HEIMBURGER'S ATTORNEYS ATTACK LAHEY'S TESTIMONY

Defense Will Try to Impeach Building Superintendent, Who Was Principal Witness at Hearing Into Official Conduct of Commissioner—Inquiry Probably Will Be Finished To-Day After John F. Hines Has Been Recalled—Mayor Will Review Evidence.

DECISION PROBABLY WILL NOT BE FILED UNTIL MONDAY.

The assault by Building Commissioner George U. Heimburger's lawyers on the testimony of Building Superintendent Michael V. Lahey, who is one of the principal witnesses in the investigation into the official conduct of the accused Commissioner, continued all day yesterday before Mayor Wells.

The investigation, which has been characterized by a wealth of contradictory statements and opinions, probably will be finished this morning. It is the intention of the defense to recall John F. Hines, president of the National Iron Works, to rebut evidence that he wanted Lahey "called off" the Poorhouse job and that he was desirous of proceeding with the substitute contract for this structure.

After Mr. Hines's testimony this morning Lawyers Leverett Bell and A. A. Promberg will sum up the evidence for the accused and City Counselor Bates and probably Secretary McConkey, who is an attorney, will give the city's evidence against Mr. Heimburger. Mayor Wells probably will review the entire testimony of the case before rendering his decision. The verdict may not be filed before next Monday.

As stated by Attorney Promberg the day before, the intention of the defense principally is to impeach the testimony of Mr. Lahey and show by the evidence of its witnesses that Lahey instigated the investigation through motives of malice.

The presence of Lahey on the stand yesterday afternoon was undoubtedly the feature of the day's proceedings. The defense's attorney was severe in his examination. Lahey declared that he was drawn into the investigation and had made no statements voluntarily. He stated that he made no accusations against any person, but told everything he knew when asked to do so.

"WORKING FOR THE CITY."

When questioned by Attorney Promberg regarding his activity in the case and its developments, he stated that he "felt as if he was working for the city." Questioned if he knew of any dishonest acts on the part of the Building Commissioner, he made the statement:

"Well, I held him down in several things. He did not have a chance to do anything wrong on any of the jobs under me."

Lahey was asked if he had not received two presents from contractors. He admitted that one of the contractors had mailed him an order for a hat and that it was still in his pocket. He said he did not propose to have it cashed, as he asked nothing of the builders but the proper execution of their contracts with the city.

He was questioned as to his request from the contractor interested in the Courthouse renovation for a hall seat. He said he had spoken to the contractor about such a seat, and that he had volunteered to make him one gratis, but had refused to accept it. He said, however, that he would buy the seat at cost to the contractor.

Lahey's testimony yesterday is considered by the prosecution to be of a still more formidable nature than his previous statements on the stand. He held firmly to his original statements, regardless of the fact that several of the defense's witnesses have made conflicting statements. Mayor Wells also questioned Lahey about the present, and was evidently satisfied with the witness's replies.

In the morning the defense called several witnesses, with a view of showing that the accused Commissioner was justified in favoring the enameled iron, and also to rebut some of the testimony of Lahey.

L. R. Masslek, an employe of the National Iron Works, stated that upon complaining at the office of the Building Commissioner of the delay in the work at the Poorhouse he was informed that it was proposed to change the plans. His memory failed when he was asked some questions by City Counselor Bates.

WANTED LAHEY "PULLED OFF."

Architect George Barnett of the firm of Barnett, Haynes & Barnett, and L. D. Wiesse, a local architect, testified that it was their belief that enameled iron had some merits when proposed as a substitute for brass in institutional work. Mayor Wells drew from Mr. Barnett the statement that the proposition of substituting one material for another, after the contract had been let, was never done in the profession unless the architect had a written permission from his client.

J. L. Dowling, contractor for the painting of the dome at the Insane Asylum, stated that he had not cleaned and oiled the dome because he had received instructions from the Building Commissioner's office not to do so.

Fred Boecke, general contractor in the City Hospital work, stated that the long controversy over the proposed substitution of one material for the other had delayed the work, so that it was impossible to have it finished according to the contract, on October 15.

