

MURDER CASE AILED BEFORE GRAND JURORS

Twelve Witnesses Called by
Special Prosecutor Mott
in Hall-Mills Mystery at
New Brunswick.

WIDOW OF RECTOR MAY GO ON STAND

Scores of Women Come to
Town for Sight of Sisters
in Misfortune.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 20.—
By The Associated Press.—
The case which Special Prosecutor
Wilbur A. Mott has woven
out of the mystery surrounding
the murders of Rev. Edward
Wheeler Hall and Mrs. Eleanor
R. Mills had its first official air-
ing today when 12 persons told
their stories to the Somerset
county grand jury.

Chimney Startles
As a startling climax to the
first session of the grand jury
which delved into the mass of evi-
dence surrounding the murders
of Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall and
his choir singer, Mrs. Eleanor
Rinehardt Mills, detectives an-
nounced tonight they had dis-
covered a new witness, whose
testimony might overshadow in
importance that of Mrs. Jane Gib-
son, the "pig woman."

Sidel Star Witness
Strangely enough, this new
witness, whose name is George
Sidel, is known to his farmer
neighbors in Middlebury as the
"pig man." The particular epis-
ode of the tragedy which officials
say he witnessed will put him
in the position of corroborating
the testimony of the "pig wom-
an," according to the detectives.
That Sidel will be a star wit-
ness before the grand jury has
been known to officials in the
case for days, they declared to-
night. His name comes up at
this time, they say, as the result
of a letter attributed to Sidel's
and appearing in New Brunswick
newspapers while the grand jury
still was in its first session.

Letter Attacks
The letter constituted an attack
on Mrs. Gibson for bringing Sid-
el's name into the case, and
stated that the "pig woman"
sought to enmesh him as a wit-
ness to substantiate her eye-wit-
ness story of the murder.
Sidel did see certain of the
events in DeRousse's lane the
night of the murders, the officials
now disclose. His business is
similar to that of Mrs. Gibson.

Jury Carefully Guarded
The proceedings today were
more than usually guarded. A
squad of state troopers patrol-
led the courthouse and surround-
ing grounds.

Women, Scores of Them, Came
early. They hung over the dark
railing balcony inside the court-
house on the second floor, in the
vain hope that Mrs. Hall, widow
of the slain minister, or Mrs.
Jane Gibson, who raises pigs,
and has become the most impor-
tant witness in the case, might
appear. At the opening session,
Mr. Mott, assisted by Asahel
E. Beckman, prosecutor of Som-
erset county, outlined to the
grand jury the salient features
of the case.

Reporter Tells Story
A. J. Cardinal, a New Brun-
swick newspaperman, was called
to tell how the bodies of the
murdered pair lay when he first
saw them stretched out under a
crabapple tree on the lonely
Phillips farm. As Cardinal tes-
tified, his gestures could be seen
through the low windows. His
story was to the effect that he
picked up letters and cards about
the body and held them until the
police arrived. Dr. E. D. Lob-
bin, a veterinarian, succeeded
him on the stand.

THE WEATHER

Oregon—Tuesday cloudy.
LOCAL WEATHER
(Monday)
Maximum temperature, 48.
Minimum temperature, 38.
River, 2 feet above normal
level. Falling.
Rainfall, none.
Atmosphere, partly cloudy.
Wind, north.

VET KNIGHT OF KEY TO SEND "30"

J. C. Ward, Who Was Boy-
hood Friend of Edison,
Plans to Quit Job

VISALIA, Cal., Nov. 20.—
"Thirty" soon may be sent over
the wires by J. C. Ward, veteran
telegraph operator.

Ward, whose 60 years of tele-
graphing makes him probably the
oldest operator in point of ser-
vice in the United States, has had
charge of an office here 35 years
and he wants to retire.
Ward started telegraphing back
in 1862, working for the Grand
Trunk railroad at Mount Clem-
ens, Mich.

During the Civil war, Ward
served as a telegraph operator on
General Grant's staff. Later he
came west for a commercial firm
and worked at Sacramento in the
pioneer days. Siberia called him
and he worked for a while on
construction jobs there.

Thirty-five years ago he came
to Visalia to set up repeaters for
the Visalia telegraph office. He
planned to stay some six months
to "get things" in running order
but he has been here ever since.
Once he was elected mayor of
Visalia on the Republican ticket
when everything else went Demo-
cratic five to one.

