

MRS. THAW ON STAND

Wife of Blayer of Stanford White Gives Her Story to Jury.

TELLS OF RELATIONS WITH ARCHITECT

Lured to His Studio by Invitation to a Party.

DRAMATIC SITUATION IN COURT ROOM

Judge and Jurors Deeply Affected as the Reheated Life's Tragedy.

LETTERS TEND TO CONFIRM TESTIMONY

She Will Be on Stand All Day Today and Cross-Examination Will Go Over Until Monday.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw told her story today. To save the life of her husband, charged with murder, she related to the world the innermost secrets of her soul.

In the big witness chair she appeared but a slip of a girl and she told the pitiful story of her twenty-year life in a frank girlish way.

As the young wife unfolded the narrative of her girlhood and told the early struggle of herself and her mother to keep body and soul together; of how gaunt poverty stood ever at the doorway.

Father in Architect's Studio. Then came the relation of the wreck of that girlhood at 18 years of age.

William Boche, member of German colony which founded Norfolk, carries to grave secret of hiding place of large store of holed goods in Omaha.

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Mrs. Harry K. Howe occupies the stand nearly all day. She tells of her relations with Stanford White, which are alleged to be one of the motives for the shooting of the architect.

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

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THE WEATHER

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA—Fair Friday and Saturday, warmer in east portion.

LEGISLATIVE. The committee on bills send remonstrances to house against passage of a bill that would make it a crime to make false statements in license applications.

Mesa-covered claims against the state of Nebraska, some of them veterans of several sessions, are being urged before the legislature at Lincoln.

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Engineer Stevens threatens to resign if Panama canal is to be built by contract. House passes rivers and harbors bill carrying \$13,000,000.

Senator's committee amendments from Indian bill and others go out on points of order.

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HARDWARE MEN HOLD BACK

Resolution that Would Make Association Trust Lost by One Vote.

JOBBERS WHO SELL CONSUMERS TARGET

Drastic Action in Case Proposed and Organization Splits Even, Leaving President to Decide in Negative.

RESOLUTIONS

President—Frank Becker, Friend.

First Vice President—Alec F. Meyer, Meetings.

Second Vice President—William Wield, Legislation.

Third Vice President—Fred Ehinger, Finance.

Executive Committee—For three-year term, E. E. Mayburt, Long City; one-year term, J. W. Armstrong, Auburn.

Delegates to the national convention: J. Frank Barr, Lincoln; E. E. Hall, Lincoln; E. J. Hall of Lincoln were recommended to the executive committee to succeed themselves as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

By the majority of a single vote the Nebraska Retail Hardware Association yesterday decided not to become a trust.

One member offered a resolution, the adoption of which would have been a move toward boycotting hardware jobbers who sell direct to consumers, contractors and any others not classed as retail dealers.

Hot debate ensued for about fifteen minutes, some speakers fervently declaring it was the only way for the dealers to protect their interests; others declaring their hot-headed fellows to go a little slow, inasmuch as a strong antagonistic sentiment had developed in business circles that looked the least like restraint of trade.

A vote was taken and the count showed it a tie. The question was settled by President Nathan Roberts of Omaha, who voted against trust methods. The fearful odds of the convention breathed a huge sigh of relief.

Secretary to Gather Data. The resolution was to the effect that it should become the secretary's duty to obtain information from retail merchants and from whatever other sources possible regarding sales by jobbers to others than retail merchants, and to furnish to all members of the association and to the hardware associations in Nebraska a list of all jobbers and manufacturers who sell direct to the consumer in Nebraska.

"Why, that would be a boycott," declared a timorous merchant. "Oh, no," said the man who introduced the resolution. "We will say nothing about boycott."

The secretary will say to each merchant what he sends out on the list. Each merchant will know for himself what to do. We must have some way to curb the jobber."

Each side of the question had warm supporters, and every time a man spoke he was given loud applause. When the vote was given loud applause. When the vote was given loud applause.

The meeting closed with a prayer. The president and secretary then retired to the conference room.

"Gentlemen," said President Roberts. "I want you to understand that I am in hearty sympathy with all of you, and I am aware of the unfair practices of some of the jobbers, but I fear we would be going a little far should we pass such a resolution. I am afraid it could be shown that we were attempting to restrain trade. Therefore I cast my vote in the negative."

