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WILL HEAR OLD MAN'S STORY

EITHER BY DEPOSITION OR EN MASSE VISIT, IS PLAN.

Defendant and Eye Witness to Union Shooting Have Been Before Grand Jury. But No Decision is Likely Until Lanus Story is Told the Jurors—May Visit Union and Hear Story From Wounded Man's Lips—No Reports Since Tuesday.

That a deposition by F. P. Lanus, the aged man shot in the quarrel at Union early in the week, will be read before the grand jury here, or else the grand jury itself will go to the bedside of Lanus and learn his story firsthand before a report in the case of Clayton Smith will be made by the grand jury, has become evident according to authoritative information.

Smith and Clifford, the eye witness to the shooting, have been taken before the grand jury, but it is rumored about on good authority that the old man's story will also be heard.

Last Into Next Week.

Another fact which is well established today is that the grand jury will be grinding at the end of this week, and may need at least one day of the coming week to complete deliberations.

There has been no report of any kind since the first three were announced last Tuesday. None are expected today.

The Circuit Court Case.

Today the circuit court is hearing the appealed case of Roy Ta Oliver against Eichenberger. In the justice court the present defendant was a loser. It is a jury case involving a settlement of money alleged to be due.

BURIED MANY DAYS

STARVING PRISONER REMOVED FROM RUINS.

Imprisoned for Days Under Messina Ruins, But May Yet Recover—Very Strange Case.

Naples, Feb. 5.—A message from Messina says a man was removed from the earthquake ruins today. Rescuers heard a faint cry, and the volunteers worked all night to reach him. Early this morning they pulled him out. Although nearly dead from starvation, his chances for ultimate recovery are good.

BELL MAY COME.

City Council of Philadelphia Acts on Petition From Portland.

Philadelphia, Feb. 5.—The city council finance committee is now considering a proposition of sending the Liberty Bell to the Portland Rose carnival, and then to the Seattle exposition. The bell will probably go, as the mayor has recommended it.

HOUSE SPLIT OVER OPTION

NO ADVANCE OF DRY BILL SINCE YESTERDAY.

Both Factions in Washington House Frame Up Counter Attacks—Retaliate With Petty Schemes—Wets Held in Session Saturday for Spite Work—Caucus Held.

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 5.—The local option fight has reached a stage where members of the house are intent upon imposing all sorts of petty retaliations upon each other. The actual progress of the bill since yesterday is nil.

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SALEM GALLOWS SET TO ACTION

HILLSBORO MAN PAYS THE PRICE FOR MURDER.

Walter Johnson Preaches Intemperance Sermon From Gallows—Walks Firmly to His Death—Admitted His Guilt and Said He Did the Crime for the Money There Was in It—Evils of Intemperance Come in for Flaying by Condemned.

Salem, Feb. 5.—Walter Montgomery Johnson, convicted of murdering Elmer Purdue, of Hillsboro, Ore., on December 14, last year, was hanged at the state penitentiary at 12:49 today. When asked if he had anything to say, he straightened up and said: "I am guilty. I did not commit the crime in self-defense as was stated during the trial, but needed the money that was in it. I had been drinking heavily and was not myself. I am ready to pay the price."

He delivered a short talk on the evils of intemperance. Just as the cap was drawn over his head Johnson said, "Be sure to break my neck." At 12:27 the prisoner left his cell accompanied by the prison officials and Rev. W. H. Selleck. He marched to the gallows and ascended the steps firmly.

MAY DROP INVESTIGATION.

Assaulted Japanese Student Anxious to Hush Up Matter Quickly.

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 5.—President Wheeler of the University of California, has received a letter from K. Keneko, the Jap who was assaulted last week by students, in which he says he does not want Wheeler to investigate, and desires the matter be dropped so no international trouble will result.

IGNORE APPEALS FROM GILLETT

GILLETT SENDS SPECIAL MESSAGE ON EXCLUSION BILL.

President Roosevelt Jolted by Action of Lower House in California Yesterday—Segregation Bill Was Passed—Gillett Spends Most of the Night in Framing Up Special Message—House Ignores Reconsideration Appeal Completely.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 5.—A motion to postpone the reconsideration of the Johnson bill until Wednesday, was carried unanimously at the request of Johnson, following an appeal for delay by Speaker Stanton. The same disposition was made of Johnson's anti-Japanese municipal segregation corporation bills.

Urging a reconsideration of the bill excluding from public schools all Japanese, Governor Gillett has sent a special message to the legislature today.

Governor Gillett worked late last night preparing his message, which reads: "Believing there should be further and a most careful consideration of assembly bill No. 14, providing that boards of school trustees have power to establish separate schools for Japanese children, and that thereafter they shall not be admitted into any public school. Further, believing the enactment of the provisions of such a bill will, at this time, affect the interests of the entire nation, and perhaps seriously, I must respectfully ask you to reconsider the vote by which said bill was passed, and take the matter up for further consideration. Within a few hours after the passage of the bill, the President of the United States was alarmed at the possible consequences of the enactment of such bill, and sent me a telegram in which he said: "This is the most offensive bill of all; in my judgment it is clearly unconstitutional, and we should have a test in the courts. Can it not be stopped in the legislature or by a veto?"

