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By B. F. Irvine

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## SHOT DEAD BY LOVER

THEN SHOOTS HIMSELF AND DIES WITH BULLET IN BRAIN.

Rival Witnesses Crime—Unknown Man Deserts Girl and Runs When Murderer Draws His Gun.

Portland, April 1.—Portland Oregonian: Goaded to desperation by her fickleness, Roscoe H. James, son of C. E. James, superintendent of the Oregon state penitentiary, last night shot and instantly killed Grace N. Disney, his sweetheart, on West Park street, then placed the revolver at his head and fired a bullet through his own brain. He cannot live more than a few hours. Young James was a student at the Portland academy, where he has been taken a business course.

James' successful rival, a young man whose name the police have learned is Hal Reed, was an eye witness of the tragedy, as was also Henry E. Hiatt, a friend who was with James when he spied the girl and her other lover on their way home from a stroll a few minutes after 11 o'clock. Miss Disney's escort showed the white feather and

companion, James Foster, in the Northern Pacific railroad yards in this city at an early hour this morning.

The murderers were immediately surrounded by a posse of citizens, headed by Town Marshal Stratton, in an empty box car, where they had taken refuge. In making a desperate attempt to escape, the younger Baxter was shot through the body and is in a critical condition. The father receiving a slight flesh wound in the left leg, returned to the boxcar, where he was held a prisoner until the arrival of Sheriff Kirby and a posse of citizens from Kalama, a few hours later. He then surrendered without further resistance. After an inquest the Baxters were charged with first degree murder. The Baxters were taken tonight to Kalama and lodged in the county jail.

Foster was murdered shortly after midnight. While returning home, L. W. Flanders, section foreman of the Northern Pacific Railroad company heard the shooting and witnessed the tragedy at a distance of only a few steps.

Sheriff Kirby and a posse of six men soon arrived, making the trip of nine miles from Kalama on a handcar. With the reinforcements then on the ground, Marshal Stratton approached the car and, opening the door, commanded the elder Baxter to surrender. Limping to the door, the father begged not to be shot and was hurried away to the

## THE COMMISSION

FIND HARRY K. THAW BOTH INSANE AND SANE.

Direct Conflict of Opinion as to His Present Mental Condition—Report to Court After Final Examination Today Other News.

