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CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION

Those Charged With Violating the Gambling Law All Plead Guilty.

CASES ARE BEING RAPIDLY DISPOSED OF

Joseph J. Buhhight, Charged With Extortion, by Consent of Attorneys on Both Sides, Is Given Further Position of Other Cases.

The session of the circuit court this forenoon was occupied with the arraignment of criminal cases, the recording of pleas, the appointment of a time to impose sentences in those cases where a plea of guilty was entered, which was done in several cases, the appointment of attorneys to defend, and the granting of citizenship papers in several naturalization cases. Judge Burnett convened court promptly at 9 o'clock, and the session was liberally attended by members of the bar in this city, and also the county.

This afternoon the grand jury will be drawn, and it is likely that as soon as the members are sworn that it will go into session to consider the insurance cases, which were submitted to the last grand jury by Insurance Commissioner Kozier, but

were not acted upon any further than to recommend that they be under consideration by the grand jury. The jury may also consider several other cases. The court will then take up the case of the State against George Myers, charged with the murder of night Patrolman Thomas Eckhart, and the afternoon session will probably be entirely consumed in the empanelling a jury.

Gamblers Plead Guilty.

Charles Pellet, Sam Morgan and Emery Ames, indicted by the last grand jury for violating the gambling law of the state, were arraigned this morning. In each case the defendants waived the right of counsel, and entered a plea of guilty to the charge as preferred. Judge Burnett fixed Friday as the time for the imposing of sentence.

Other Cases.

Fred Hardman, who was indicted by the last grand jury under the name of W. H. Miller, on the charge of stealing a bicycle, when arraigned, asked for the appointment of counsel, and City Attorney Grant Corby was appointed by Judge Burnett to defend him. He was given time in which to consult his attorney before entering a plea to the charge against him, and will probably plead this afternoon or tomorrow.

In the case of Arthur Hitchman, charged with rape, a case in which action is suspended pending good behavior, a satisfactory report of conduct was filed.

The case of the State of Oregon against Charles Thomas, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, was continued, and similar action was taken with relation to the case of the State against A. Levesque, charged with the crime against nature.

The case of the State of Oregon against Eustace and Victoria Howard, who were bound over to keep the peace were dismissed by Judge Burnett. The dismissal was based on a motion made by District Attorney McNary, to the effect that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant proceeding with the case.

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PRESIDENT HOLD CONFERENCE WITH RAILROAD OFFICIALS

Will Send Message to Congress Asking Federal Control of All Stok Issues of Corporations.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Jan. 3.—As a result of a conference today between President Taft and the heads of some of the greatest railroads of the United States, the president's message on proposed amendments to the interstate commerce act will not go to congress Wednesday as planned.

The reason for the postponement was not given out, and questioning the railroad magnates failed to elicit any information.

President Lovett of the Harriman system, President Boer of the Philadelphia and Reading, President Finley of the Southern, President Brown of the New York Central, President Mellen of the New Haven & Hartford, and President McCrea of the Pennsylvania railroads attended the white house conference. President Brown refused to comment. He said: "We came to make some objections and were listened to. I cannot discuss the matter any further."

President Lovett was equally as short in his answer to a request for information. He said: "Today's meeting will probably be

explained in a statement from the white house later."

It is generally believed that the conference is a direct result of J. Pierpont Morgan's visit to President Taft Friday. The railroad magnates didn't appear particularly happy when they left the white house today and it is believed that their mission failed.

It was learned this afternoon that there will be no delay in the submission to congress of President Taft's message on the proposed amendments to the interstate commerce act, despite the reported attempt of the railroad presidents to bring about a postponement.

It is now considered a certainty that certain proposals for federal control of all stock issues of corporations and for federal incorporation—measures which Taft has suggested—will remedy the illegal combination sore, before it has a chance to spread, and will also be put up to congress this week. The interstate commerce court and other drastic clauses of Secretary Wickersham's measures, it is understood, will go to the house and senate with President Taft's unqualified endorsement.

