

JUDGE OBJECTS TO INFLUENCING OF GRAND JURY

Cites for Contempt Lawyer Who Takes Client Before Body.

NOT IN MARION COUNTY

By Staff Correspondent.
ELKHART, Ind., Oct. 4.—In the 34th Judicial District, consisting of Elkhart and LaGrange Counties, it is contempt of court for an attorney to attempt to influence a grand jury in behalf of his client.

In the Marion County Criminal Court an attempt was recently made to punish for contempt a newspaper man because the newspaper with which he was connected exposed an effort of an attorney to "try his case before the Marion County grand jury."

In Elkhart the court cited for contempt the attorney who approached the grand jury.

In Marion County the court attempted to impose a jail sentence and a fine on a newspaper man whose only connection with the affair was the fact that he was in the office of the newspaper that exposed the breach of legal ethics on the part of the attorney.

The court at Elkhart makes no pretense to being a "good government and clean politics" beacon light.

Its judge does not claim to be "rationally noted," nor to have evolved, through experience, or otherwise, any methods of "reforming" condemned criminal.

DECISION OF ELKHART CASE.

Louis W. Vail, an attorney, on the morning of Sept. 23, entered the grand jury room with Willis D. Widner, where Vail said Widner was under subpoena, in connection with a man, which the grand jury was then investigating, and that Vail had the grand jury to hear Widner's story of the transaction.

Neither Vail nor Widner was under subpoena, and Glen R. Sawyer, deputy prosecutor, immediately filed a showing before Judge William B. Hile, that Elkhart Superior Court, charging that "the object of Vail's appearing before the grand jury in company with Widner was for the purpose of obstructing and embarrassing the deliberations of said grand jury and the orderly administration of justice."

Judge Hile immediately cited Vail for contempt of court and the proceedings was disposed of recently through the public apology of Vail.

PROCEDURE IN MARION COUNTY.

In Marion County, Charles W. Rollins, attorney for Harry Parsons, appeared with Parsons before the Marion County grand jury and not only examined Parsons in the grand jury room but also examined two other witnesses in behalf of Parsons in the grand jury room before the grand jurors.

The proceeding was reported to Judge James A. Collins, but no public notice was ever given. The Indiana Daily Times printed the statement of Rollins as to what had happened and called upon the Indianapolis Bar Assn.

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BOURKE COCHRAN TALKS HERE 16TH

Noted Democrat Includes City in Tour of State.

W. Bourke Cochran, New York, former congressman, and one of the leading Democrats, will speak in Indianapolis Oct. 16. It was announced today by Bert Hendren, assistant chairman of the Democratic State speakers' bureau.

While in this State, Mr. Cochran will speak at Terre Haute Oct. 18, and at Ft. Wayne Oct. 22. Mr. Hendren announced.

Mr. Cochran has been an interesting figure in Democratic national politics for many years.

Born in Ireland he came to this country in 1871, becoming prominent in New York politics soon after his arrival here. He was elected for William Jennings Bryan for President in 1900, later serving in Congress as representative from the Twelfth New York district.

Unknown to the citizens of Indianapolis and unrecognized as he is walked through the streets of the city, James M. Cox, Democratic candidate for President of the United States, was in Indianapolis Sunday.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Vice Presidential nominee, was with Mr. Cox.

Roosevelt joined the Presidential candidate's train at Terre Haute, riding to Indianapolis Sunday, and left the party returning to Terre Haute the next day.

The Cox party proceeded to Dayton from Indianapolis, where Mr. Cox is to remain a few days, prior to returning to (Continued on Page Two.)

WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending 7 p. m., Tuesday, Oct. 5: Fair tonight and Tuesday; somewhat cooler tonight.

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