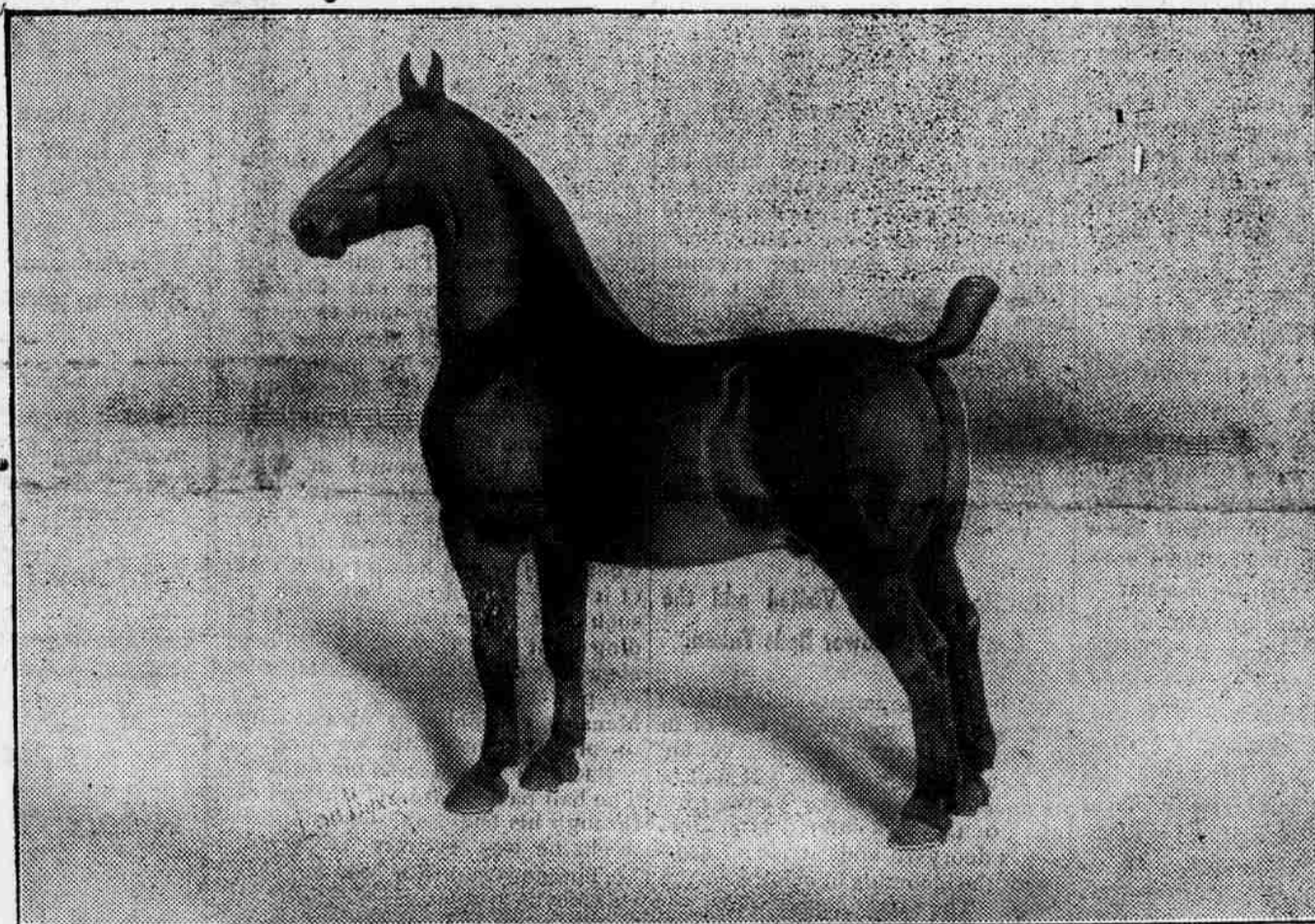
New York, April 2.—It was announced today after a session which lasted from 10.30 o'clock this morning until 6.30 P. M., that the lunacy commission inquiring into the present mental state of Harry K. Thaw will conclude its labor tomorrow and report its conclusions to Justice Fitzgerald before the hour set for the Thaw jury to report in court on Thursday morning. There will be a brief session tomorrow to hear the testimony of an alienist offered by District Attorney Jerome and then will follow a private mental and physical examination of the defendant. Only the members of the commission and the official stenographer will be present at Thaw's ordeal, attorneys for the defense and the district attorney being barred.

The announce ment that the committee desired to renew its private examination of Thaw came at the

that he intended to incorporate some of them in his summing up address. The alienists for the defense in testifying declared they had the advantage of constant personal examination of the defendant, while the prosecution witnesses had not. The Tombs physicians, two chaplains of the city prison, several guards and a probation officer took the stand and testified that Thaw in prison had acted and spoken like a rational man.

The commission today decided to admit the testimony of Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton, who said he made four examinations of Harry Thaw, the last in July, 1906. He concluded then that saw was suffering from chronic delusional insanity or paranoia and still held that belief. On cross-examination Dr. Hamilton admitted he had not examined the defendant recently. The defendant's counsel fought against Dr. Hamilton's testimony to the very last. Failing in the plea of professional privilege as a bar, they argued that his examinations of the defendant were too remote to be of any value at this time. The commission decided to allow the testimony.

Members of the commission cross-examined several of the district attorney's alienists at length, inquiring as to the consistency of their testimony that Thaw is now insane and has been so for several years as against their testimony at the trial, when in answer to a hypo-



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took to his heels when he saw the pistol was drawn, and the bloody deed was done before Hiatt could interfere.