Legislative Committee is Free. No resolutions were passed on legislative matters, but the legislative committee was given entire power to work for the passage of the legislature of such measures as would benefit the members of the association. This committee is composed of J. C. Cornell of Ord, Ernest Hoppe of Lincoln and Max Thilg of Holdrege.

Among other things they are supposed to work for a law to restrict peddling in the country. The only resolutions adopted were to the effect that the entire convention watched the president with breathless attention.

Meeting Held in Secret. The meeting Thursday afternoon was conducted with the utmost secrecy, though information leaked out as to what was done. A doorkeeper was placed at the outside door of the Auditorium with instructions to admit no one but members and the sergeants-at-arms had charge of the approaches from the arena to the stage, where the session was held.

When the meeting was called to order President Roberts asked if all present were members in full standing, and the other officers looked on to see if they were all present.

It was said afterwards that the reason for such precautions was the fear that boycott measures would be taken.

How Trust Crushes Infant. How the American Cereal company wiped out a factory at Seward by means of the premium plan and then boasted the price of package goods in Nebraska was told by Fred Goehner of Seward at the morning session.

"We had a plant at Seward that cost \$30,000 and were doing a nice business until the American Cereal company got after us," said Mr. Goehner. "We put five pounds of actual goods in a package, while the American cereal put in three and one-half pounds and made up the remainder of the five pounds with articles such as many of our hardware men carry in stock. The people preferred to be humbugged and the premium goods were most popular, but even with that going against us until the big concern began to get prices."

"In order to make anything, we had to sell our goods at 6 cents. I went to the Omaha jobbers to sell them our product, and they told me they were getting American cereal goods at 5 cents. I went to Lincoln and the jobbers told me they were getting goods from the American Cereal company at 5 cents."

Trust Steps In. "The trust sent a representative to Seward and offered to buy or lease our plant. We would not sell, but after long considerations we decided to lease, provided the trust would keep the factory going. They verbally agreed to keep it running, but would not make a written agreement. We leased the plant to them for ninety-nine years at \$1,000 a year, which is more than we could make by running it ourselves."

"I was in Lincoln a few days ago and I saw one of the jobbers who used to have had to pay for the goods the American Cereal company sold him a few months ago for 2 cents. He replied 2 cents."

This story from Mr. Goehner was brought out by a discussion of the recent action of some of the railroads in making a low classification on goods containing premiums. Louie Wirth of Falls City read a paper before the convention on "Aims of the Hardware Merchant: What They Should Be."

The remainder of the morning session was occupied with demonstrations of practical work.

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This information concerning Mr. Stevens created some surprise, as Mr. Stevens is generally considered to be in favor of the contract. He now expresses the belief that the canal can be constructed by the government within ten years.

His friends advise him that if a contract is let for construction he will be robbed of the credit of building it. Frequent exchanges of cablegrams between Washington and the isthmus have resulted in a demand by Mr. Stevens for the acceptance of his resignation if the contract is awarded.

Following a conference of the president with Secretary Taft, Secretary Taft gave out a formal statement that "the secretary of war and the canal commission will thoroughly examine into the qualifications, experience, business standing and achievements of Mr. Oliver and his associates and will report the result of their examination to the president."

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CREIGHTON FUNERAL PLANS

Obsèques at St. John's Church Ten O'clock Saturday Morning.

BODY LIES IN STATE AT HOME FRIDAY

Schools Which Close Endowed and City Hall Will Close While Students and Business Men Do Him Honor.

Imposing obsèques over the body of Count Creighton will be held at 10 a. m. Saturday from St. John's Catholic church, Twenty-fifth and California streets, which will be participated in by many dignitaries of the church, including Bishop Scanlon, who has been invited to take a prominent part in the ceremonies.

The body will lie in state at the residence of the family, 1110 North 24th street, Friday, and will be taken to St. John's church at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

An industrial peace commission, representing labor, capital and the general public, is to be appointed, and will consist annually in Washington to discuss industrial problems, and its expenses are to be paid from the income of the fund.

"The Nobel peace prize foundation," said Secretary Strauss today, "possesses the power to bring together in harmonious relations all agencies working for industrial peace purposes, making a powerful movement which will command the respect of labor men no less than the captains of industry. It is constituted in such a way that the elements of the management of the fund are brought together on an equal footing, namely, the highest judicial officer of the government, two members of the cabinet, representatives of labor and capital and representative public men, all swayed by only one purpose, that of the industrial peace."