CHILDREN LEFT ALONE; HOUSE BURNED

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 3.—The authorities are searching today for an unidentified man who is suspected of being responsible for the burning of the home of John Williams early Saturday. Ernestine, aged 7, and Henry, aged 5, of the Williams children lost their lives in the flames.

Ernestine told the police that the man entered the house through a back door, a dater walking around or a few minutes departed. A few minutes later she said she heard the roaring flames and with her brother huddled up in a corner of her bedroom, afraid to venture out into the hall.

H. A. Duncan, living half a block away, was awakened by the glare of the flames in his room, and hastened to the fire in his nightgown, knowing that Williams and his wife were visiting friends, and the children were alone in the house.

Duncan fought his way through the smoke at the back of the house and carried the two children to safety just as the flames ate their way through the walls of the bedroom.

ANOTHER HORRIBLE MURDER

Pacific Electric Railway Conductor Cut to Pieces by Cutthroats.

ROOM LOOKED LIKE A SLAUGHTER HOUSE

Naked Body of Murdered Man Found in a Ditch a Quarter of a Mile from Scene of Crime—Man and His Wife Being Held Pending An Investigation.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 3.—Although 24 hours have elapsed since Morgan Schively, a conductor employed by the Pacific Electric Railway was attacked and fatally wounded in the home of A. Stone, at San Gabriel, where he was rooming, the authorities are more baffled than when the case was first investigated.

Stone and his wife, who were arrested by Sheriff Hammelson, after the naked body of the murdered man was found in a ditch, a quarter of a mile from the house, still stick to the stories told when taken into custody.

Sheriff Hammelson said Stone would probably tell more of the events Saturday night some time this afternoon, as the man is on the verge of a nervous breakdown.

Schively was sleeping in the kitchen, where he was assaulted. When the officers arrived the room looked like a slaughter house. The floor and walls were smeared with blood, the furniture broken and overturned, the crockery was broken, and everything indicated that the conductor had fought desperately for his life before he had hurried himself through the kitchen window to escape his murderous assailant.

From the window his trail was marked by blood. On nearly every telegraph pole leading from the house to the ditch where the body later was found were marks showing how he had clung to the poles for support.

It was definitely decided today that he died from a knife wound that severed an artery in his left arm. Five other wounds were found on his body. The knife with which he was cut has not been discovered. The house is locked up, and is being guarded by the police today, as it is believed important evidence will be found there.

EACH TEAM WINS A GAME

Two basketball teams representing the First Presbyterian church of Salem, went to Portland Saturday evening to play the Third Presbyterian church of Portland teams. The contestants broke even.

The Third Presbyterian church basketball team was victorious over the Baracas, the First Presbyterian church team of Salem, Saturday night, in the M. C. A. gymnasium, the score being 25 to 14.

The Portland boys won on excellent passing and accurate basket throwing, although the Salem boys played much better in spots. The work of both the opposing centers was good. Bill Laidlaw, at right forward played a phenomenal game.

The line-up:		
Portland:	Poston:	Salem:
Ashworth	RFL	E. Joseph
Graham	RFL	E. Joseph
Laidlaw, Graham	C	Mills
Peck	LGR	St. Pierre
Case	RGL	Kirk, Duncan
In the game between the second teams of the same churches, the Salem boys were victorious over Portland by the score of 17 to 11. The game was fast and in doubt until the finish. The line-up follows:		
Salem:	Poston:	Portland:
Richmond	C	Carey
Worden	LFR	Utter
Gross	RFL	Martin
Whittier	LGR	Graves
Everest, Woodburn	RGL	Graves
Referee, Grilley. Scorer, Herlow.		

Aviator Enjoined.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Federal Judge Hazen today granted the injunction against Glenn Curtiss, the aviator, which was asked by the Wright Bros. The Wrights allege infringements of certain of their patents.

