

CORONER'S ADMINISTRATOR 'GRAB' HALTED BY JUDGE

SCHEME TO GET ESTATE BURIAL ORDERS FOILED

Vehling to Have No Further Chance to Name Friends, Chambers Decides.

NEW 'RUSH ACT' BARED

Attempt to Charge Fees for Transcripts Draws Attorney's Fire.

BY DICK MILLER

Attempts of Coroner Fred W. Vehling to rush appointments of administrators so he might obtain burial orders from the estates, were blocked today by Probate Judge Smiley N. Chambers.

With announcement that the county's coroner-undertaker would have no opportunity to have friends in positions to control estates, and that his recommendations for administrators would be considered, it also was learned he may be the target of a suit over recent disposal of a body.

Vehling, according to court records, has, several times in his less than four months in office, rushed to the court and had administrators appointed in cases in which he was interested.

Rushes Through Action

When Vehling went to the front for the immediate naming of an administrator, he obtained the order for burial and collected his bill from the estate, it was revealed.

The occurrence which led to the court frowning on Vehling's practices came to light after he had attempted to hold a triple burial of the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stickle and William Cole, 331 East Tenth street, who were asphyxiated in their home.

The bodies were rushed to his undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. Distant relatives of Cole did not know of his death until later in the day and directed George Usher, 2614 West Washington street, to obtain Cole's body for burial.

Usher, an undertaker, said that when he went to claim Cole's corpse, he found Vehling had prepared all of them for burial. Vehling said he had permission from the administrator to bury the bodies, Usher charged.

Administrator Replaced

Relatives obtained the services of an attorney and succeeded in having Judge Chambers replace the administrator. Due to lack of funds, the relatives were unable to contest the case further and Vehling buried the bodies, leaving against the estate.

John F. Engelke, attorney for Mrs. M. R. Sullivan, 1902 Union street, today said he is studying transcripts in the case involving the disposal of the body of her husband, who was killed by auto. He said he might file suit against Vehling.

Mrs. Sullivan said Vehling, in making verdicts in the case, stated that her husband met death accidentally, and added the word "intoxicated" in parenthesis.

She stated Vehling and attaches of his office said there were no witnesses to the accident that occurred in the 3400 block, Madison avenue. Vehling, she said, told her the reason the autoists were not arrested was because Mr. Sullivan was intoxicated.

No Evidence of Drinking

Engelke said there is no evidence of an autopsy or anything other than hearsay evidence of autosies and Mr. Sullivan had been drinking.

Two hours after the accident, Feb. 8, Mrs. Sullivan said Vehling notified her embalmers were at work.

Mrs. Sullivan, threatened with court action when she first refused to pay the \$25 embalming fee, later paid.

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Caught Putting the 'Sweet' in Home



All is not bricks and mortar at Tenth annual Realtors' Home Complete exposition in the manufacturers' building at the state fairground. Two very human elements of the big exhibition were caught by The Times photographers when Mrs. Anne Burke, 1321 Marlowe avenue, was caught lounging in the model home, and

HOOVER LAUDS AMERICA'S TIES

Example to World, He Says in Celebration Speech.

BY PAUL R. MALLON

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 14.—President Hoover and Secretary of State Stimson joined today before the diplomatic corps of Latin America in urging continued co-operation among the North, South and Central American republics.

Mr. Hoover and his first secretary spoke in the Pan-American Union building. They appeared in ceremonies incident to the first celebration of Pan-American day authorized recently in a presidential proclamation.

Mr. Hoover and Stimson extolled the Union which began as a commercial clearing house for the Americas and has become a center of their mutual culture, commercial interdependence and good will. The friendliness of the Americas as typified in this organization is an example to the remainder of a war weary world, Mr. Hoover told the gathering.

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IT'S A WILD PLAY, IS 'APRON STRINGS'

Jane Wheatley Brings Her Very High Shoulders to a Very High Laugh in the Theater.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

HERE is a very wild play because it has very many wild moments. Here is one of those apron boys who gives his mother so much that it extends into the grave.

