

JEROME MAY LOSE WITNESS

Evelyn Thaw's Brother Gets His Back Up

MADE A FLAT REFUSAL

When Jerome Refused to Promise That Evelyn Would Not Be Prosecuted For Perjury--Juror Bolton's Wife Is Dying.

New York, Feb. 14.--The court in which Harry K. Thaw is being tried for murdering Stanford White took a hurried adjournment this forenoon when news came that Mrs. Joseph Bolton, wife of juror No. 11, was dying.

The condition of the woman this morning was reported to be unchanged and juror Bolton reported for duty and took his place on the panel. The woman is suffering with double pneumonia.

The talk of the court room this morning was that Howard Nesbit, generally regarded as a prominent witness for the state, had a tilt with District Attorney Jerome and flatly refused to go on the stand and defend the memory of Stanford White or try to break his sister's testimony.

Harry Thaw expressed great solicitude as to the condition of Mrs. Bolton, and asked if would not send a physician to attend her at his expense. He was told, however, that the court had already despatched Dr. Janeway, one of the best physicians in New York, to attend her.

It was the consensus of opinion that even the death of Mrs. Bolton would have no effect on the trial, but a movement would be taken and a grand jury of court officers placed over juror Bolton until he was ready for duty again.

Dr. Evans yesterday afternoon detailed his various examinations and physical tests of the defendant at various times following the tragedy. He declared that there was a depression in the back of Thaw's head of a most unusual character.

Dr. Evans today occasion to say that he felt it extremely unfair to him as a physician to require him to differentiate his physical examination of the defendant from the questions and answers as to his mental processes. He was interrupted by both Mr. Jerome and Mr. Delmas and Justice Fitzgerald, saying: "Will you kindly confine yourself to answering questions, and not giving expressions of opinion? There is some limitation even to the province of an expert. Strike all those remarks from the records."

Mrs. Bolton died before her husband could reach her. As soon as the news reached the court, Assistant District Attorney Garvan said that the court would convene at two, only to adjourn until Monday.

They early in the morning sent the following message to the reporters: "I feel very sorry for Mr. and Mrs. Bolton and hope the worst has already been told. But it is just my luck."

GAS WRECKED BUILDING. Three Persons Killed and Many Others Hurt By The Explosion.

Los Angeles, Feb. 14.--An explosion of leaking gas in a restaurant in the heart of the city yesterday killed three persons, mangled others, slightly injured a fourth and wrecked a two-story brick building in which were several small business concerns.

It is believed that the gas was ignited by an employe of the gas company who was searching in the basement for a leak in the main.

WILLIAMSTOWN. All members of Rebekah lodge are requested to be present at the meeting this evening as there is to be practice work.

The ladies of the Universalist society will hold a valentine masquerade promenade at the town hall, Friday night, February 15. Prizes will be given for the best costumes, also for the worst. Ladies are requested to bring boxes of lunch for two, and coffee will be served to all who wish. Everybody come and have a good time.

LOCOMOTIVE EXPLODED KILLING AND MAIMING

Train Was Running at Rate of 40 Miles an Hour When Accident Happened Near Luzon, N. Y.

BY HIS OWN STATEMENT

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WHAT VERMONT CAN DO TO PRESERVE FORESTS

Plan Outlined by Prof. Tourney of Yale University at Meeting of State Forestry Association in Burlington.

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When Houseman Potts was in the cell room at 11:50 o'clock, he spoke to Prindible, but there was no answer. Potts called Captain Steele, and on making an investigation, discovered the man had committed suicide.

How the knife came into Prindible's possession is a mystery, as when he was searched before being placed in a cell, everything was taken from him.

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The girl's father, Charles E. Blanchard, who is an engineer at Proctor Brothers' works, invoked the police and descriptions of the missing couple were sent broadcast over northern New Hampshire, Vermont and Canada. At last the search proved of avail, and last week City Marshal Wheeler says the couple were found at a boarding house in St. Albans, living under the name of Austin as brother and sister.

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DEATH OF GRANITE MFR. John B. Binchell, Who Died in Buffalo, Was Formerly in Business at E. Barre.

A telegram was received this morning from Buffalo announcing the death of John B. Binchell at that place. Mr. Binchell was formerly a well known granite manufacturer at East Barre, retiring seven years ago and going to Buffalo, where he was engaged in a similar business.

