

Typewriter Swears She Wrote Bogus Crawford Document.

TWO WITNESSES CORNERED

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 28.—The most sensational of all the developments in the Crawford will case were those which concluded with the commitment to jail of A. N. Baumann, of Landisville, N. J., and Charles F. Riedel, of Minnetola, N. J., the two witnesses who corroborated the claimant, George B. Schooley, of Philadelphia, in his testimony that the will which he presented for probate was signed by James L. Crawford, the millionaire coal operator, in Schooley's office in Philadelphia. They appeared as witnesses of the will and swore that they signed it in the presence of Crawford and each other.

At a hearing the principal witness against them was Miss E. Ivey, a 17-year-old girl, employed as a typewriter in the office of George M. Weller, a real estate broker of Easton, Pa. Her story briefly was to the effect that some time last June a man, whom she positively identified at the hearing as Schooley, came to her office and asked her to do some typewriting for him. He represented himself to be James L. Crawford, of Scranton; that he was in ill health, and that he wanted to make a will that would protect his cousin, George G. Schooley, of Philadelphia. Thereupon, according to the girl, he proceeded to dictate the will, which was afterwards made the basis of Schooley's claim. She positively identified the date of the occurrence as last June, which was more than a year after the death of Crawford. After dictating the will, the girl said, she dictated the alleged codicil and then had her make copies of both on her employer's letter heads, after tearing off the heads.

The business occupied about three hours, and after it was concluded, Schooley, it is alleged by the girl, gathered up every scrap of paper, including the heads torn off Weller's letter paper, and went away, after paying her \$5 and cautioning her to say nothing about the matter, as it was a strictly confidential affair. She thought nothing more about the matter until she read, the girl said, in a Philadelphia paper of Judge Sando's decision refusing to permit a jury to pass on the relative merits of the Schooley papers and the will admitted to probate a year ago, and which was presented by Mrs. Crawford.

Alderman Kasson held each of the prisoners in \$4000 bail. They were committed in default of bail. The attorneys for the Crawfords state that they have Miss Ivey's typewriter in their possession and with it they can establish beyond all question that it was on this machine, as Miss Ivey swears, that the Schooley papers were written.

The will and codicil presented by Schooley devised to Schooley cash and stock amounting to more than \$1,000,000, and directs that he shall be elected to the place of president of the People's Coal company, held by Crawford, and in which position Crawford made most of his millions.

HITCH IN CANAL BID

Financial Standing of Anson Bangs Not Satisfactory.

Washington, Jan. 26.—As a result of a conference at the White House it was decided to reject the bid of Oliver & Bangs, who proposed to complete the construction of the Panama canal for 6.75 per cent of the total estimated cost, insofar as Anson M. Bangs, of New York city, is concerned. While no official statement was given out at the White House, it can be authoritatively stated that if William J. Oliver, of Knoxville, Tenn., can enter into a satisfactory arrangement with some other contractor, who is financially responsible, he will be given the contract for the construction of the canal.

REED KNOX MARRIES

Son of U. S. Senator and Miss McCook Wed at Alexandria, Va.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Reed Knox, son of United States Senator P. C. Knox, of Pennsylvania, and Miss Elizabeth R. McCook, an 18-year-old girl, who lived with her grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth S. McCook, in the Sherman apartment house in this city, were married in Alexandria, Va.

Mr. Knox and Miss McCook made the trip to Alexandria in an automobile car. They were accompanied by a number of their friends, and the bridal party returned to Washington.

Indiana Corn King Drowned.

Princeton, Ind., Jan. 25.—H. E. Ager, a member of the Indiana house of representatives, was drowned in the Wash river by falling from a steamboat. He was known as the "corn king" and it was while returning from a trip up the river purchasing corn that he was drowned.

Army Lieutenant Missing.

Havana, Jan. 28.—Lieutenant Charles E. McCullough, of the 15th cavalry, was reported missing, and there are fears expressed that he has possibly met with foul play, as he was known to have had a considerable sum of money in his possession.

Mother and Son Burned to Death.

Portsmouth, O., Jan. 28.—Rachel Pyles, aged 80, a soldier's widow, and her son, Jonathan, both deaf, were burned to death in a log cabin at Dixon's Mills.

