



PENDING INQUIRY SHAKES DANVILLE

No Mercy to Be Shown to Vote Buyers.

GRAND JURY OUT OF BOUNDS

Prediction Nothing Would Result Seems Wrong.

ELECTIONS TO BE PROBED

Even "Uncle Joe" Will Be Open to Investigation—Politicians Fear Result When Mayoralty Contest Is Illuminated.

DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Vermilion County has a runaway grand jury on its hands.

When Circuit Judge Kimbrough less than a week ago quietly handed out instructions that the grand jury should investigate vote-buying no one expected anything would result.

Even the threatened journey of Speaker Cannon to his home ballfield failed to make a dent in the atmosphere.

With the convening of the jury tomorrow afternoon the fireworks will start.

One hundred witnesses are waiting with quaking nerves for the opening ordeal. The immunity plan adopted for voters makes it imperative that they tell all, and the general feeling is that before a week has passed Vermilion County will be in the throes of a scandal which will overshadow the West Union County, Ohio, sensation.

The word that the grand jury will investigate all elections within the past three years has created no end of consternation. This means that Judge Kimbrough and States Attorney Lewman are willing that their own elections shall be subjected to inquiry.

It also means that the Mayoralty election, not to say Speaker Cannon's election, and even the election of all of the county and township officers, will be open to inquiry.

Money Spent by Mayor.

It is the Mayoralty election that makes the politicians dread being brought into the glare of publicity. It is common talk that Louis Platt, the Democratic Mayor of Danville, spent \$25,000 to get his office. The term is two years and the salary \$300 a year. This city is nominally Republican, but Platt won by 200 votes.

Platt's Republican opponent was W. F. Baum, a druggist. Baum spent \$3000 in the first and third wards of the city hundreds of negroes and "floating" voters are said to have been paid for their votes in that election. The prices ranged from \$2 to \$25. No one charges that either Platt or Baum personally bought votes, but it is openly said that neither kept a strict account of where money was spent.

Mayor Platt is said to have had considerable secret trouble attempting to get an accounting from several individuals. It was in connection with one of those funds that Pete Sanichas, the Green Candy Store proprietor, who "lined up" the Westville Republican vote, came into the limelight. Sanichas, it is said, will go before the grand jury and confess.

The Grape Creek and Westville elections of recent date will receive special attention from the grand jury. While the manner of conducting elections in Danville has been scandalous, it is undeniably that the mining camp polls were marked by almost untripped election thefts.

Ballot Boxes Stolen.

Theft of ballot boxes until after returns were in from other townships, and then if the returns were not favorable, stuffing them, buying of hundreds of "roundheads" to vote, organization of clubs where the campaign funds solicited from candidates were split across the table in open meeting are a few of the scores of charges that have been made.

The last election in Grape Creek is one of which Vermilion County citizens speak with a blush.

When the votes were counted by the election commissioners it was found that Grape Creek had polled a vote twice the size of the population of the village.

The crisis was partly brought about by a published statement purporting to be a confession from City Attorney Jones, of Danville, that he had bought votes to elect Sheriff Shepard, and his subsequent denial of such an alleged confession.

Clerk Denies Bribery.

City Attorney Jones today issued his first official statement denying the report, saying therein:

"The newspaper stories concerning an alleged confession purporting to have been made by me, to which it is said that I purchased votes for John Shepard, now Sheriff of this county, at the recent November election are absolutely false.

"No such statement was made by me to anyone, nor have any of my friends, political or otherwise, authorized me to pursue such a course. There is no confession to make. All share products of the fertile imagination of newspaper correspondents who are ever seeking the sensational.

"I have told no one what I will testify to if summoned to appear before the grand jury.

CHURCH BURNS AS MINISTER PRAYS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EDIFICE AT VANCOUVER DESTROYED.

