury by Saturday.**

Aside from the testimony of Governor Richards, there was nothing sensational in the morning's proceedings.

Once more the attorneys for the government and the defense locked horns over the admissibility of evidence offered by the prosecution. Mr. Heney and Judge Pipes engaged in a protracted argument at the opening of the morning session, the particular bone of contention being a document said to be signed by Emma Watson as Emma J. Puter and attested by Puter. The document was executed in June, 1902, and the object of the prosecution in seeking to place it in evidence was to show that Puter had guilty knowledge of Emma Watson's alleged forgeries and was aware of the fact that she was using various names in her dealings in government lands. Mr. Heney declared that the conspiracy was not at an end until March, 1903, when the last of the patents upon the fraudulent claims in township 11-7 were issued. He insisted, therefore, that evidence of acts of Puter and Emma Watson committed in June, 1902, was inadmissible because such acts were prior to the consummation of the conspiracy.

Judge Pipes argued at length that the

indictment showed that the conspiracy terminated March 31, 1902, when the 12 patents were issued to Emma Watson. He again assailed the sufficiency of the indictment, citing various authorities. Judge Bellinger refused, however, to sustain the objections and the evidence was allowed to go in.

Wells A. Bell, United States commissioner of deeds, identified the papers offered him by Mr. Heney and said the signatures of Emma Watson were attached in his presence and sworn to before him. Puter was present on this occasion. He had previously introduced Emma Watson to the witness as his wife. The importance of this evidence is likely to be considerable as the government's case is more fully developed.

The trial is apparently nearing a conclusion. Mr. Heney stated to the court this morning that the prosecution would probably conclude its case tomorrow. It is believed that the defense will not place many witnesses on the stand and in that event the case will probably go to the jury before the end of the week.

At the suggestion of United States District Attorney Hall, Judge Bellinger ordered a venire to issue for 35 additional jurors, from whom will be selected the jury which is to try the next of the land fraud cases. The new panel will be required to be in court at 2 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon, indicating that the government's attorneys expect to enter upon that case at that time.

SWARM UP THE HILL

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dead, although he suffered a wound in the fighting at the last advance on the Shikake, which probably gave rise to the rumors circulated among the Chinese that his death had followed.

General Kurupakin reports that the fighting east of Mukden was resumed yesterday near Tsine Chen and continued until 11 o'clock this morning.

The report adds: "We collected 250 dead of the seventh regiment and ninth reserve brigade. We took a number of rifles and much ammunition."

A later dispatch states that the Japanese have been forced to evacuate Tsine Chen by Russian artillery, and were pursued four versts.

Skirmishes are reported to the eastward of the main armies, but there are no signs to indicate that general Japanese advances are contemplated. There are no important changes in the situation.

The Japanese have adopted a novel method of scouting and one which is entirely new in the war. They use dogs as scouts, sending them out with long cords attached. In offsetting this move, as the dogs breach into their outposts and immediately retreat unless killed or captured, raising a fearful clamor.

The dogs are also trained so that they retain their positions at the end of the outstretched cord and unerringly locate any Russian movement against the Japanese.

INVADE KOREA.

Japanese Sweep Down and Begin to Fortify Quelpart Island.

(Journal Special Service.)
Seoul, Nov. 29.—Japanese preparations against possible contingencies, and a determination of Japan to prevent the Russians obtaining a foothold on Korean soil are evidenced by the report of the governor of Quelpart island, off the southwestern coast of Korea, stating that a steamship with Japanese workmen, tools and machinery has been landed and have begun the construction of a fortification.

The Korean foreign office announces that Quelpart is closed to all alien residents, according to treaty, and requests the Japanese government to withdraw its men.

MUTINEERS SHOT DOWN.

(Journal Special Service.)
London, Nov. 29.—A serious mutiny in the British battleship *Queen Mary* at the marine barracks a long series of disturbances ended in open riot. Raw recruits who had been drafted against their wishes attempted to induce all other recruits to desert and one was killed. The mutineers charged the regulars who fired a volley into the crowd, killing 23 men and wounding 50 others. The mutiny was thus brought to a sudden termination.

FRANCE APPOINTS FORMER.

(Journal Special Service.)
Paris, Nov. 29.—At a meeting of the council of ministers today it was announced that Admiral Fornier had been appointed as the French member of the commission which is to inquire into the Doggerbank tragedy. The commission will meet in the French foreign office.

READY TO ATTACK.

(Journal Special Service.)
Rome, Nov. 29.—The Newspaper *Mattino* claims to have information that the Japanese will make the first attack on the Baltic fleet in the Straits of Malacca, where they have been preparing to strike an effective blow.

THOMAS MISSING

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bottom in a large space in the sewer just below the manhole at Sixteenth and Alder streets. He had told on one who he had done. The sewer had not been completed before he left the job, but the defect was not discovered, as the water had been turned into the drain, covering up the hole.

He stated that he had come before

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the committee to assist Inspector J. M. Caywood, and also to do the right thing by Riner.

When the council committee made its report to the council it was recommended that Thomas be summoned before the grand jury to tell what he knew of the alleged conspiracy to damage the sewer. It was this report that is said to have frightened Thomas into hiding.

Unless Thomas can be found the grand jury will be seriously handicapped in making its investigation. It has only the testimony of Thomas, as given before the committee, which had no power to compel him to answer. It is said that unless he can be found it will be impossible to establish the charge of conspiracy, and that it will be impossible to bring an indictment against him.

Hear Edmund Vance Cooke read his own poem, at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday night.

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New Offices Are Beautiful.

What are undoubtedly four of the handsomest business offices in the city are those of W. H. Taft & Co., the real estate and business-chance brokers, in the Abington building. The latest acquisition is the addition of two other offices in connection with the original rooms. The firm now has a suit of four offices, each furnished in princely style. Two private offices, reception-room and a general business office make up the suite. Each is furnished with handsome

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