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JUDGE K. M. LANDIS IMPEACHED IN HOUSE

Representative Frow Ohio Charges High Crimes

SENATOR DIAL COMES BACK

Impeachment Charge Laid Before Judiciary Committee of the House While Dial Flays the Judge in the Senate Chamber.

Washington, Feb. 15.—On charges of high crimes and misdemeanors, Federal Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, of Chicago, was impeached in the House of Representatives today by Representative Welty, Democrat, of Ohio, because of his acceptance of the office of supreme arbiter of baseball while still serving on the bench.

In taking this step the Ohio member swept aside an opinion by Attorney General Palmer that Judge Landis was within the law, and that there was no law making such acceptance a crime, either misdemeanor or felony. The opinion was rendered recently by the attorney general on the written request of Mr. Welty, who had questioned the judge's right to hold both positions.

Before proceeding to the floor of the House where his charges were read, Mr. Welty refused a request by Senator Dial, Democrat, of South Carolina, to include in the general indictment statements attributed to Judge Landis in refusing to send to jail a young Ottawa, Illinois, bank clerk because of the belief that officials of the bank were responsible for the clerk's speculation by failure to pay him a living wage.

Dial to Make Charge
Senator Dial on receiving the Ohio representative's refusal announced he would file complaint against Judge Landis with the department of justice and later in the day attacked the Chicago jurist on the floor of the Senate, describing him as a "freak" and a "crank." The South Carolina senator characterized Judge Landis' statement that the Ottawa bank clerk's employers were in a measure responsible for the youth's theft of \$96,000 as "the most bolshevik doctrine I ever heard," and added that if the action taken by the judge in paroling the clerk amounted to encouragement of such acts as those of the clerk "it is striking at the foundations of our government."

There was no comment in the House when Mr. Welty concluded the reading of a formal indictment of Judge Landis. On his own motion, as is customary in such proceedings, the indictment was referred to the judiciary committee, without debate. Less than a third of the members present voted, and a number of scattering voices were lifted in opposition. Nobody asked for a rising vote. Representative Sheppard, Democrat, of Ohio, sitting on the front row, clapped his hands, but otherwise there was no indication as to how the House felt.

The next step will be by Mr. Welty, who will appear possibly this week, before the judiciary committee, with such witnesses as he sees fit to call, to amplify his charges. The committee will then decide whether to go ahead with the case. It has the power to dismiss the charges, and so report to the House, and adoption of such a report would exonerate Judge Landis of the charges preferred by Mr. Welty.

Answers Landis' Attack
Senator Dial answered the attack made by Judge Landis on him in a speech at Des Moines last Saturday night.

"He shows by his reply," the senator added, "that he is not constituted by temperament to exercise the duties of judge."

Declaring he would not be "altered" by Judge Landis' assertions which he said were in error insofar as the cotton mill with which he was connected was accused of trying to upset the child labor law. A mill in another state, Senator Dial said, brought the invalidation suit.

Senator Dial said that Judge Landis was "trying to bring down ridicule by attacking him personally. Such an attack, Senator Dial said was 'un-

F. M. DONNAN DEAD

Former Resident of Watts Mills Village Died at His Home in Greenville. Francis Mason Donnan, a native of this county and for many years connected with the Watts Mills of this city as overseer, died at his home in Greenville Friday night following an illness of but a few days of pneumonia. The body was brought to this city Sunday morning and interment took place at Sandy Springs cemetery, the services being conducted by his Greenville pastor, Rev. P. L. Bouknight, of the Judson Methodist church. For the past six years Mr. Donnan had been cloth-room overseer of the Judson mill and was highly regarded in mill circles in Greenville as well as in his home county. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church and attended its services regularly. He was 55 years of age and survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary E. Donnan, who lived with him in Greenville; two sons J. M. Donnan, clerk in the store of J. C. Burns & Company here, and R. C. Donnan of Greenville; one daughter, Mrs. R. B. Todd, of Darlington; three sisters, Mrs. E. H. Garrett, of Gray Court, Mrs. J. O. Davis, of Greenville, Mrs. J. W. Peterson, of the Tylersville section of this county; and six brothers, R. T. Donnan, of Greenville, F. L. G. C. and J. W. Donnan, of Laurens, Dr. J. L. Donnan, of the Boyds mill section, and G. W. Donnan, of Asheville.

