

THE TRIAL OF SAITTA.

The Defendant's Attorney Endeavors to Prove an Alibi.

THE ACCUSED TAKES THE STAND

And Tells of His Every Movement on the Night of the Fire.

OTHER INTERESTING COURT NEWS.

The trial of F. A. Saitta on the charge of setting fire to the Dalmeyer building on Liberty street on December 10 was continued before Judge McClung yesterday.

Stewart Reeder pleaded guilty to the larceny by bail of a violin from G. F. Ditz, of South Nineteenth street, last June.

John S. Robb, Esq., made the opening for the defense and made an outline of his case, which would be to show that the prisoner was not at or near the store on the night of the fire.

Henry Daub, the wholesale grocer, was the first witness for the defense. He knew Saitta for six years and said that his general reputation for honesty was good.

P. A. Saitta, the defendant, was placed on the stand and gave his testimony in a cool, collected manner, without any show of nervousness.

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The Prisoner Corroborated. Major Hammer corroborated the prisoner as to the insurance compromise, and said that he had known Mr. Saitta for years and that he had always borne a good character.

This closed the case and Major Montooth made the argument for the defense. The speaker claimed that the Commonwealth had failed in any way to identify Mr. Saitta with the fire and that the prisoner would have been an idiot to have attempted to burn the building in the way it was done.

The Prosecution Closes. District Attorney Burleigh made a strong argument for the Commonwealth, and said that a chain of circumstantial evidence could not be more complete.

T. S. Freeland yesterday entered suit against Charles L. Davis, proprietor of the Alvin Theater, to recover \$44,200 on a balance claimed to be due for material furnished and work done on the theater.

A MOTHER WANTS DAMAGES.

Her Son Was Drowned and She Sues to Recover \$20,000.

Mrs. Sophia A. Whorrey yesterday entered suit against T. J. Woods, James Moran, Thomas Moran, J. W. Gould and C. L. Scowden, owners of the steamer George Shiras, for \$20,000 damages for the death of her 19-year-old son, J. N. Cooke.

THE WORLD'S MUSEUM MUST SETTLE.

A verdict of \$1,000 for the plaintiff was given yesterday in the case of William T. Aiken & Co. vs. the World's Museum.

AGAINST THE CITY.

A Defective Sewer Drop Alleged to Have Caused Sickness and a Suit Follows.

John McMahon yesterday entered suit against the city of Pittsburgh for \$10,000 damages. McMahon lives in the Sixteenth ward, and the new Thirty-third street sewer passes through his lot.

DAMAGES FOR BEING HIT.

In the suit of Charles Stropp and wife against John Bleicher, John Saurensen and Crist G. Seyrie, for damages for injury to Mrs. Stropp's car, a verdict was given yesterday for \$400 for the plaintiff.

Want a License Transferred.

A petition was filed yesterday in the Quarter Sessions Court for the transfer of the retail liquor license of Samuel H. Gillson, No. 1325 and 1328 Penn avenue, to William J. Lavey.

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Employed on the boat as a fireman, and on August 20 fell into the water and was drowned. It is charged that the captain and crew of the boat watched him drown and made no effort to save him, though they could easily have done so.

Several Interesting Cases Disposed of Yesterday.—A Case Growing Out of the Carnegie Strike on Trial.

In Judge Kennedy's branch of the Criminal Court George Jeremy was tried for assault and battery on Noah Butler. The latter hired a buggy from Jeremy on July 4, and bringing it back broken a fight resulted. Jeremy was acquitted and the costs divided.

Wm. Stivison was acquitted of aggravated assault and battery on James Maxwell at Boston, Pa., August 31, but was ordered to pay the costs.

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