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CITY NOTES.

The sewer and drains committee of select council will meet at 4 p. m. tomorrow. An excursion will be run from Erieburg to Laurel Hill park on Wednesday by the Primitive Methodist church. The Erie and Wyoming Valley bridge over Washington avenue, at New street, was struck by lightning Monday night. Fire was discovered in the ruins of Dales & Griffin's clothing store on Lackawanna avenue. It was quenched by a few buckets of water. The meeting of the Young Men's society of the Catholic church was postponed until next Monday night. The diagram for the high school commencement exercises at the Academy of Music Friday evening was opened at Powell's music store yesterday. George Deale, of Hollister avenue, a rockman employed at the Marine shaft, was killed yesterday morning by a fall of rock. He was about 21 years of age, unmarried, and lived with his parents. Chief Engineer Fisher received new badges yesterday, one for himself and one apiece for each of the six assistant chiefs. The badges are very fine specimens of the work of the American Bell Telephone company. Those who desire extra copies of this anniversary edition should order same before 8 o'clock this morning. The 15,000 special edition printed today was all but exhausted last night by advance orders. Elder C. C. Ramsey, of Philadelphia, will deliver a free Bible lecture at Christ's chapel, Penn avenue, Green Ridge, this evening at 7.30 upon "The Fifth Universal Monarchy." He is a noted speaker. The joint streets and bridges committees of council, in conjunction with City Engineer Phillips, will, this evening, meet property owners in reference to the approach to the proposed Linden street bridge. The building committee of the board of control will meet tomorrow evening, when plans of the new Fourth and Ninth-seventh ward school buildings will be submitted. The committee will also discuss the matter of changing the proposed Fourth ward site. At the regular meeting of Lackawanna Council, No. 1133, Royal Arcanum, this evening, Brother Grand Chaplain John G. Noble, of Ponce de Leon, Pa., will make an official visit. He writes that he has something of importance to say, that will both interest and instruct. A committee has been appointed to furnish refreshments. The inquest on the death of Eugene O'Connor, who died suddenly in McHugh's hotel, at Dunmore, Sunday morning, was conducted by coroner Kelly last Monday. Evidence of the autopsy examination and O'Connor's habits for several weeks previous to his death, showed that his demise was due to the excessive use of liquor, and a verdict was rendered that death was caused by alcoholism. The Young Men's Christian association is making elaborate preparations for the parade of Friday evening preceding the all-around sports at Hogan park the day following. The procession will be headed by the Lawrence band and will include representatives of nearly all of the athletic clubs of this city, visiting organizations, and a large escort composed of active members of the Young Men's Christian association. List of subscriptions received since last report by Messrs. McGee and McDermott, on behalf of the miners on strike in the Phillipsburg region: E. J. Lynett, \$1; C. T. Boland, \$2; cash \$2; John Gallagher, \$2; W. J. Miller, \$2; A. V. Jones, \$2; Storey, \$2; J. S. and J. S. \$2; Taylor, \$2; \$2.40; Steel workers, \$17.15; Electrical workers, \$5.51; Glassblowers' union, No. 13, \$10; Accidental Fund of Laws and, \$19.18; Pennsylvania Coal company, \$20; Plasterers' union, Branch 100, \$10; total, \$107.60; previously acknowledged, \$111.38; grand total, \$218.98.

PIONEER CASE IN ELECTRICAL JURISPRUDENCE

Damage Suit of Dr. D. B. Hand Opens Up a Wholly New Field.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR LIVE WIRES

The Jury Sealed Their Verdict at 7 O'clock Last Evening, in a Piece of Litigation Which Has Attracted Expert Attention Throughout the Country—The Evidence Impartially and Carefully Reviewed—Points in Which the Judge Charged the Jury and Points Which He Reserved.

After claiming the attention of the court for eleven days the case of Dr. D. B. Hand against the Central Pennsylvania Telephone and Supply company was given to the jury at 11.45 yesterday morning. At 7 o'clock last evening the jury agreed and sealed its verdict. It is one of the most interesting and hardest fought court cases ever tried in this county. The plaintiff was represented by Attorneys S. B. Price, C. R. Pletcher and J. Elliot Ross, and the defendant company by Major Everett Warren and Attorney Candor, of Williamsport. The greater part of the work of examining witnesses was performed by Mr. Price and Mr. Warren. It was a superb legal battle throughout, in which the resources of the attorneys were at times severely taxed. As an object lesson of the manner in which a case should be tried it was most interesting and was watched with close attention by lawyers, more especially by the younger members of the bar.

