

GRAND JURY'S FINAL REPORT

CONSIDERED 414 CASES WHILE IN SESSION. In 156 of These No Prosecutors Appeared—A Suggestion Made That the County Commissioners Endeavor to Collect Costs from Prosecutors Upon Whom They Are Placed by the Grand Jury—Yesterday's Batch of Ignored Bills Was 252. Many of Importance.

The grand jury made its final report to court yesterday, and was discharged. Altogether 414 cases were brought before the jury and in 156 of these no prosecutor appeared. In its report the jury said:

"In our investigation of the several cases submitted to us, we are of the opinion that in many cases where the costs have been imposed upon the prosecutors, capias should be awarded for such prosecutors as may be responsible. We suggest that after the return of every grand jury, that the county commissioners should ascertain what prosecutors are responsible, and have capias issued for such prosecutors."

The jurors recommended certain changes and improvements at the county jail, and returned thanks to District Attorney W. R. Lewis for his courteous treatment. The true bills returned by the jury yesterday follow:

The True Bills.

Assault and Battery—Andrew J. Gavany; Mary E. Maynard; pro. Evan Tiffany; Patrick McMahon; Michael Murphy, pro. Alex. Warner; William Sublimsky, pro. Andrew J. Gavin; Hannah Whitney, pro. James Phillips; Margaret Mitchell, pro. Adam Rosencranz; William Taylor, pro. Meredith Watkins, Charles Watkins, Chester Knott; Paul Skoda, pro. Theo. Halkowski; John Kolkuski; Adam Korkoski; Walter Shelsky; Lewis Novick; Andrew Skidelsky; Mary Sullivan, pro. George J. Bush; Kate Wyszynski, pro. Norton Slesak; John Velinski, pro. Theo. Jankowski; Stanley Machanowski; Adam Lazar, pro. John Livingston; George Ryan; Frank White, pro. George Ryan; John Livingston; John Whitback, pro. William Kilgannon; Bridget Kilgannon, pro. Henry Peffer; John Lynch, pro. Annie McNeilly; Bridget McNeilly, pro. Aaron McDonnell; Anna Hughes, pro. Thomas Aston; Frank Aron, pro. William J. Morris; pro. Andrew Stronck; Bridget Clark; pro. Alex. Warner; Peter Gelle, pro. Joseph Visonesky; Bennie Lutsynski, John Stecyn; Joseph Bennie; William Tur, pro. Thomas Jones; Philip Phillips; William Atkinson; Mead Reese; Robert Solsky; James Granville, pro. Peter Barrowski; Stanley Kowalski; Walter Ukechowski; Anthony Zaleski, pro. Stanley Danko Lukoski; Eliska Wabak, pro.

SHORTER HOURS OF LABOR. Rhode Island Supreme Court Hands Down Important Opinion.

From Quinter's Magazine. The Supreme court of Rhode Island has recently handed down a most significant decision on the constitutionality of a ten hour law, which will be far-reaching in its effect. It has been a part of the tendency of civilization to shorten the working day, sometimes by mutual arrangement, through the influence of trade unions, sometimes by legislation. With one or two exceptions thus far the legislation has been limited in its application to women and children. This law was drawn on the theory that the children are minors, and women are wards of the state, not being citizens and having no voting rights.

The legislature of Rhode Island passed a law reducing the working hours of employees of street railway corporations to ten per day, and making any contract to the contrary illegal. The Supreme court has just decided that this law is constitutional, on the ground that it is for the public good, and in this opinion the court had only one dissenting vote. The majority declared that "the public safety cannot be made dependent on private contracts." In other words, that workmen shall be protected against being compelled by mere necessity to make contracts which endanger public safety.

The plea that laborers desire to make a contract to work twelve and fourteen hours a day is spurious; it never was true in practice. They make a contract to work twelve hours because they are not permitted to make a contract to work less. This law is not an infringement on the laborer's right to make a contract of twelve or fourteen hours, but is simply a protection to his right to make a contract to work ten.

FORESTRY ON A HUGE SCALE

Texas Company Will Practice It on a Million and a Quarter Acres of Pine Land.

Forestry on a huge scale than has ever been attempted before in this country by a private corporation will be practiced in southeast Texas when the Kirby Lumber company puts into effect its working plan for its lands to be prepared by the National Bureau of Forestry.