Now Mr. Ward thinks he would
like to retire, so the telegraph
company has asked the state rail-
road commission for authority to
close the office. If it is granted,
the veteran will be through.

U. OF O. FOLK WILL RALLY

Event to Boost Ten-Million-
Dollar Fund Arranged for
Thursday Night

The first Marion county re-
union of all former Oregon uni-
versity students, graduates,
medics, and summer school regis-
trants is to be held Thursday
night at the Gray Belle, beginning
at 6:30.

Judge Lawrence T. Harris of
the Oregon supreme court is to
preside as toastmaster, and some-
where between 100 and 150
guests are expected.

Movies to be Shown
Lamar Toole, field director of
the ten-million-dollar endowment
campaign, is to be one of the
speakers; so, too, will be W. K.
Newell, director of the campaign,
and former rector of the univer-
sity, Grace Edington, alumni
secretary, is to speak, and the
Emerald quartet, Glen Morrow,
Morris Eben, Roy Bryson and
Prof. John Stark Evans, assistant
dean of the school of music, will
sing as part of the program. A
movie reproduction of the 1922
commencement exercises, and
many other scenes on the campus,
will be presented.

Committees Named
Superintendent George Hug, of
the Salem public schools, and
Miss Jeanette Kietzing, are of
the local committee on speakers
and program. Carey Martin,
Walter Winslow and Grace Bean
are the committee on organiza-
tion and officers. Jack Elliott,
Dwight Parr, Ruth Austin and
Hollis Huntington have the sale
of tickets, and the decorations are
in the hands of Agnes Driscoll,
Muriel McKinley and Maur-
ice Selig. Carl Nelson is the pub-
licity committee.

Workers in All Towns
Volunteer committeemen have
operated or will serve in all the
towns in Marion county; Lyle Mc-
Croskey at Stayton, Dr. Keene
and Mark Latham at Silverton,
and others wherever they happen
to be.
The committees are to meet
this evening at the Chamber of
Commerce at 8 o'clock to perfect
their plans. Tickets may be re-
served from the committeemen,
or at the Gray Belle direct.

JAPS ARE BARRED
VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 20.—A
motion made by the provincial
government calling upon the do-
minion government to prohibit
the immigration of Asiatics into
Canada was unanimously adopted
by the British Columbia legisla-
ture tonight.

MANY PEARS SHIPPED
MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 20.—
During the pear shipping season
just ended here 1326 cars of pears
were shipped to the eastern mar-
ket from Medford, as against the
crop of 690 cars shipped last
year. Apple shipping from the
valley will continue for several
weeks yet.

FAMOUS BUG SOLD
SILVERTON, Ore., Nov. 20.—
(Special to The Statesman)—
The "Sibloco bug" built in the
form of an engine, which has
attracted so much attention in
Oregon and California has been
sold to William McKay, a Ford
man of Seattle, Wash. The Sil-
verton Blow Pipe company was
the designer and builder of the
bug.

DINNER SERVED
SILVERTON, Ore., Nov. 20.—
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The Trinity Ladies' Aid society
gave a chicken dinner Saturday
noon and during the afternoon
the society held a fancy work
sale. The proceeds of the day
was some over \$225.

HARDING WILL MAKE TALK TO BOTH HOUSES

President Goes Before Con-
gress Today to Present
Wishes in Shipping Bill and
Other Legislation.

SENATOR MRS. FELTON WILL BE GIVEN TOGA

Steering Committee Expect-
ed to Rearrange Sched-
ule of Measures

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The
67th congress formally opened its
doors today for the third session,
but it did little more than actu-
ally get on the job.

Its life as a special session will
be only two weeks, but in that
time it is the hope of President
Harding that substantial progress
will be made on the administra-
tion's merchant marine program
and considerable advance work
done on the annual supply
bills which must be handled
in the regular session beginning
December 4.

Dead Members Honored
Historic customs of the open-
ing of a new session were enacted
today in both house and senate,
and the regular preliminaries
were gone through in brief rou-
tine meetings.
Adjournment followed as a
mark of respect to the late Sen-
ator Watson of Georgia, and the
late Representative Nolan of Cal-
ifornia.

The president has arranged to
address a joint session tomorrow
in behalf of the shipping bill. His
message is expected to be deliv-
ered at 12:30 o'clock.