Dr. Hand sued to recover damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained on Sept. 6, 1889, at West Lackawanna avenue and Ninth street in this city. The doctor was driving on Lackawanna avenue and at Ninth street his horse stepped on a wire lying on the ground. The animal received an electric shock, was killed and fell to the ground.

DOCTOR RECEIVED A SHOCK. Dr. Hand left his buggy and attempted to raise the horse by taking hold of the bridle. He claims that he received a shock of electricity that made him very sick at the time and caused him to vomit. That was not all. From the effects of the shock he declares that he was permanently injured, one of his arms being partially paralyzed, and it has since wasted away noticeably. For these injuries he asked damages from the telephone company, whose wires he contended did all the mischief by falling and coming in contact with a guy wire holding a trolley wire of the traction company in place.

From the guy wire the end of the telephone wire fell to the ground, and when the horse stepped on it he received a shock direct from the trolley wire. The case, of course, hinges on the question of negligence on the part of the company. It is maintained that the defendant was negligent. First—Because its telephone wires should have been guarded to avoid possible contact with a trolley wire or any part of the system connected therewith. Second—Because the wire which fell was eaten through by rust. Third—Because the company had notice that the wire was down and had sufficient time before the accident occurred in which to have repaired it.

FIRST OF THE KIND. The case practically opens up a new field of jurisprudence. It is the first case tried in this county growing out of damage caused by electricity directly and is a pioneer in that class of litigation. The silent force is now being employed so extensively that the courts will probably develop many somewhat similar cases. At the present, however, there is little legislation bearing directly on such cases, and there were few legal landmarks to guide the trial of the cause.

Judge Archibald, before whom the case was tried, decided that for the purposes of this case, by analogy it might be made to conform to the conditions that must be observed for the safety of public by other companies that perform public functions. He likened it to a steam road company that uses locomotives. Such companies, for the protection of the property in the territory through which their engines pass, are compelled to adopt the latest and best known spark arresters. If they take such precautions they cannot be held liable for damages. In like manner he held that a telephone company should adopt the best known means of protecting its wires against the introduction of any foreign current.

It was held by the defense that the wire that killed Dr. Hand's horse was not owned by them but was the property of the Postal Telegraph company; that there was no duty it owed to the public in the construction and maintenance of its wires that it had not performed; that Dr. Hand could not have received a shock personally, the evidence being that the horse fell on the wire which would completely ground it and pass the current into the earth. DENIED THAT HE WAS INJURED. It was further held that even if Dr. Hand could have sustained a shock the effects were only temporary and insignificant. The evidence of the medical experts for the defense sustained this position by stating that Dr. Hand is not now suffering from any serious physical trouble. Whatever difficulty there is with his arms or other parts of his body they said were attributable to the numerous accidents Dr. Hand had sustained from time to time, and for which he secured indemnity from accident insurance companies.

There were a large number of medical and electrical experts called upon to testify by the plaintiff and defendant, among them being Professor Thomas D. Lockwood, of Boston, recognized as one of the greatest electrical experts in the country. He is the engineer of the American Bell Telephone company, and is the author of several works on electricity, which have been translated into foreign languages. One of his books has just been translated into Japanese. He left this city last Saturday and went direct to Boston to testify in the case of the United States against the Bell Telephone company to ascertain certain patents held by the Bell company. The abundance of expert testimony made the case one of uncommon interest to the medical and electrical people, many of whom were present during the whole trial.

TURNING POINT OF THE CASE. The question of the liability of the company of course hinges on whether or not it was guilty of negligence. The guy wire, over which the tele-

phone wire fell, ran from the trolley wire to a post on the north side of Lackawanna avenue and was supposed to be protected from the current from the trolley wire by a porcelain insulator. That insulator was in place two years before the accident, and it was contended by the plaintiff that owing to its broken and imperfect condition, the guy wire became charged and in turn charged the telephone wire which dropped over it. The real question at issue in the case is, was the telephone company bound to take notice in the course of two years that insulator which protected the guy wire was liable to become useless and therefore cause the trouble that resulted? If it knew that such a condition of affairs was likely to arise, then it would have been its duty to have so protected its wires that in case they fell they would not drop on the guy wire and thereby become a menace to life.