The lumbering operations of the Kirby company are probably the largest in the world. They extend over a tract of a million and a quarter acres of pine land, which contains about 80 per cent. of all the longleaf pine of Texas—a vast single body of virgin forest reaching out over seven counties, and uninterrupted except for the clearings around the villages and farms which it incloses. The great forest is estimated to have contained, uncut, and the estimate is low—six and a quarter billion merchantable feet of lumber, about measure. The cuttings already made amount to only a small percentage of what the great forest originally contained. The company operates sixteen mills, which now make an annual cut of 250,000,000 feet, board measure, and support a population of 15,000 people. Since the forest is mature and is helped rather than harmed by the cutting of the lumber, the annual cut has been increased to 400,000,000 feet. In addition to the trees used for lumber, which are cut down to as low a diameter as twelve inches, 7,000,000 ties are being cut out of the forest from trees between one and twelve inches in diameter to fill a contract with the Santa Fe railroad.

Must Protect Itself.

It is just because its operations are on such a huge scale that the Kirby company has decided it must protect itself by adopting some system of forestry. As its holdings are, unless they are properly managed and protected they must sooner or later be exhausted.

Even if the obligations to the 15,000 people dependent for a living on the lumbering operations should be ignored, the investment made in mills and equipment is too great to imperil by exhausting the timber supply. Forestry receives little encouragement when the profits of lumbering are small, the markets poor, and the operations conducted with difficulty; but on the Kirby tract these conditions are reversed. The company is making a high profit on its timber, the demand for lumber is excellent and lumbering operations are made exceedingly easy by the fact that the land and the condition of the forest. The lands are in Jasper, Sabine, Hardin, Newton, St. James, Angelina, and Tyler counties and were bought with an eye to simplifying and cheapening lumber operations. The labor supply is steady, and a railroad runs through the forest from north to south. Last winter O. W. Price, assistant chief, and Thomas H. Sherrard, field assistant, of the Bureau of Forestry, made a preliminary examination of the lands at the company's request and turned in a report stating the lines along which forestry might be practiced with profit in the Kirby company's forest. The company accepted the report and asked that a complete working plan be made. The task of preparing the plan was given to Mr. Sherrard, who is an expert on Southern pines. Thirty men, established in three camps, will make the measurements and gather the figures on which the plan will be based.

Several problems must be worked out, whose solution will be of value wherever lumbering is practiced in the longleaf pine belt. The most important of these is the fire problem. The first necessity in planning for further crops on lumbered lands is to protect those lands from fires, which kill the reproduction. Light fires repeatedly burn over the forest floor in the longleaf forest, and while they do no damage to the large trees, all the young growth is killed. The fire problem, briefly stated, is whether it is best to attempt to protect all the forest or to limit the protection to cut-over areas. Since the longleaf pine in five years attains a size large enough to protect itself from any but the severest fires, it is probable that the system of fire protection will apply only to lands cut over within the last five years.

The cutting of trees for railroad ties brings up for settlement a matter of interest not only to the Kirby company, but to every timber company in the country. On the Kirby lands trees between nine and twelve inches in diameter are used for ties, and trees above twelve inches are cut into saw timber. The question has been raised by the bureau whether it would be better to allow all the trees twelve inches and under to grow into the more valuable saw timber, and get the ties out of the tops of the larger trees. A great deal of measuring and calculating will have to be done to settle this point.

THEATRICAL. THE MARKETS.

Theatre of Dixie Programme.

The patrons of the Dixie theatre will be pleased with this week's bill. One of the features is the sketch of Keough & Ballou which presents a sketch which opens in a handsome drawing room where a young stage-struck matron is beginning instruction in elocution. Mr. Keough assumes the character of the elocution professor and Miss Ballou that of the stage-struck lady.

The two decide to rehearse the proposal from an "Incorruptible" Polydor, the miser and Parthenia. There is a transformation from the drawing room to a scene in ancient Greece. Mr. Keough shows the dramatic character of his impersonation of Polydor. Miss Ballou is decidedly pretty and enacts the bit from the character of Parthenia very cleverly. The scene again changes from ancient Greece back to the drawing room, and the duo do a specialty of dancing which marks them as very versatile artists. This is only one feature of the bill. The EKs will visit the Dixie theatre.

Myrtle-Harder Stock Co. At the Academy of Music this afternoon, the Myrtle-Harder Stock company will present Oliver Byron's "Ups and Downs of Life," and tonight, "Caught in the Net," a strong play by the author of "Not Guilty."