He was born in Virginia, Italy, 44 years ago, and came to the United States at the age of twenty years. He was for many years with Tom Miller of Quincy, Mass., and gained a reputation as a carver. He came to East Barre in 1859 and entered the granite business. He leaves a widow in Buffalo. Two brothers, Charles and Ambrose, reside in this city. A nephew expects to go to Buffalo to attend the funeral.

SIMULTANEOUS FUNERALS. Held in Barre and Aberdeen for the Late George Inglis.

Funeral services for George Inglis, who died Monday in Aberdeen, Scotland, and who was buried in the Allanvale cemetery at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, were held in the Baptist church here at 9:30 o'clock this morning, which would be the same time that the burial was taking place in Aberdeen. There was a very large gathering at the church. A large delegation of the members of St. Alban's Commandery and of Granite lodge, F. & A. M., attended the services in a body. The order of services was: prayer by the Rev. G. H. Watt; reading of the scriptures by the Rev. J. A. Poole; remarks in memory of the deceased by the Rev. W. A. Kinzie, and at the close Granite lodge went through their funeral rites.

Funeral of Dynamite Victim. Montpelier, Feb. 14.--The funeral services of Henry C. Downey, the young man who was killed by the accidental discharge of dynamite on Monday, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his parents' home, 100 Main street. Rev. W. R. Dukolive, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, was the officiating minister and his remarks were sympathetic and full of feeling.

The following workmen of the deceased in the construction gang of the Consolidated Lighting company were present at the service in a body. The bearers were Myron Hill, C. S. Cushman, C. B. Graves, Charles Woods, E. J. Converse, Harry Hill.

The casket was banked with many floral offerings including the set pieces "Garden Ajar" from the fellow workmen of the deceased and a pillow of roses from the Consolidated Lighting company, by which Mr. Downey had been employed.

The body was taken to the catacombs in Green Mount cemetery and in the spring it will be taken to Pittsfield for burial.

CRESCENTS HAD THE GOODS. And Showed 'Em Up at Barton Last Evening.

Barton, Feb. 14.--The Barre Crescents won from Barton town team last night in a close and exciting game of basketball. Barre led in the first period but Barton took the lead in the second, retaining it until the last three minutes of play, when they baskets by Smith won the game. The summary: Barre, Rust, r. f. L. b., Cloutier Smith, r. f. r. b., Barrows Clark, c. e., Rhines Mullen, r. b. l. f., Dana Sheriff, l. b. f., Webster

Score, Barre 32, Barton 30. Goals from floor, Clark 3, Mullen 4, Sheriff 3, Smith 4, Barrows 0, Dana 4, Cloutier, Rhines, Webster. Goals from foul, Smith 4, Rhines 4, Referee, T. Heath, Tiner, Egberton. Time, three 15-m. periods. Attendance, 200.

HIGH CLASS ENTERTAINMENT. Given By The Commonwealth Ladies' Orchestra.

The Commonwealth Ladies' orchestra of Boston gave very enjoyable and high class entertainment in the opera house last evening before a fair-sized audience. The playing of the orchestra met with special approval from the audience. Their selections were played in perfect harmony and with pleasing expression. The violin solos by Mr. Ashton and the readings by Miss Fowler were also highly entertaining. Miss Fowler displayed exceptional elocutional ability in giving her readings, and has a pleasing manner. Every number on the program was enjoyed. The orchestra came here under the auspices of the Ladies' Union of the Universalist church.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST. Auditors Report on Condition of Collectors' Books for Eight Years.

The statement of delinquent taxes in the city of Barre up to the time that the auditors made up their report is as follows:

Table with columns: Collector Year Unpaid, Abate, fr. 10, Balance. Rows include Buchanan, Buchanan, Buchanan, Buchanan, Couts, Nichols, Nichols.

A YOUNG OLD MAN. William H. Bronson of St. Albans Is 97 Years Old.

St. Albans, Feb. 14.--St. Albans boasts one of the oldest persons in the state, in the person of William H. Bronson, who yesterday celebrated in good health and spirits his 97th birthday. Mr. Bronson was born in North Hero in 1810, when Jonas Galuscia was governor of Vermont and James Madison president of the United States.