The afternoon's session opened with Lahey on the stand. He was followed by James A. Smith, Deputy Building Commissioner. Mr. Smith was questioned regarding a conversation which is said to have taken place at the Courthouse with John F. Hines. The witness stated that Mr. Hines wanted Lahey "pulled off the Poorhouse." From this statement of Mr. Hines, the witness stated, his opinion was that the contractor wished to go ahead with the substitute plans. Nothing definite, however, was said by Mr. Hines to this effect, according to the testimony.

Asked about the report that the employes of the Building Commissioner's office had entertained the idea of raising a fund in the office to support Mr. Heimburger in the trial, Mr. Smith said that an employe of the office came to his desk on one occasion and talked to him about it. He stated, on cross-examination by Mr. McConkey, that a local firm of architects had received a permit for a building from Mr. Heimburger personally, while permits of similar character were denied other firms. Mr. Promberg questioned the witness regarding the latitude of the law in granting the permits of this character.

When asked regarding Lahey, he said:

"I regard Mr. Lahey as a very truthful man."

He stated that he (Smith) had seen no particular reason for "calling Lahey down" for boisterous or objectionable conduct in the office of the Building Commissioner.

RELATION OF ART TO GOVERNMENT

President Eames Tells Why Government Officials Will Be Guests at Architects' Dinner.

ST. LOUIS DELEGATES ARRIVE.

American Institute of Architects Assembles in Washington To-Day in Important Convention.

The Republic Bureau,
Wear Building, 14th and F Streets.
Washington, Jan. 10.—The advance delegation from St. Louis to attend the American Institute of Architects, which convenes here to-morrow, reached Washington to-night. This is regarded as one of the most important meetings of the institute held in years. Its principal event, a dinner at which representatives of all branches of the Government, of art, business, finance and the press will be seated, is to be held to-morrow night.

W. S. Eames of St. Louis, president of the institute, will convene the body to-morrow morning and will preside at the dinner in the evening. Missourians who are to be the special guests at the banquet are Representative Hatchcldt, C. W. Knapp of St. Louis and Senator Cockrell.

Mr. Eames has been in Washington several days arranging the preliminaries for the sessions of the institute and for the dinner.

ART AND GOVERNMENT.

"We have but one idea," said Mr. Eames. "In assembling leading officials and Congressmen at dinner with our organization of architects and enthusiastic followers of the arts in the United States. We wish to make clear the relation of art to the Government. We think that all of the arts—painting, sculpture and architecture—have a definite and a useful relation to the State. We hope to impress the force of this relationship upon those who will be at table with us to-morrow night."

St. Louis persons who arrived to-night were T. C. Young and M. P. McArdle. The further attendance of St. Louis architects is expected to-morrow. Those coming are: L. C. Sidellar, Charles K. Ramsay, William B. Ittner and G. C. Link.

At the opening of the morning session to-morrow Major John Biddle, engineer commissioner of the District of Columbia, will deliver the address of welcome. This will be followed by the address of President Eames, which will deal with the successful history of the institute and the significant nature of its present convention.

Upon the right of Mr. Eames at to-morrow's dinner will sit the French Ambassador, Jules Jusserand, and to his left H. H. James and Cardinal Gibbons, others distinguished in the official or private life of the country, who will be conspicuously seated at the banquet, are:

GUESTS.

The Secretary of State, Augustus Saint Gaudens; Elihu Root, former Secretary of War; Justice Harlan, John La Farge, Senator Allison, Professor Nicholas Murray Butler, Bishop H. Y. Satterlee, Senator Cockrell, Henry James, Thomas Nelson Page, Finley Peter Dunn, Secretary to the President, W. S. Loeb, Whitelaw Reid, Professor S. H. Langley, Senator Nelson, Senator Newlands, E. H. Blackfield, Mayor McClellan, of New York, Senator Aldrich, J. Pierpont Morgan, Senator Dryden, Lieutenant General Chaffee, Professor Simon Newcomb, Representative Sereno E. Payne, Major General G. L. Gillespie, Daniel C. French, Professor M. B. Harper, Charles Emory Smith, James Knox Taylor, Brigadier General Albert L. Mills and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury H. A. Taylor.

Those who will respond to toasts are John La Farge, Augustus Saint Gaudens, Professor Nicholas Murray Butler, the French Ambassador, Cardinal Gibbons, Elihu Root, Justice Harlan, Senator Wetmore, Representative James R. McCleary and Mayor McClellan.