"A telegram so forcible as this coming from the president of the United States, is entitled to full consideration."

Ignores Gillett's Appeal.

Directly after Governor Gillett's special message was read in the senate this morning, Senator Caminetti showed utter indifference to the executive appeals by introducing Grove Johnson's anti-Japanese school children segregation bill which was passed by the lower house yesterday, and made the subject of a second debate on reconsideration this morning.

Action Jolted President.

Washington, Feb. 5.—It was announced at the White House today that additional correspondence between Roosevelt and Governor Gillett, regarding the pending anti-Japanese measure before the California legislature, was discussed in cabinet meeting today. The administration, figuratively speaking, has not yet recovered its breath from the unexpected jolt received from California yesterday. It came when Roosevelt thought the matter was settled.

CRISIS IN CABINET

SIX NEW DREADNAUGHTS DEMANDED IN ENGLAND.

Many Resignations Will Affect Most of High Official Portfolios in England.

London, Feb. 5.—Demands on the admiralty for six new battleships of the Dreadnaught type, costing \$80,000,000, has precipitated a crisis in the British cabinet today. The Daily Chronicle says the impending resignations will affect portfolios held by David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer; Winston Churchill, president of the board of trade; Lord Morley, secretary of state for India, and John Burns, of the local government board.

The Daily Mail announces the struggle in the cabinet is extremely stubborn, and may result in open rupture at any minute. Premier Asquith, foreign secretary, and Gray, war secretary, favor a new program, and are reported to be planning to compel the radicals to accept it or get out.

LANIUS STILL IN DANGER ZONE

PATIENT SOME BETTER TODAY, SAYS PHYSICIAN.

Attending Physician at Union Telephone Exchange Condition of F. P. Lanus—Did Not Authorize Statement That Lanus Was Out of Danger—Describes Wounds.

Talking for publication, to give the exact condition of F. P. Lanus, who was wounded in the Union gun fight, Dr. Cromwell of Union, answered The Observer this afternoon over the long distance telephone, that his patient was still in the danger zone, though a trifle better today. In response to an assertion made in the morning publication, Dr. Cromwell affirmed he was unaware where the "official announcement" came from, as it had not originated in his office.

"I don't see how the bullet missed his liver and it certainly came near piercing the kidneys," explained Dr. Cromwell, in describing the exact injuries. Continuing, he said:

"The bullet entered the breast 2 1/2 inches below the right nipple, ranging downward in its course. It went between the ribs and lodged one inch to the right of the spine in the small of the back, about six inches from the lower extremity of the spine. There are no surface indications of injury. I consider the case a critical one, in which Lanus is yet far from recovery, and having passed through an extremely critical stage. He is better today, though I do not consider him out of danger."

M'ARTHUR PRODS LAZY LAWMAKERS

LITTLE DONE OF ACTUAL VALUE DURING SESSION.

House and Senate Today Discuss Many Measures and Act on a Few—Bill to Be Presented Excluding All Asiatics From Oregon—Is Sweeping Measure—House Kills Bill to Have Sheriff Instead of Attendants Take Insane to Asylum.

Salem, Feb. 5.—Speaker McArthur opened the house with a roast for members for only passing two bills of any public merit and three-fourths of the session gone. A general junk resolution was put through allowing mileage and "necessary expenses" to a joint committee and to visit all the state institutions when the house adjourns today. After a long debate the bill putting the state printer on a flat salary and abolish the fee system, and the state to own its printing plant was referred to the judiciary committee.

The house passed three bills, raising county official salaries over the governor's veto by a unanimous vote of democrats and republicans. In the senate Johnson's road bill, which is being fought by the Grange, and farmers generally, was postponed until 2 o'clock Monday.

The Nottingham bill to take conveyance of insane persons from the hands of the asylum attendants and restore transportation after commitment by the sheriff, was defeated.

Oregon After Asiatics.

Senator Bailey sent to the desk a resolution aiming at the exclusion of all Asiatics. The measure did not there in time for action before adjournment. The resolution is sweeping. The bill names Chinese, Japanese and Hindus, prohibiting their admission and naturalization in the state.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Literary Program and Election of Officers Take Up Afternoon.

The literary society of the high school elected officers this afternoon. The following are the new ones: Joe King, president; Marbel Green, vice-president; Henry Heidenreich, secretary; Merrill Childers, reporter; Hazel Theison, chorister; Leon Dawson, sergeant at arms.

During the afternoon the high school devoted itself to things literary. The appended program was delivered: Selection, High school orchestra. High school paper (1), Joe Williams.

Plano solo, Hazel Theison. Selection, High school quartet. Recitation, Francis Carbine. High school paper (11), Joe King. Plano solo, Hulda Anderson.

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