

WOMAN OUTWITS JEROME

(Scripps News Association.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Evelyn Thaw had triumphed over Jerome when her prosecutor's cross examination ended today. At the conclusion the girl was still smiling and self possessed and still fighting. Her story was weakened in places, but in the main the girl defeated her trained adversary in a war of words lasting four days and a half. The girl's veracity was unscathed. If a weak spot was found it is in the character of the witness but not in her truthfulness. Jerome concluded the cross examination at 12:40 and it was thought the ordeal was over, but Jerome surprised everybody by recalling Evelyn this afternoon. He wanted to question her about letters Thaw wrote Banker Lyon. Jerome agreed to allow Delmas re-direct examination, reserving the right to cross examine again. Jerome's questions today were on evidences of irrationality observed in Thaw by the witness. She said while in a cab once they saw White and Harry cried, bit his nails and talked so fast she could not understand him. "Was it like epileptic fit?" asked Jerome. "I've seen a cat have a fit and it was not like that," she responded, and repeated to story of Thaw's agitation at every sight or mention of White. Thaw carried a gun because he thought he was followed by members of Monk Eastman's gang. Jerome developed the fact that Evelyn had formed the opinion that Thaw was crazy on the subject of White. He was certain White was persecuting him and believed White inspired much that appeared

BACK DOOR CAR LINE ISSUE

The city council this evening may devote some consideration to Jay P. Graves' plan of benevolently assimilating what alleys he cares to use in the street car business, although formal action cannot be taken until about the middle of March. In this instance Mr. Graves desires the alley between Main and Front avs. from Market to Post sts. This route parallels the proposed Graves subway, which was asked on the theory that it would accommodate all the grantee's traffic and render surface lines unnecessary in the business district. On the heels of this comes an application for a street car franchise in the alley along the tunnel route. Traffic has outgrown the subway even before the first ounce of dirt is moved. Sentiment of the business men affected through alley entrances is strongly against the latest franchise, but it is believed the council will grant it if Mr. Graves says so.

BUTTE MINERS WON'T STRIKE

According to a report received today by mining men, the sensational part of the trouble in Butte is practically at an end and the mines that were closed will be reopened. Although the miners voted three to one for a raise in wages from \$3.75 to \$4.00 per day last night it is claimed that the raise was not demanded, but simply given in the form of a request to take effect by May 1, and it is further understood that there will be no strike if the raise is not granted them. But John D. Ryan, managing director of the Amalgamated Copper Co., has consented to consider the request, as reported here.

COEUR D'ALENE WOULD BE THE CAPITAL

"We want to be the capital" was the sense of a letter read to the chamber of commerce today noon from the city of Coeur d'Alene. The communication is in regard to the proposed new state of Lincoln and provoked a laugh. In the same connection W. H. Bell, a merchant of Lawrence, Idaho, wrote and offered his cooperation and assistance in forming the new state. Lawrence did not want the capital.

TO HONOR JEFFERSON.

The executive committee of the Jeffersonian club will meet this afternoon in the offices of City Treasurer Eggleston to make arrangements for holding the annual banquet of the club, which takes place on April 13, the birthday of the famous statesman. The banquet has now in a measure become a state function for the democracy, and representatives of the party will, it is believed, be present from every part of the state.

"Pork" Barrel Opening at Washington



HERE'S A PRETTY KETTLE OF COUNCILMEN

Superintendent D. L. Huntington of the Washington Water Power Co., is rather influential with the board of public works, it seems, as much so as is "Whispering Harry" with the council. The board and Huntington held a meeting Saturday and talked over the strengthening of the piers of the Howard st. bridges which are crossed by W. W. P. street cars and one of which is the temporary structure replacing the "guaranteed" bridge that fell down. The occasion revives the question of "who pays for the temporary bridge?" So far as known, this was not mentioned at the Huntington confab. Commissioner J. T. Omo said the city had thus far stood the expense pending a reply to Commissioner W. T. Roy's communication asking the council which order it meant, the council having first instructed the board to collect half the expense from the company, and then later, the council is divided against itself and as badly puzzled as Roy, who couldn't understand, but permitted the city to pay.

CANAL BIDS REJECTED

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—The administration today decided not to accept any of the recent bids for the construction of the Panama canal by contract. This shuts out Oliver's bid.

