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M'NAMARAS PLEAD GUILTY AS CHARGED

J. B. Admits Dynamiting Times.

TOOK DARROW'S ADVICE

Brother Confesses to Llewellyn Iron Foundry Job.

WILL NOT GET FULL PENALTY

Belief Prevails That Judge Bordwell Will Not Condemn James To Gallows and That John Will Not Draw Life Sentence.

History of Crime Which Led to Arrest of Ironworkers' Union Officials--Burns, Otis and Gomers Talk.

Los Angeles, Dec. 2.—James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to the murder of Charles Haggerty by dynamiting. John J. McNamara entered a plea of guilty to the charge of dynamiting the Llewellyn iron works.

Both men withdrew previous pleas of not guilty.

Judge Bordwell came into court with a rush. He advanced to the bench, slammed down a book and his notes and sat down with a frown on his face. As is his custom, he entered the case "The People of the State of California vs. J. B. McNamara, charged with murder. Defendant in court. Are you ready to proceed, gentlemen?"

Just previous to his entrance to courtroom Judge Bordwell had called the district attorney into conference with him. Evidently the district attorney had told him what the developments were.

LeCompte Davis of counsel for the defense arose from his chair as the judge finished his statement. He said:

"After long consideration of this case, if it pleases your honor and after consulting with counsel in this case, we have come to the conclusion that we shall enter a plea of guilty."

There was a stir in the courtroom as Mr. Davis finished his brief statement. Then the district attorney went to his seat, stepped over to the judge's bench and asked the court for the indictment in the case.

"You have heretofore pleaded not guilty to this indictment, have you not, Mr. J. B. McNamara?" "I have," was the brief reply.

"How do you now wish to plead to this charge?" asked the district attorney. James B. McNamara's face paled as never before under the stress of the situation. "Guilty," he replied.

Directing his attention once more to the court, the district attorney asked if he wished at this time to set the date for sentence. Judge Bordwell looked at the district attorney, glanced at his calendar and then to McNamara, and said: "I fix the date for pronouncing judgment at 10 o'clock Tuesday, Dec. 5."

J. J. McNamara then was summoned before the bench. District Attorney Fredericks read from indictment No. 6955. He said:

"John J. McNamara, you are charged with the crime of exploding or attempting to explode dynamite in or near the Llewellyn iron works, etc. Do you wish to withdraw your plea of not guilty?" McNamara, who stood with bowed head, responded in little more than a whisper, "I do."

"Do you plead guilty or not guilty to this indictment?" "Guilty," was the low response from the prisoner.

Judge Bordwell then set the date of sentence at 10 o'clock Tuesday, when J. B. McNamara also will be sentenced.

When the McNamara brothers came before the court next Tuesday to learn of their punishment the Times dynamite case will have come to an end so far as they are concerned. All of the other indictments against them will be dismissed, according to an agreement between the district attorney's office and the attorneys for the defense. District Attorney Fredericks and Attorney Le-

Compte Davis are authority for this. It developed that the district attorney took the initiative in the arrangement by which the McNamara brothers were to plead guilty to one indictment each and thereby escape prosecution on the other remaining charges.

John J. McNamara did not actually place dynamite under the Llewellyn works, but is so charged as an accessory.

Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the defense, said: "I have saved a human life out of the wreckage."

JOHN J. McNAMARA

Admits Complicity In Blowing Up of Iron Foundry.



Photo by American Press Association.

hope, I do not believe that the judge will sentence him to death. His life is the best that I can expect. For six months I have carried a terrible burden. We have sought every possible loophole and have tried our best to grope our way out of the maze, but about two weeks ago I discovered from the county authorities the evidence which they had. In addition to their evidence I had further facts which, if they had discovered, would have only added to the hopelessness of Jim's plight.

"Jim is going to tell the press all of the facts at a later time, although I do not like to ask him to do so now. The county had a dead end and shut case against us. I am very tired and worn and can not talk at this time as I have been under a terrific strain for the past few weeks. Indeed, I will never be able to describe the ordeal through which I have passed. It was a terrific strain."

Deputy District Attorney Horton said: "The chief consideration that appeals to me is the economic. By getting pleas of guilty the county is saved a great expense without the complication of a controversy as to whether the big fund has been wisely expended. If we had convicted the men people would have claimed that they were railroaded. Labor leaders all over the country would have called the trial 'the crime of the century.' There was an opportunity to silence everybody and also to save a large sum for the county. Although the court could sentence McNamara to be hanged, it seems to me that the least we can do for a man who has saved us a lot of money is to spare his life. While it is an unusual thing for a man to plead guilty to a crime punishable by death, in this case the fact will be considered and will save J. B. McNamara's life."