DEAD GIRL IDENTIFIED

Wilhelmina Lacey, of Iona, N. J., One Of Suicide Pair.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 29.—The body of the young woman who is believed to have entered into a suicide pact, and who, with a male companion, was killed by an electric train on the Pennsylvania Railroad, near here, on Sunday, was identified as that of Wilhelmina Lacey, of Iona, a small village a short distance below Gloucester. The young woman's father is a farmer, and the body was identified at the morgue here by Howard Snyder, a farm hand. Snyder drove the girl to the railroad station at Iona on Friday. She had said she was going to Camden. Where she went is not known, but on Saturday, the authorities have learned, she alighted from a train at Gloucester at 6.41 p. m. The girl was accompanied by three men, whose identity has not yet been established. Neither has it been determined whether the man who was killed on the railroad with the young woman was one of the three who were seen with her at Gloucester. His body has not been recovered from Newton creek, into which it was hurled by the electric train.

The couple had not been seen by any one in the neighborhood of where they were killed, and the authorities have not been able to trace them prior to the moment they appeared before Motorman Bruden on the bridge. The latter is positive in his assertions that the couple had every chance to step out of the way of the train, and he says that it is his belief that they planned to die together. The bridge on which the couple met death is about half way between this city and Gloucester and is used only by the electric cars. A few yards away is a foot bridge over Newton creek, so that it was not necessary for the couple to cross the railroad bridge in order to get over the stream.

STEPMOTHER BRANDED TOTS

Pressed Red Hot Stove Lifter On Their Hands For Making Noise.

New York, Jan. 28.—Two little tots, Nellie, aged 7 years, and Jennie, two years younger, told Magistrate House in the Harlem police court, how their stepmother, Mrs. Kate Gravins, had branded them with a redhot stove lifter when in play they had made too much noise. Twice during the recital the prisoner, a woman of intelligent and pleasing appearance, not more than 20 years of age, fainted. When restored the woman admitted that she had burned the children, but said that at the time she was possessed by an unaccountable mania. The two girls, she said, had been playing with their dolls until the noise and confusion robbed her of her reason and left a resistless impulse to punish the little ones. Seizing the stove lifter, she pressed the glowing end upon the back of the right hand of each child, causing scars that the little ones will carry to their graves.

The prisoner was paroled in custody of her counsel pending a further hearing, and the children were given in care of the Children's Society, which brought the complaint.

TO PROBE CAPITOL

Pennsylvania House Passes Resolution Providing For Investigation.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 29.—The state administration's capitol investigation resolution was adopted in the house. It was offered by Mr. Homsher, of Lancaster, and provides for a committee of three senators and four representatives, one of each to be a Democrat. The committee is directed to organize as soon as the governor signs the resolution and is to have all the powers of a court regarding subpoenaing and examining of witnesses and can engage all necessary employees. It is to report its findings to the present session. No appropriation is carried, the resolution pledging a sufficient sum for the expenses, to be appropriated when the committee reports.

MERRIMAC'S ANCHOR FOUND

Fishing Schooner's Mud Hook Recovers Relic of Confederate Ironclad.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 26.—As the result of her mud hook getting afloat of something at the bottom of Hampton Roads a fishing schooner was the innocent cause of the discovery and recovery of the lost anchor and chain of the Confederate armor-clad Merrimac, of Virginia, the last being the name given her by the Confederate government and under which she fought during the Civil War the famous battle with the Monitor that revolutionized naval warfare.

KILLED BY AN ICICLE

Brakeman Struck On the Head and Skull Fractured.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 24.—Leading from the cab of his engine, Silas H. Burke, employed in the freight service of the Reading railroad, aged 36 years, of Reading, was struck by an icicle which fell from the water tank at Chapel Ridge, near Macungie, and instantly killed. His skull was fractured.

Major Gripp's Summer Home Burned.

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 29.—Major H. A. Gripp's summer home, "Elkhurst," near Tyrone, one of the old landmarks of this section, was burned to the ground by a fire which started from an overheated furnace in the cellar. Gripp, who is the wealthy crayon artist, purchased the property some years ago and fitted it up with rich antique furniture. His loss is \$25,000.

Two Skaters Drowned.

Portsmouth, O., Jan. 28.—Pearl Lowry and Forest Hyde, boys, were drowned, and George Lowry and Houston Hickey barely escaped a similar fate while skating.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED

Wednesday, January 23.

The Alabama legislature has re-elected United States Senators John T. Morgan and E. W. Pettus for another term.

Francis S. McAvoy was elected recorder in New York to succeed John W. Goff, who has been elected to the supreme bench.

Clarendon Henri was sentenced to four years' imprisonment at Cincinnati, Ohio, for stealing a famous picture from the art museum.

David S. Reeder, of Centerville, Md., for 31 years an engineer on the Delaware railroad, was stricken with apoplexy on his engine at Townsend, Del., and died in a few moments.

