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## JUDGE NON-COMMITTAL

### Unable to Decide as to Accident or Suicide.

#### Defender Afloat—President in Yellowstone Park—Mayors Harrison, Johnson and Jones Re-elected—Good Prospect for Winter Wheat—Railroad Merger Illegal.

The inquest at Buffalo into the death of Arthur R. Pennell and Carrie Lamb Pennell, his wife, who were killed in their automobile in the Gehres quarry on March 10 last, was held by Judge Murphy in the police court room Friday afternoon.

J. Fred Pennell, the administrator of the estate and brother of the dead man, who had been subpoenaed, was not in court.

Among those present to watch the proceedings at the inquest was Maurice C. Spratt of Pooley & Spratt, attorneys for the Eina Insurance company. This company issued an accident policy to Pennell for \$10,000, which has not yet been paid.

Thomas Penney, attorney for the Pennell estate, was also present not only to guard the interests of his client but in response to a subpoena commanding him to be present and to bring with him all the papers, which he had found among Pennell's effects, which in any way bore upon his relation to the Burdicks, especially the reports of the detectives who had been hired to shadow Burdick.

The decision of the judge was as follows: "I certify that Arthur R. Pennell came to his death by a crushed skull on March 10th by going over in the automobile plunge, and I cannot certify whether that death was accidental or otherwise; and I certify that Mrs. Pennell came to her death at the same time by injuries sustained in the automobile accident."

#### Prices Show Exceptional Strength.

Favorable features this week are the annual rush of Easter buying at retail, which is reported of excellent volume, some improvement in the re-asserting demand with jobbers at interior markets resulting therefrom, and a slight but still perceptible improvement in the labor situation, growing out of mutual concessions.

Prices during the month of March showed exceptional strength, despite seasonal changes downward in dairy products, grains and fuel, partly counteracted, however, by advance in live stock and meats.

Bradstreet's approximate index number of staple prices for April shows a very slight reduction, 96.247 on that date, against 96.300 on March 1, but a gain of six per cent over a year ago, of nine per cent over 1901, and a decrease of only one per cent from April 1, 1900. From the low-water mark in June, 1901, a raise of eight per cent is shown, while the general level of prices is only three per cent below the high mark in February, 1900.

Eastern trade centers note a very generally satisfactory spring trade, finishing up at wholesale, Baltimore and Philadelphia especially sending cheerful reports. Exceptional activity is noted in lumber, and the difficulty here is still to get deliveries rather than of getting new orders. The leather situation is generally one of strength.

After a further decline due to dullness in the refined market and pressure of supplies, raw sugar has steadied at what is said by authorities to be the bottom, because foreign markets are higher and the pressure in the future is regarded as likely to be less severe.

#### Cup Defender Launched.

With an American eagle perched on her nose and wine running down her bow, the sleek yacht Hellance was successfully launched at the works of the Herroshoff company at Bristol, R. I., just before sundown Saturday.

That her skimming dish type will prove faster than the deep-bodied Shamrock III, and that she will successfully defend the America's cup against Sir Thomas Lipton's third challenger, is the confident belief of not only two scores of members of the New York Yacht club, but of all the yachting experts who critically viewed her lines before she entered the water.

Three thousand people in steam yachts, row boats, on the piers and back on the street behind the shops, greeted the initial plunge of the Hellance with cheers, while a busy bugler on a torpedo boat played the "Star Spangled Banner."

It is expected that she will have her trial spin in about ten days, after which she will have a thorough trying out, meeting both the Constitution and the Columbia in a series of races in Long Island Sound, off Sandy Hook and Newport. Should she prove superior to her two rivals, she will meet Shamrock III in the first of the cup races August 21.

#### Separate Schools in Kansas.

The supreme court has decided that Topeka board of education can maintain separate schools for white and negro children and compel the negro children to attend the negro school. A colored man had taken his son to the white school and the pupil was refused admittance. Mandamus proceedings were then brought against the board to compel them to admit the negro.

#### President in Yellowstone Park.

President Roosevelt is in Yellowstone park and for the next two weeks expects to enjoy complete rest and cessation from public duties.