Charles Saddlewauer, a farmer of Mondos, Mich., tripped on a stone in his back yard recently and fell across a pumpkin in such a manner that his neck was instantly broken.

BURIED MONEY THE CAUSE OF SEVEN MURDERS

Bluefields, Va., Jan. 3.—Buried money amounting to more than \$60,000, which already has been the cause of seven murders and a lynching, is being sought by the authorities today.

The money is supposed to have been buried here by Howard Little, the murderer of George Meadows, his wife and four children. The crimes were said to have been committed that Little might get the treasures.

Little has been sentenced to death for the wholesale murder of the Meadows, and his life will be the ninth given up to the gold lust. Harry Pennington, a friend of Little was lynched recently near Hur-

ley, Va. He murdered a man named Sam Baker, and the authorities in some way connect his crime with the slaughter of the Meadows.

One of Pennington's relatives told the officers who were working on the case that when the mob had surrounded Pennington he offered to tell the hiding place of the Meadows gold if they would release him. The leaders refused and took the case in their own hands.

Following the Meadows murder, Little is thought to have buried the money somewhere near Bluefields. The authorities are making every effort to find it before Little explains his atrocious crime in the electric chair.

WAS GIBSON DROVE TO DESPERATION?

Kills His Wife, Shot and Wound Son and Then Kills Himself.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Pittsburgh, Jan. 3.—The police today are working upon sensational developments following Winfield S. Gibson's murder of his wife, and his suicide, which they believe may result in the unearthing of a blackmailing plot of which Gibson was the intended victim.

Gibson, who was a superintendent in Carnegie's Hempstead mills, in a supposed fit of temporary insanity, shot and killed his wife, wounded his 13-year-old son, who attempted to save his mother, and then killed himself.

Gibson was worth \$225,000, according to reports. The authorities claim to be in possession of information that a woman, whose name they haven't learned, was trying to get possession of his fortune by blackmailing schemes. Worry over these machinations, they believe, drove Gibson insane.

IT WILL BE A SOCIAL EVENT

The Cherry City Dancing Club will give its initial ball next Saturday evening at the armory hall, and it promises to be one of the great social events of the season. The club is in the process of organization, and it plans to give a series of dances during the season—two each week, on Saturday and Wednesday evenings. The armory hall has been rented for the purpose, and the music for the occasion will be furnished by a six-piece orchestra. A small admission fee will be charged on the opening night, but any one joining will be given credit for this amount on his membership fee. The membership will always be open for ladies, and no fee will be charged them. When the membership becomes sufficiently large it is proposed to increase the fee.

PROSPECTIVE MILLIONAIRE'S HEIR MISSING

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Philadelphia, Jan. 3.—Detectives today began to surround Lancaster, the country home of Robert Buist, the millionaire seed man, with a drag net, which, they claim, will unmesh Miss Roberta de Janon before night.

Miss de Janon, who is the 16-year-old daughter of Buist, disappeared Wednesday morning from the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel here, supposedly in company with Frederick Cohen, a waiter, almost three times her age.

Nothing has been heard of her since, although Buist at once engaged a score of detectives to find her.

Another theory advanced for the disappearance, besides that of an elopement, was that Miss de Janon was an enthusiastic follower of the fortunes of dime novel heroes, turned a "girl detective," and is engaged in tracing some much-wanted criminal.

It was at first feared that the heiress had been the victim of a plot to wring money from her millionaire father, but this was later scouted by the Pinkerton men. Detectives also are scouring New York and Baltimore for a trace of the missing girl.

GOING AFTER TOBACCO TRUST

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Washington, Jan. 3.—Argument began today before the United States supreme court in the suit for the dissolution of the tobacco trust, one of the biggest trust busting actions undertaken by the government.

The suit seeks the appointment of a receiver to segregate the sixty-odd combined corporations in individual concerns, and to restore competition in the tobacco industry in America.

Attorney General Wickersham in his argument today declared that the corporations in the trust represented more than \$400,000,000, and that its tentacles extended over the whole world.

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