

# INDICTMENT WILL BE USED

## Williamson, Geener and Biggs Again Accused of Conspiracy to Suborn Perjury.

# NEYEN WILL NOT RISK ANY FURTHER DELAY

## Grand Jury Nevertheless May Bring in a Fresh True Bill Against Them Alleging Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.

Contrary to the general expectation a third trial of Congressman Williamson, Dr. Van Geener and Marion Biggs, which is to commence next Tuesday in the federal court, will be on the indictment on which the two previous trials are based. The charges in that indictment were conspiracy to suborn perjury, and at one time United States District Attorney Neyen was considering the advisability of securing a new indictment on the simpler charge of conspiracy to defraud the government. He said this morning: "The third trial will be on the original indictment. I do not want to run the risk of further delays through plays in statement or other dilatory tactics on the part of the defense." Nevertheless it is thought that the grand jury may return an indictment against the three defendants on the charge of conspiring to defraud the government. This supposition finds corroboration in the fact that the numerous witnesses who are here from Crook county are now being examined by the grand jury. Two of them, Lark E. H. Watkins and Henry E. McGinnis, were examined this morning. Watkins is one of the entrainers procured to file on timber claims the interest of Williamson and Geener. The grand jury will adjourn this afternoon Tuesday morning. No indictments will be returned before that time.

# JUDGE SAYS LORD CANNOT SUE F. J. HENRY

## Public Officials Not to Be Proceeded Against Civilly for Official Acts.

Charles F. Lord's \$50,000 damage suit against United States District Attorney Francis J. Henry has come to an abrupt conclusion. The demurrer filed in behalf of Mr. Henry by Henry E. McGinnis sustained this morning by Judge Fraser, who ruled that a public official could not be sued civilly for acts done in pursuance of his duty. Lord's suit is based on the fact that the district attorney caused him to be indicted for conspiracy to obstruct justice in connection with the land fraud prosecution. By Judge Fraser's decision Lord is virtually thrown out of court, for though he was allowed five days in which to amend his complaint, the judge ruled that he could do so only in such a way that it could be amended as to be proper pleading. The indictment against Lord is still pending in the federal court and will probably come up for trial after the land fraud cases are concluded.

# WO-MILLION MORTGAGE BY GRAND RONDE ROAD

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) La Grande, Or., Sept. 1.—A bond and mortgage in the sum of \$2,000,000 to the American Loan & Trust company has been filed in the office of the recorder of the Central Railway of Oregon covering the rights of way, roadbed, rolling stock and other property of the company. The Central railway is the name of the corporation which proposes to construct an electric line through the Grand Ronde valley, connecting Hot Lake, Union, Cove, Egin and La Grande. The promoters state that everything is in readiness to push the work forward to completion.

# GERMANY IS THREATENED BY EPIDEMIC OF CHOLERA

(Journal Special Service.) Berlin, Sept. 1.—The authorities fear an epidemic of cholera. Twelve localities are now infected in the region between the Baltic and the river Wartha, and the plague's appearance in Hamburg may mean a hard fight ahead to suppress it, as was the case in 1892 and 1902, when 800,000 people perished. Numerous bacteriologists have been sent into the infected districts to assist in the quarantine. In all about 200 cases have been reported.

# DOWN IN CAUCASUS IS BESIEGED BY TARTARS

(Journal Special Service.) Tiflis, Sept. 1.—The town of Shusha in the Asiatic Caucasus, with a population of about 40,000, is besieged by Tartars, who are massacring the Armenians. The place was formerly a fortress and occupies a strong position, being situated on the crest of an isolated mountain.

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# BAILIFF JAY UPTON

(Continued from Page One.) Numerous other cases reveal looseness, at least, and seem to demand a thorough shaking up of the methods that have been followed in administering estates of incompetents and defuncts.

Mr. Upton today returned from Astoria and made the following written statement: "There has been no graft at all. Not a single penny of anybody's money has been wrongfully taken and not a cent of any one's money came to me. It was a very unfair and unjust attack, with only a grain of truth for its foundation out of which, from the eagerness of certain reporters, has been built a great story of a scandal."

"I have for three years been in the county judge's office where I have had the entire confidence of Mr. Webster and have had considerable responsibility and a great deal of authority. In the position I held many people came to me to ask for some attorney to take charge of matters for them. Some of them I referred to Mr. Riddell, some I have sent to Robert Galloway, some to John Logan and some to other attorneys who did not have a very extensive practice, but there was no grafting or division of fees either with him or with the others. The Telegram printed a list of all the cases he had in the probate court, claiming I had turned them all into him through the influence of my position. That is not so. It is unjust to me and unfair to him to claim the only business he had was what I gave him. Mr. Riddell worked at the courthouse for a couple of years himself where he became familiar with the various methods of legal departments and with the lawyers having part of that business without my having any knowledge or connection with it. Because my name appears as a notary public on petitions and other papers, it is claimed, we had an understanding to control such business. Every one, and there are a great many besides Mr. Riddell, knows that I have always been willing to and have affixed my seal as a notary public to all sorts of legal documents, for different lawyers, never taking a cent for the same, and if all the papers and cases in which my name appears as a notary were listed, it would make a list big enough to take your breath away. That is my only connection with those cases.

"Any statement that Riddell and I are partners is a falsehood. One person claimed that I had admitted there was a partnership formed between Mr. Riddell and I to handle such business. That is not so.

