

Additional Letter from John T. Brady.

(Extract)

Pemona, Cal., May 23, 1896.

. . . My recollection is that Legan was the oldest man on the jury, and therefore we selected him as foreman. There might have been one man younger than myself, but my recollection is that I was about the youngest man on the jury, and that there were not more than three of the jury over thirty years of age. On the first ballot Armstrong was acquitted. We did not take a second ballot. The jury looked upon Allen as a truthful witness, but the almanac ruined his testimony.

The trial lasted over Sunday (?), and during Sunday, which was very warm, we were all leuning on the grass in the court house yard, attended by a deputy sheriff. Mr. Lincoln and other lawyers were with us, and we talked and cracked jokes and killed time as best we could. I think the trial began on Thursday and ended on Tuesday. (?)

(Mr. Brady's statements in the second paragraph are not borne out by the records, in which nothing appears to show that the trial extended beyond the day on which it commenced. He was probably in Beardstown for a week or more on the regular jury ~~panel~~ panel, and possibly has connected the whole time with the Armstrong case. He remembers too well, anyway, I think, for a strictly truthful man.--J. McC. D.)