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# GRAND JURY HAS STANDARD OIL METHODS UNDER MICROSCOPE

## WATSON IS NOW FACING FULL JURY

Twelve Men Are Soon Picked to Hear Trial of Defendant on the Charge of Perjury

Trial is Important Because of Bearing It Has on Other Cases Dealing With More Prosperous of Alleged Land Fraud Kings—Hendricks is Spectator.

**Jury in Watson Case.**  
Thurston Buxton, farmer, Forest Grove, Washington county.  
William Gunning, farmer, McMinnville, Yamhill county.  
Philip A. Graves, farmer, Liberal, Clackamas county.  
A. Henry Knudsen, car conductor, Portland.  
Thomas Boyle, farmer, Marshland, Columbia county.  
Elmer Dixon, farmer, Oregon City.  
Eric Wilson, mechanic, Glenwood, Washington county.  
John Cunningham, merchant, Carlton, Yamhill county.  
Belding, farmer, Crowley, Polk county.  
Arthur G. Kyrk, pressman, Oregon City.  
M. E. Kandle, farmer, Highland, Clackamas county.  
J. E. Jack, merchant, Oregon City.

Charles A. Watson, the least prosperous of all the Wheeler county folk indicted for land frauds, appeared for trial this morning in the federal court, over which Judge Hunt is now presiding. He filed and proved up on a home-estead claim that formed part of the chain of fence which enabled the Butte Creek Land, Livestock & Lumber company to include in its big pasture more than 18,000 acres of government land.

At the time of final proof, Watson, Clarence R. Zachary and Coe D. Barnard swore that all the requirements of the homestead law had been complied with, and the result was that all three were indicted for perjury.

The trial of Watson precedes that of Zachary and Barnard, and is important not only because of its bearing on these cases, but because Watson and his claim will bob up again when the government tries former United States Commissioner Hamilton H. Hendricks, who is now on trial for conspiracy to defraud the government. All three of the men mentioned realize what the trial of Watson means. They were interested listeners in court this morning. Hendricks just emerged from a court experience that branded him as a sub-orner of perjury, picked out a good seat behind the railing and took a keen interest in all the proceedings. The defendant had filed before Hendricks, although his final proof was made before United States Commissioner James S. Stewart.

Watson is much younger than Hendricks, being about 30, if one is to judge from his looks. He has roughed it more than a little, has ridden the range and his face bears the tan of sun and wind. As for his clothes, they are weather-beaten and frayed. He looks poverty-stricken, but Judge Bennett, the attorney of Hendricks, the king, and of Zachary, the king's right-hand man, is defending him. Watson stood by the Butte Creek company and now the company is standing by him. United States Attorney William C. Bristol took sole charge of the case for the government. The examination of

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## ARMY MAID IS EXILED FROM POST

Commandant at Fort Walla Walla Is Revenged for Servant Leaving His Wife

Captain Howard Refuses to Allow Girl to Work for Subordinate Officer After Ignoring Pleas to Accept Employment in His Home—Inquiry Probable.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Walla Walla, Wash., Aug. 6.—Because she refused to work as a servant for Mrs. H. P. Howard, wife of the acting commandant, Captain Howard of the Fourteenth cavalry, at Fort Walla Walla, and insisted on retaining employment as maid to the wife of Lieutenant Holcomb, Mrs. Eva Beller, a 17-year-old girl, was ordered to leave the military reservation at 6 o'clock yesterday evening.

The order, issued by Captain Howard as acting commandant, exiling the girl, is deemed one of the most remarkable occurrences ever made public in army circles. It reports he true there is likely to be an inquiry set on foot by the war department at Washington, with the further possibility of a suit for damages being instituted by Miss Beller's people.

Eva Beller, whose home is in Freewater, Oregon, was employed as a domestic in the family of Captain Howard. She became ill and returned to her home. Later, when convalescent, she was visited by Mrs. Howard two or three times, and when requested to return as a servant, Miss Beller refused.

Later the girl returned to the post to work as maid for Mrs. Holcomb, wife of Lieutenant Holcomb. Then it was that the ire of the commandant was aroused.