Congregation Disperses Without Panic—Parsonage Damaged. Total Loss Is \$13,000.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Fire, starting from an overheated furnace, destroyed the First Presbyterian church of this city early this evening, causing a loss estimated at \$12,900, and damaged the adjoining parsonage to the extent of \$1,000. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

It was during the opening prayer of Rev. Ghormler, of Portland, at the evening service, while the church was crowded with people, that Dr. N. J. Taylor, a member of the choir, saw smoke issuing from the floor in the center aisle of the church. Directly above the furnace, interrupting the minister, he gave the alarm. Rev. Ghormler reassured his auditors and bade them leave the building.

Without panic the congregation reached the street. Before the department arrived the interior of the building was as a furnace. The hollow walls of the church forming a draught, drew the fire to the roof, which was wholly ablaze within ten minutes after the fire was first discovered.

Though the department arrived shortly after the alarm was given, exhaustion of one of the city cisterns used for emergency purposes, made it impossible to prevent the total destruction of the building. By hard work the parsonage was saved after it had been badly damaged.

As soon as the alarm was given, pastors in the neighboring churches dismissed their congregations to aid. Members of the Presbyterian congregation succeeded in removing the organ and church benches.

While the fire was in progress women of the church served the fire-fighters with hot coffee and sandwiches. Rev. Ghormler is pastor of the Sunnyside Christian church of Portland, and was supplying the pulpit of the Presbyterian church here for Rev. H. S. Templeton, pastor, who is ill.

WIFE DYING; JUROR KEPT

Husband Then Misses Train, Hires Launch and Horse to Rush.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Detained by jury duty in Seattle and missing the last train for his home in Fall City, Walter Moser, by chartering a launch across Lake Washington and riding horseback from Kirkland to Fall City, reached his home last evening in response to appeals to hurry to the bedside of his dying wife.

Bailiffs of the Superior Court were unable to notify him for several hours after receiving the message until the jury, of which Mr. Moser was a member, had arrived at a verdict. The bailiffs felt that to notify him of his wife's illness would put an end to his efficiency as a juror.

As soon as the jury reported its verdict, Mr. Moser was told of the message from home.

TRAIN AND ROTARY CRASH

Engineer and Two Others Hurt When Burlington Train Bumps.

SPokane, Wash., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Burlington train No. 44 collided with a rotary engine at the east switch at Libec, Mont., this afternoon. One engine man and two trainmen were injured.

Blinding snow made it impossible for the engineers to see each other until the trains were too close to halt.

Traffic was delayed six or seven hours. The injured are: Engineer Kalling, Fireman McLaughlin and Brakeman D. Ray.

JURY WILL HOLD WIFE'S FATE SOON

Schenk Case May Close Wednesday.

LAST ARGUMENTS ON TODAY

Poison Evidence Strong, but Purchase Not Shown.

VERBOSE AFFINITY JEERED

Testimony of Wheeling Merchant Brings Sneers From Women. Nurse, Main Witness, Distant Relative of the Accused.

WHEELING, W. Va., Jan. 22.—That arguments will begin tomorrow in the case against Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk, charged with administering poison to her husband, John O. Schenk, was practically determined after a long conference today between Prosecutor Handlan and his assistant, Fred L. Maury. The case probably will go to the jury not later than Wednesday noon.

A full day will be given to each side for argument. There never has been a criminal case in the history of this state fought more bitterly.

The state has shown through analysis by expert chemists that mineral water which John O. Schenk drank in his home and medicine administered in his home were charged with arsenic and sugar of lead; that Mrs. Schenk had improper relations with a Wheeling merchant, and that she had expressed a wish that her husband would die.

Reward for Death Shown.

The state has produced a witness who swore that Mrs. Schenk offered \$1000 to put poison in her husband's medicine after she was removed to the hospital; that she purchased sugar of lead from a physician in quantity sufficient to kill a dozen men, and that John O. Schenk was suffering from arsenical and lead poisoning.

On the other hand the state has not shown whether the defendant purchased arsenic; no evidence has been adduced.

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Turks Kill Bluejackets. FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 22.—The Zeitung's Constantinople correspondent reports a serious collision between British sailors and Turks at Dubuya in the Indian Ocean. Several bluejackets were killed. The British, according to the dispatch, afterwards bombarded Dubuya.