And when the dear mother passes out, she leaves a bunch of letters to direct the boy.

And here is where Jane Wheatley comes into the picture. She is the mother of the girl who marries this sap of a guy who reads the letters that his mother wrote many years or "editions" before she passed out.

Here is a woman who knows what the drop on the shoulder means. Here is real acting. What a Jane Wheatley in this play. And before I forget it, let me say that William Blair is the director of this stock company. He brings that sudden touch which means so many things to stock and I like the word "stock" because it makes possible so many things, I mean the real reading of some mighty fine adventures in the theater. Talking of Wheatley with those shoulders. She stands at times that reminded me that a Ringling Brothers elephant was present. And that is no slam. Because elephants of stock productions have their weight in ability. She gives this mother the weight of ability which helps to make this cast.

Now I want to go to the lawyer—Extra Hummel as played by Will Lloyd. Here is the fine idea in acting. The pause and the business, also with the business. And don't forget the maid—Hester as played by Josie Intropidi (and I do not know to this hour how to say it), but she is fine. Dick Elliott we know. He is of the theater. Where are the leads? Here they are—Frances Dale and Donald Woods. The best we have ever had in a very delicate play wisely directed. They know how to read lines.

This is very near the last word in how to read and present a double meaning play, "Apron Strings." Here is the best buy in the talking theater in the flesh that we have had for many years. Am talking of the Arthur Casey productions.

Watch this smartness of directing and acting grow. Now at English's this week. MORAN AND MACK BACK IN THE FLESH

Blackface entertainers seem to weather the entertainment storm in pretty good fashion, because when a team gets set everything looks good for years. This can be said of Moran and Mack on the stage and Amos and Andy over the air.

Moran and Mack are back in town this week. They are headlining the bill at the Lyric. This season Moran states that he is just going to let his corns hurt because they sure have done nothing for him.

Their material is somewhat familiar to other seasons, as their famous boxing scene is included. The act opens with the two on balls of cotton. Just restin', no work being done.

They refuse to change their method of fun-making and they still hand out the laughs, although they impressed me that they were doing less actual work than ever. But that is their method.

Bernardo de Pace has increased the size of his marionette act. He probably is just about as good as there is in the business.

Elmer Sherry relies more upon voice than personality in putting over her songs. The material of Ryan and Noble's snacks too much of burlesque.

The Osaka boys do the regulation balancing and foot juggling act, but they do it well.

Rather failed to get the idea of what the act of Naomi Morton and Chick Chandler act was all about. There was some hot dancing and a good whirlwind finish.

The movie feature is James Hall in "The Lightning Flyer." Here is a movie that is lurid melodrama of the old days when villains wrecked trains and killed friends of the hero.

But it is comfortable entertainment and makes one glad that he saw it. Hall has stamped his personality upon Indianapolis in pretty solid form, that is movie form.

The Lyric this week has an interesting item, a talking movie showing how the United Press gathers the news.

It proves that any item of interest anywhere in the world is just ten minutes from the front page. Now at the Lyric.

Other theaters today offer: "A Connecticut Yankee" at the Apollo; "Ten Cents a Dance" at the Circle; "A Tailor Made Man" at the Palace; "Fighting Caravans" at the Ohio; "Dishonored" at the Indiana; movies at the Colonial, and burlesque at the Mutual.

Heading it as national president is Douglas Whitlock, formerly of Terre Haute, who is to be vice-president of the young women's division. Senator Robinson must seek nomination in the 1934 state convention, which would, as the setup is at present, be controlled by Watson.

Although the senior senator supported Robinson's claims to senate appointment in October, 1925, the rift steadily has widened and it is doubtful if Watson would permit his adherents to renominate the junior senator.

The only manner in which Robinson can make secure his ambitions is to get rid of Watson. Two courses are open: First, to secure the nomination in 1932 of a person friendly to himself, in this case, let us say Sanders; and second, to hope for Watson's defeat in the 1932 election.