The president will be in almost daily communication with Secretary Loeb at Clunabar, but nothing except of the utmost importance will be referred to him.

In company with John Burroughs,

## DEMOCRATIC EDITORS.

### Celebrated 160th Anniversary of Jefferson's Birth.

#### Hon. Daniel E. Frisbie Presided—Principals Speeches Made by Hon. Andrew McLean of Brooklyn Citizen, Hon. Martin W. Littleton and Former Senator David B. Hill.

Albany, April 14.—The State Democratic Editorial association last night celebrated the birthday of Thomas Jefferson with a banquet at the Ten Eyck. At least 100 representatives of the Democratic press of the state were in attendance.

Hon. Daniel E. Frisbie of Schoharie, former Democratic leader in the assembly and president of the association, presided and made an address. Speeches were made as follows:

Hon. Andrew McLean, editor of the Brooklyn Citizen, on "The Day We Celebrate."

Professor Duncan C. Lee of Cornell University and editor of the Ithaca News, on "Jefferson and Education."

Hon. John N. Carlisle of Water town, chairman of the executive committee, on "The State Committee."

Hon. Eliot F. Danforth on "The Declaration of Independence."

Senator Thomas F. Grady on "The Legislature."

Hon. Andrew McLean of the Brooklyn Citizen, speaking on "The Day We Celebrate," outlined the essentials of the Jeffersonian principles and argued that the Democracy would be free to formulate new positions on the currency, the Philippine question, etc., unhampered by former utterances. He attacked President Roosevelt as inconsistent in his attitude on trusts and tariff, and said he was now as zealous as ever against injuring them "as Mark Hanna himself."

Speech of Martin W. Littleton.

Hon. Martin W. Littleton of Brooklyn spoke on "Jefferson of Today." Mr. Littleton said in part:

"We are approaching the time when the Democratic party must define its position on public questions and present a candidate to be voted on for the presidency. The position of the party on such public questions is about of equal importance with the kind of candidate to nominate.

"No platform or man can hold the support of the people and at the same time fail or refuse to let go of issues which the people regard as fought out and settled.

"The Democratic party cannot deserve the approval of the ordinary citizen and at the same time keep as its foremost policy a profitless quarrel between those pre-eminent in its past life but in no wise indispensable to its future. It cannot deserve success if it exhausts its energy in a barren effort to decide which of its policies in the past was best or worst, or which of its eminent men in the past made the most or fewest mistakes.

"It cannot deserve success if its divided factions continue to divide its leadership and therefore divide its strength. Those Democrats who attempt to win the national election in 1904 by ignoring Mr. Bryan and his supporters will experience the same disappointment that Mr. Bryan experienced when he attempted to win by ignoring the gold men in 1896 and in 1900.

"Those Democrats who attempt to win the national election in 1904 by measuring the Democracy of the candidate or the platform by their agreement with the platform or the candidate of 1896 or 1900 will get about the same result as was gotten in 1896 and 1900."

Former Senator David B. Hill.

Former United States Senator D. B. Hill spoke at length on "The Empire State Democracy." In his speech he attacked the prominent policies of the present Republican administration in this state, especially assailing the various measures adopted to secure the abolition of direct taxation for state purposes. These he characterized as measures designed to cover up a deficit in the state treasury, to which he said he had himself called attention last year. He declared that indirect taxation would inevitably lead to higher local taxation and that its benefits were greatly exaggerated.

The present legislature he declared to have been unfaithful to the public to a degree hardly ever before exceeded. No partisan job has been too rank for it. It has created a host of useless offices to rule over the people and cut their substance, has stolen powers from Democratic mayors and added them to Republican mayors. It has placed the control of the state institutions practically in the hands of the executive or his personal representative.

He assailed the Republican policy of road improvement as undemocratic, expensive and unsystematic.

The excise increase law Mr. Hill denounced as purely partisan legislation, designed to punish large Democratic cities, especially New York, for holding to the principles of the Democratic party.

He ridiculed the policies of President Roosevelt as vacillating and unduly tender of the great monopolies, and said the whole Republican administration was clamoring for delay in dealing with the trust question. His final plea was for Democratic harmony, which he declared would assure victory for the party.