Asked about McNamara, Mr. Horton said: "He will have to take his medicine with the rest. He won't go free. Probably he will plead guilty to the indictment charging him with exploding dynamite at the Baker iron works and will be sentenced for that."

Joseph Scott of counsel for the defense said: "When we first broached to little Jim the plan for having John plead guilty he said: 'I won't stand for it. I won't let you fasten anything onto my big brother. I am the boy who did everything.'"

"I told him that if he took that stand in regard to John there was every chance that he would go to the gallows. But I also told him that if John pooled his interests with Jim they might be let off easily. In order to make it strong with Jim, I asked, 'You would cut a pretty figure on the gallows.'"

"He said: 'If I have to go to the gallows I won't be ashamed of the figure that I cut because I will be

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MRS. ELIZA BURKS

Dies At The Home Of Her Daughter, Mrs. Barrett, In Owensboro, Last Tuesday Morning--Burial At Addison.

Mrs. Eliza S. Burks, widow of the late John Burks, died last Tuesday morning 1:05 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Barrett, in Owensboro. Her death was caused from Bright's disease, after an illness lasting since last September.

Mrs. Burks was seventy-eight years of age and had resided in Owensboro only since her illness, having gone there from Louisville and her old home at Addison. She was a member of one of the oldest and best families of Kentucky.

The remains were taken to Addison Wednesday for burial and were accompanied by her children, who were met here by Mrs. Ed. Oglesby and Miss Lizzie Skillman.

The deceased is survived by two other children besides Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. N. B. Tyler and Mr. John Burks, of Louisville.

Miss Annie Murphy Dead.

As the News goes to press a telegram was received by Mrs. Eugene Kingsbury, announcing the death of her sister, Miss Annie Murphy. She was stricken Monday with paralysis and died that night at 11 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. T. Upton, in Chicago.

The remains were expected to arrive here from Chicago last night, after which arrangements will be made for the funeral.

Besides Mrs. Kingsbury, Miss Murphy leaves another sister, Mrs. Tom Watkins, of St. Joseph, Mo.

Achilles Moorman Dead.

Achilles Moorman, one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of Meade county, died Friday morning at his home at Big Spring. He had been ill several months, but was confined to his bed only a week.

Mr. Moorman's birthday was the thirtieth of this month and he would have been seventy-four years old. He is survived by a wife, one daughter, Myrtle, and two sons, James Moorman, of Big Spring, and Raymond Moorman, of Louisville. Besides the children, he leaves three brothers, John Moorman, of California, Matt Moorman, of Texas, and Roy Moorman, of Tennessee, two sisters, Mrs. Judge Board, of Hardinsburg, and Mrs. Margaret Talbott, of Big Spring. The burial took place Saturday afternoon in the family burying ground.

Sells Farm To Son.

Lillard Johnson has sold his farm to his son, Jas L. Johnson, and has bought the Toll Gate Place on the pike and has moved there. His son, John B. Johnson, of Louisville, spent Thanksgiving with him. He has a good job at the L. & N. railroad shops in that city.

Officers Of Farmers' Union.

The Farmers Union of Breckenridge County at the recent meeting elected officers as follows: W. M. Cundiff, of West View, president; Wm. Snyder, vice president; J. W. Willis, secretary and treasurer; John Kennedy, Chas. Bruington and Wm. Adkisson, directors.

Thanksgiving At Cloverport Hotel.

Thanksgiving dinner at the Cloverport Hotel is always a feast and Thursday's menu surpassed any previously enjoyed by the boarders. Plates were laid for twenty-three, besides Mr. and Mrs. Pate had for their guests, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Randall, Prof. Tanner, Mrs. Tanner and Hugh Tanner.

Rooster Still Proud.

A rooster belonging to Mr. John Cox, one of the staunchest Democrats of the county, is still carrying his head high and spreading his feathers. Mr. Cox said at twelve o'clock the night before the election this rooster crowed three times and he knew then McCreary would win.

Miss Oglesby Improved.

Miss Kate Oglesby is expected home from Owensboro this week after a very pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Briedenbach. Her health is much better.