The senate adjournment post-
poned until tomorrow the effort
of Mrs. W. H. Felton of Georgia
the first woman senator to be
sworn in, as the successor to Sen-
ator Watson, and serve at least
one day. Indications tonight were
that she would be received as a
full fledged sitting member and
"blaze the path for American
womanhood," as she desires.

The roll calls showed 61 mem-
bers of the senate and 291 mem-
bers of the house on hand to start
things off.

Bill Up Thursday
House plans provide for tack-
ling the shipping bill Thursday,
but the senate while the house
is engaged on that measure, will
devote its attention to other mat-
ters. Several new members are
to be sworn in the senate tomor-
row and after that it is scheduled
to go ahead on the unfinished busi-
ness, the administration bill
granting a credit of \$5,000,000 to
Liberia which was let over from
last session.

Newberry Withdrawal Today
The Dyed anti-lynching bill fol-
lows on the senate program, but
the Republican steering commit-
tee is expected to arrange a new
schedule later.

The senate tomorrow is to re-
ceive the resignation of Senator
Newberry, Republican, who fig-
ured in the long Michigan con-
test.

Amendment Agreed On
Republican members of the
merchant marine committee had
agreed today on an amendment
to the ship subsidy bill design-
ing to offset losses to American pas-
senger ships engaged in foreign
service by reason of the prohibi-
tion against the sale of liquor.
The amendment provides that
such ships shall be paid directly
by the government for carrying
mail, instead of turning the
amount due into a revolving fund
out of which all companies are to
receive compensation.

Representative Bankhead, Ala-
bama, Democratic member of the
committee, announced he would
offer an amendment providing
that no part of the federal sub-
sidy should be paid to any ship
on which liquor was sold, regard-
less of any future court ruling
on the right to sell on the high
seas.

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MAIL SERVICE EXTENSION IS PLANNED HERE

Amount of Postal Matter Re-
ceived in Salem Increases;
Employs Swamped

Postoffice Inspector Clements
of Portland was in Salem Monday
to look over the matter of an ex-
tension of the carrier service for
city mail. The amount of mail
being received in Salem is grow-
ing steadily, and so rapidly that
the carriers are fairly swamped
with the flood of mail that pours
in upon them.

It has been impossible to get
around on the schedule that was
in vogue two years ago, because
the quantity of mail to be deliv-
ered, and the distance to cover,
won't fit on the old force. There
has been no increase in the num-
ber of carriers for a long time,
but it's now up about to the can't-
be-done point.

The changes in the inside ar-
rangement of the old postoffice
are now being made. The fenced-
in space for the handling of
stamps and registered mail has
been quadrupled, and there is one
more window in the enclosure,
making it possible to have three
clerks in service there during
rush hours. A new and much
larger parcels post window has
been opened, that will take in the
largest of the large things that
now go by mail—automobile tires
and all sorts of bulky things.
More space is being allotted for
the general delivery. Two clerks
could work there if necessary.

The office will probably get
settled down to a smooth-working
business basis in its new arrange-
ment before the heavy Christmas
holiday trade comes on. There
isn't any way to make more room
in the front lobby for shoppers
and shippers, but the clerks will
be better able to handle the busi-
ness once it does get into the of-
fice.

CORN SHOW FUND TO BE PROCURED

Second Week in December
Designated for Big Agri-
cultural Event

Salem and Marion county will
have a corn show the second week
in December that ought to be a
revelation to even the best-sea-
soned Oregonians who believe ev-
erything will grow to perfection
in Oregon.

A meeting of the board of
directors of the Chamber of Com-
merce last night resulted in the
appointment of a committee of
five to raise the funds for the
coming show. It isn't a high-
priced attraction. It is to cost
only about \$250 in all for gen-
eral expenses and cash premiums.

The committee men are George
Griffith, Dan J. Fry, Charles
Archer, Z. J. Riggs, and P. W.
Geyer. They will formulate their
plans and get their money by
solicitation or in their own way.

Paul Carpenter, Polk county
farm agent, who was one of the
main spirits in the Independence
Corn show staged Friday and
Saturday, made an address at In-
dependence Saturday afternoon,
urging all the exhibitors to show
their wares at Salem also. A
large number of them will do so
—and they had 349 exhibitors at
the Independence show, which
was one of the most elaborate af-
fairs of the kind ever held in
the west. Salem ought to have
a fine show also, even without
the fine stuff from the other ex-
position, for the corn crops in
this vicinity were said to be the
best in the history of the valley.

