

HALL CASE NEARS END

Judge Webster Closes Argument for Defense—Jury May Retire for Verdict Tonight—Probably No Decision Till Tomorrow.

John H. Hall will perhaps know the verdict of the jury which has for three weeks been listening to the trial of the conspiracy charge against him some time tonight or tomorrow. This morning Judge Webster continued his argument for the defense, closing during the early afternoon. Mr. Heney at once began his closing address, and will finish by the time the court takes its afternoon adjournment.

According to the program, Judge Hunt will call the jury together again after dinner, and a short time after 3 o'clock tonight will deliver his charge and place the case in the hands of the 12 men for their consideration.

Consider Verdict.
If it is possible for the jury to agree on the verdict during the early hours of the evening it is probable that the court will remain ready to receive the report. However, should the agreement be delayed beyond 10 or 11 o'clock, it is probable that the members of the jury will be taken to their quarters to resume their deliberations during the morning.

Hall Was Doing Duty.
Judge Webster continued during the forenoon with his plea for the defense, and made a strong case, and appeal to the jury in behalf of his client. He went over the evidence piece by piece, showing from it that there was no intent on the part of Mr. Hall to violate the law or to countenance its violation, while on the other hand he argued from the letters of Mr. Hall and from his actions during the trial that he was doing what he could to bring violators of the law to book, Stelwer and his associates as well as the others called to his attention.

Judge Reads Letters.
Judge Webster read the letters written to Putnam, the man who complained against the Stelwer fences, and argued from that that it had been the intention of Mr. Hall to prosecute the Stelwer company. The directions given Putnam of how to proceed, the instructions for him to prepare an affidavit setting out the violation of the law charged were pointed to as showing the desire of Hall to bring suit against the company.

Could Have Sidetracked Agents.
The subsequent turning of the case over to Loomis, then to Stratford and last of all to Dixon, all special agents of the general office, was also pointed to as showing that Hall had tried to bring the company into court. It was argued by Judge Webster that if Hall had intended to prosecute Stelwer and his friends he would not have sent the special agents into Wheeler county to make an investigation of the fences, but would have detailed them promptly into other sections of the state where there were likewise violations of the law which had been called to the attention of the district attorney's office.

If Hall Was in this Conspiracy
and did all these things to bring his fellow conspirators into court, as it is shown by the evidence of the government, it itself he did, then he was most strangely late in his aid of the conspiracy, "was the way Judge Webster put his argument.

Fences Had Gates.
Putnam by his own testimony, the speaker said, had showed that the fences were provided with gates so that the people could pass through, and the only prohibition was that no cattle could be run on the land. This admission in itself ought to bring a verdict for the defense, Judge Webster contended, because it was charged in the indictment that the defendant was guilty of a conspiracy to keep the fences up to obstruct a free access to and passage across the lands. Nothing was said about cattle.

Never, at any time or in any manner
or with one, had Hall entered into an agreement to keep these fences.

and the evidence does not show one little indication that he had ever done such a thing, urged Judge Webster.

The speaking of the charge made by the government that Hall had delayed trial of the Stelwer case for a long period of time turned his guns on the prosecution itself and charged that dozens of cases had been brought three or more years ago and had been allowed to lapse and go without attention by the prosecution while the men under indictment rested under the contaminating shadow of crime charged against them.

Fence Deals.
Going further he contended that the government although it had proven wholesale fraud in the Putzer deals and others had made no steps to cancel the patents illegally secured to government lands although years had passed.

"I am not saying that Mr. Heney should have brought these actions," said Judge Webster, "but I am saying that the delay proves that Hall's delay in the one case cannot be argued against him as a crime. I know as you all do that Mr. Heney is an energetic officer and a hard worker, and yet these cases have lapsed or lagged without action being taken to recover to the government all this land illegally gained.

The Brownell evidence and that given by Hendricks, Stelwer, Zachary and others of those resting under indictment, were taken up by the speaker. He called attention to the fact that they, some of them, had been convicted of heinous crimes, and yet were coming into court as government witnesses with the expectation and the promise of consideration. He called up the Hendricks case, showed that Hendricks had been convicted of subornation of perjury and then had come into court under the expectation of practical immunity at the hands of the government. In regard to the letter written by Mr. Heney to Bristol on August 1, 1906, in which Mr. Heney discussed the Hendricks case and in which the prosecutor said to Mr. Bristol:

"I have been thinking over the matter of the sentence which H. H. Hendricks ought to find its source in the same which he was convicted for subornation of perjury, and I believe that an example ought to be made of him, as it is a most flagrant case, and perjury and subornation of perjury has become so common that they are an absolute menace to the administration of justice in the federal courts in Oregon. I regard you would tell Judge Hunt for me that I hope the case has impressed him in the same way that it has me, and that he will deem it consistent to his duty to impose the maximum punishment which is prescribed by the statutes. I think that a sentence of imprisonment for five years at hard labor in the Hendricks case would have a most wholesome effect, and that it would have a strong tendency to stop the perjury and subornation of perjury which has become so common."

Sorenson and the others of his class were taken up and discussed and at the conclusion Judge Webster paid an eloquent tribute to the work done by Mr. Hall during his seven years' administration of the office. He dwelt on the long delay of his trial after he had been indicted and pleaded with the jury to give him what reparation possible by the federal courts in Oregon. He stated that the stain which had rested upon his name since the long past date of his indictment. Heney began his closing argument as soon as Judge Webster had finished. He will not leave for San Francisco tonight, as has been intended, but will remain in Portland for at least another day, the change having been made possible by the dilatory tactics of Abe Ruef in his trial in San Francisco.