SIX GOVERNORS

Will Participate In The Inauguration Of Governor James B. McCreary December The Twelfth At Frankfort.

One Governor of Kentucky, a Governor elect and four ex-Governors of this Commonwealth will participate in the inauguration of James H. McCreary December 12 at Frankfort.

The ex-Governors are Simon Boliver Buckner, Senator W. O. Bradley, J. C. W. Beckham and Mr. McCreary. Of course the Governor who will participate is Governor Willson and it is probably the only time in the history of any state in the Union when so many ex-Governors took part in the inauguration of a Governor. Former Governors Buckner, Bradley and Beckham will occupy a carriage and be in the inaugural parade with Governor Willson and Governor-elect McCreary.

The inaugural parade will be the largest and most impressive ever seen in this state. It will come near being a military pageant, as the entire State militia will participate along with thousands of ex-Coated rate soldiers dressed in gray uniforms if that number can get to this city and members of Democratic Marching Clubs and young men's Democratic clubs from every large city in this state will be invited to participate in the parade.—Stanford Interior Journal.

Welling-Rodman.

Cannelton, Ind., Nov. 29.—The engagement is announced of Miss Margherita Welling, of South Bend, to Lee Rodman, of this city, the marriage to be celebrated on Saturday, December 16. Miss Welling is a graduate of Colorado college, at Colorado Springs, and was for two years teacher of Latin in the Cannelton high school. Mr. Rodman is vice president of the Indiana cotton mills, having assumed active management of the plant in 1906, coming to Cannelton from Louisville, his home.

Quail Supper At Brown's.

The young society men of this city gave a quail supper at Brown's Thanksgiving night at 9 o'clock. The occasion was the largest and most elaborate affair of this season and a delicious menu was served. The table was attractively set and plates were laid for the following: Miss Lula Sevens and Mr. Allen Pierce, Miss Cleona Weatherholt and Mr. Lafe Behen, Miss Louise Babbage and Mr. Vivian Pierce, Miss Rebecca Willis and Mr. A. Buffington, Miss Eva Plank and Dr. McDonald, Miss Edith Plank and Mr. Paul Lewis, Miss Ray Heysler and Dr. Hillary Boone, Miss Martha Willis and Mr. Marion Denton.

After the ices were served the young men had cigars and during their smoke the girls gave their personal thanks in accordance with the day. One wound up the happy event by saying she was thankful for a beau.

Prominent Young Physician To Marry Louisville Girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lahmann, of Louisville, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss L. Mee Lahmann, to Dr. M. O. Robertson, of Glen Dean. The wedding will take place at the Lahmann home December the fourteenth. Dr. Robertson is a member of one of the best families of Breckenridge and is a prosperous young physician.

Birthday Party.

W. I. Taul, of Free, was given a most delightful surprise party on Dec. 2nd, in honor of his thirty-ninth birthday. Mr. T. N. Hawkins, a friend and relative of the family, was present, it being his fiftieth birthday.

Those present were: William McGovern and daughters, Catherine and Lucy, and son, Prof. James McGovern; John T. Matthews, wife and little son, Marcus; W. O. Pate, wife and three children, Earl, Ethel and Arthur; E. T. Pate and wife; T. M. Bates, wife and daughters, Misses Minnie, Lillie and Bessie, and little son, Jesse; T. L. Ryan, wife and children, Mary, William and Pauline; George L. Taul and wife; W. A. Basham, wife and daughters, Misses Myra and Pearl, and son, Marvin; Gideon French, Misses Nellie and Clara Brown, Miss Jennie Bates, W. B. Taul and George Keown, of Fordsville.

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A most delicious dinner was served. The table was beautifully arranged and was as pretty as the writer has ever had the pleasure to see, besides it was loaded down with the best of everything to eat. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent by the guests in conversation and with music. Many good stories were told by W. A. Basham, T. M. Bates and others. Mr. Gideon French, the clever Tar Springs artist, was present and made a photograph of the company.

Altogether, a pleasant day was spent by all present and we all hope Mr. Taul will have many happy birthdays like this.—A Friend.