Ejected from Ball Park
Court Holds Deserved it

OLYMPIA, Wash., Nov. 20.—
The supreme court today upheld
the King county superior court
in dismissing two actions insti-
tuted by James L. Finnesey and
wife which when Finnesey was
ejected from the Seattle baseball
park. The court ruled that the
proprietor of a baseball park is
engaged in private business and
man control it as he will in ab-
sence of any statute.

JURY GOES TO MOVIES
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—
Dr. John Eckes, dentist and al-
leged former kiegale of the Ku
Klux Klan was found guilty of
violating the state Blue sky law
by a jury in superior court here
today. Dr. Eckes was charged
with selling stock in a Texts
company without first having ob-
tained a permit from the state
corporation commissioner.

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JUST THROW \$4000 OVER THE TRANSOM

That Amount of Money Much
Needed for Completion of
Episcopal Church

If some good friend would only
drop about \$4000 into the slot or
 shove it under the door or throw
it over the transom, the new St.
Paul's Episcopal church would be
ready for services by Christmas-
time. Lacking the money, it will
not be ready.

Rev. H. D. Chambers, the archi-
tect, contractor, janitor and pas-
tor, has been working away stead-
ily up to the limit of his money,
but facing a sure shortage of
funds, he is expecting to incur no
big bills without the money in
sight to pay.

The church is enclosed, and the
windows are now being fitted.
The stucco work on the outside is
an urgent necessity. The two me-
morial windows on the east side of
the church are not yet ready, but
the other windows are being set
in this week. The radiators are
being set, so that the building can
be heated and the interior dried
out ready for finishing. Most or
all of the furniture is already
here, having been bought early.
It had been expected that the
church would be finished and oc-
cupied before now.

CITY COUNCIL MATTERS MANY

Question of Sawdust Ob-
struction on Trade Street
Considered Important

The question of allowing the
P. R. L. & P. Company to pile
sawdust or "hog" fuel on a part
of Trade street forming an ob-
struction to traffic on the south
side; the legality of accepting city
warrants as payment on street as-
sessments and the question of the
city's vacation of North Commer-
cial street were the most impor-
tant matters brought before the
city council last night.

Manager Speaks
In setting forth his reasons for
obstructing the south side of
Trade street near Liberty, W. M.
Hamilton, division manager, said
that in order to convey this cheap-
est of fuels from the sidetrack on
Trade street to the plant it was
necessary to build a conveyor and
that as the sidetrack was not ad-
jacent to the company property it
was necessary to extend the con-
veyor out into the street. He
pointed out that practically 99 per
cent of the vehicle traffic along
Trade street between Commercial
and High was on the north side of
the sidetrack while only 1 per cent
was on the south side, whereon
was located the conveyor. In ad-
dition, he said, the plant had been
constructed at a cost of \$175,000
and had been installed solely for
the purpose of giving better ser-
vice to the citizens and industries
of Salem.

After Mr. Hamilton had con-
cluded his address Alderman L. H.
Suter suggested that the question
be deferred until the next meeting
so that it would be possible for
the street committee as well as
the aldermen to investigate the
condition before any definite ac-
tion be taken which might be "re-
gretted later on." His sugges-
tion was adopted and the commu-
nication placed on file until the
next meeting.

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the administration has learned
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the hope that the assembled mem-
bers of congress who have just
returned from personal confer-
ence with their constituents in the
election and act up to it accord-
ingly. Slackerism is no less
obnoxious than Newberryism."

City Warrants Discussed
The question of allowing a tax-
payer to pay for street assess-
ments with city warrants was
brought up. Ray L. Smith, city
attorney, stated that although it
might be possible it was not a reg-
ular procedure and that if there
was not enough in the city fund
to pay at the time it would not be
at all feasible. Alderman J. B.
Giesy moved that the matter be
referred to the city attorney and
the ways and means committee.
The motion was carried.

Junk Shops Bothersome
A measure for the vacation of
North Commercial street by the
city was brought up but failed to
carry. Alderman Thompson con-
tended that it was dangerous
business to give city streets away
and that it would be very apt to
reflect later on back to this coun-
cil.

City Attorney Smith was in-
structed to prepare an ordinance
confining the locations of junk
shops. The city attorney has
been making an investigation of
junk shop locations for an extend-
ed period.

Grading Held Possible
Sixteen applications for soft
drink licenses were read. At the
(Continued on page 8)

GOVERNOR IS LOOKING FOR MAN TO NAME

Groesbeck Does Not Propose
to Have Michigan Repres-
ented in Upper House by
Figurehead.