The evidence in the case closed on Saturday, and Monday was devoted to the arguments of counsel to jury. Yesterday morning Judge Archibald delivered his charge. It was an able effort, the reasoning being both logical and in an exhaustive manner. With the painstaking care for which Judge Archibald is famous, he carefully reviewed every detail in the case that the jury might thoroughly understand the whole subject.

THAT SECOND REASON. As has been shown above, the plaintiff claims that the defendant was guilty of negligence for three reasons. The second was "because the wire which fell was eaten through by rust." This was withdrawn from the consideration of the jury by Judge Archibald because the company was only bound to use ordinary care in maintaining its wires so far as breakage is concerned, and there was no evidence to show that it knew or ought to have known of the defect in the wire, if there was any.

The case went to the jury for consideration on the other two grounds of negligence subject to a point reserved by Judge Archibald. The point is: Was there negligence on the part of the company in not so guarding its wires as to prevent them from possible contact with guy wires connected with the trolley system? In case the verdict is for the plaintiff then the reserved point will come up for argument, and when Judge Archibald has made up his mind on the matter it will unquestionably be taken up to the supreme court for review. The decision of that body will be an authority on what constitutes proper care by telephone and telegraph companies to prevent their wires from being made dangerous by contact with wires more heavily charged.

That is where the importance attached to this case rests and why it has been watched with such close care by those interested in the development of electricity as well as by the legal profession.

PIERCE FIRE IN A BREWERY.

The One Owned by the Robinsons', on Seventh Street, Damaged to Extent of \$15,000.

The fiercest fire of the year, and one that required the greatest efforts of the fire department to battle with broke out yesterday morning on the second floor in the main storage room of the E. Robinson brewery at Seventh and Seventh streets on the West side. The flames were discovered at 8.30 by the watchman, and a force of employees set to work with the fire apparatus owned at the brewery and before any of the fire companies arrived there were three streams turned on the building.

The rooms in which the fire started were stored with large quantities of malt hops. The total damage is estimated at from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Ex-Sheriff Charles Robinson, a part owner of the brewery, was seen yesterday at his office. His theory as to the origin of the fire is that it was caused by some defect in the electric wires. Chief Engineer Fisher's opinion is that the spontaneous combustion caused it.

The building is a brick one and there is very little inflammable material connected with it. It is three stories high and laid out in such style as to render it a very disagreeable place to fight a fire. In order to get the streams directed where they would be most effective, the firemen were forced to climb on the roof by means of ladders and turn the water upon the flames through the opening which the fire had made. Another line was hauled to the roof of the residence of Mrs. E. Robinson adjoining. In less than an hour the flames were under control. The alarm was sounded from box 11 and Chief Fisher as soon as he saw the task before him, caused a second alarm to be rung, which means that additional companies respond. At the first alarm the Hook and Ladder, New Aug, Eagle, Phoenix and Crystal companies turned out, and when the second alarm was sounded, the Fire, Franklin and the Columbus answered. The damage done to the building did not interfere with the business at the brewery; everything was running as usual after the fire. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

AFTER SCHOOL.

Grand Vacation Excursion to Niagara Falls.

On Thursday, June 28th, the Erie lines will run a personally conducted excursion to Buffalo and Niagara Falls. The excursion will afford one of the grandest vacation sight-seeing trips for school teachers, scholars and the general public ever organized at extremely low rates. The train composed of the best day coaches will reach the Falls at 4 p. m., and return following day, June 29th, leaving at 4 p. m. and Buffalo city station at 4.30 p. m. Round trip only \$3.00. Children between five and twelve years one-half of the above rate. Leave Scranton via D. & H., at 5.40 a. m.

Executive Committee Meeting.

The executive committee of the High School Alumni association held a meeting last night and decided to hold the annual banquet and reception at the Bicycle Club house next Tuesday evening. Charles E. Daniels will be toastmaster. The reception committee is Professor Henry Kummert, Emeritus, of Greensburg, Andrew Fine, W. P. Kennedy, George Chase, John M. Harris, Misses Helen Mort, Clara Neimeyer, Anna Burch, Lillie Reister, Agnes Bohlen, Mary Lynde, Mrs. Lynde, Josephine Leas, Anna Chase and Mrs. W. A. Gallagher.

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STRANGER TO MERCY

Murderer Medala Would Show None to His Cowering Victim.

