

RESEARCH BUREAU HITS GRAND JURIES

Sees Waste, Delay and Duplication of Effort in System of Indictment

TRACED TO ITS DERIVATION

Opinions which question the value of the Grand Jury system in administration of the criminal law were cited today by the Bureau of Municipal Research in a brief report.

The Grand Jury is not nearly so firmly rooted an institution as might be supposed, the bureau finds. A number of State Constitutions not even mention it. Others permit Legislature to change, alter or abolish the Grand Jury.

The Constitution of Pennsylvania provides in effect that with certain exceptions presentment of an indictment by the Grand Jury is necessary in case of indictable offenses, but apparently it is left to the Legislature to decide what offenses are indictable.

The Federal Constitution contains no guarantee of Grand Jury proceedings in State cases, and in this country in which years pass without the meeting of a Grand Jury, though in case of need it may be summoned, any such guarantee is void in the State of Michigan not more than six Grand Juries are called in a year.

Duplication of Inquiry

"It should be understood that no serious proposal is made to abolish entirely the criminal jurisdiction of the Grand Jury. There are some occasions when the Grand Jury is regarded as indispensable. It is asserted, however, that such instances are comparatively rare, and that in the vast majority of cases the Grand Jury can perform no useful function.

"That majority consists of the cases which come to the Grand Jury from a committing official (in Pennsylvania, the justice of the peace, magistrate or coroner), who is charged with the duty of determining whether a prima facie case has been established against the accused, and has held the defendant for prosecution should be dropped without further investigation? Why, we are asked, should there be two such inquiries? If one is sufficient, another question arises: Which one should be abandoned?

"As a general proposition, assuming, as it seems fair to assume, that both inquiries can be made with equal thoroughness, and that the Grand Jury seems to fall under the ban, if for no other reason, because the Grand Jury is large, cumbersome, expensive and difficult to keep in readiness at the times and places at which preliminary examinations of accused persons must be made.

Waste, Delay, Inconvenience

"If the function of the Grand Jury is not essential, the effect of retaining it is to waste vast sums of public money, and to interpose a needless step between the justice of the peace, magistrate or coroner, and the trial. The latter delays, and is an especially serious matter if the Grand Jury meets only once in several months and then only for a short time, instead of being in virtual continuous session, as in the case with the criminal courts of Philadelphia County.

"The innocent defendant is compelled to wait long ages that necessary for vindication, but that the innocent rights of mankind. It behooves those who take that position not to trace their rights too far into antiquity.

"Time was, historians tell us, when those gatherings of freeholders, which were later called juries, considered that deciding the fact of guilt or innocence was not for mortal minds. They, too, determined whether the accused should be tried, but to be tried was to be condemned, for the trial was by ordeal. A man might be required to walk three paces with a piece of red hot iron in his hand. Who better than the defendant, if of three days he had a blister 'as large as half a walnut,' for then he was guilty. If the iron left no mark, he was innocent, but he was banished from his country as a penalty for having been suspected.

"From which it appears that the Grand Jury's part is not unimpeachable. What about its present?"

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MECHANICS' HOME BENEFITS

Gets \$1800 in Legacy Left by William H. Wilson, an Inmate

William H. Wilson, who died in the Hayes Mechanics' Home, leaves all his \$1800 estate to that home, according to the terms of his will probated today. The \$1800 goes to his niece, Hester E. Engle.

Hans Weniger, of 1010 South Fifty-first street, Arch street private banker, leaves all of a \$48,000 estate to his widow, Bertha E. Weniger. Sophia C. Caldwell, 1180 Chestnut street, who died March 15, left an estate of \$130,000, most of which goes to a daughter, Elizabeth Caldwell Hetherington. Charles W. Ferguson, who died in the Friends' Asylum, left an estate valued at \$25,000.

Letters were granted today to administer the \$11,000 estate of Samuel Stern, who died in the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital. The following inventories in personal estates were filed: Charles Shick, \$20,951.61; George E. Rhoademaker, \$31,230.92; Anthony Knauer, \$26,000.42; Anna H. Kingsbury, \$6,400.18; and Jesse W. Ringrose, \$74,100.11.