The safest way is to get someone else nominated. That is easy to say, but hard to do where Watson is concerned.

PULLMAN VALUE DROPS

State Tax Board Lowers Appraisal of Car Company for 1931

The state tax board today lowered the 1930 valuation of the Indiana properties of the Pullman Car Company from \$2,503,564 to \$2,374,166 for 1931.

The board placed the properties of the Panhandle Pipeline Company of Kansas City, Mo., at a valuation of \$435,283. The company is erecting a pipeline in the state and was not on the tax rolls in 1930.

DISCIPLES PLAN DRIVE

\$8,000,000 Pension Fund Goal to Be Discussed by Delegates.

Final plans in the \$8,000,000 pension fund campaign of the Disciples of Christ will be made Wednesday when representatives from forty states and Canada meet at the Claypool.

JURY SELECTED IN ROWBOTTOM JOB SALE TRIAL

Defendant Shows Strain as He Comes Into Court for Ordeal.

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entered and sat down in the first row.

Rowbottom was visibly tired. The strain of hiding from both friends and acquaintances during the three months since his indictment was returned at Indianapolis, and the attendant worry had laid their marks upon him. To this was added the fact that he has been defeated for re-election in November.

Ready to Fight

At the defense table were Philip C. Gould, Vanderburgh county Republican chairman, and on the other was Raymond Springer, Sixth district G. O. P. chieftain.

Defense of Rowbottom, it was rumored, was distasteful to both, and each would have withdrawn from the case if it would not have been prejudicial to the defendant.

Rowbottom's friends say he is prepared, if permitted, to accuse Senator James E. Watson, his adherents in the First district, and postoffice inspectors, of "deliberately entrapping and framing him."

With Jeffrey are his two assistants, Alex Cavins and Telford Orblison. Dods, unsolicited by Jeffrey, had been assigned to the case by the attorney-general.

Bills in Evidence

In fact, Jeffrey knew nothing but hearsay gossip about the case being built against Rowbottom until press dispatches in January declared that the postoffice department had ordered dismissal of four postmasters and a rural mail carrier appointed by Rowbottom, because they had paid for their jobs.

In a folder on the table in front of Jeffrey is the most damaging evidence the government has—a \$100 bill bearing the serial number A101194255A—one of seven similar bills—two \$20 bills, and one \$10 bill, which the government charges was paid Rowbottom last November by William G. Ayer for securing the appointment of Gresham Ayer of Rockport as a rural mail carrier.

Out of Wedeking's Bank

These bills, their numbers carefully noted, were obtained by Ayer from the Citizens State bank of Dale, the head of which is Albert J. Wedeking, chairman of the state highway commission and Watson adherent.

Wedeking has been subpoenaed as a witness, but may not be called to the stand, Jeffrey declared.

The evidence, according to the government, is expected to show that Benjamin F. Huffman of Rockport, First district G. O. P. chairman, and strong Watson adherent, who for a long time had been in receipt of information that Rowbottom was selling appointments, arranged with the elder Ayer to obtain the money from Wedeking's bank, where the serial numbers would be copied, and pay the \$750 to Rowbottom.

Faces Nine Counts

Postoffice inspectors then took the trail and from there obtained information concerning the sale of other postmasterhips, the government charges in an indictment containing nine counts, eight of which are specific and the ninth alleging conspiracy.

The first eight counts carry maximum penalties of \$10,000 fine and two years' imprisonment each. The ninth, charging conspiracy, carries a maximum penalty of \$5,000 fine and two years' imprisonment.

The government's twenty-seven witnesses are expected to finish presenting their testimony either tonight or early Wednesday and the defense hopes to conclude by Wednesday night.

Using the government's witnesses, Rowbottom hopes to show that a deliberate attempt to entrap him was made by the postoffice inspectors sent here, he alleges, at the instance of Watson, who was angry with the congressman for his insurgency.

The various amounts totaling \$1,750, which the government charges were paid for appointments, really were contributions to his campaign fund, Rowbottom will aver.