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SOUTH BROADWAY MERCHANTS TO GIVE ELABORATE BALL.

Annual Dress Affair at Concordia Turner Hall Will be Conducted on Lines Similar to Veiled Prophet's.

The annual dress ball of the South Broadway Merchants' Association, which will take place at Concordia Turner Hall February 8, promises to be the most elaborate affair from a social standpoint ever held under the auspices that organization.

It will be conducted under conditions similar to the Veiled Prophet ball, although less in magnitude and a comp souvenir will be presented to each couple in attendance.

The committee on arrangements, of which Louis C. Kaltwasser is chairman, is already at work making extensive preparations for the occasion. The hall was only recently remodeled, but it will be suitably decorated for the ball at a cost of about $500.

A meeting of the South Broadway Merchants' Association will be held next Thursday, at which the arrangements for the ball will be considered. The committee on Feb. 8 is composed of the following members: Louis F. Kaltwasser, chairman, Ben Westhus, L. P. Hammer Jr., E. L. Wachter, Oscar H. Fries, A. Wittmann, Alexander N. Ide, Merill August A. Wachter and A. J. Albrecht.

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WOULD PRESERVE MODEL PLAYGROUNDS

Councilman Davis Introduces Measure to Maintain World's Fair Exhibit.

ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION.

Thousands of Children and Adults Visited Modern Recreation Place During the Exposition Period.

Councilman H. N. Davis, at the first session of the Council this year, yesterday, introduced a bill for the preservation and maintenance of the Model Playgrounds at the World's Fair.

The measure provides for the appropriation of $3,000 from the municipal revenue for preserving and operating the playgrounds from the time the ordinance goes into effect until April 11 next, when a yearly sum of $2,000, to be known as the "fund for preserving and operating model playgrounds in Forest Park," shall be used for this purpose.

The bill states that assurances have been received from citizens of St. Louis that a private subscription may be raised, sufficient to purchase the exhibit and give it to the city on the condition that the city authorities agree to maintain the playgrounds by an annual appropriation.

The Park Commissioner is authorized to preserve the site of the playgrounds and absolves the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company from the duty of restoring this part of the park until it seriously interferes with the park restoration scheme, when the grounds are to be removed to some other suitable part of Forest Park. The consent of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company to every provision of the bill is necessary before the measure becomes effective.

The ordinance provides for one physical director and one leader of children's games at $100 a month for a term of six months; two kindergartners for eight months at $60 a month, and one matron for eight months at $60 a month.

The bathhouse and nursery are equipped with elaborate plumbing. The kindergarten is furnished with swings, sand boxes, basket-ball conveniences and other accommodations for the smaller children. The nursery cottage is equipped with hammocks, go-carts, cribs and other comforts, which provide a rest for mothers who bring their sickly children to the parks for exercise and fresh air. The measure states that the grounds provide a place free from the evils of rowdyism and secure from the dangers of accidents by carriages and automobiles.

The Model Play Grounds at the World's Fair was one of the distinct features of the Model City. It was visited by thousands of children, and was one of the most successful types of the modern playgrounds ever installed. Its usefulness as a permanent institution to the city became immediately apparent to many physical directors who visited the Exposition, and plans were taken of the outlay of the building and amusement features to be embodied in new grounds in other cities.

The Civic Improvement League and Chancellor Winfield S. Chaplin of Washington University interested the city authorities in the movement and when the question was referred to Mr. Davis he drew up the bill.

HOUSE REDUCES CLERKS FROM 234 TO THIRTY-FIVE.

Reform Legislature in Kansas Begins to Prune Expense Account.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 10.—The Republican House members of the reform Legislature struck their first blow for economy in their caucus to-day by adopting, with some amendments, a resolution offered by Representative Hookes. Thirty-five employes are provided for, and this number is in remarkable contrast to the 234 persons carried on the pay roll as employes of the House two years ago.

C. F. Blanke Denies Charge.

C. F. Blanke, president of the C. F. Blanke Tea and Coffee Company, responded to an invitation from the St. Louis Retail Grocers' Association to appear before it last night in the Imperial building and was placed under a "sweating" process by officers and members as to the alleged charge of selling his products to the consumer. Mr. Blanke said: "We have made an absolute rule never to sell to consumers. We have and are now selling to large hotels and restaurants, and consider that we are fair to the retailer by so doing, as the peddler will sell to them if we don't." He further said that the report that the C. F. Blanke Company had sold to boarding-house trade is false. He pledged his support and friendship to the association. The action of the American Cereal Company in abolishing the mail-order Cereta coupon was commended.