When he overtook the couple, young James wasted not a moment in taking his revenge. With the laconic remark, "So here you are," he pulled his pistol from his pocket and fired two shots into the girl's back as she turned, then put another into his own head back of the right ear. The girl, with one scream of fright and agony, sank to the pavement and died.

The corpse of Miss Disney lay across the sidewalk, while that of her slayer was stretched out on the grass beside her. Finding that James, who was groaning in agony was alive, the police placed him in a wagon and took him to St. Vincent's hospital, where it was announced that the wound would undoubtedly prove fatal.

An examination of Miss Disney's body, made at the morgue, showed that the fatal bullet entered her back, a few inches below the shoulder blades, fractured the spinal column, pierced the heart, and made its exit through the left breast, passing entirely through the body. Death was instantaneous.

Woodland, Wash., March 31.—As a result of a quarrel over the proceeds of the sale of some cheap jewelry, to tramps, Tom Baxter and George Baxter, father and son, deliberately murdered their hobo

town jail. On reaching the place Coroner Bell took charge of Foster's body. An examination disclosed that Foster had been shot four times with a 32 caliber revolver. Two bullets had lodged in his breast within a radius of two inches, another had passed through his head, while the fourth was found in his leg. All except the one in his leg had made wounds that were fatal.

The deliberate and cold-blooded character of the crime is apparent from this disclosure, since the murdered man must have been shot three times after falling to the ground following the first shot.

"I left Forbes' saloon about 12 o'clock midnight," said Andrews, the eye witness of the tragedy. "When I reached the depot I saw three men coming down the track. I continued my way home and went to bed. 'Afterward,' says Foreman Andrews, 'I got up and going outside the car in which I sleep, I saw the same men sneaking along some freight cars a few yards distant. When they approached to within 30 yards of me one of them said: 'You will never do that again.' 'And then the firing began. I think five shots were fired. I jumped back into the section car and peeped through the door. After the shooting ceased I saw to men move away a few steps and sit down on some ties. Presently they re-

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end of a day of many witness and it was in the nature of a surprise. The decision was probably due to the conflicting character of the testimony heard today. It was another battle of alienists. Those engaged by the district attorney declared Thaw absolutely incapable of understanding his condition, of realizing the nature of the charge against him, or of rationally conferring with counsel, while those engaged by the defense declared Thaw throughout the trial had acted in a rational manner; and rationally advised his counsel in their hearing, and fully understood and appreciated everything connected with the trial.

The experts for the prosecution admitted that they had reached their conclusions as to Thaw's present state of mental unsoundness from distant observations of him in the courtroom and from writings alleged to have emanated from him during the trial. Among the latter were 24 pages of newspaper clippings and memoranda written by Thaw as suggestions to his chief attorney, Delphin M. Delmas, for his summing up address to the jury. Mr. Jerome's experts declared these writings were those of an insane man. The experts for the defense declared there was absolutely nothing in the writings upon which to predicate an opinion.

Mr. Delmas himself took the stand and declared many of Thaw's suggestions were most valuable and

thetical question they declared that Thaw knew the nature and quality of his act when he shot and killed Stanford White and knew the act was wrong. Dr. Austin Flint declared that Thaw was insane from the alienist's point of view when the homicide occurred, but was not insane in the language of the law. Mr. Jerome's experts one after another agreed that Thaw is a paranoiac and that his case is incurable.

Dr. Flint gave a new touch to the form of insanity from which it is alleged Thaw is suffering by declaring that former paranoiacal delusions of persecution rapidly change into delusions of grandeur.

New York, April 2.—Commander Robert E. Peary has now the \$200,000 necessary for his coming expedition to the Far North, and expects to set sail about the last of June. The Roosevelt, his ship, is receiving necessary repairs.

Bridal Veil, Or., April 2.—West-bound freight train No. 55 was wrecked at 6 o'clock this evening at Oneonta, five miles east of here, because of a broken wheel on one of the cars. Seven cars were ditched. No one was injured. The wrecking train from Albina arrived at 10 o'clock and it is expected the track will be cleared by daylight. A special train carrying empty coaches from Portland transferred the passenger train from No. 1 westbound.