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\$1500 BRIBE IS OFFERED DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Mulkey Arranges "Plant" and Traps Men Who Would Have Him "Throw" Case Against Bozus for a Money Consideration.

BOZUS' BROTHER WOULD BUY MURDERER'S FREEDOM

Mike Spanos, Son of Murdered Man, Was to Receive \$500 for Agreeing to Bribery of Officer.

The newly convened grand jury this afternoon returned an indictment against Peter Bozus charged with attempting to bribe District Attorney Mulkey in order that the case against his brother might be "thrown." The case will be set for trial in the near future.

The first matter called to the attention of the newly chosen grand jury when it convened Tuesday morning was the charge made by District Attorney Mulkey that Peter Bozus, a brother of the Greek who murdered Christ Spanos in this city two weeks ago, had attempted to bribe him to "throw" the case and allow Bozus to go free. Mulkey charges that Bozus offered him \$1500. Mike Spanos a son of the murdered man, was to receive \$500 to agree to the purchase of the district attorney. Mr. Mulkey claims that he has a clear case against the Greek, as he fixed a "plant," when the money was offered him and Mrs. Nelson and J. W. Wilson will appear as witnesses, they being in hiding at the time and hearing the entire transaction.

Several days ago Peter Bozus arrived to take up the battle for his brother's life. He came well supplied with funds and after holding several conferences in the city with the authorities and others he evidently came to the conclusion that the only way to save his brother's neck was to bribe the prosecuting officer. He is said to have gone to the son of the murdered man and gained from him a consent that an attempt be made to free the accused man. An interpreter and John Demis, another Greek, accompanied Bozus on the trip to see the district attorney, as did young Spanos, the latter, it is said, unwillingly. They met Mulkey at his home, but as he was apprised of what was coming, he had the opportunity to secrete Mrs. Nelson and Mr. Wilson in the room.

When they arrived at the house Mulkey received them and he was offered the \$1500 to "throw" the case. Apparently he agreed to do

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SLIGHT SHOW OF NEW BRIDGE

Renovation of Present Structure to Be Begun at Once—New Timbers and Floor—Supports to Be Tightened.

As there is little hope for the construction of a new bridge over Bear creek in this city this fall, County Road Engineer Harmon will start Thursday on a renovation of the present bridge, putting it in as good shape as possible for the winter. Mr. Harmon will order new timbers for the deck tomorrow and will start work the following day.

The bridge supports will all be tightened, which will do away to a great degree with the present swaying of the bridge. New planking will be put in and this will make it far easier to cross the structure. At present it is worse than any corduroy road to be found in the outlying country districts.

The city council will meet with the county court Thursday to come to some understanding in regard to the structure. It is not believed that it will be possible for the bridge to be built this fall.

MANY ATTEND OPENING NEW COURT TERM

Grand Jury Speedily Chosen and Work Starts—Three Cases to Be Considered by Grand Jurors Before They Are Allowed to Go.

MUCH WORK AHEAD OF THE COURT THIS TERM

Corridors of Court House Filled With Veniremen and Attorneys in Attendance.

The opening of the September term of court called a large number of attorneys from all parts of the district to Jacksonville Tuesday morning, the corridors of the courthouse being filled with a large throng. The docket is an unusually long one and much work is ahead of the court.

The first business to come before the court was the choosing of a grand jury. That body was chosen as follows: W. A. Cook, R. H. Bradshaw, F. M. Amy, J. B. Hair, T. W. Combs, George E. Fox and F. G. McWilliams, who was appointed foreman.

The first case to be called to the attention of the grand jury was the attempted bribery of District Attorney Mulkey by Peter Bozus, a brother of the Greek murderer, recently indicted for killing Christ Spanos in this city. It is expected that as soon as the grand jury disposes of this affair that they will take up the case against M. F. Horn, an alleged minister, who is charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor at Ashland. The jurors will then turn their attention to the charge against J. A. McIntosh, of this city, who is said to have failed to provide for the support of his wife.

As the grand jury chosen at the March term has just adjourned, it is believed that following the consideration of these three cases the grand jury chosen today will be dismissed until late in November, just previous to the opening of the December term of court.

GOTCH CHALLENGED BY RUSSIAN LION

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—Stung with the defeat at the hands of the champion, George Hackenschmidt today issued another challenge to Frank Gotch. He proposed that the bout be in private with only sporting editors for an audience, and that \$5000 be put up by each man for a side bet. He demanded that the match be held after he goes to England to let his knee.

Gotch said he was willing and his manager, Emil Klank, pulling \$5000 from a satchel, offered to put it up.

WEST COMMUTES WEBB SENTENCE

Governor at Last Minute Saves Murderer From Swinging Into Eternity—Life Imprisonment Supplants Hanging—Killed Ranchman and Stuffed Body into Trunk, Eloping With Dead Man's Wife.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 5.—The plea of 17-year-old Julia Webb, coupled with two poems, one entitled "The Tragedy," the other "They Hanged Bill Jones," today saved Jesse P. Webb, the Portland trunk murderer, from the gallows.