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## UNCLE SAM HUSTLES TWO NOTABLES INTO COURT



Secrets of Standard Oil's Crimes Against the People Will Be Revealed in Chicago.

## OIL KING GIVES ALL QUIET ON TRACKS MAY LIE TO LONG THE NEVA BE MOVED

Rockefeller Says That Great and Good Country Was Built Upon Foundation Laid by the Truthful Puritans.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Cleveland, Aug. 6.—In direct contradiction of the allegation of ex-Secretary of the Navy Long made at Plymouth that the pilgrim fathers were liars, grafters and debauchees, John D. Rockefeller said yesterday:

"This is a great and good country to live in. It is a powerful country, and has grown to its present position through the strength of the few Puritan fathers who first settled here."

"It was this spirit of the pilgrims' love of truth, respect for life, desire for right living, which laid the massive foundation for the United States. The Puritans made the beginning. We should keep it as they intended."

General Strike of Russian Workmen Postponed, St. Petersburg Enjoys a Day's Rest and Papers Are Issued.

(Journal Special Service.)  
St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—The strike that was to mark the downfall of the Russian empire did not go into effect this morning.

Although there are over 50,000 men out of work, the city is quieter today than it has been in weeks, and the revolutionists appear to be disheartened because of the news coming from the provinces that the men who were relied upon to call their companions from their labors had either been tampered with or had been frightened into inaction.

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Well-Founded Report Has It That Southern Pacific May Take Its Trains Off Fourth Street Soon.

A well defined rumor is current to the effect that the Southern Pacific Railroad company has for some months past been planning to relinquish voluntarily its Fourth street franchise, to tear up its tracks and seek connections from its west side line to the Union depot over some other avenue farther removed from the retail district of the city.

Such a rumor gained currency here about nine months ago. At that time the local officials denied knowledge of the proposed move. Nevertheless it is said that careful investigations looking to this end have since been made, even that the route was selected, the plans drawn and preparations made to apply to Portland's council for a new franchise. These plans were all ready and would have been made public before now had they not been destroyed with the company's office building and other property in the San Francisco earthquake.

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## MILLIONAIRE'S SON ENLISTS AS SAILOR

(Journal Special Service.)  
Newport, N. J., Aug. 6.—J. Raymond Wells, son of William Storrs Wells, a millionaire resident of New York and Newport, has enlisted in the navy for four years. He has not figured much in society at Newport, preferring to roam about and see the world. "Apprentice Seaman Wells" is 23 years old and it was not necessary for him to get permission from his parents to enter the service. They were as much surprised as his friends to learn he had taken the step. He enlisted a month ago in New York and was transferred to Newport naval station a week ago.

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## BOYS KILL AGED HERO FOR MONEY

Fifteen-Year-Old Desperadoes Murder Gettysburg Veteran for Thirty Cents

William Powell Slain by Escaping Reform School Youths Because He Will Not Give Up Remaining Pennies—Victim Was Seventy Years Old.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
Cottage Grove, Or., Aug. 6.—Because he refused to allow them to rob him of his last 30 cents, William Powell, aged 70 years, a soldier of the Potomac and a veteran of the battle of Gettysburg, was murdered near here last night, by two 15-year-old boys, said to be escapees from the Washington reform school. The youths had the old man up at a railroad bridge, one mile south of Cottage Grove, about 9 o'clock last night and upon his refusal to part with his money shot him in the side. The boys were instantly arrested, and the veteran, lying through the night and passing away at 7:30 o'clock this morning. The youthful murderers are still at large.

Powell, who was a tinner by trade, was wined out of his home in San Francisco at the time of the disaster. He worked his way north, doing odd jobs of tinning and was on his way to Portland, where he expected to find employment. He was seated near a railroad bridge about a mile south of this place eating a lunch a farmer's wife had given him when the two boys approached him and ordered him to throw up his hands. He looked at his diminutive assailants and believing that they were joking, laughed. Seeing that he was not going to comply with their demand the largest of the young desperadoes reached for a revolver, which he was wearing in his belt, but he was anticipated by his smaller companion who whipped out a gun from concealment in his clothes and shot the aged man in the side.