TO BURY "OLD HERMIT"

Cost of Patrick McIntosh's Funeral Will Be Made Good by Neighbors

Patrick McIntosh, known as the "Old Hermit," who was found dead a few days ago in an cabin in Alden, where he had lived alone for years, will be buried today. The cost of the funeral will be defrayed by persons in Clifton Heights and Alden.

During the years that he lived in Alden, McIntosh talked little about himself except when the subject of his war in the British army in India was taken up. He would then grow enthusiastic and recount many a tale of the gallant days of his youth, when he fought through a mutiny in India.

Improving Speech

DAOMAR PERKINS, A. B.

President of the National Association to Improve Speech, who says that pure beauty of English speech must be guarded by wise teaching for the young. Miss Perkins is a member of the faculty at Bryn Mawr College.

Sproul to Be Canadians' Guest

Harrisburg, March 23.—(By A. P.)—Governor Sproul will be a guest of honor at the banquet of Canada Week at the Association of Commerce in Chicago April 7. Sir John Borden, who was Premier of Canada for years, will be a speaker.

BIRD SHIELDS BROOD WHILE FIRE RAGES

Mother Pigeon Refuses to Quit Nest as Melrose Street Garage Burns

TEN AUTOS ARE DESTROYED

Though flames crackled near, and choking smoke hung over her nest, a mother pigeon with a brood of four could not be driven out to safety last night when fire destroyed the garage of the Northeast Sales Company, Inc., 4705 Melrose street, and menaced nearby properties.

All night, with smoke still making the "pigeon loft" untenable for the other birds, the mother remained with her babies, striving to shield them from it with her outspread wings.

This morning, when the other pigeons were perching on roofs unwilling to return to the stifling loft, the mother bird was still on the job, and both she and her little ones seemed none the worse for their terrifying night.

Walter Povick, 4705 Stiles street, who owns the pigeons, craved in with water and food for the brood. The mother bird took it gratefully, but without leaving the nest, and eagerly studied the upturned beaks of the four young, who are but two days old.

The only casualties at the fire were among the pigeons. Povick and his neighbor, John Guttenah, 4745 Stiles street, both houses in the rear of the burned garage, are pigeon fanciers. When the fire began to rage fiercely at the midnight last night, their first thought

MOORESTOWN IS HAUGHTY

It's Going to Leave Mappentoad Flat Like "Orphan Annie"

Thomas J. Barlow, member of the Joint Bridge Commission and grand official agent of Maple Shade, N. J., scattered olive branches lavishly at a publicly meeting of the township of Moorestown, for its haughty neighbor, Moorestown, is to become a township of its own.

"It's going to be an awful job," said Mr. Barlow, referring to the fight that must be made to prevent Moorestown from carrying off the choice records and titles of Chester Township, "and we cannot win unless there is harmony."

FINDS ANTIQUE NEEDLES

Leiperville Man Discovers Them in Cushion Probably 180 Years Old

A package of needles that probably were made more than 180 years ago was found in an old cushion yesterday by William Worrall, of Leiperville.

Mr. Worrall, while looking through some articles which had belonged to his grandparents and which had apparently been in the family for many generations, found the package.

Finding an older cover under the outer covering, he made an examination and found four covers, one over the other. The oldest was of an early Colonial pattern.

Under that he found a package containing about 300 needles. Nearly all of them were in good condition.

Man Badly Hurt by Truck

A five-ton truck struck Charfiant Frank, aged fifty-five, of 3046 Oakdale street, at Thirty-first street and Le-

KILLS HIMSELF IN ROOM

Reese Street Man Uses Shotgun to End Life

Leaving no word of explanation of his act, George Bindinger, thirty-eight, early today committed suicide, according to the police, by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun. Bindinger took his life in his room at 3041 North Reese street. He was pronounced dead by Dr. Lindsey, of the Episcopal Hospital.

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