King Heads Master Butchers.

John P. King was elected president of the Master Butchers' Association last night at a meeting in the hall at the corner of Fourth and Franklin avenue. Mr. King succeeds Walter Pfeifer, who has been president of the organization for nineteen years, but who declined the twenty-fifth nomination. Other officers elected were: John F. Schofield, secretary; Charles F. Lessman, first vice president; George F. Williams, second vice president; Albert Arnhold, financial secretary, and Frank Gollkamp, treasurer. Henry Buerk, Leonard Hoffman and John Hartwig were elected trustees.

Fire at Milton, Ill., Costs $20,000.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pittsfield, Ill., Jan. 10.—Fire destroyed a three-story building and stock at Milton, ten miles from this city, yesterday morning. The loss is estimated at $20,000; insurance $8,700 on the building.

Nugents

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World's Fair Prize Braids—fancy silk and wool, black silk points and plain white and gold mixed braids, worth 35c and 50c a yard—to-day at
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Two styles—one with hemstitched yoke—the other with two rows of torchon insertion and lace. Choice to-day for
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Knit Leggins
Infants' fine quality Knit Worsted Leggins that were 25c a yard—reduced for to-day to only
15c

Ladies' Vests
Jersey-ribbed, Fleece-lined Vests and Pants. The regular 25c garments. A special Wednesday bargain at
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Kid Gloves
Odd lots of Women's $1.00 to $2.00 Kid Gloves that accumulated during the holidays and that we now close out at
50c

Sash Curtains
Cable Net and Brussels effect—3 1-2 yards long—just right for bay or narrow windows. Were $2.50 a pair—reduced now to
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Spachtel Scarfs
A small lot—size 18x54 inches—some a bit soiled—scarfs worth up to $1.50 each. Your choice to-day for
98c

Table Cloths
Imported fast color red and green Tablecloths, two yards long—hemmed ready for use—a Wednesday bargain at
$1.50

Quilted Comforts
Covered with imported French chintz, with fancy quilting and medallion centers—white cotton filling. Were $2.75—to-day at
$1.98

Trimmed Hats
All our finest and handsomest ones, that were originally sold up to $18 each, will be offered to-day at only
$3.95

Men's Shirts
Fancy colored and plain white Negligee Shirts, with separate cuffs. Regular $1.00 qualities—reduced to
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Good heavy all-silk Satin, 20 inches wide and just right for lining purposes. Regular $1.00 quality reduced to
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50c Chatelaine Bags now....25c
$1.95 Leather Peggy Bags (fitted) reduced to.....89c
$2.25 Leather Peggy Bags (fitted) reduced to $1.10
$2.50 Leather Peggy Bags (fitted) reduced to.....$1.25
$2.75 Leather Peggy Bags (fitted) reduced to.....$1.50
50c Leather Coin Purses now 25c

Clothing—Big Reductions.

Cut prices on everything! Men's and Boys' first-class clothing at the lowest prices yet. Third floor.

Boys' Caps of heavy all-wool navy blue cheviot, with pull-down bands—a 25-cent cap, now.10c
Boys' Reefers—Choice of any one in the house—sizes 3, 4 and 7 years—all-wool friezes and kerseys—regular $5.00 and $6.00 Reefers, now marked at..$1.50
Men's Suits of good all-wool cheviots, in fancy mixtures—this season's best styles—handsome, well-tailored $10.00 Suits now reduced to.....$6.95
Boys' Suits—Choice of any sailor suit for ages 3 to 10 years—$4, $5 and $6 suits, now $2.95
Boys' Overcoats—Of all-wool friezes and heavy winter cheviots—well lined and tailored—stylish $7.50 and $10.00 Overcoats, now reduced to....$5.00
Men's Overcoats—Gray or black Irish frieze, with triple warp linings—silk velvet collar—cut extra full and long—our $15.00 overcoats, now.....$10.00