MRS. ALICE VANCE

Resident of Lower Section of Greenville County Passed Away Feb. 14th.

Owings, Feb. 11.—Mrs. Alice Davenport Vance died at her home in the lower part of Greenville county on the night of February 4, aged 67. She had been in declining health for the past twelve months, having gone to Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore for treatment on two occasions.

Mrs. Vance was a consistent member of the Bethesda Methodist church, having united with that church when very young. Throughout her life Mrs. Vance was known for her Christian qualities, and her death removes an active church worker from the community in which she lived.

Fifty years ago last Christmas day Mrs. Vance became the wife of Samuel G. Vance. He, with the following children survive her: Mrs. Lena Traynham, Mrs. Emma Chapman, Mrs. J. H. Kelly, Mrs. Lee Peden, Miss Willa Vance and Messrs. William Vance, Zeb Vance, Frank Vance and Sam Vance. There are also fifteen grandchildren surviving.

Funeral services were held at the church on the day following her death, being conducted by the Rev. J. H. Washington, of Pelzer.

Prayer Service at Gray Court

The Ladies' societies of Dials, Dorroh Presbyterian, Gray Court Baptist and Gray Court Methodist churches will observe jointly the special day of prayer for missions, Friday, February 18th, the meeting to be held in Gray Court Methodist church beginning at 2 p. m.

Appropriate talks will be made by Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Watts, volunteer missionaries for foreign work, and by Revs. C. T. Squires, George Hopkins, and C. W. Watson. Everyone interested is invited to be present.

John M. Finney Dead

Friends here of Mr. John M. Finney, who formerly conducted the Finney boarding house here, will be sorry to learn of his death, which occurred at the home of his sister, Mrs. Carrie Chandler, in Clinton, last Monday. Interment took place at Hurricane cemetery Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Finney had been in ill health since he was stricken with influenza about a year ago at the same time that his wife died. For the past few months he has been living in Clinton with his sisters, Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. J. I. Adair.

Charged With Wife Desertion

Magistrate Wright issued a warrant yesterday for H. D. Young, a white man who has been at the Laurens mill for several weeks, charging him with the desertion of his wife, the wife herself being the prosecuting witness. According to her statement, her husband left her a few days ago, saying that he would return a few minutes later and that he has not heard from him since. They have been married for four years, she states, and were living at Clinton before moving to Laurens.

GREENSBORO CONCERN LEASES PRINCESS THEATRE

Hill's Theatres, Incorporated, With Hill's Theatre's Incorporated, with Nine Other Amusement Places, Leases Local Play-House.

Hill's Theatres, Inc., of Greensboro, N. C., has leased the Princess Theatre, both equipment and premises, from Messrs. Lee Bros. & Switzer, according to an announcement authorized by the latter yesterday. Mr. B. B. Stanford, a representative of the new lessees, arrived in the city Monday and will take active charge of the theatre tomorrow.

Closes For Several Days

In order to re-arrange the interior of the theatre, to install new equipment including a new screen and to begin with its full program the theatre will be closed tomorrow until Tuesday, when the opening program will be Norma Talmadge in "The Woman Gives," followed by one of the latest comedies.

Mr. Roland G. Hill, president of the corporation, or one of his principal assistants is expected in the city the latter part of the week or the first of next week to go over the local situation and map out plans for the future conduct of the amusement place. The new concern has nine other theatres scattered over North and South Carolina, its principal place of business being Greensboro, where it has booking offices and two theatres.