GUNS OF SENATE AIMED AT BOURNE

Sharp Wrangles Are Week's Forecast.

RESOLUTIONS TO BRING ON WAR

Abraham Wants Delegation to Uphold Direct Vote.

SENIOR SOLON'S RECORD UP

Multnomah Senator's Document to Be Introduced Today Calls Statement One Substitute and Demands Action at Capital.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 22.—(Special.)—This week will see, probably without exception, the warmest fight that has yet been waged in the Legislature.

The principals will be resolutions, one of which has been introduced by Albee, Senator from Multnomah, calling upon the Legislature to declare its confidence in the Oregon system of government, and the other will be a resolution to be submitted by Senator Abraham tomorrow, calling upon United States Senator Bourne and United States Senator Chamberlain to please be present at some session of Congress when the question of the direct vote on United States Senators by the people is to come up for consideration.

Bourne's Record Dug Up. Senator Abraham's resolution will hit at the root of the question of electing United States Senators by a direct vote of the people. For two days he has delved into Congressional records. He has followed Bourne's trail since the time he first entered the halls of Congress until the present.

He says that while Bourne has made lofty pretensions of being founder of the Oregon system, that while Bourne issued a pamphlet from which was borrowed the expression "Oregon has the best system of government in the world," around which was waged the war of last week in the State Senate, Bourne has neglected every opportunity in which he might aid in the fight to secure a direct vote of the people on United States Senators, and he has ignored, as far as the record shows, every practical attempt made in this direction by the United States Senate.

Statement Only Filler-In. In the Abraham resolution it is pointed out that Statement No. 1 is merely a substitute for the direct vote on United States Senators, that it is made a part of the Oregon law merely to tide over the exigency between the times when the Legislature passed upon the question of United States Senators and when it might be voted upon by the people.

Every resolution that appears to praise the Oregon system will no doubt be attacked as a Bourne move. Many of the Senators are impressed with the idea that Bourne is attempting to make their attitude on such a resolution a matter of record and are prepared to defend their position.

Fierce Wrangle Ahead. From the fact that Bourne was given no defense on the floor of the Senate when his original resolution was introduced declaring Oregon's government the best system in the world and from the apparent apathy on the part of many Senators to give Bourne and Bournesman any encouragement, but at the same time a tendency on the part of some to laud the Bourne resolution indorsing the Oregon system, it is apparent that there will be a warm wrangle between the

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OFFICER WAYLAIED, GETS HOLDUP TRIO

John Goltz First With Gun as Bad Men Wait.

SEA PULLS CRAFT AWAY FROM CLIFF

Schooner Lakme Only 20 Feet Off Rocks.

SHIP ON GIANT WAVE IN GALE

Twenty Men Hug Forecastle as Swell Saves All.

FREAK DEEMED MOST ODD

Lumber-Laden Steamer in Peril Abreast Blanco Reaches Golden Gate—Crew Tossed 36 Hours Before Linc's Aid Succeeds

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—(Special.)—Carried on the crest of a gigantic billow until it appeared to the shipwrecked men clinging to the foremast head of the steam schooner Lakme that she would be dashed to pieces on Fox Rock, the spiral that juts from the sea at the end of the reef running off Cape Blanco, the vessel drifted safely on before a 120-mile hurricane.

"It was the strangest freak of the elements I ever witnessed," said Captain William Malmgren, master of the wrecked vessel. "I thought that nothing would save us as we were hurled toward the sharp crags by the rushing waves, but when we were within 20 feet of the pinnacle of rock the sea sucked us back to safety. If we had struck there would have been nothing left of the Lakme or her crew."

Craft All Aweigh. In tow of the big lumber carrier Nann Smith, Captain Olson, the Lakme, which became waterlogged in a storm off Cape Blanco last Tuesday night, came into port this morning, her decks awash from the bridge aft. On board the Nann Smith were the 20 members of the vessel's crew, who underwent 36 hours of terrible suffering before they were taken off the derelict.

