

GRANT COUNTY IN QUANDARY

Officials Await Results of Re-fusal to Obey State Orders.

Special to The Times.
MARION, Ind., March 7.—County officials today were sitting tight, awaiting word from the State board of accounts following action of the Grant County commissioners late Monday in refusing to comply with an order of the State board and disallow a claim filed by the superintendent of the poor farm, for pay for labor performed by inmates.

The State board has instructed Field Examiners to charge back to the state intended to be paid out in the past for such labor, and instructed the commissioners to refuse to approve such claims in the future. The commissioners, however, Monday approved a claim for \$155 for infirmary inmates' labor, acting on advice of the county attorney. The State board claims Grant County is the only county in Indiana that pays inmates for labor, and claims such payment is illegal. The custom has been followed here for the past twenty years and funds for the payment have been appropriated by the county council during that time.

HARTMAN, FREE ON ONE COUNT, FACES OTHERS

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Mr. Van Nys, who was United States district attorney when he indictments were returned, may be named as special United States attorney, to try the cases as he is thoroughly familiar with them from beginning to end, while the present district attorney, Homer Elliott, knows about them only through the files in his office and his general knowledge of the case. However, this is a matter which will depend largely upon whether or not Mr. Elliott wishes to handle the cases in the event he decides to push a presentation.

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warrant issued by order of Frederick Van Nys, United States district attorney. The next morning they were taken to the office of Mr. Van Nys, where they remained for an hour and half, and made a signed statement. That afternoon they were taken before the Marion grand jury, which happened to be in session, and were taken back to Louisville by Captain De Forest shortly afterwards.

The next day indictments were returned in Federal Court against J. Herbert Hartman; his wife, Lura; his brother, Fred; Francis and his wife, Lura; Karl Kunkle and his wife, Wanda; and were arrested and released on bond the day following, Oct. 14. The indictments were in four counts, and included violation of the national prohibition law, transportation of stolen automobiles in interstate traffic, and conspiracy to commit these acts.

OTHER CASES
PENDING.

These cases are now pending in Federal Court.

On Oct. 15 the Marion County grand jury returned indictments against Mr. and Mrs. Hartman, Fred Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. Francis, Karl Kunkle and Fred "Dogy" Johnson. These indictments contained charges of receiving stolen goods, receiving stolen automobiles taken from other States, conspiracy to commit a felony, and entering homes to commit burglary and transporting liquor. Hartman was charged with transporting liquor, receiving stolen goods and receiving stolen automobiles taken in other States. Hartman was charged with receiving stolen goods.

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The Volstead act which is supposed to provide ways and means of enforcement "has failed because it exempts all prohibition enforcement officers from the usual civil service rules according to Imogen C. Odey of Philadelphia, chairwoman of the civil service division of the General Federation of Women's Clubs which this winter is concentrating in a very special way on the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment of the Constitution.

"The National Civil Service Reform League has decided that a result many of these officers, by lack of education and experience, are wholly incapable and many more are ex-harbormen and ex-saloon keepers, who are opposed to the amendment and its enforcement," declares Mrs. Odey.

"The League is to divide its efforts with the National Civil Service Reform League in sponsoring a bill which is now before Congress and which provides that all prohibition enforcement officers shall be put under the usual civil rules.

This bill is known as the 'Gooding Bill' and every club is asked to write to Frederick R. Leibhaber, chairman of the committee on civil service in the House, and Thomas Sterling, chairman of the committee on civil service and retrenchment in the Senate and urge the passage of the bill."

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and What the Community Means to the School," will be the subject of a talk by Mrs. William H. Adams at School No. 29 next Wednesday afternoon. Musical numbers will be given by Mrs. Arthur Marzelle.

Mrs. Lois M. Taylor will speak on "Music Appreciation" and conduct a Music Memory Contest among the mothers at School No. 22, on next Wednesday.

Mrs. Sue Blaschke will talk to the mothers of School No. 38 at their regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon. Musical numbers will be given by Mrs. A. F. Felt. On next Wednesday an entertainment will be given for the benefit of the school. Miss Alberta McCain, harpist, and Mrs. Wayne Reddick, reading, will furnish the program.

Mrs. David Ross will talk to the mothers of School No. 38 at their regular meeting next Wednesday afternoon. Recitations N. C. Virginia Fapps, Chester Wright, and Barteld Vredenbeld, and exercises by the primary department will be given. The mothers will provide a musical program.

Mrs. Freda Hoke will talk to the mothers of School No. 43 next Wednesday. Mrs. Irving Blau and Mrs. E. J. Portern will play a piano duet.

Murray A. Dalman will speak at School No. 10. Sixteen children under the direction of Mrs. Mary Schlesinger will speak. Piano solos by Mrs. Emma Jordan, readings by Mrs. J. C. Perry and Virginia Clark, and piano numbers by Mrs. A. Masteller and Mrs. O. Christie will complete the program.

At the meeting of School No. 67 on next Wednesday, Mrs. Florence Waltz, Walden and Marion County Tuberculosis Association will speak. Piano solos by Mrs. Harry Breen, Rapid Fire Song Writer, and S. MILLER KENT AND BEATRICE MORGAN

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