Mr. Stanford, who comes here directly from Gaffney, has been in the theatre business for a number of years. His home is in Asheville, but he came here from Gaffney. Speaking of the plans of his concern yesterday, he said that they had not been entirely perfected but it was the policy of his concern to give the public the very best pictures that are produced by the best producers because they had always found that this policy pays in the long run. With each feature, he said, they will run a comedy from the best companies, including the Mack Sennett comedies, "Fatty" Arbuckle, Larry Seaman, Hank Mann and other such notables. Tuesday and Thursdays will be Paramount feature nights while Wednesdays and Saturday the serials would be in order, but that pictures pleasing to every taste would be shown on every night. The Paramount pictures, he said, would be of the 1921 series and the very biggest pictures that the company puts out.

Post Office Closed At Night

Patrons of the post office who have been accustomed to getting their evening mail after it is put up each night or who have been wont to mail late letters for the morning trains have been up in arms during the past week on account of a ruling of the postmaster general ordering the post office closed and locked after the last mail is put up each night. The order went into effect last week and many people were considerably chagrined upon their arrival at the building to find it "air-tight," as Justice Landis would say. Postmaster Sullivan states that he is not responsible for the closing order, which has been sent out all over the country, and that he tried to get it rescinded so far as it affects the Laurens office. The object of the order, so it is understood, is to minimize the dangers of burglary.

Bridge Tournament Monday

The Ladies' Bridge Club, composed largely of young matrons of the city, has arranged to have a bridge tournament next Monday afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Caine, on South Harper street, in the interest of the Chinese Relief fund. All Bridge players of the city are invited to be present. The afternoon game will start at 3:30 o'clock and the admission fee will be 25 cents. The evening game will start at 8 o'clock and an admission fee of 50 cents will be charged then. The tournament will be for young and older people as well and it is expected that a large number of people will be present, both to enjoy the games and to help in the charitable cause.

To Attend Tri-State Meeting

Quite a number of the medical profession are planning to leave this morning for Spartanburg to attend the annual meeting of the Tri-State Medical association. Among them will be Dr. and Mrs. Rolf E. Hughes, Miss Julia Irby, Dr. R. R. Walker, Dr. C. P. Vincent, Dr. W. D. Ferguson and probably others from this place besides Dr. W. T. Pace, of Gray Court.

CLINTON WANTS MEMBER ON HIGHWAY BOARD

Commercial Club Expresses Deep Disappointment in the Neglect of Lower Part of County.

At the meeting of the Clinton Commercial club, held last Monday night, "deep disappointment" was expressed in a resolution "in the neglect of the lower part of Laurens county in the matter of highway construction," according to a report of the meeting in the last issue of The Clinton Chronicle. As a means of relief, the county delegation was asked to recommend the appointment by the governor of one member of the commission from the lower part of the county and the offices of the chamber were proffered in selecting a suitable representative.

After reporting that it had succeeded in securing a promise from the county delegation of an appropriation of \$30,000 for the building of a bridge over Duncan's Creek and for the improvement of the Musgrove road on which the bridge is located, the committee appointed to appear before the delegation on that matter, reported further, as follows:

"The Clinton Commercial Club wishes to place on record its extreme disappointment in the neglect of the lower part of Laurens County in the matter of highway construction, and in view of the fact that the three lower townships are not represented on the Highway Commission, we ask that the Laurens county delegation recommend to the governor the appointment of at least one representative from the lower part of the county on the Laurens County Highway Commission, to be effective at the earliest possible date, in order that the lower part of the county may have some voice in the construction of highways in the county."

We also wish to go on record as unanimously endorsing the bill now in the legislature, appropriating \$20,000 for the construction of the Musgrove road, but wish to express our desire that in the event of this appropriation being made for the Musgrove road, that the money either be spent under the direction of the County Supervisor and County Commissioners, or else that a special Musgrove Highway Commission be appointed, made up of the citizens of Clinton and of the county section through which the highway is to be built, which commission is made with a view to making the money go as far as possible, and with a view to securing the best possible road available for the money. By this latter method very considerable co-operation can be secured from the property owners in this region.