SITUATION CANVASSED

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quivering form prostrate before the wheels of the Taft juggernaut in order that full justice may be done to the independence of his politics. Senator Heyburn of Idaho, while for Knox, will not ungraciously oppose the wishes of his Taft enthused constituents.

In California the sentiment for the late interested senator was developed to an extent that it threatens to displace the records of the Golden State in everything from earthquakes to oranges. California's 50 delegates and the six delegates from Idaho will be for Taft, barring always the proverbial political hoodoo.

Washington and Oregon.
The battle ground, if there is going to be any battle ground, will be confined within the boundaries of the states of Washington and Oregon. And even in these states, while there is pronounced sentiment for Hughes in certain sections and a streak of chivalric loyalty to La Follette, Republican opinion apparently has gathered about the O'Holan.

In Washington the storm center of the Hughes boom is about Bellingham. At Tacoma the governor of New York

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is picked as the state's second choice. At Walla Walla he occupies the same place. Seattle picks Taft with La Follette as a second choice. Spokane is registered as for Taft. In Washington the La Follette strength arises naturally as a result of the existing war between the lumbermen and the Hill and Harriman railroads.

The La Follette sentiment in Oregon is confined to Union and Baker counties and finds its source in the same spring-hatred for Harriman. Somewhat peculiarly La Follette has been settled upon in these strongly anti-railroad centers as the candidate who can carry the fight against the roads to its most successful conclusion; this despite the fact that neither Hughes nor Taft have ever been accused of any particular fondness for the traction magnates or their methods. Apparently, the La Follette boom is local in each case, although there were rumors of the organization of a La Follette bureau in Seattle some time ago.

Replies to Queries.
Replies to the query—What is the Republican sentiment in your section in regard to a presidential candidate?—were as follows:

Idaho—Boise Capital News, Boise, Idaho: "The Idaho state delegation will be for Taft. The entire Republican organization with the exception of Senator Heyburn of Idaho, who for Knox, will not oppose the state convention instructing the delegates to Seattle."

Washington—Seattle Star, Seattle, Washington: "Taft has been in the lead in this section, but there is a rising La Follette sentiment fortified by the lumber interests, who are fast approaching war to the finish with the railroads. Believe the state delegation will go first for Taft and second for La Follette."

American, Bellingham: Strong Hughes sentiment in northwestern Washington. The two daily papers in Bellingham have declared for him and the leading Republican daily of Skagit county files his name at its masthead. Conservative Republicans of all classes are for Hughes. As for the state at large, the contest will be between Hughes and Taft with the outcome still uncertain.

Stateman, Walla Walla: The Republicans of southeastern Washington almost without exception are for Taft, the Hughes boom is about Bellingham. At Tacoma the governor of New York

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\$8.85 takes pick of any ladies' Coat in stock—none reserved; \$20, \$25, \$30 and \$35 values, in silk and satin lined, black broadcloths, fancy imported mixtures, overplaid, etc.
95¢ for ladies' \$7.50 to \$15 Cravettes, sizes 32 and 34 only.
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HITCHCOCK WITH TAFT.
Assistant Postmaster-General to Be Secretary's Campaign Manager.
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Washington, Feb. 7.—It was authoritatively stated today that First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock has accepted the position of eastern and southern campaign manager of Secretary Taft's boom for the presidential nomination.

Hitchcock will resign his position with the government in a few days and be succeeded by Charles P. Gmfield, of Lincoln, Missouri, who is at present his confidential clerk.

Tomorrow and Monday will positively be the last days for discount on west side gas bills. Portland Gas company.

DENIAL IS LACKING
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Attorney Manning toward the Oregon Trust & Savings bank.
Two days ago Expert Accountant Ferguson stated that several weeks would be required by him and his assistants to complete their investigation of the bank. It is now said that Mr. Manning will not continue his investigation a day after the new directory of the bank has been selected and approved by the court.

Has Deterrent Effect.
It is conceded that this is an accommodation on the part of Mr. Manning, but the main factor in the situation is the influence that continued investigations of the old bank have upon the work of securing the best board of directors for the new one. The mere mention of "investigation" in connection with a bank is always a deterrent in any effort to enlist substantial business men in its behalf.

Despite this handicap, Mr. Reed is making progress and it is believed that within the next few days the new board of directors will be completed satisfactorily to the court, and that the doors of a strong new bank will swing open in Portland.

The effect of such action will, it is

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generally admitted, be immensely beneficial to the business situation. The payment of from \$200,000 to \$300,000 of cash to depositors within the next 30 or 60 days will also help.

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CRAZY POLICEMAN COMMITS SUICIDE
(United Press Leased Wire.)
Alameda, Cal., Feb. 7.—Mentally deranged from beating received five years ago while acting as a policeman

In San Francisco, Joseph Marston early this morning blew out his brains after twice trying to murder Mrs. Annie Thonagie, his landlady.

Marston had no quarrel with Mrs. Thonagie, but on reaching home at 1 o'clock this morning he awoke her, drew a revolver and snapped it twice at her. As she fled he rushed to the basement where he fired a shot into his own head, dying instantly.

National Bank at Milton.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Milton, Or., Feb. 7.—Milton is soon to have a national bank, to be known as the First National Bank of Milton. Application for a charter has been made to the comptroller of the currency at Washington by A. L. Elam, W. E. Steen,

J. H. Hall and Higby Harris. The new bank will take the place of the private bank of W. L. Elam and will materially strengthen the banking interests at this place.

Steam Plows in Beet Fields.
La Grande, Or., Feb. 7.—The Amalgamated Sugar company may purchase two modern steam plowing machines for use in the Grand Ronde valley beet culture. These plows are turn on an average 30 acres of land each day, and do it much better than under the gang plow system. Better crop results are obtained.

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