IN HIDING NEAR OLD FORGE

That Is Opinion of Sheriff Fahy Who Has Been Working Industiously on the Case—Thinks That County Commissioners Should Offer a Reward—Believes Medala's Hiding Place Would Then Be Disclosed.

"If the county commissioners would consent to offer a reward I am confident that Criszenzo Medala, who murdered Emanuel Loro at Old Forge Sunday night, can be captured," said Sheriff Fahy yesterday after his return from the scene of the murder. "I have already spent over \$100 in hiring men and horses in an effort to run him down, and as that must come out of my own pocket I think I should not be asked to bear any further expense in this case. But the man should be captured, and if the county commissioners will assist me I am confident that I can capture Medala."

"Every avenue of escape from the vicinity of Old Forge has been guarded with vigilance since three hours after the murder, and I am sure that Medala is kept in hiding by friends somewhere in the vicinity of Old Forge. It is my opinion that the offer of a reward would lead to his hiding place being disclosed." Sheriff Fahy and several of his assistants will go to Old Forge again this morning. County Detective Shea is also continuously at Old Forge. It is almost impossible to get any information concerning the murderer, even the man with whom he boarded at first denying that he knew Medala's name. Those who have been working on the case have had several exciting adventures.

COMMISSIONER DEMUTH INTERVIEWED. A TRIBUNE reporter found commissioner Demuth in his office yesterday. He said that within a few hours he had several inquiries from persons who reside in the county who offer a reward. Mr. Demuth said that Commissioner S. W. Roberts is now in Middletown, N. Y., and in his absence the other commissioner is disinclined to take any action. Mr. Roberts will return Thursday.

The additional facts that are being brought to light show that the murder was the most deliberate ever committed in the history of the county. It appears that Loro was dialled because he kept a barber shop in which only 5 cents was charged for shaving.

Medala followed him for over 500 feet before shooting. After firing the second shot Loro fell and, with his hands clasped over his eyes, started on the view of his enemy standing over him with a smoking revolver in his hand, he brought Medala to spare him. For an answer the murderer fired three other shots into the writhing body of his victim. Having finished his bloody work he made his way through the crowd that had gathered, and going back to his boarding house reloaded his 38-caliber revolver and walked away. No one attempted to stop him.

FIRST APPEARANCE TOMORROW.

Evening Express Will Be Launched on the Journalistic Stream. The Evening Express, Scranton's new penny paper, will make its first appearance tomorrow afternoon. It will be a four-page, seven-column sheet, and will contain telegraphic news furnished by the Eastern Associated Press, original editorials and be largely devoted to local news. The staff of the new paper is composed wholly of young men. F. C. McKee, who will be in the head of the paper, is a practical newspaper man, having been for seven years editor of the Daily Review, published at Towanda, and in which he still holds a one-half interest.

The other members of the staff are J. W. Gould, B. E. Squires and Richard J. Deaton, all well known newspaper men of the city, and Henry B. Singer of Carbondale. In point of ability the staff is a good one, and it is reasonable to expect that the Express will be a bright and interesting newspaper.

AT WONDERLAND THEATER.

The Private Secretary Will Be Followed by the Golden Giant.

"The Private Secretary" as performed at Wonderland theater last evening, proved a highly successful entertainment. Ralph Cuming, the leading character made a decided hit and won abundant applause from the audience. Other members of the cast who particularly distinguished themselves by their fine work were Mrs. Sutherland, Robert Cummings and Will Hertz. Tonight's attraction will be the "Golden Giant," a play of far more than ordinary interest, and one that it will do you good to see interpreted. It will be staged to good advantage and presented in the most attractive manner possible.

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FROTHINGHAM THEATER.

Bohemian Girl at the Matinee To-Day.

Olivette To-Night. The performance of "Bohemian Girl" at the Frothingham last night was one of the best of the season. Fanny Myers, Lizzie Gonzalez, Messrs. Langlois, Holmes, and Pullman added materially to the good impression their excellent work created in other roles. Tonight "Olivette" will be produced, with Fanny Myers in the title role. This opera is undoubtedly Andran's best work, and it will be cast with the full strength of the company. Dan Young as Cognellio will introduce Tom Sabrooke's latest success, "Sorrow Out O'Grady." This song is the hit of "Olivette." New York's latest operatic success. "Bohemian Girl" will be presented at the matinee today. Prices 10, 15 and 25 cents. "Olivette" tonight, 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents.

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