Thursday, January 24.

The North Carolina legislature has re-elected F. M. Simmons, Democrat, to the United States senate.

W. H. Horkeschelmer, of Beverly, N. J., dropped dead from heart disease on a ferryboat at Camden, N. J.

Major Frank B. Gordon, youngest son of the Confederate General John B. Gordon, died suddenly in Washington of pneumonia.

Alfred B. Stoney, speaker of the New Jersey house in 1884, and well known in steamboat circles, died at his home in Keyport, N. J., aged 64 years.

Walter McHenry, of Marion Centre, Pa., a student at the University of Pennsylvania, fell under a trolley car in Philadelphia and was so badly injured that his left leg had to be amputated.

Friday, January 25.

The Academy of Music in Washington was gutted by fire, entailing a loss of \$50,000.

Next year's convention of the American National Live Stock Association will be held in Denver, Colo.

Mrs. William Allen, of Lexington, Ky., died on a street car while satisfying her mania for riding on cars.

A freight train ran over an embankment at Longdale, near Parkersburg, W. Va., and three trainmen were killed and one fatally injured.

Mattie Merritt, aged 27 years; Vergie Taylor, aged 5 years, and Ethel King, aged 4 years, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at Indianapolis.

Saturday, January 26.

Robert Curtis, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was sentenced to five years and six months imprisonment for forging judgments.

The second section of the first class of the Annapolis, Md., navel academy will be graduated on Monday, February 11.

Dr. E. W. Haines, the oldest practicing dentist in Delaware, died at his residence in Newark, Del., aged 84 years.

Mrs. Isabella Beecher Hooker, sister of Henry Ward Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe, died at her home in Hartford, Conn., aged 85 years.

Monday, January 28.

There are 40 cases of smallpox in the territory within 10 miles of Richmond, Va.

The steel trust has bought 2500 acres more land for Gary, Ind., where it is building a model town.

Brakeman Edward Zuppert, of Reading, was killed in the Reading railway near Myerstown, Pa.

Miss Ellen D. Morris, former national treasurer of the W. C. T. U., died at Hastings, Neb.

Peter G. Albright has brought suit against the city of York, Pa., for \$5000 damages for a broken leg, sustained on account of a bad pavement.

The New York state building at the Jamestown Exposition will be modeled after the congressional library at Washington and will cost \$31,500.

Tuesday, January 29.

The United States supreme court will take a recess for three weeks, beginning next Monday.

Thirty to 35 degrees below zero was recorded by the thermometer at Superior, Wis., on Monday.

Jacob Well and wife were asphyxiated by gas escaping from a stove in their restaurant in Brooklyn.

Wilber S. Jackson, dean of the school of education at the University of Chicago, died after an illness of 24 hours.

A runaway trolley car at Richmond, Va., crashed into two wagons, wrecking them and injuring seven passengers, none seriously.

PRODUCE QUOTATIONS

The Latest Closing Prices in the Principal Markets.

PHILADELPHIA — FLOUR firm; winter extras, \$2.55 @ 2.55; Penna. roller, clear, \$2.30 @ 2.30; city mills, fancy, \$4.40 @ 4.50. RYE FLOUR firm, at \$3.70 per barrel. WHEAT steady; No. 2 Penna. red, 75 @ 75 1/2 c. CORN steady; No. 2 yellow, local, 50 c. OATS steady; No. 2 white, clipped, 43 1/2 c.; lower grades, 41 c. HAY steady; No. 1 timothy, large bales, \$21. BEEF steady; family, per barrel, \$19.50. BEEF steady; beef hams, per barrel, \$19. POULTRY: Live steady; hens, 12 @ 12 1/2 c.; old roosters, 9 c. Dressed steady; choice fowls, 13 1/2 c.; old roosters, 9 1/2 c. BUTTER steady; extra creamery, 33 c. EGGS steady; selected, 28 @ 30 c.; nearby, 26 c.; southern, 22 @ 24 c. POTATOES steady; per bushel, 35 @ 35 c.

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Live Stock Markets. PITTSBURGH (Union Stock Yards)—CATTLE steady; choice, \$5.80 @ 6.10; prime, \$5.50 @ 5.75. SHEEP steady; prime wethers, \$5.60 @ 5.75; culs and common, \$2 @ 3; lambs, \$5 @ 7.50; veal calves, \$5 @ 5.50. HOGS steady; prime heavies, \$6.35 @ 6.90; other grades, \$7; roughs, \$5 @ 6.10.

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