## KENT JURY DISMISSED.

### New Trial Ordered on Account of a Juror's Talking.

Rochester, April 14.—On account of the expression of opinions regarding the trial of Leland D. Kent, indicted for aiding Ethel Blanche Dingle to commit suicide, on the part of a juror, David W. Conkling, the court proceedings, under way for a week, have been discontinued, a new panel of 75 jurymen has been ordered and the trial will recommence next Monday.

When the court opened in the morning it was announced that an adjournment would be taken until 2 o'clock, and Judge Sutherland remained closeted with the lawyers, District Attorney Warren and Hon. George Raines, until 1 o'clock, when the juror in question was summoned.

At the opening of court in the afternoon Judge Sutherland said:

"Since the opening of this trial the case has proceeded in a manner that has been very satisfactory to the court, and particularly was I pleased with the character of the jurors elected to try the case. It seemed at the outset it was unnecessary to follow the usual custom and keep the jury together, and that by relying on the character and good judgment of the jurors it would be proper for them to go home and mingle with other people."

"Since the adjournment on last Friday, the court has been informed that a member of the jury has been expressing views of the case to outsiders. Doubtless this was done in a thoughtful manner, and without any intention of violating the injunction which the court put upon the jury. I called the matter to the attention of the counsel for the defense and the facts have been investigated. I must excuse the juror from further participation in this case, and dismiss the other members of the jury."

At the request of Mr. Raines, Judge Sutherland stated that no parties to the issue were directly or otherwise connected with Mr. Conkling's action.

Dr. George H. Grant of Buffalo was being subpoenaed by the defense. He was a witness for the prosecution, but did not testify, and it is said that his evidence will have to do with a telephone conversation between himself and Miss Dingle in which she is claimed to have several times threatened to kill herself.

## NO ARRESTS IN NEW YORK.

### Postmaster Van Cott Doubts the Existence of Alleged Syndicate.

New York, April 14.—No arrests have as yet been made as a result of the investigation said to be in progress of the charges that an alleged promotion syndicate had been operating to secure payment from employees of the New York postoffice for increases in salaries.

Postmaster Van Cott said that he had heard nothing official from Washington as yet concerning the alleged syndicate. He is still loath, he said, to believe that any such alleged syndicate could operate in the New York postoffice without his knowledge and he cannot see by what argument the men were induced to part with their money, if such were really the case.

According to the Washington dispatches, 1776 promotions recommended by the New York postoffice have been held up.

**Shamrock's Spars Too Light.**  
Weymouth, Eng., April 14.—The brief sail of the two Shamrocks showed that Shamrock III is able to stand well to her canvas. In the hard breeze she appeared to pull more water than formerly. This, however, is not surprising considering her speed. The significant point of this first trial in a really hard blow suggests that Mr. Pile has gone beyond the safe limit in his desire to produce light spars. The challenger's main boom is palpably too light for the main sail, the gull which the boom gave spilling the set of the whole mainsail, which showed a double belly divided by a hard full ridge. The main sheet strops will be rearranged for distributing the strain, which it is believed will stiffen the boom.

## For Department Commander.

Rochester, April 14.—The Monroe county commanders and delegates to the department encampment of the G. A. R., to be held at Niagara Falls June 17, 18 and 19, at a meeting held in this city endorsed unanimously the candidacy of Major John S. Kester of Port Leyden for the department commandership.

**Oil Steamer Overdue.**  
New York, April 14.—Louis Luckenbach, local agent of the steamer S. V. Luckenbach, said that nothing had been heard of the vessel since she sailed from Sabine Pass, March 22, for Philadelphia with a cargo of oil. The steamer has been out 22 days, nearly two weeks longer than her usual time. She carries a crew of 19 men.

## Child Played With Matches.

New York, April 14.—In a fire which burned out the top floor of a four-story tenement building in the east side, Edward Lavory, four years old, was burned to death. His mother had left him alone in the house a few minutes. It is supposed he had played with matches.

**Fined For Fast Driving.**  
Newport, R. I., April 14.—Albert G. Vanderbilt, his chauffeur and Reginald C. Vanderbilt were each fined \$10 and costs in special session of the district court for running their autos through Middletown at a greater speed than 10 miles an hour.

## BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

### Pointed Paragraphs Chronicling the Week's Doings.

**Wednesday.**  
Governor Odell on Tuesday at noon signed the \$101,000,000 canal improvement bill.

Tom L. Johnson and S. M. Jones were re-elected mayors of Cleveland and Toledo respectively.

President Roosevelt made an open air address at Fargo, N. D., on "The Philippine Islands and the Army."

A general strike was proclaimed throughout Holland in answer to the government's proposed anti-strike laws.

Beef packers, it is declared, while apparently idle, have lost no time in maturing plans for a merger of interests.

### Thursday.

Carter H. Harrison was Tuesday elected mayor of Chicago for the fourth time.

President Roosevelt entered the Yellowstone park at Livingston, Mont., and will remain secluded for 16 days.

J. F. Beyer, formerly a sailor on board the United States cruiser Chicago, was shot and killed in a quarrel at West Salamanca by William Roda wall.

A dispatch from St. Petersburg says 300 persons have been killed and that 100 were injured during labor disturbances at a large factory near Nishni-Novgorod.

Norslet Whitaker is in the Roosevelt hospital, New York, suffering from bullet wounds in the left arm and in the abdomen. His wife says she fired the shots in the belief that he was a burglar.

### Friday.

Hotel employes at Rochester, N. Y., testified against Dr. Leland Kent, accused of abetting Miss Ethel Dingle in suicide.

A cyclone swept through White and Cleburns counties, Ark., and the record of casualties is nine dead, three dying and 13 injured.

British officers, Mr. Balfour states, may be sent to accompany the Turkish troops engaged in suppressing disorder in Macedonia.

By hitting the target 39 times in 30 shots with 6-pounder guns, gunners on the Iowa made a new record at Pensacola.

The United States circuit court of appeals at St. Paul handed down a decision in the suit of the United States against the Northern Securities company, enjoining the company from voting the stock of the Northern Pacific or Great Northern railway.

### Saturday.

Henry Watterson in a speech in Chicago declared that negro suffrage is a failure.

William Waldorf Astor has purchased Castle Fever, the birthplace of Anne Boleyn, near Sevenoaks, in Kent, for \$185,000.

The Dutch parliament has passed the anti-strike law and authorized the formation of a military brigade to run trains on the state railways.

Three men were killed and five hurt by the explosion of a 12-inch gun on the battle ship Iowa during target practice off Pensacola, Fla.

The inquest into the death of Mr. and Mrs. Pennell at Buffalo was finished and Judge Murphy handed down a verdict that the Pennells met their death on the evening of March 10 as the result of a fall in an automobile over the bank of the quarry, but the evidence did not show whether the fall was accidental or designed.

### Sunday.

Record breaking prophecies are made for the wheat crop of the coming season.

Dutch strikers have fallen out, their committee seeking to call the strike off and the men repudiating their action.

Damage by the explosion of a big gun on the Iowa is so great the battle ship must be placed out of commission for repairs.

President Roosevelt sent congratulations from Yellowstone Park to Attorney General Knox upon the federal court's decision dissolving the Northern securities merger.

Wall street agreed that a death blow had been dealt the Northern securities company if the United States supreme court should uphold the decision of the circuit court of appeals.

### Tuesday.

Mortgage tax and educational unification will be vigorously discussed this week in the legislature.

Mr. George J. Gould says that in all his experience he never saw wheat look so well as it does in the West today.

Judge Sutherland dismissed the Kent jury at Rochester. He said a juror had been expressing his views on the outside.

Colonel William F. Cody met with an accident during a performance at Manchester, England. His horse reared and fell on him.

Dr. Wiley's borax boarders in the agricultural department are turning a pink hue owing to some mysterious chemical used in the government food tests.

## LOVER WING BACK PRESENTS.

### Alderman Decides That When Engagement is Broken Gifts Must Be Returned.

Williamsport, Pa., April 11.—In a suit Alderman E. W. Betzler has decided that after a young woman breaks an engagement to marry she is in duty bound to return the presents received from the young man while the engagement existed. The decision was made in a suit brought by Peter McCloskey against Miss Burke of Newberry.

