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WESTPORT YOUNG MAN SUSTAINS POSSIBLE FRACTURE OF SKULL

Harry Robinson Knocked From Wagon, Falling on Iron Rail in Roadway.

(By our special correspondent.)
 Westport, July 25.—Harry Robinson of Burr avenue sustained a possible fracture of the skull and probable internal injuries yesterday morning when he was thrown from the team he was driving onto a heavy trolley rail which lay in the roadway. He is now at his home under the care of Dr. Frank H. McLaury.

Because of the closing of the State street bridge to all trolley traffic the trolley cars were forced to unload passengers on one side of the bridge and have the rails dragged across singly by horses. One of these rails was placed in the roadway at the west end of the bridge. Robinson, driving a team for Taylor and Richards, was approaching the bridge slowly. It is believed that one of the wheels of the wagon struck the rail, slewing the wagon about so suddenly that Robinson was unseated. He was thrown head foremost towards the ground, his forehead and face striking the rail. He lay in the road motionless while his team stopped. There were several who witnessed the accident, all rushing to his side. He was carried to a position on the roadway and Westport garage and Dr. McLaury summoned. When he arrived the young man was unconscious and blood was streaming from his nostrils and also from a laceration on his forehead. When restoratives were administered the young man revived. In the meanwhile a temporary cot was arranged in one of Leonard MacKenzie's trucks and the young man conveyed to his home in Burr avenue.

Robinson's brother, James A. Robinson, only died a few days ago, his funeral being held Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, services being held at the Chapel of the Strangers by Rev. Kenneth MacKenzie, pastor of Trinity church. He was in his 30th year and was well known in the town. He died a victim to typhoid fever. He is survived by his parents, a sister and two brothers.

Robinson is the young man who only a short while ago alarmed his family and his friends by his sudden disappearance. He had gone to Norway with the intention of going on an excursion. When he did not return the same evening or the next day anxiety was expressed for his safety. The authorities were notified and a search made for him. Several days after the excursion he had gone to a party in a New Jersey town. He missed the boat on the return trip and was found, he returned to Westport by foot.

Miss Ola Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Smith of Compo street, became the bride Wednesday in the room at 2 o'clock of Mr. Leslie O'Dell. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hubert D. Jones, pastor of the Saugatuck M. E. church. Mrs. Robert Allen was the maid-of-honor and Robert Allen, groom's man. The young couple took a sail up the Hudson as far as Albany on their wedding trip. When they return they will reside in Saugatuck.

The Board of Selectmen have in their hands a report from a representative of the Berlin Construction Co. on the State street bridge. The selectmen recently conferred with a representative of this company. The company's agent is said to have reported that repairs on the old bridge would cost \$100,000, but that it could be accomplished with sufficient results to stand for several years more. The selectmen are not yet ready to make public the report.

Now comes the Connecticut Co. with possible action in the matter of the bridge. Spurred to action by the many complaints lodged against them it has been learned that within a few days workmen will begin tearing out weak joists and underpinning in the bridge, replacing with new. If this is so it will be good news to every resident of Westport. The company has been handled without gloves by the populace, but when it comes to a real inconvenience, who has been put out more than the trolley company?

Every church in town with the exception of the Methodist church in Saugatuck and the Church of the Assumption will be represented in the union picnic of the churches to be held

next Wednesday. It is expected that there will be between 500 and 600 who will go to Savin Rock on that date.

Funeral services over the remains of Miss Emma Raymond were held yesterday afternoon at the bereaved home, Rev. Howard M. Richards, pastor of the Methodist church, reading the service. The interment was in Christ church cemetery.

The State highway department has had men for the past few days spreading a fine coat of tar over Riverside avenue, which is a state road. A coat of sand is spread over the tar. It is a valuable dust layer and also tends to reinforce the roadbed.