This club will be glad to co-operate in the selection of the commission for the Musgrove highway, if its judgment in the matter is approved, and if our petition in regard to the appointment of a lower county member on the Highway Commission of the county is approved, the Clinton Commercial Club would be glad to nominate a man of experience, ability and integrity for the place.

The committee also incorporated in its report the following resolution in regard to a "Capitol to Capitol Highway" paralleling the Seaboard railroad:

Resolved: "That the Clinton Commercial Club extend an invitation to the mayors of the towns on the Seaboard Air Line from Athens, Ga., to Rockingham, N. C., inclusive, and to a representative of the leading commercial body of each of those towns, and to each member of the Laurens County Delegation to the General Assembly, and to the Laurens County Supervisor, and to the Laurens County Highway Commission, and to the head of the State Highway Commissions of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, to be the guests of the Clinton Commercial club at our May meeting and the entire time of the club after the banquet be devoted to discussion of ways and means for scouting out and popularizing and constructing a highway to connect the Capitol-to-Capitol Highway at Rockingham, N. C., by paralleling the Seaboard Air Line, with the Washington and Atlanta Highway at Athens, Ga."

At Hickory Tavern

There will be an entertainment and play "Cupid's Joke," given by the pupils of Hickory Tavern on Friday night, February 18th, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. Admission 10c and 15c.

HOSPITAL CLOSES

Julia Irby Sanitarium Will Not Continue in Operation.

Announcement was made last week by Miss Julia Irby that the hospital which she has conducted in the old Irby mansion for several years would be closed. No further patients were taken after last Monday morning. Miss Irby states that the patronage of the hospital does not justify her in keeping it open and that while she regretted to do so she would have to close it. People of the community deeply regret the closing of this institution and some way may be found to guarantee its continuance.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT LOSES VALUABLE EQUIPMENT

Fire Destroys Maintenance Barn and Equipment Saturday About Noon.

Two large trucks, a smaller truck and a small caterpillar tractor besides other supplies were practically destroyed about noon Saturday when the frame and sheet iron building of the state highway maintenance department just on the outskirts of town on the Waterloo road was destroyed by fire. The three trucks were a part of the equipment turned over to the county by the federal government for highway work and the small tractor was the property of the county. The total loss was in the neighborhood of \$10,000, unless the machinery can be reclaimed to better advantage than now seems possible.

It is not known how the fire originated, but it was first discovered in the region where the oils and gasoline were kept. On account of the distance from the water system, the fire department which was called to the scene could not render any assistance.

Supervisor Watts said that the destruction of the equipment will seriously cripple the road maintenance work as the road force is already over-taxed on account of the heavy rains and lack of funds.

Attended Funeral of Judge Gage

Judge R. C. Watts, Mr. W. L. Gray and Mr. H. C. Rohr, who has been visiting in the city for a few days, attended the funeral of Judge Geo. W. Gage in Chester yesterday. A very close friendship existed between the two associate justices, Watts and Gage, and they were known to be almost inseparable during the sittings of the supreme court in Columbia. Judge Watts was very much affected by the death of his friend and associate on the bench and spoke in the highest terms of the exemplary qualities of the dead jurist. Mr. Gray was a class-mate at Wofford of Judge Gage and has seen much of him in church work. Mr. Rohr conducted a hotel in Chester before coming to Laurens and was a close friend and admirer of Judge Gage, who was on the circuit bench at that time.

Mrs. J. H. Parks Dead

Friends here of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parks, who lived here for several years, were very sorry to learn last week of the death of Mrs. Parks, which took place at Anderson Wednesday. The funeral was held at Greenwood Thursday, being conducted by Dr. E. J. Smith, pastor of the South Main Street Baptist church. Mr. Parks is a brother of Mrs. H. B. Kennedy, of this city, and has many friends here who sympathize with him in his bereavement.