McCloskey resides at Seattle, Wash., and as a Christmas present sent his fiancée a gold watch and chain and a pin, the total value of which he placed at \$85. Several weeks ago McCloskey came East with the expectation of wedding Miss Burke. Soon after reaching the home of his intended bride he suggested an early marriage. Miss Burke was in no hurry. The latter then resorted to law to compel Miss Burke to return the presents which he had sent her.

After hearing all the evidence Alderman Betzler rendered a decision in favor of McCloskey, awarding a judgment of \$65 against Miss Burke.

## Panama Canal Commission.

New York, April 10.—The special Panama canal commission, consisting of Rear Admiral Walker, Brigadier General Peter C. Hains and Professor Burr, sailed for Colon on the Panama railroad steamship Yucatan. Major William M. Black of the engineer corps and a number of secretaries and engineers accompanied the commission. Rear Admiral Walker said that the commission will make a careful inspection of the entire route of the canal and the canal properties. On their return they will prepare a report regarding the condition as they find it. Major Black, who is an expert in sanitary engineering, will carefully investigate the sanitary conditions along the route.

## Rival Water Companies.

Harrisburg, April 11.—Judges Weiss and Jacobs heard arguments on the petition of the Colfax, the Two-Lick Creek, Grant, Township and Yellow Creek and Cherry Hill Water companies for an injunction against Governor Pennypacker, Secretary of the Commonwealth Fuller, and H. M. Lowrey, recorder of deeds of Indiana county, to restrain the latter from recording certificates of incorporation to the Highland, Cloverdale, Commercial and Cherry Hill Water companies, which are seeking the right to furnish water to citizens in certain portions of Indiana county. The court reserved its decision.

## Masonic Temple For New Castle.

New Castle, Pa., April 11.—The erection of a \$50,000 Masonic temple in this city is now an assured fact, definite action in the matter having been taken by the members of Mahoning Lodge, No. 242, and Lodge of the Craft, No. 433, of the Masonic fraternity. The lodges will not officially be concerned in the temple project, which will be handled by the Masonic association of New Castle, which has just been formed for the purpose. Its capital is \$50,000 and it will be chartered. The lodges have already purchased a building site for \$13,200 on North street.

## Pittsburgher Killed by Train.

Philadelphia, April 11.—Charles Killrain, 37 years old, who lived in Pittsburgh, was hurled 100 feet by a fast express train on the Pennsylvania railroad, near Wheat Sheaf Lane, early Thursday morning and instantly killed. Killrain and a friend, James O'Neill, were on their way to Brooklyn, where they had obtained work. O'Neill slid down an embankment for safety, but his friend, going in the opposite direction, was caught by the train. Killrain's body was taken to the morgue and O'Neill was held as a witness before the coroner.

## Hay Fork Tire Enters Boy's Brain.

Irwin, Pa., April 11.—Benjamin, the 8-year-old son of George Painter, Sr., is lying at his home, south of here, in an unconscious condition from the effects of a peculiar accident. The boy was in the barn and, after using a hay fork, attempted to throw it into the mow. The fork bounced back, one of the tines penetrating the boy's brain through the right ear. Doctors say the boy cannot live.

## Hanna at Erie Banquet.

Erie, April 11.—Senator M. A. Hanna and Congressman Arthur L. Bates were the guests of honor at the chamber of commerce banquet here Thursday evening. Five hundred members were in attendance. Senator Hanna responded to the toast, "Capital Versus Labor." Congressman Bates spoke on the subject, "Is Financial Legislation Needed?"

**Teachers' Salary Bill a Law.**  
Harrisburg, April 11.—Governor Pennypacker has signed the Snyder bill, fixing the minimum salary of school teachers at \$25 per month.

**ITEMS IN BRIEF.**  
Dubois.—The large general store of Smith Bros., at Fall Creek, two miles from here, was destroyed by fire. The loss will reach \$10,000, fully covered by insurance.

Cumberland.—Beginning Sunday, the congregation of Emmanuel Episcopal church, this city, will observe the centennial of the incorporation of the parish.

Sharon.—The first dividend of 2 per cent has been declared by the Sharon Savings and Trust company, which began business seven months ago.