Mr. Bronson lived in his native town of North Hero until he was 17 years and came to St. Albans February 4, 1828. He learned the trade of a tanner, working with Steven Lawrence four years. His father was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was in the battle of Plattsburgh.

GOOD YEAR AT QUARRIES

Association of Quarry Owners Have Annual Meeting

D. W. McDONALD IS PRES.

Following the Business of the Evening, Refreshments Were Served and a Social Time Was Enjoyed by a Large Number.

The annual meeting of the Granite Quarry Owners' association, which was held in its rooms in the Miles granite building last evening, was the most largely attended for many years, almost the entire membership being represented. The time was given over to social as well as business purposes. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, D. W. McDonald, of the Consolidated Quarry company. Vice president, James K. Pirie, owner of the Pirie quarry. Secretary and treasurer, C. E. Lowe, of Jones Brothers company.

Executive committee, George B. Milne, one of Boutwell, Milne and Varnum; J. Stephens of Stephens & Gerrard; Alexander Milne, of Littlejohn & Milne. Arbitration committee, Donald Smith, of E. L. Smith & Co.; H. J. M. Jones, of Jones Brothers company; H. W. Varnum, of Boutwell, Milne and Varnum; J. M. Boutwell, of Boutwell, Milne and Varnum; J. E. Smith, of E. L. Smith & Co.; H. J. M. Jones of Jones Brothers company. Auditors, A. E. Bruce, of A. E. Bruce & Sons; J. W. McDonald, of the Consolidated Quarry company.

The past year has been the largest in amount of granite production that Barre has ever known. The exact figures are not at hand, but the increase in output is placed at twenty per cent over the preceding year. There are prospects for another year of great growth in the business. The members did not talk shop long last evening, and as soon as the election of the officers was out of the way, they settled down to a social time, during which refreshments were served and they entertained themselves in various ways.

FOR ROAD COMMISSIONER. New Crop of Candidates Every Day in Barre Town.

The office of road commissioner in Barre Town seems to be the all-important one this year. Several candidates have already been suggested, and today two more are announced--Norman J. McKenzie, the present commissioner, will be a candidate for another term, and E. A. Witham and Fred L. Hayden are also mentioned. One enthusiast sends the following to The Times: "Let the Woods and Hills respond. N. J. McKenzie will carry the town; He isn't going to make much talk. For he wants to build an opera block." This is signed by "Vater."

APPRECIATES AID FROM CITY. George A. Wales of South Barre Thanks All.

Editor Daily Times: Through your paper I want to express my hearty appreciation for the aid given at the time of the fire which destroyed my buildings, especially in the Barre town, who came up with an engine and worked like Trojans, and also to the many neighbors who at great risk worked to save my property.

I also desire to express my appreciation for the many kindnesses of the neighbors who have given me and my family shelter since the fire, and have also sheltered and cared for my farm stock.

The Mayor's Stones. Mr. Editor: In the report of the council meeting of Tuesday evening, you compare those granite blocks lying on the mayor's hands to the teams hired of Cutler by some of the present board. I hardly think the comparison a fair one. As I understand them, the cases are entirely different. In the Barre town, contracts to furnish said stones without the knowledge of or instructions from the council to do so. In the other case, the teams were used by departments acting under orders from and with the full knowledge and consent of the council. Is there no difference?

L. H. Thurston. [Admitting the facts to be as stated by Alderman Thurston, there is nevertheless no difference whatever in the principle of the dealings, for both were violations of the city charter, whether done with or without the sanction of the city council. That seems to be the nub of the matter.--Ed.]

Would Make Fay Assessor. Editor, Daily Times: I noticed in last evening's paper that Judge A. E. Fay was mentioned in connection with the mayoralty of Barre. I think there is an office where Judge Fay would fit in admirably, and that is the office of assessor, for we need a man of his ability to fill that office.

Another Ward Two Man. Turn Out for Ladd. Editor, Daily Times: The voters in ward one should be sure to turn out and support Homer Ladd for the alderman nomination Saturday evening. He is just the man we want.

Looking Up Registration Laws. Montpelier, Feb. 14.--J. B. Campbell of Barre was at the office of the secretary of state's office today looking up the requirements for registering the United States Granite and Construction company, chartered under the laws of Maine, so that it can do business in Vermont.