THE LEGISLATURE ASKS \$21,000 FOR INJURIES

Lee Manbeck has brought suit against the Broadview Dairy Co., of this city, for recovery of \$21,062 on damages sustained last fall while working on a barn for the defendants near Marshall. The plaintiff alleges that through carelessness on the part of the defendants the barn collapsed and large timbers falling, struck him upon the head and other parts of the body. As a result, he alleges, he will never recover his physical strength and his mental faculties will always be a little the worse.

FINES FOR NOT REGISTERING

The Central Labor union last night adopted a resolution asking all affiliated union to place a fine of \$5 on members who failed to register. It was well known to the delegates present that the action is unconstitutional and was agreed to only as a reminder to the working men of the city of the necessity for their being registered and in a position to vote at the coming election. The committee appointed on securing a baseball park for the City league reported that Jay P. Graves had agreed to furnish a park on one of the lines of the Traction Co., providing the proper officers of the league would sign a contract to play on the grounds. The teams can secure grounds that are fair to the labor unions if they feel so disposed, as the matter now stands, President Connor, of the league, was reported as doing everything

PUT ARTIFICIAL CREAM ON SKIMMED MILK

"What is it?" is a question of deep importance which M. C. Robins, city bacteriologist, is trying to solve. It seems, from samples of milk secured for test by Inspector Reinwald, that the milk is below standard on the percentage of butter fat, and is really the skimmed fluid with a substance in it which gives it a fluffy, creamy appearance, when there is no cream there. It is not constant such as was used when the food fakes were first perpetrated, but is some concoction which is altogether a mystery to the bacteriologist. The city department is protecting the guilty dairyman by refusing to divulge his name.

HARRIMAN STILL TALKING

(Scripps News Association.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Harriman was recalled to the stand this morning in the interstate commerce investigation of railroad finance. The stock transactions concerning the Alton road was continued. Harriman identified a check for \$100,000 he received for personal services in addition to profits on the deal. He admitted selling a branch road to the Alton for \$3,000,000. Harriman testified that the effort of the Union Pacific to get an interest in the Santa Fe road resulted in H. H. Rogers and H. C. Frick buying \$30,000,000 in Santa Fe stock and becoming Santa Fe directors at the same time the Union Pacific directors admitted no Santa Fe men on the Union Pacific board. Later the Union Pacific directors purchased \$10,000,000 worth of Santa Fe stock. To questions as to where the Union Pacific got the stock and if Harriman sold any of his own Harriman declined to answer. Witness said an agreement existed for the control of certain California and Northwestern railroads jointly by the Union Pacific and Santa Fe. The San Pedro line was controlled jointly by Senator Clark and the Union Pacific, but there was still keen competition with the Southern Pacific. He then told about the Illinois Central deal. Harriman secured the dismissal of President Fish because Fish deposited a large sum of money belonging to the Illinois Central with the Trust Co. of the Republic and the Commonwealth Trust Co., in which companies Fish was a trustee, for the purpose of padding their accounts. Harriman said he brought charges before the board of directors and Fish's resignation was demanded.

WHIP WOMEN INTO LINE AGAINST 8 HOUR LAW

Officers of the Central Labor union state that the Crescent and other department stores in this city have compelled their women clerks to sign a protest to the state legislature against the passage of the eight hour law for female employees. The petition was presented to the women and girls recently, and they refused to sign it, whereupon it was returned to them and the information vouchsafed that in case they refused to sign they would lose their positions. In a letter from Olympia C. R. Case, representative of labor at the state capitol, said that this method was being pursued by employers of girls and women all over the state, and that a concerted campaign of falsehood, coercion and misrepresentation was being conducted by employers of this class of labor for the purpose of continuing the present hours of work. Mr. Case sent a request to the central body for assistance in fighting the eight hour law introduced by Labor Commissioner Hubbard. He enclosed a copy of the bill, which provides for the establishment of an eight hour day for miners, smelters and boiler-makers, but does not provide a penalty for the violation of the law, and is undoubtedly class legislation and unconstitutional. Mr. Hubbard introduced the bill, it is claimed, for the purpose of defeating bills introduced by the state federation of labor for an eight hour day for underground workers, which would be, it is said, constitutional.