He hopes to be able to tell of the King coronations of the various G. O. P. leaders in the district and reveal "some startling truths" which will react against them.

Knowing that this is Rowbottom's plan, attempts have been made to have him come into court and plead guilty, and until Monday night pressure to do this was being brought to bear upon him.

BACK HOME AGAIN

Broken automobiles found by police belong to: John F. Baumann, 1949 Singleton street, Ford roadster, found at Spann avenue and Shelby street.

MURDER TRIAL IS SET

James Trout to Face Court in Lottery Operator's Killing.

Charged with murder in connection with the slaying of Charles Veller, lottery operator, here March 12, 1930, James Trout will go on trial in Marion criminal court May 5, Judge Frank P. Baker announced today.

William E. Hill, former Indianapolis policeman, convicted in Hamilton circuit court for the actual slaying, is serving a life sentence in Indiana state prison.

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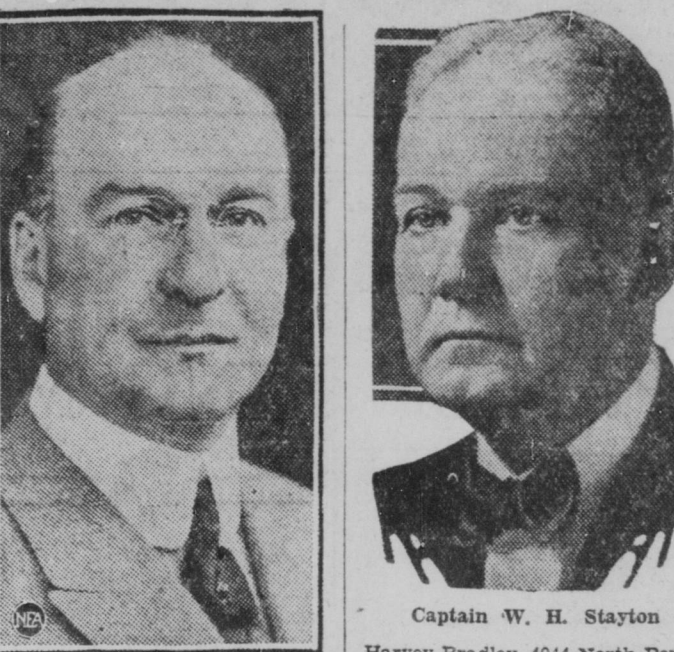
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Fight Prohibition Law



Captain W. H. Stayton

Harvey Bradley, 4014 North Pennsylvania street, to represent the Women's Organization for Prohibition Reform in arranging for the statewide rally Thursday night, was announced today by Leo M. Rappaport, attorney and chairman of the executive committee of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment. Mrs. Bradley was appointed by Mrs. J. S. Holliday, chairman of the Indiana division.

Rally of the anti-prohibition forces will be held on Thursday night at Tomlinson hall at the state-wide session of the Indiana division against the prohibition amendment.

Chief speaker at the meeting will be Captain W. H. Stayton of Washington, founder of the association. Stayton will be accompanied here by Pierre S. DuPont, one of the nation's leading industrialists and a leader of the anti-prohibition movement.

Meredith Nicholson, author, will be chairman of the meeting. Thousands of invitations have been issued.

Appointment of Mrs. C. H.

BAN VOTING BY TURKISH WOMEN

Lose Rights for Taking Elections as Holiday.

By United Press

ANGORA, Turkey, April 14.—A distinct sentiment toward modification of President Mustapha Kemal Pasha's campaign for the "westernization" of Turkey was apparent as the nation prepared for Wednesday's national elections—in which women will not be allowed to vote.

Women of Turkey, who were enfranchised prior to the last election, lost their privilege because they gave the municipal elections a holiday atmosphere by joyrides to the polls in automobiles provided by Fethi Bey, leader of the opposition party.

Members of the popular party, who control 305 of the 317 seats in the assembly, were irritated considerably.

They contended it was the popular party that gave the woman the right of equality with men in the courts, and then the privilege of voting in municipal elections.