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Schools Will Take Part. The members of the faculty of Creighton university, the medical, law, dental and pharmaceutical schools, together with members of the Creighton Alumni association, held a meeting at Creighton institute Thursday afternoon to discuss plans for participation in the funeral services by the students and faculties of the different schools.

Father O'Connor, vice president of Creighton university, acted as chairman, and John A. Benezwit as secretary.

It was decided that all the schools should be closed at noon Friday as a mark of respect to their dead benefactor. Elaborate floral offerings will be sent by each department of the college. Students and faculty of each department will take active part in the services.

The students will meet at their respective college buildings and march in a body, headed by the members of the respective faculties, to the residence of Count Creighton, and there form in line to follow the cortege to the church. J. A. C. Kennedy, president of the Creighton Alumni association, will have charge of the line of march after the arrival of the student body at the residence.

Members of the Alumni association will take a part similar to that of the various departments in the funeral services.

During the ceremonies at St. John's church, which will continue at least two hours, it is planned to have the students and all those of the general public who cannot get into the church remain at Creighton university, where appropriate services will be held. A committee consisting of Father Whelan, Ed F. Leary and John A. Benezwit, was appointed to make arrangements for music and addresses for this public civic memorial meeting.

At the conclusion of the church services the students will form in front of the church and follow the cortege to Parnam street on its way to the cemetery.

Honorary Pallbearers. Members of the faculties of the Creighton schools will be selected to represent their respective schools in an official capacity at the ceremonies at the church, and honorary pallbearers have been selected from each department of the university.

Dr. D. C. Bryant and Dr. W. K. Foote were selected to act as honorary pallbearers to represent the Creighton Medical college; T. J. Mahoney and C. J. Smyth from the Creighton College of Law; Dr. J. W. Labadie from the dental school; Edmund Thorp and Charles B. Fricks from the school of pharmacy, and Fathers Wise and McNeve from the academic department of Creighton university. The alumni association of the college will also be represented by the honorary pallbearers.

Sixteen or eighteen additional honorary pallbearers will be selected from among the prominent residents of Omaha—friends and business associates of Count Creighton.

Resolutions expressing profound regret at the loss of the benefactor and founder of Creighton university will be drawn by a special committee from among the members of the faculties of the various departments of the schools and will be presented to the family and spread as follows on the minutes of the meeting of the officers of the university, whose field of usefulness was so greatly broadened through the benefactions received from Count Creighton. The personnel of the committee will be as follows: Dr. D. C. Bryant, Dr. W. K. Foote, Dr. J. W. Labadie, Dr. J. W. Labadie, dean of the dental school; Dr. Edmund Thorp of the college of pharmacy; Dean T. J. Mahoney of the law school; Father Whelan of the academic department; and J. A. C. Kennedy, president of the college alumni association.

Roman high mass of requiem will be celebrated at the convent of the Poor Clares, Twenty-ninth and Hamilton streets, at 10 o'clock this morning, and the body will be taken to St. John's church at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

St. Peter's Catholic church will hold service in honor of Count Creighton at the church at 8 o'clock Monday morning. The church at 8 o'clock Monday morning. The church at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Six Knights of Columbus stood watch over the body last night and this guard of honor, changed in personnel at intervals, will be present until the funeral.

The city of Omaha will pause in its busy routine of strenuous activity to pay its tribute to a man who contributed so much, not immeasurably, to its development and stability. Mayor Dahlman will call upon the public to suspend business till while the funeral services are in progress. It is probable other and more ceremonial observances will be held.

City Hall Will Close. The city hall will be closed at 10 o'clock Saturday morning out of respect for Count Creighton. It has been arranged that councilmen and other officials will assemble in Mayor Dahlman's office and leave in a body at 5:30 Saturday morning for the funeral services.

An informal meeting, yesterday afternoon, Mayor Dahlman appointed Councilmembers to act as a committee to prepare resolutions of condolence to be presented to the family.

Former Congressman Harris. BRIDGEWATER, Mass., Feb. 7.—Former Congressman Benjamin W. Harris died at his home here today, aged 83 years. Judge Harris was known in congress as the "father of the navy."

Pioneer Tecumseh Merchant. TECUMSEH, Neb.,