A Trying Situation. Robert Edeson, now the successful star of "Soldiers of Fortune," which will be presented at the Lyceum tonight, made his first appearance with Charles Frohman's forces in Chicago during the World's Fair. He had been sent there to replace Cyril Maude, who was killed by a bullet. Shortly after his arrival, Thomas Oberle, who was playing the Irish sergeant, was summoned to New York to help out in the production of "Easy—'I'd like to do it with one hand." When the moment arrived, Frank Morrison, who was playing the general, exclaimed: "My God, that's Robert Edeson, isn't it?" turning to Edeson, said, "Lift her up, sergeant." Edeson, chest thrown out, held her up gracefully. He was held as though in a vice. He attempted to kneel on one knee, trying first one and then the other, but the troupe were more of material hardly more pliable than the board. The auditors began to titter, and Edeson, growing desperate, tried to manipulate the limp leg. Miss Florence, with his best, said that by raising her a little he might clutch at her garments. He prayed that the trousers might split—anything would do to get her up. He over. He made a frightful effort, with the result that Miss Florence's head and heels came suddenly together, doubling her up like a jack-knife. Mr. Edeson, struggling for composure, ejaculated: "Over the interval, 'Private Jenkins, assist your sergeant, he is evidently stiffened from the fall, and he is unable to get over." He made a frightful effort, with the result that Miss Florence's head and heels came suddenly together, doubling her up like a jack-knife. Mr. Edeson, struggling for composure, ejaculated: "Over the interval, 'Private Jenkins, assist your sergeant, he is evidently stiffened from the fall, and he is unable to get over."

"Rupert of Hentzau." Thursday night at the Lyceum will be presented "Rupert of Hentzau," a successful production is presented by special arrangement with Daniel Frohman, a sufficient guarantee. The cast is headed by Harry Leighton, who achieved success last season by his clever rendition of the dual role of the king and his enemy. The production is supported by an exceptionally capable company. Seats now selling.

Henry Miller in "Heartsease." The interest in "Heartsease," which Henry Miller will present at the Lyceum Friday night, centers upon the misfortune of a man who is employed as a water-works and is stolen and appropriated by his enemy.

Miller's portrayal of the young musician, who is employed as a water-works and is stolen and appropriated by his enemy, is a great creation and is worthy to hang in the same gallery, on the same line with that masterly portrait of Joseph Jefferson's "The Pariah Priest." Seats on sale this morning at 9 o'clock.

"The Pariah Priest." Daniel Sully is certainly deserving of the success he has enjoyed in his presentation of a single tell in the character of a man who is employed as a water-works and is stolen and appropriated by his enemy.

Daniel Sully will make his final appearance in "The Pariah Priest" at the Lyceum Saturday afternoon and evening. Seats on sale Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

NUTRITION DURING SICKNESS. From the International Monthly. "It was formerly supposed to be the destructive influence of the disease itself, rather than a lessened supply of food, that caused the reduction of flesh," says Professor Van der Steen. "So long as this view prevailed, less weight was laid upon the quantity and caloric value of the food which the sick ate. They sought to obviate the harmful influence of the disease upon the nourishment of the body by prescribing certain dishes and forbidding others. Important as a right selection of dishes may be, yet, lacking the safe guidance of the theory of metabolism, they wandered off into all sorts of strange varieties and useless niceties. More side issues were regarded as of primary importance, and this prejudice has not died out to this day. Not until it was realized how much the loss of flesh on the part of the invalid depended on insufficient nourishment, did dietetic therapy venture to meet the undesirable loss of weight by using every means to increase the supply of food. Keeping this aim in view, one will naturally be guided in the choice of dishes and the hours of eating, etc., by the nature of the disease, and not less by the individuality of the patient. It is certainly wonderful what remarkable successes have been attained by it, and under what difficult circumstances the patient has been guarded from loss of weight, and the period of convalescence shortened. For instance, formerly, patients with typhoid fever, or with serious septic infection, usually lost 25 to 30 per cent. of the weight. By the present methods of nutrition, however, the loss of weight is only a small percentage. I have, indeed, treated several typhoid fever patients who, during the period of fever, actually gained a few pounds, due to the careful selection of the ration."

Wall Street Review.

New York, Nov. 18.—The most noteworthy feature of today's market was the steady and persistent, although moderate liquidation. Operations were again comparatively small and profitless, excepting, of course, such improvement as was shown at times being due chiefly to covering by the short interest. Opening prices were irregular and rather under the London level, Manhattan was the conspicuous feature of the entire day, opening with a gain and selling to the extent of 13,000 shares, with a net gain of 2 1/2 cents. The movement in this stock still lacks explanation. Other features of the early trading were Erie, United States Steel issues and Col. and Reading. The Erie stock improvement. On the other hand, Reading, Union Pacific, Canadian Pacific and St. Paul were heavy, though not to a marked degree. The Erie stock improvement took the short side all through the early session in spite of the steadiness of Sugar and Manhattan. 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