NEW BANK WILL BE OPENED AT WEST POINT

Mr. Wm. Hayes, of Henry county, has been at West Point for the past ten days, soliciting stock to open a new bank, to take the place of the defunct Kentucky and Indiana Bank. Mr. Hayes has met with good success, and several of the influential citizens inform us that there is an excellent prospect of the bank being established. Mr. Hayes says that he has succeeded in placing sufficient stock among the citizens of the town to start a bank upon a good footing, and it is probable that the bank will be opened for business January 1, 1912. West Point is in need of a bank at the present time, and when the Salt river bridge is completed and the Lincoln and Jackson Way is built, the growth of the town will consequently increase, and the bank then will be an absolute necessity.—Etown Mirror.

Week Of Prayer Observed.

"The Week of Prayer" was observed jointly by the Womans Foreign Missionary Societies of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches in an all day service last Tuesday. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. V. G. Babbage. The splendid program which was so successfully presented, was due to her careful and diligent planning. The theme for the week was "Advancement."

Four Bible studies were given. One by each of the following persons: Mrs. V. G. Babbage, Mrs. R. B. Pierce, Mrs. H. A. Oelze and Miss Laura Satterfield.

Mrs. Pierce made reference to the fact that this first union service was on the anniversary of the birthday of her mother, who was a member of the Presbyterian society, the first society organized in Cloverport.

Each of the societies presented a report of the progress of its own work, local and connectional. The field emphasized by the Baptists was China. They contribute to the support of a scholarship in the school where Miss Mary Moorman is teaching. The Methodists are working for the establishment of a girls' school in Rio, Brazil. The Presbyterians are doing special work in Korea.

Among the number of good things on the program was a fine paper by Miss Laura Satterfield on "Faith". Also a paper by Mrs. Leonard Oelze on World Wide Missions. The prayer led by the president, Mrs. Babbage, was deeply impressive. It was beautiful and fervent and full of inspiration.

A nice lunch was served by the ladies of the Methodist society at the noon hour. Greetings were sent to Mrs. W. G. Hardaway, a former officer. The singing was especially good. Misses Fannie Smith and Mildred Babbage presided at the piano. The offerings were highly gratifying.

DRURY--FONTAINE

Pretty Church Wedding At Bewleyville--Bridal Party Entertained Handsomely at Brandenburg.

Irvington, Ky., Dec. 5.—(Special) —The wedding of Miss Alberta Moremen Drury to Mr. Edward B. Fontaine was beautifully solemnized Wednesday afternoon, November 29, at 3 o'clock at the First Methodist church at Bewleyville.

The altar was banked in ferns, palms and plumosa and presented a pleasing picture. The bride in full bridal costume and carrying a shower bouquet of bride's roses, entered the church with her maid of honor, Miss Willa Jeanette Drury, who was dressed in white with touches of pink and carried pink carnations. They were preceded by the bridesmaids, Misses Bessie Foote and Essie Kendall, also in white with touches of pink and carried pink carnations. The groom entered the church with Mr. Jas. S. Younger, his best man, and was preceded to the altar by the ushers, Mr. Edgar Hardaway and Mr. Wathen Drury.

A most beautiful musical program was rendered before and during the ceremony by Misses Blanche Jolly and Kathleen Walker.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. Chas. H. Drury, one of Breckenridge county's most successful farmers and stock men, while the groom is the junior partner of the firm of Hook & Fontaine, a leading hardware firm of Brandenburg, where the bridal party was entertained Thursday.

As The News Goes To Press.

Will Farber, of Monterey, California, died Monday night at 7 o'clock. Remains will be brought here.

J. P. Ditzgenbaugh was run down by an automobile in Louisville. He was not hurt seriously and is doing nicely at Norton Infirmary.

Peter Best, Sr., Dead.

The remains of Peter Best, Sr., who died of infirmities incident to old age, Thursday morning at the home of his son, Peter Best, Jr., at Seven Hills, will be shipped to Hawesville this afternoon at 3:45 o'clock, over the L. H. and St. L. railroad, where the interment will take place immediately after the removal of the body from the train.—Sunday Messenger.

We handle the largest stock of Dry Goods and Furnishing Goods in Breckenridge county --W. J. Schopp, Stephensport.

Sheriff Sheeran First.

Sheriff Dennis Sheeran was in Frankfort last week and on Dec. 1st he settled in full for the State taxes. More than \$1800 dog tax and over \$24,000 property tax was paid into the State treasury. Sheriff Sheeran has the distinction of being the first in the state to settle, a credit to himself and his deputies and also to the entire county, where prosperity and promptness enable the officers thus to make the best record in the state.