When they saw the seriousness of their crime, the boys immediately took flight. Powell managed to reach the nearest farmhouse and told his story. Posses were immediately started out in pursuit of the young murderers, but no trace of them has been found, since they left Cottage Grove at 1 a. m., where they were seen by villagers.

That the boys were not without some funds is known by the fact that when they were at dinner at the restaurant at Cottage Grove, Sunday noon, they had a silver dollar, a portion of which they spent for their meal. They were reckless in flourishing their guns, and when a brakeman put them off a train at Seaside, on the morning before the tragedy, they drew a revolver on him. The marshal of Cottage Grove ousted them from town in the evening a short time before they committed the murder, and at the time they made threats against his life. No attention was paid to them, every one considering their boasts of being "bad" much as did their victim.

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## CRIME OF REBATES TO BE PROBED

Government Officers Will Have Aid From District Attorneys in Many States

Testimony Offered in Cleveland Case to Be Supplemented by Evidence Showing Rockefeller and Rodgers Had Favored Competitors Did Not Get.

(Journal Special Service.)  
Chicago, Aug. 6.—Standard Oil seems to be in the toils at last; the United States government is determined to punish the corporation for violation of the federal laws and a special grand jury is hearing the evidence. This body will make a sweeping investigation of the Standard Oil company's methods of transporting its products. A large amount of evidence has been gathered by the government's legal aid, under the personal direction of Attorney-General Moody and this will be presented.

Several important pieces of evidence have been added to that taken before the grand jury at Cleveland a few weeks ago. It is believed that the whole forms a complete chain of evidence against the Standard Oil company and some of its high officials which the government prosecutors hope will lead to the indictments and prosecutions under the anti-rebate law. The proceeding will be based upon deals between the company and railroads for the handling of its products, and the charges made for the same as compared with the rates fixed for independent concerns. There will be also evidence concerning alleged discrimination in the matter of storage charges in favor of the oil company.

A number of high railroad officials are among those who have been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury, and testify.

## LINEMEN THREATEN AND WIN THEIR POINT

(Journal Special Service.)  
San Francisco, Aug. 6.—Linemen employed by the San Francisco Gas & Electric company, which supplies practically all the lighting and electric power for the city, threaten to strike this morning that if it supplied the United Railroad with one kilowatt above the amount contracted for by the railroad they would strike in sympathy with the railroad's linemen. The company promised to adhere strictly to its contract.

## CLUB IS ORGANIZED TO ASSIST CUPID IN HIS ST. LOUIS WORK

(Journal Special Service.)  
St. Louis, Aug. 6.—St. Louis has a matrimonial club which proposes to afford opportunity for young men and women who want to get married to meet personally the opposite sex and choose their life partners. The purpose of the club may be shown in the following extract from a circular inviting attendance at the first picnic of the club next Saturday. It reads:

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## KANSAS CITY DRIFTS INTO BANKRUPTCY ON WAVE OF PROHIBITION

(Journal Special Service.)  
Kansas City, Aug. 6.—Drifting toward bankruptcy at the rate of \$4,000 a day, \$21,000 a week, or \$100,000 a month, the city of Kansas City, Kansas, a community of 55,000 people, and the largest city of the Sunflower state. This condition was brought about by the enforcement of the prohibition law, after the appointment of Assistant Attorney-General Trickett three months ago.

Previous to Trickett's appointment, no city in Kansas enjoyed such prosperity as Kansas City. The police, fire, street and other departments compared favorably with a city of twice its size. Now the police force has been cut in two, the fire department reduced, and the street department practically abolished. And

that is not the worst, for present employees of the city find themselves unable to cash their pay checks.

Until three months ago no effort was made to enforce the prohibition law. Saloons were not licensed, but each saloonkeeper paid regularly into the city treasury a fine ranging from \$50 to \$100 a month, according to the location of his place of business. From 200 "joints," as they were termed, the city received enough income to put it on "easy street."

With the abolishment of the joints and the strict enforcement of the prohibition law, the city is in such straits that retrenchment in every department has become necessary, but even with the present reductions a huge deficit is accumulating daily. The city at present is in debt to the amount of \$475,000.