He was under sentence to hang at 12:30 this afternoon and reprieved by the governor an hour before the time set for his execution, being commuted to life imprisonment.

Webb, who had coolly prepared for death, almost collapsed when told that he was not to die. He fell to the floor of the death chamber and cried like a child. "I was not afraid to die," he sobbed. "My deepest regret was the disgrace such a death would place upon my wife and daughter."

CROWD IN SILENCE WATCHES JURY INSPECT BEATTIE'S AUTOMOBILE



SPECIALISTS GATHERED AROUND THE BEATTIE AUTOMOBILE. The photograph above shows the jurors in the Beattie trial inspecting the automobile in which, it is alleged Beattie killed his wife.

HENEY DECLARES BURNS ACCUSED REAL CRIMINALS

Prosecutor Says Right Men Arrested When McNamara Brothers Were Placed in Jail for Dynamite Outrage.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 5.—Detective Burns landed the right men when he arrested John J. and James B. McNamara for the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times.

In the above words, Francis J. Heney, who leaped into prominence by his vigorous prosecution of Abe Ruef in connection with the San Francisco graft cases, expressed today his belief in the guilt of the men, to whose defense the labor unions of the entire country have rallied.

"Two months before the arrests were made," Heney said, "Burns told me his life was in daily danger and gave me the names of the men he had tracked down so that they might be prosecuted if he were killed."

JOE RIVERS DEFEATED BY JOHNNY KILBANE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 5.—Because he was so elated over defeating Joe Rivers that he could not sleep, Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, was up at 4 o'clock this morning. An hour later, with his wife on his arm and wheeling their little baby, the Kilbanes were parading the beach walk at Venice, discussing future plans.

Aside from announcing that he had signed up to meet Frankie Conley, at the Vernon arena September 29, Johnny refused to talk fight.

"I did all my fighting in the ring yesterday," he said. "I am out with my family for a good time today and I don't want to be bothered."

BEATTIE TRIAL TO GO TO JURY NEXT SATURDAY

Prosecution and Defense Each Rushing Case—Rebuttal Witnesses Impugn Prisoner Whose Testimony Is Unshaken on Cross Examination.

CHESTERFIELD COURTHOUSE, Va., Sept. 5.—Decision on the charge that Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., murdered his wife as the result of a desire to resume his liaison with 17-year-old Beulah Binford will lie with a jury here either Friday or Saturday.

This prediction was made here today by Prosecutor Wendenburg. He said:

"I expect to close the prosecution's evidence in rebuttal this afternoon and the defense probably will finish its rebuttal tomorrow."

"I will not call Beulah Binford unless I find that the case of the prosecution is in desperate straits. I know that Beulah and Beattie communicated while both were in jail at Richmond, and I am convinced that if she were to testify she would do her best to save him. The defense can call her if they like, but I do not think she will take the stand."

CHESTERFIELD COURTHOUSE, Va., Sept. 5.—When the court convened this morning Judge Watson cut short Beattie's examination, saying:

"The main lines of the case are fully developed, and the court believes it unnecessary to make the prisoner's examination a test of endurance. The time has arrived when the court feels justified in placing limitations on counsel. Two hours and a half for direct and three and a half hours for cross-examination should allow the full development of testimony, then the court will allow an hour more for re-cross-examination and half an hour more for re-direct examination."

Prosecutor Wendenburg on cross-examination endeavored vainly to secure from Beattie an admission of his own report of the gun.

Only seven minutes after he concluded the defense waived the privilege of re-direct examination, and the prisoner was excused. His at-

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COMMERCIAL CLUB FALL MEETING

First regular fall meeting of the Medford Commercial Club, held at the club meeting rooms in the Mail Tribune building on Wednesday, September 6th.

Matters of great importance will come before the meeting. Every member is requested to be present. Pumpkin and cheese. Watermelon. Brommer's cantaloupes. Cigars. Now will you come?

ALL NEGOTIATIONS WITH SHOP MEN ARE BROKEN OFF

Illinois Central Refuses Further Conference With System Federation—No Scheme of Arbitration in Sight Modified Demands Forthcoming.

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—Officials of the Illinois Central railroad today broke off negotiations with the system federation of shop employees. They officially notified all unions to this effect.

Leaders of the unions later went into conference to decide what action will be taken. After the union conference it was intimated that overtures will be made for further negotiations with the railroad. It is believed that the demands of the men will be modified and presented again under a new form.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 5.—No scheme of arbitration of the present labor difficulties on the Harriman lines has been suggested by the general officers of the craft unions, according to statements by labor officials here.

"We have not called for arbitration, nor do we favor arbitration in this matter," said President J. W. Kline of the blacksmiths' international union and chairman of the conference. "This is not a question which can be arbitrated, because it is a question of whether or not the men have a right to organize as they see fit. The company has not shown an inclination to arbitrate, either."

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Physicians in attendance on James R. Keene, the New York financier and turfman, who is ill here, issued today a statement that his condition is satisfactory.