The Lakme was bound from Coos Bay for San Pedro with 560,000 feet of lumber. She was making weather of it until a gale sprung up, when she was 25 miles to the south of Blanco. The steam schooner, with her heavy deck load, began to strain badly in the high seas which arose, and about 11 o'clock Tuesday night the alarm was sounded that the vessel had opened up and was making water fast.

Leaks Douse Fires. Chief Engineer Likens did not leave the fireroom until the water banked the fires. Without headway the disabled steamer was at the mercy of the wind and seas, which continued to increase in violence. The Lakme settled slowly until the seas washed clear over her high deckload, which at last gave way to the strain and went over the side carrying with it 17 lifeboats. About 450,000 feet of lumber shot into the ocean and great masses of it were hurled back at the wallowing derelict by the waves.

With the dawn of Wednesday the gale increased in fury, until by noon it had assumed the proportions of a hurricane. Before the terrific blast the craft was driven at great speed. Captain Malmgren had set sail in the hope of keeping the steamer as far off shore as possible.

Forecast Only Safe Place. "Wednesday night we passed, clinging to the forecastle, which was the only part of the vessel free from the wash of the seas," said Captain Malmgren. "The spray blinded us and we were drenched to the skin the entire time. We had some biscuits and prunes to eat, but no water for 36 hours. When we were hurled toward Fox Rock we thought our last moment had come. It was a long, terrible night there on the forecastle head. It was useless to speak, for we could not hear one another, and each man clung in desperation, with death staring him in the face.

"There was a slight moderation in the weather as Thursday wore on, but the sea was still very high. The steamer Watson came close to us in the afternoon and attempted twice to shoot a line aboard, without success. She left us after standing by for three hours.

Vessel's Strain Great. "By the time the Nann Smith reached us, about 6 o'clock in the evening, the wind had dropped and the sea was comparatively smooth. They took us off in one of their boats without difficulty and secured the Lakme to their automatic towing machine."

The Lakme was anchored off the main dock and will probably be beached on the mud flats. Whether the old steam schooner will be placed in service again is a question, as her hull is badly strained and the engines considerably damaged.

WILHELMINA IS AGROUND Astoria Schooner in Distress Twenty Miles From Marshfield.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 22.—(Via wireless to Seattle.)—The gasoline schooner Wilhelmina, of Astoria, is aground on the south spit at the mouth of Umqua River, 20 miles north of

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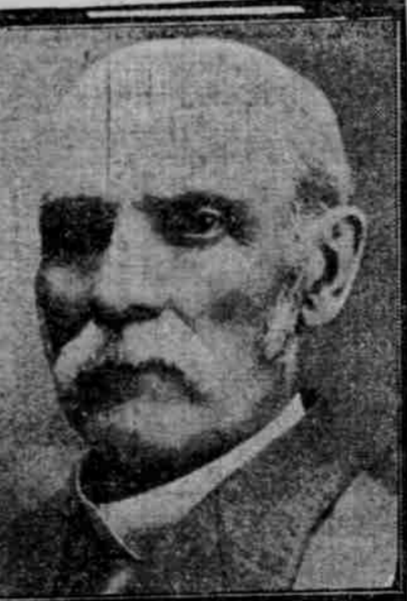
FERRY PASSES OVER MAN

Launch and Occupant Go Under Larger Craft Without Fatality.

Dr. Emmet Diskum and three companions had a narrow escape from drowning when the engine in the launch in which they were crossing the river near Sellwood went "dead" yesterday afternoon, allowing the vessel to float down the stream and collide with the ferryboat John F. Caples.

Three of the men were rescued before the launch struck the ferry, but one of them was carried with the launch under the Caples. He was taken out with slight injuries. Captain James Whitcomb, in a rowboat, overtook the struggling man in the water before he had been borne far down the stream and conveyed him to the shore near the Oaks.

STAR WITNESS IN SCHENK CASE, THE DEFENDANT, PRESIDING JUDGE AND PROSECUTOR.



ABOVE, J. B. HANDLAN AND JUDGE L. S. JORDAN. BELOW, MISS KLEIN, NURSE, AND MRS. SCHENK, ALLEGED POISONER OF HER HUSBAND