

SCRAGG MADE A SERIOUS CHARGE

IT CREATED QUITE A SENSATION IN COURT.

Broadly Stated That Hon. John F. Reynolds Had Tried to Tamper with a Juror in the Tucker & Maxey Conspiracy Case—Juror Testified That There Was No Truth in the Statement—Melvin Roney Is on Trial Charged with a Serious Offense.

There was an exciting and dramatic scene in criminal court yesterday during the trial of the case against Evan Tucker, T. J. Maxey, H. Joseph, M. P. Jacobs and C. H. Berry, charged with conspiracy. Hon. John F. Reynolds is one of the attorneys for the prosecution and he was put upon the stand yesterday afternoon in rebuttal to testify concerning happenings at the sale of the effects of the firm of Tucker & Maxey in Carbondale.

"When he was turned over to John F. Scragg, one of the attorneys for the defense, for cross-examination, the excitement began. 'You have been talking about this case with one of the jurors, have you not?' asked Mr. Scragg. 'No, sir,' replied Mr. Reynolds in amazement.

"Did you not discuss this case with one of the jurors during the noon recess?" was Mr. Scragg's next question, delivered in somewhat menacing tones. 'I did not at noon or at any other time,' retorted Mr. Reynolds, who was evidently having some difficulty to restrain his anger.

Mr. Reynolds then went on to say that one of the jurors was in a party of which he was a member for a few minutes during the noon recess, but the case in question was not even referred to by anyone during the conversation. Mr. Scragg then questioned the juror, W. M. Hampton, of this city, who said that Mr. Reynolds had not spoken to him regarding the case nor had any other person made any mention of it during the conversation.

WANTED JUROR WITHDRAWN.

This did not prevent Mr. Scragg from asking the court to withdraw a juror and continue the case on the ground that an attempt had been made to bribe a juror. The request was refused by Judge D. W. Searle, of Montrose, before whom the case is being tried.

Attorney Reynolds was visibly incensed over the charge that Mr. Scragg made against him. When the commonwealth rested, the attorneys for the defense asked the court to direct a verdict for the defense on the ground that a case had not been made out by the commonwealth. The motion was allowed as to T. M. Berry and H. Joseph, and refused as to the other three defendants.

While Evan Tucker, one of the defendants, was on the stand under cross-examination by Attorney R. D. Stuart, he was asked about certain statements he made before the referee in bankruptcy proceedings. Judge Searle refused to allow the motion. The case was submitted without argument upon the charge of the court. The jury retired at 4:30 p. m.

RONEY ON TRIAL.

Melvin Roney, of this city, was put on trial before Judge Edwards in the main court room yesterday afternoon, charged with attempting to criminally assault Miss Frances Wesser, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wesser, of Roaring Brook township. March 16 last is the time and the public road leading from Simonson's hotel to Spring Brook the place of the alleged occurrence. Roney is a married man and his wife and their little daughter sat alongside of him in court yesterday. He is defended by Attorney Joseph O'Brien and Attorney George Davidson is assisting the district attorney in conducting the prosecution.

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THE GIRL'S STORY.

The girl's story is to the effect that she was at Simonson's hotel to see her sister, who is employed there, and soon after 6 p. m. she left for her home, about one mile and a half away. Some distance from the hotel she met Roney, who was sitting on a load of mine props drawn by mules. He was going in the opposite direction to her. She was slightly acquainted with him and they exchanged greetings. A few minutes afterwards she heard some one coming hurriedly up the road behind her. It was a man, and when he was abreast of her he grabbed her fearfully. She started to run, but after a few steps she tripped and fell and the man pounced upon her. She then recognized Roney.

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