FRENCH FLEET IS READY FOR WAR

Full Coaled and Provisioned Ninety-Eight Warships Are Massed Off Toulon Ready for Any Emergency—Berlin Government Expected to Issue Reassuring Statement Tonight Upon Situation.

TOULON, France, Sept. 5.—Fully coaled and provisioned, the entire home fleet of France, 98 warships in all, today was massed off Toulon ready for any emergency. Passing in review before President Fallieres and the French cabinet, the fleet, which included eight battleships and nine armored cruisers, greatly exceeded in gross tonnage the German home fleet which recently was reviewed by Kaiser Wilhelm.

BERLIN, Sept. 5.—Owing to increasing commercial nervousness and wild war rumors as the result of the Moroccan negotiations, the government tonight is expected to issue a reassuring statement.

It is reported that there is feverish anxiety in all the German provinces. Stottin reports that large sums have

HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLY NOW OVER FLOWING

Twenty or Thirty Students Are Given Place in Extra Room—All of the Schools in the City Have Full Quota of Students.

EVERYTHING AUGURS WELL FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

New School Houses Greatly Relieve Congested Condition of Last Year.

The Medford schools opened for the coming term Tuesday morning with a much larger enrollment than was expected by the school authorities. Just what the increase over last year is as yet not known, as it takes some time to complete the roll. However, in the high school the number of students has increased to an extent where the general assembly room will not seat all of the pupils, some 20 or 30 being seated in an extra room. This never before obtained in the high school since the present structure was erected.

All of the other schools seem to have a full quota of students with the possible exception of the Roosevelt school on the East Side. Here there does not seem to be the number of little ones expected.

The opening of the two new school buildings greatly relieved the congestion which prevailed last term in the Washington and North schools. A large number of the children attending these schools have been drawn to the new buildings, which makes it better for the children and teachers.

Enrollment in the various schools proceeded without a hitch this morning and after assignment to classes had been made the children were instructed as to books needed and the like and then allowed to go home with the instructions to show up tomorrow ready for work. Within a day or two everything will be under way and a splendid school year is predicted.

CITY COUNCIL TO PASS MANY NEW ORDINANCES

The city council will meet this evening for the dispatch of much city business, which will include the passage of many ordinances declaring the cost of assessment for service mains and for paving. The city duds will also consider the passage of an ordinance providing for a safe and sane Fourth of July in this city hereafter.

This being the first regular meeting in the month, the regular routine business, such as the payment of bills and passage of warrants, will be considered.

THREE ENTER THEIR PLEA OF NOT GUILTY

While Friends of Aged Victim of Murderous Thugs Raise Money for His Relief, Young Man Charged With Crime, Pleads Not Guilty.

GEORGE BOZUS ARRAIGNED; IS SOON TO BE TRIED

Ruchias, Who Shot Fellow Laborer in Railroad Camp, Is Third to Enter Plea of Not Guilty.

While the friends of A. B. Kibby, the aged knife grinder who was murderously assaulted some ten days ago, and robbed of all of his savings, which he intended to use for his support when he had grown too old to continue working, were circulating a subscription to help him out of his present financial difficulties, Ralph Grignon, who is said to be one of his assailants, was arraigned in the circuit court, where he entered a plea of not guilty. He is to be tried in a few days.

The condition of the aged man is pitiful in the extreme. The injuries inflicted at the time of the robbery, together with the loss of his money, have seriously threatened his reason. He seems to be no longer capable of helping himself or continuing his work. Local people who have had the case called to their attention this morning took steps to relieve his distress and circulated a subscription list. It is planned to raise enough money to provide for the man until he is again able to care for himself. Grignon was arrested following an identification by A. L. Duffy, who swears that he saw the young man running away from the scene of the crime following Kibby's cries for assistance. Grignon was recently indicted for assault and robbery and this morning pleaded not guilty to the charge in the circuit court.

George Bozus, who shot and fatally wounded Christ Spanos in a poolroom on Fir street recently, was also arraigned in the circuit court this morning. Through his attorney, E. E. Kelly, Bozus entered a plea of not guilty. A third prisoner, Ruchias, a Greek, who shot a fellow laborer at Butte Falls recently, was also arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty. The case will soon be heard.

COMPTROLLER CALLS FOR BANK STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of national banks at the close of business Sept. 1st.

SIX LOSE LIVES IN JUNEAU FIRE

Five Others Missing and Fourteen in Hospital as Result of Blaze That Destroys Juneau Hotel and McGrath Building—No Insurance.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Sept. 5.—With six bodies already recovered, the ruins of the Juneau hotel, and the McGrath building, which were destroyed by fire were searched today for remains of five persons who is believed perished also. Fourteen persons are in the local hospital suffering from injuries and burns, and two of them, William Southwick of Michigan and Boyd Miles of Montana, probably will die.

The known dead are: Walter Davenport, of Tacoma, a painter.

Will Morrison, formerly of Portland Ore., hotel day clerk.

Selma Downing, a half breed native girl, who was known as the most beautiful woman in Alaska.

One unidentified woman and two men. The loss is estimated at approximately \$50,000 with no insurance.