"If Mr. Riddell got more cases from me than did some of the other lawyers, which I don't think is so, I might say, what he got because he was a friend of mine, who needed the business, having just opened his office at that time for the practice of law. If that was wrong, well, I was and am willing to shoulder the responsibility.

"In regard to the Jansen case, I have nothing to do with it and the statement in Thursday's Journal is a lie. I wrote two letters to Herman Jansen, it is true, one at Mr. Riddell's dictation and one for the administrator. I have done the same thing for many other lawyers, when for some reason they could not get to their offices. To have done otherwise would have shown a lack of accommodation, of which people have never accused me. In regard to the telegram sent notifying Jansen of his brother's death, this was sent after the coroner had made an attempt to reach him unsuccessfully by telegraph, and it was only an act of Christian kindness, and in reference to the judge's signature I have been authorized to sign his name to all papers except, of course, orders of the court, and it was not necessary to bother him with such details.

"In all these matters there was no prearrangement. I acted entirely on my own responsibility, as I thought at the time seemed best. I acted entirely in all these matters without any knowledge on the part of Judge Webster, but with the knowledge sometimes and once under the direction of Commissioner Lightner. There was nothing wrong with any of them. The record that has been made in the past three years in stopping grafting in estates and throwing out grafters should be sufficient to convince any one that no grafting has been tolerated.

"Regarding the assertion made in another paper that I furnished Mose Bloch with information of money due estates, money due from the original \$1.50 which is deposited for each estate, in the probate court, and not all used for filling fees, the statement is false, as Bloch knows the records well and does not need any one to help him find anything he wants."

# Corn Rates Too High.

Washington, Sept. 1.—The interstate commerce commission has decided that the present freight charges on corned products and corn from Missouri river points to the Pacific coast, in so far as the rate on corned products is more than 1 cent above the rate on corn, constitute a discrimination against corn products and the differential is declared too high.

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# AERONAUT BLOWN TO PIECES 1,500 FEET IN AIR

# John Baldwin Killed While Making an Ascension at Ohio Fair.

(Journal Special Service.) Greenville, O., Sept. 1.—Professor John Baldwin, aeronaut, was blown to pieces by an explosion of dynamite while 1,500 feet in the air yesterday afternoon in sight of several thousand persons, among them being his wife and three children. Baldwin has been giving daily exhibitions at the county fair, ascending several thousand feet and exploding dynamite at intervals. It is not known how the accident occurred, but it is probable that the six sticks of dynamite exploded simultaneously, as but one report was heard. It is supposed that in lighting the fuse connected with the dynamite the gas in the balloon was fired, which immediately exploded, lighting the dynamite and causing it to go off also. Spectators only saw a cloud of smoke, as the airship vanished. A half mile away pieces of wreckage and fragments of Baldwin's body were found. Baldwin was 37 years old and for 20 years has been giving exhibition ascensions.

# NEW RATES PROTESTED BY KNIGHTS OF HONOR

(Journal Special Service.) Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1.—There is considerable dissatisfaction among the older members of the Knights of Honor, a fraternal organization with a large membership scattered throughout the United States, over the increase in the rates, which goes into effect today. According to statements made by local members, thousands of the older members seriously consider the advisability of severing their connection with the organization. The change, which was decided upon some time ago by the officers of the supreme lodge, differs essentially from the change which caused so much dissatisfaction in the ranks of the Royal Arcanum. It affects only members between 60 and 70 years of age. Formerly all members of 70 were assessed \$8 per month, while under the new arrangement members of 70 will be assessed \$15 a month on \$2,000 insurance; those of 69 years, \$12; those of 68 years, \$10, and so on down the scale.

# FUNERAL OF HOTCHKISS IS HELD AT EUGENE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Eugene, Or., Sept. 1.—The body of Merritt E. Hotchkiss, who died at Hillsboro Wednesday, arrived in Eugene today for burial by the local Masonic order. Mr. Hotchkiss was a former resident of Eugene, having come here in 1897. He left five years afterward and took up his residence at Hillsboro. Mr. Hotchkiss leaves a widow and two children, Merritt E. and Flora. He was born in Oswego county, New York, August 9, 1842, and served as a volunteer throughout the civil war.

# PIONEER RESIDENT OF SALEM EXPIRES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Salem, Or., Sept. 1.—Mrs. Christine Cordes Frickey, a resident of Salem for 35 years, died at her home in this city August 31, after a lingering illness. She was born in the province of Hanover, Germany, December 24, 1816. She is survived by a husband and six children: William, of Fossil; Mrs. Christian Grelaser, Weston; Chris. Plateau, California; Mrs. Mary Casbere, Mrs. Emily Jory and Mrs. Minnie Frickey, Salem.

# GOVERNMENT WILL KEEP TYPESETTING MACHINES

(Journal Special Service.) Oyster Bay, Sept. 1.—The president will not make public the findings of the Keop commission on its recent investigation of the government printing office until he returns to Washington. The contract made by Federal Palmer, publisher, for the purchase of 73 Lanston typesetting machines will be allowed to stand, thus blocking the stockjobbers' game, who are using the report of the Keop commission to influence the market.

# ALBERTA CELEBRATING PROVINCIAL AUTONOMY

(Journal Special Service.) Edmonton, Alberta, Sept. 1.—The granting of provincial autonomy to Alberta is celebrated here today on a large scale and intense enthusiasm prevails among all classes of the population. The governor-general, accompanied by Lady Grey and a large and

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