

BALLINGER FAILS TO GO ON STAND IN HANFORD CASE

Other Lawyers Accused by Finch Defend Themselves; Witnesses Keep on Telling of Judge's Drinking Habits.

Seattle, July 12.—R. A. Ballinger, ex-secretary of the interior, alone of all the attorneys involved, will not take the stand to defend himself before the Hanford congressional committee against the charges of conspiracy in connection with the Heckman and Hansen bankruptcy case by Attorney J. L. Finch. The last of the other attorneys accused by Finch appeared today declaring that their connection with the famous case, in which an estate of \$50,000 was dissipated, was proper and legal.

Attorney J. B. Metcalf and the referee in bankruptcy, John P. Hoyt, occupied practically the whole of today's session, detailing their connection with the Heckman and Hansen affair. Chairman Graham of the investigating committee today denied the rumor that Judge Hanford had told the committee that he would order a complete investigation of the charges against Ballinger and others made by Finch. "I have never spoken to Judge Hanford," said Graham.

Barber Says Judge Was Drunk.
James A. Clark, a barber, testified that Judge Hanford was unmistakably intoxicated one evening about six years ago when he came into his shop for a shave. Both from the odor of liquors and from the judge's action, the witness was positive that Judge Hanford was "pretty much gone." The judge went to sleep when he got into the chair, and was awakened only when the barber raised the chair, the latter testified. He described the judge's walk as "unsteady."

Asked by Chairman Graham as to whether in his opinion Judge Hanford was intoxicated at that time, the witness replied: "I should say he was."
Attorney E. C. Hughes started to cross examine Clark, but gave it up abruptly when he learned that the barber shop where this incident is alleged to have happened adjacent to the Saratoga bar, a place where a number of witnesses said they had seen Judge Hanford.

Ballinger Stays Off Stand.
The Hanford congressional committee is on its twelfth day's investigation of the charges of drunkenness alleged in the impeachment complaint against Federal Judge Hanford. The first night session held by the committee last night was occupied by the testimony of Alfred Battle, law partner of Richard A. Ballinger, ex-secretary of the interior, who was principally involved in the conspiracy charge made by Attorney J. L. Finch in the Heckman and Hansen bankruptcy case, which was held before the committee for two days. Ballinger was present throughout the night session and had been in the courtroom all afternoon, preparing the documentary evidence to which his partner referred in his testimony. The former cabinet minister, however, did not choose to take the witness stand himself.

Battle's testimony throughout was an attempt to explain a number of alleged shady transactions charged to Ballinger and other attorneys, and claimed by witnesses to have been contemplated by Judge Hanford. Representative W. I. McCoy frequently tilted with the witness on questions of legal ethics.

Three others were called by the defense in connection with the Finch testimony. They were John H. Powell, L. C. Turner and Ira Bronson, members of the bar association committee which whitewashed Ballinger several years ago.

Frank A. Paul, a young attorney, testified that he had seen Judge Hanford in such a condition that "if it were not that he was a federal judge, one would think he had been drinking to the extent of incipient intoxication." He also told of the judge frequently dozing on the bench.

The committee yesterday called upon William A. Simonds, a reporter for the Seattle Times, to explain the basis of a story published in that paper that the Hanford prosecution was prompted by the vice and white slave syndicate. Simonds said that Judge Hanford made that complaint himself. He said he agreed with the judge because he knew the latter had sentenced many white slayers. The article in question referred to the white slave syndicate having employed detectives to shadow Judge Hanford with the view of bringing about his impeachment.

"Oh, You Bill," Full of Laughable Scenes That Drive Dull Care and Sorrow in Deep Oblivion

Quite different from the previous offerings of the Armstrong Polles company and convincing proof of its versatility is the bill for the present week which opened at the Lyric theatre Monday matinee. The new offering is "Oh, You Bill," which is in keeping with the times. It has no plot worth mentioning, but is full of laughable scenes that drive one's cares into oblivion. There are numerous songs and dances that are surely pleasers, and the company is seen at its best. Will Armstrong is as funny as ever, and Gus Leonard, the man with a thousand and one medals,

is seen in his wonderful legerdemain act that brings forth a round of noisy applause at its finish. Miss Davis is heard in "Hello Bill," a brand new song that captivated the audience. Miss Davis responded to no less than nine encores, and then, unable to respond to more, the audience contented itself with singing it. The barefoot dance, which was seen last week, is also on the bill, and proves to be a big feature. The same bill runs all week with a daily matinee and two performances every night, and the popular chorus girls' contest after each show tomorrow night.

GOVERNOR WILSON TO MEET PARTY LEADERS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Searitt, N. J., July 12.—Speaker Clark and Leader Underwood both have written the governor that they would be glad to consult with him concerning the program of the Democrats in congress during the remainder of the session. Plans for a conference on Saturday have been arranged.

AFTER SIX YEARS, 15-MILE DITCH IS DONE; \$150,000

(Special to The Journal.)
Hood River, Or., July 12.—The most difficult and expensive construction work done on any of the several large irrigation canals in Hood River has just been completed in the finishing of the 15-mile ditch of the Hood River Bonded Irrigation district. This ditch was begun about six years ago. Much of the way from the Oak Grove district to the

head gate at Green Point creek was cut through solid rock. The total cost of the ditch will be approximately \$150,000. It is estimated 5000 acres will be brought under irrigation by this system.

MRS. ELIZA SWITZER DIES AT ST. HELENS, AGED 67

St. Helens, Or., July 12.—Mrs. Eliza Switzer, a much loved resident of Columbia county, died yesterday of cancer, 67 years old. She was a sister of James Muckle, Portland timberman, and of Charles Muckle, of St. Helens. She left no children, but five brothers and two sisters survive. Her husband was former county judge and was a St. Helens abstractor for years. In recent years he has been farming. Mrs. Switzer has lived in or near St. Helens for 35 years.

Sweet Home Couple Married.

Sweet Home, Or., July 12.—W. H. Davis and Miss Gussie Evans, both of Sweet Home, were married Wednesday in Albany at the home of Mrs. C. W. Bigbee. The groom is the son of a Liberty merchant and the bride is the daughter of a Sweet Home farmer. They went to Portland for their wedding trip.



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