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Funsten's $75.00 Beaver Sets for.....$ 33.50
Funsten's $50.00 Black Marten Sets for.....$ 21.75
Funsten's $15.00 White Thibet Set.....$ 5.00
Funsten's $75.00 Mink Scarfs for.....$ 37.50
Funsten's $35.00 Mink Scarfs for.....$ 18.75
Funsten's $12.00 Sable Fox Scarfs for.....$ 5.50
Funsten's $12.50 Dark Squirrel Scarfs for....$ 7.95
Funsten's $7.50 Light Squirrel Scarfs for.....$ 2.50
Funsten's $25.00 Jap Mink Sets for.....$ 17.50
Funsten's $25.00 Sable Fox Sets for.....$ 18.95
Funsten's $30.00 Gray Squirrel Sets for.....$ 16.50
Funsten's $40.00 Chinchilla Scarfs for.....$ 18.75
Funsten's $20.00 Sable Opossum Set for.....$ 12.50
Funsten's $35.00 White Thibet Set for.....$ 19.00
Funsten Bros.' $35.00 Electric Seal Coats now only .....$ 20.00
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Ladies' $11.50 and $12.50 Cloth Tourist Coats—also crushed and plain Velvet Coats—choice.....$5.00
$12.95 and $15.00 Tan Covert and Kersey Coats now $7.95
$18.75 fur-lined Capes reduced to.....$10.00
$30.00 and $35.00 fur-lined Coats now.....$18.75
$15.00 plaid-lined Golf Coats, with plaid collars, cuffs and pockets—reduced to.....$7.95
Old Ladies' $25.00 Long Coats, with fur collars and quilted linings—reduced to.....$12.75
Crushed Velvet Coats that were $40.00—now reduced to $15.00
$60.00 Crushed Velvet Coats now.....$25.00
$50.00 and $60.00 fine Leather Automobile Coats reduced to $25.00
Wraps—Carriage and Theater Wraps—tan, castor, orange, red or brown—were $47.50 and $50.00—reduced to $27.50
Stunning Steamer Wraps, Ulsters, Paddocks and Storm Garments—
Were $25.00 and $30.00, now.....$15.00 and $18.75
Were $35.00 and $50.00, now.....$22.50 and $30.00
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Those formerly $50.00 to $75.00 now at.....$25.00
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Think of it! An elegant all silk-lined Crepe de Chine Silk Gown—white, black or colors—for only..$17.50
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CONGRESSMEN INVITED TO NEW CLUB'S OPENING.

Messages Hint That St. Louis Democratic Association Will "Reorganize" Party.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Members of the Missouri delegation received telegrams today inviting them to attend an opening and make speeches at the St. Louis Democratic Club in St. Louis.

The wording of the messages indicated that the purpose was to begin a movement to reorganize the Democracy and to "redeem" Missouri.

The messages were signed by James Bannerman. The name of Given Campbell also was used in connection with the new organization. Answers have not yet been sent.

The new club, which is located at No. 3022 Olive street, will be formally opened on Saturday afternoon. A reception will be held on that day between 2 and 5 o'clock. Invitations have been issued to nearly all prominent members of the Democratic party in St. Louis.

Orphans' Aid Society Smoker.

The annual smoker and entertainment of the St. Louis German Protestant Orphans' Aid Society, whose institution is located on St. Charles Rock road, was given last evening in the banquet hall of the Odeon building. Fully 500 were present. Refreshments were served by the orphan children under the care of the society. Addresses were delivered by John A. Taity, the Reverend Mr. Beltzer, Colonel Richard Johnson and E. G. McQuillin, with musical selections interspersed by the Century Quartet. The society is more than forty years old and has an active membership of about 600. Any orphan child, irrespective of nationality or religion, will be accepted by the organization and placed in the home until a suitable guardian is secured. A concert will be given at the Odeon March 13, the receipts from which will be appropriated to the orphans' benefit.

TO OMIT WINES FROM MENU.

Walter F. Burke Elected President of Irish-American Society.

Walter F. Burke was elected president of the Irish-American Society last night at a meeting called to arrange for the annual banquet, to be given on March 17. The custom of the organization in omitting wines from the menu will be observed at this year's dinner.

Other officers elected were: Richard W. Murphy, vice president; Frank P. Furlong, secretary; John M. Carney, financial secretary; Thomas F. Bowdern, treasurer, and James Healey, grand marshal.

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