DOZEN CITIZENS ARE SPECULATED UPON

Charles B. Warren, Amba-
sador to Japan, Included
Among Possibilities

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 20.—
Senatorial qualifications of no
fewer than a dozen men promi-
nent in the public life of Michi-
gan were being scanned today by
Governor Alex. J. Groesbeck,
seeking a successor to Truman
H. Newberry, who Sunday tend-
ered his resignation as senator
from this state.

Governor Shooting Square
The governor meanwhile said
that he intended to withhold a
decision until all interested par-
ties have had an opportunity to
be heard and that he did not
propose to have Michigan rep-
resented in the upper house of
congress by a figurehead. In
these words the governor took
occasion to put at rest reports
that he might appoint some one
who could be counted upon not
to seek re-election in 1924, so
that the chief executive then
could make the race for senator-
ial honors.

Leading Men Mentioned
Although the governor declin-
ed even to intimate who had
been under consideration already
for Mr. Newberry's seat the
Lames most prominently heard
today were those of Charles B.
Warren, at present American
ambassador to Japan, former
Senator William Allen Smith of
Grand Rapids, W. W. Potter,
state fuel administrator, and
John S. Haggerty, Wayne county
Republican leader. Later today
another name was advanced,
that of Marlon Leroy Burton,
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of Detroit also was drawn into
the speculation today.

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Immediate Burial Needed
The passengers were on the
way from Sinaloa and Sonora to
the cotton fields of Lower Califor-
nia. An added horror attending
the tragedy, on which only mem-
ber accounts are received here, is
in the fact that the bodies must
be buried as rapidly as they are
recovered, and in open trenches
which Mexican soldiers dug today
above the beach line.

There are no facilities at La
Bomba for the work of the under-
taker. The dozen people who live
at that port are isolated from
medical and other aid by the
stretch of 60 miles of nearly im-
passable desert between them and
the outposts of land cultivation
below Mexicali.

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SCIO ASKS SALEM AID FOR ROAD

Delegation of Business Men
From Linn County Waits
On Local Organization

A delegation of representative
business men from Scio attended
the board of directors' meeting of
the Salem Chamber of Commerce
Monday night to ask for help in
getting a paved road from Green's
bridge across the Santiam to Scio.
Dr. A. G. Prill, Fred T. Lilyeu, J.
D. Densmore, J. S. Sticks, I. V.
McAdoo and G. H. Goin were the
visitors presenting the request.

Linn county has graded the
road in question a distance of six
miles and it is practically ready
for paving. Marion county is
planning to grade the two and a
half miles from Jefferson to
Green's bridge. If those two sec-
tions of road, which connect at
the county line at Green's bridge,
were built, Scio would be on a di-
rect paved highway which would
open up a splendid section of
country for much better develop-
ment than it has ever known be-
cause of a lack of good transpor-
tation.

What the Scio people ask is
that Salem join in an appeal to
the state highway department for
the building of their six miles in
Linn county. With the road al-
ready graded, they figure that
the state as a whole would be
greatly benefited, and that the
road would be a worth-while state
asset.

The matter will be taken up
through the proper channels at
once.

80 DEAD IN SHIP WRECK

Further Horror is Added to
Disaster in Gulf of
California

MEXICALI, Lower California,
Nov. 20.—A new estimate of 80
lives lost in the disaster to the
steamer Topolobampo early yester-
day at La Bomba, 60 miles
south of Mexicali, on the Gulf
of California, was received here to-
night.

Twenty-one bodies have been
recovered, it is said. Eleven were
of children between 4 and 15
years.

Big Estimates Aboard
Official estimates of the num-
ber who were drowned when the
steamer capsized rose from 60
last night to 80 tonight, and it
was declared the disaster was the
greatest in the history of the
Gulf of California.

Although only 86 passengers
were listed, it was said, it was im-
probable it ever would be accu-
rately learned how many persons
had crowded on the small steam-
er, as many of the men known to
have large families with them
had listed only their own names.
Most of the families were said to
have more than six children.

Immediate Burial Needed
The passengers were on the
way from Sinaloa and Sonora to
the cotton fields of Lower Califor-
nia. An added horror attending
the tragedy, on which only mem-
ber accounts are received here, is
in the fact that the bodies must
be buried as rapidly as they are
recovered, and in open trenches
which Mexican soldiers dug today
above the beach line.

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