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Shepherd, Crowe charged was a "shiftless panhandler" who had been content to live sixteen years in plenty provided by another.

The prosecutor defended himself, Judge Harry Olson and Alexander Reichmann against assertions of the defense counsel that the trial was simply a step in a vicious conspiracy against Shepherd to prevent his inheriting McClintock's estate.

Crowe said the reason he put Judge Olson on the witness stand was to give defense attorneys, William Scott Stewart and W. W. O'Brien, an opportunity to make good their statements that "we will show this case a frame-up; that Olson has a financial interest in it."

"What do you think of tactics of that sort?" demanded Crowe, as he accused Stewart and O'Brien. "You can often tell whether or not the defendant is guilty by the kind of defense he presents."

## Mayor F. Hylan Re-election



New York, June 26.—(By Associated Press)—Father Knickerbocker's political temperature has started on the quadrennial ascension, which marks the opening of his mayoralty fight. Wise or otherwise, diagnosticians predict a high fever for the old gentleman long before primary day rolls around in September.

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## RAILROAD PLANS NEW IDAHO LINE TO TAP TIMBER

Minneapolis, Minn., June 26.—Construction of a \$2,000,000 foot-mile line of railroad in the Clearwater timber district of Idaho is serving the largest white pine lumber mill in the Pacific northwest, was announced today by Charles Donnelly, president of the Northern Pacific railway.

The line will run northeast from Orofino, Idaho, and will be constructed by the northern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads to serve the Clearwater timber company which plans to erect a huge lumber mill at Lewiston, Idaho.

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Shanghai, June 26.—(A. P.)—A meeting of the Shanghai students union yesterday decided to issue an appeal to all Chinese students throughout the country to "learn the art of war and be ready to fight for their country."

It was resolved to petition the military chiefs to select teachers to "arouse the patriotism of the people and soldiers."

The program for students' demonstrations in many parts of China yesterday was largely a fiasco, owing to official prohibition of meetings. The precautions taken at Shanghai completely frustrated the students' activities here.

Many volunteers have been withdrawn from the Shanghai streets, which are resuming a normal appearance.

The additional Japanese destroyers have gone to Amoy and Canton.

## GOODING FIGHTS ANY CHANGES IN RECLAMATION

Spokane, Wash., June 26.—Opposition to any change in the federal reclamation policy was expressed here by Senator Frank R. Gooding of Idaho, just before he left for his home in Gooding, Idaho, late last night. He also declared that he was opposed to the proposal to change interest on construction money and to individual estate assuming "the burden of land settlement on federal projects."

"We must not be diverted from our reclamation policy as established by Theodore Roosevelt," he declared. "It is as much a function of the government to reclaim and western lands as it is to dredge harbors, improve rivers and build levees. The only difference is that the government gets back every cent it spends on reclamation, while it never gets back any money spent on river and harbor improvements."

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Asked by a reporter why action by the committee has been so long postponed, W. W. Rosebraugh, chairman, declared that the time had been used to examine the traffic laws of other cities and to formulate a more satisfactory bill for presentation to the council here. He declared that the proposal of head-on parking, at the instruction of the committee, would be made a part of the new traffic ordinance now being drawn and that it would come up before the committee for vote with the rest of the new traffic code.

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Contracts for bridges were let as follows:

Replacement bridge at Harrisburg to O. M. Olds of Oak Grove, \$10,000.

Chico—J. J. Badraun, Auburn, Wash., \$71,525.

The commission late yesterday ordered closing of a 45 mile section of the Mount Hood loop highway between Parkdale and Rhododendron to lay dust.

Height of trucks operating over the Columbia river highway was limited by the commission to 8 1/2 feet. It was reported that some trucks now traveling over the highway are 10 1/2 feet and that when passing through the Mitchell and Mosier tunnels they take to the center of the pavement to obtain clearance, and when they do this, they block traffic.

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