SMITH NAILED IN LOS ANGELES

Frank Smith, ex-treasurer of the waiters' union, who disappeared six weeks ago with about \$300 of the union's funds, has been apprehended in Los Angeles, Cal. Local police were notified yesterday and Chief Waller wired the California chief to arrest him and keep him locked up until an officer could reach there with a warrant. The Los Angeles chief showed a remarkable lack of knowledge of the laws of his state and wired back: "Is the crime of embezzlement extraditable?" "Most certainly," was Waller's reply. Waiters are jubilant over Smith's apprehension because he was the third treasurer who had skipped with the bankroll.

CITY DOUBLED UP ON ASSESSMENTS

Mrs. W. S. Bickham, of the Auditorium apartments, wants to know if a bill of \$71.63 the city holds against her is a legal or a moral obligation. She says that in 1902 the board of public works, in tearing up some old sidewalk near her property on Sixth av., tore up about 100 feet of new sidewalk. The board afterward admitted the mistake and she thought, of course, when it was repaired she would not be asked to bear the expense. Two years later an assessment district was created in that neighborhood and the board walk again was torn up and in place a cement walk was laid. Mrs. Bickham says she has been sent a bill for the board walk which was torn up by mistake.

EASY MONEY PROPOSITION

The council tonight may be confronted with the proposition to appropriate \$1,000 to have the plumbing ordinances revised by an eastern expert. The board of health is in session this afternoon considering communications from eastern inspectors asking the privilege of earning such an easy \$1,000. Dr. C. V. Genoway, head of the board, is opposed to the appropriation, deeming it exorbitant. He can't see why the work cannot be done here and the money be saved to the city.

WOMAN LEAPS TO DEATH.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—As the boat Sag Harbor was nearing the dock this morning a well dressed woman screamed and leaped into the water, disappearing beneath the ice.

TWO CENT FARE LAW.

DES MOINES, Feb. 26.—The senate passed the two cent fare bill today. It has already passed the house.

STEVENS ALSO QUITS CANAL

(Scripps News Association.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—The president today accepted the resignation of Chief Engineer John F. Stevens and appointed Major George W. Goethals as his successor in charge of the Panama canal work. In a letter to the canal commission the president says he received Stevens' resignation less than 10 days ago.

PERKINS IMMUNE

(Scripps News Association.)
ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 26.—George W. Perkins, according to a decision today by the court of appeals, is immune from prosecution upon the indictment charging larceny following his contribution to the republican campaign fund while president of the New York Life. Unless Jerome goes to the state supreme court the indictment will be dismissed.

NO MEAL TICKETS FOR HEATHEN CHINEE

The "poor heathen Chinese" can starve for all the chamber of commerce cares. It went on record today noon as opposed to the Chinese altogether. F. B. Wright made a motion that a few carloads of home products be rustled and shipped to the orient. He said he didn't want the matter sidetracked in any committee and it wasn't. It was turned down cold. Mr. Wright made a short appeal, saying he read daily about thousands of the poor yellow men starving.

ROCK PILE REVIVED

Chief of Police wailer gave orders today that beginning tomorrow the rock pile industry would start under the superintendence of Patrolman McCloud. During the past week nearly 100 vagrants have been arrested, tried and ordered out of town. Some of them have gone, but the majority has remained and endeavored to dodge the police. Probably 20 of the latter have been jailed to serve out their sentences. Many of them would as soon stay in jail as out this kind of weather.

REGISTRATION

Registration was brisk this morning and at 12 o'clock the books showed a total of 3,334 voters who have climbed the Alps, the term now universally used by Spokanites in describing the ascent of the four flights of stairs to reach the clerk's office. The books close April 15.

EDNA MAY BREAKS INTO THE MILLIONAIRE CLASS



MISS EDNA MAY, THE DEMURE LITTLE ACTRESS ENGAGED TO GAY OSCAR LEWISOHN.
LONDON, Feb. 26.—The engagement is announced of Edna May, the actress, and Oscar Lewisohn, of New York. Young Lewisohn is the second son of Adolph Lewisohn, the sugar magnate. The family are multimillionaires. The three Lewisohn sons are well known in gay circles both here and in New York, Jesse, the older, having cut a particularly wide swath in his day. It is said the couple will live in London after the wedding, which will occur during the year, and that Miss May will continue her stage career.