Chautauqua May 13

Mr. L. G. Balle, secretary of the Chautauqua association, has received notice from the bureau headquarters that the opening date for Laurens will be May 13th. The letter states that a very attractive program has been arranged for this year, full announcement of which will be sent later. According to The Clinton Chronicle, the opening date at that place will be April 23rd.

No More Pigs

Announcement has been made by the local board of health that the ruling made during the war allowing the raising of pigs within the city limits has been withdrawn and owners of porkers are advised to make arrangements accordingly.

Play at Green Pond

The play, "The Heir of Mt. Vernon" will be given at Green Pond schoolhouse on Tuesday evening, February 22nd, beginning at 8 o'clock. A small admission will be charged. The public is cordially invited to attend.

JUSTICE GAGE DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Supreme Court Justice Passes to Reward

DEATH FOLLOWED LONG ILLNESS

Death of Associate Justice Geo. W. Gage at Chester Sunday was the Second Death on the State Supreme Court Bench within the Month.

Chester, Feb. 13. (Special to The State).—Associate Justice George William Gage of the supreme court of South Carolina died at his home in Chester on York street this afternoon at 6 o'clock, after an illness of four weeks. Judge Gage has been seriously ill for several days but yesterday he appeared brighter and had a good night and his family entertained hope for his recovery. However, this afternoon he became desperately ill and expired within a short time.

The funeral services will be held in this city Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock after which the remains will be laid to rest in the family plot in Evergreen cemetery.

His four sons and a son-in-law will act as the pallbearers.

Judge Gage is survived by his widow, four sons and one daughter: Robert Gage and George W. Gage, Jr., of Chester; Gaston Gage, a student at Clemson college, and Dr. Lucius Gage of Charlotte, N. C., and Mrs. Ladson Fishburne of Walterboro.

He is survived by two brothers, Edward J. Gage of Greenville and Victor S. Gage of Birmingham, Ala., and one sister, Miss Grace N. Gage, of Union, and a number of grandchildren. Dr. Lucius Gaston of Birmingham, brother-in-law of Judge Gage, has been with him during his illness.

Judge Gage was born February 4, 1856, near Fairforest, Union county, S. C. His parents were Robert J. and Martha (Williams) Gage. His father was a planter who was noted for his kindness of heart, cleanness of intellect and sound judgment. He was a member of the general assembly from Union county and in 1883 he served on the board of visitors of the South Carolina Military academy. His mother, though an invalid nearly all her life, was a woman of fine intellectual endowments, remarkable social charms and deep piety. She was a great help to her children in their studies, even after they reached the higher grades, and was kind and helpful to all to whom she could render service.

The first paternal ancestor in this country was John Gage, who came from Colerane, Ireland. His father was Robert Gage, who lived and died in the old country. John Gage located in Philadelphia in 1800, and two years later removed to Union, S. C. He was the father of Robert J. Gage. On the maternal side, the first ancestor in America was Richard Williams, who came from Glamorganshire, Wales, and was living in Taunton, Mass., in 1637. Edward Williams, father of Martha Williams Gage, was fifth in the line of descent from him.

For a long period this branch of the Williams family resided in Maine, and several of its members were prominent in public affairs.

In childhood and youth George Gage lived in the country. His health was delicate, but his tastes were for outdoor work and sport, and being much in the open air gave him increased bodily vigor. The devastation caused by the Confederate war placed the family in limited circumstances and made it necessary for him, at a comparatively early age, to take up the various kinds of work which a boy on the farm is able to perform. This experience taught him "the value of doing things for one's self," and proved of great benefit in later years. From 1864 to 1871 he attended the inferior schools which at that time the country supplied. In the year last named he entered Wofford college from which institution he was graduated in the summer of 1875 with the degree of A. B. In the following October he entered the employ of the Carolina Savings bank of Charleston, where he remained for three years. Afterward he studied law at Vanderbilt university from which institution he was graduated in 1880 with the de-

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