Emanuel Rubenstein, who at one time was a patient at a local sanitarium and who pulled a "fake" suicide during the winter, has related to his father-in-law that the "fake" was for the purpose of avoiding payment of \$40 judgment a month to his wife for non-support. Rubenstein relates the manner in which the "fake" was manufactured. Two hundred people on Erie R. R. ferryboat were thrown into excitement on the evening of Feb. 27 when the shout, "Man overboard," was heard. Rubenstein was one of the one to do the shouting and that he planted a coat and hat, both marked with his name and address on a deck seat. His ruse was successful and up to this time his people believed that he was drowned.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Gallagher are the happy parents of an eight pound baby boy. Mother and Master Gallagher are doing nicely.

Miss Bessie Ash of New York is spending the summer with Miss Georgia Williams at the Green Cottage, Greens Farms.

FOX FARMING IS ENCOURAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT

Washington, July 25.—A number of Canadians have written to the Department of Commerce seeking to buy some of the blue and silver foxes from the government's preserves in Alaska, but no citizen of the United States has made similar requests, although the department is anxious to get some Americans to go in for fox breeding.

Assistant Secretary Sweet declared today that good profits await those who take up the industry. The government, he said, has a number of small islands off the Alaskan coast which it will lease to any one who desires them for fox farming, and at the same time the government will furnish breeding animals at low prices.

There are several fox raising establishments in Canada, said Mr. Sweet, which are reported to be making big profits and as the skins bring fancy prices in London, center of the fur selling trade, he thought citizens of the United States should be reaping part of the returns.

MANY VACANCIES AT WEST POINT

Washington, July 25.—To carry out the intent of Congress that nominees for admission to the Military Academy at West Point shall have ample opportunity to prepare themselves for entrance examinations, the War Department has published a list of the vacancies for which candidates have not yet been designated by Senators and Congressmen.

Entrance examinations will take place next March. Twenty-six Senators so far have not made nominations and in the forty-four states and the territory of Alaska anywhere from one to eighteen congressional districts remain unrepresented on the list of candidates. In Pennsylvania alone there are 18 vacancies, in New York 14 and in Illinois 12.

FREUNDSCHAFT LODGE TO HAVE OUTING IN CHESHIRE

Freundschaft Rebekah Lodge, No. 13, held a very interesting meeting Tuesday, where it was voted to hold an outing at the home of Mrs. Ueula Birk in Cheshire, Conn., Wednesday, July 30th. All members attending are requested to be at Read's corner at 8 a. m. to take the New Haven car. All are cordially invited.

DORA PODOLOFF'S CASE ATTRACTING WIDE ATTENTION

New Haven Girl, Accused of Perjury, to Face Court on Tuesday—Insists She Is Innocent.

Waterbury, July 25.—That the trial of Miss Dora Podoloff, charged with perjury, will not take more than a day or two in the city court, if the testimony is confined strictly to the issue in question, is the opinion expressed by Prosecuting Attorney McGrath. Attorney McGrath of New York, formerly assistant to the district attorney, is interested in the case, and he is to be here when the hearing is held. He was unable to be present yesterday when the case was called in the city court, so adjournment was taken until next Tuesday morning.

Prosecuting Attorney McGrath will handle the state's side of the case and it is expected that attorneys Benjamin Slade of New Haven and Jacob Klein of Bridgeport will also be on hand, these two lawyers having been Maurice Soloway's counsel during the trial of the arson case. Attorney William J. McKenna of New Haven will look after Miss Podoloff's interests and it is said that the Attorney McKenna has just learned that Miss Podoloff knew something regarding the fire in Waterbury, the burning of the warehouse of Soloway & Katz, as a result of which Soloway was arrested. It was during the arson trial that Attorney Benedict Holden of New York, representing the interested insurance companies, engaged Attorney McKenna to look after the New Haven end of the case.

Miss Podoloff insisted again yesterday that she was absolutely innocent of the charge brought against her, and said she had no doubt but that the court would discharge her. "I am innocent," declared the little woman charged with perjury, "and my conscience is clear. Absolutely clear, too, and I am not worrying, because I know I speak but the truth. There are honest courts in this country, and that is why I am sure I am going to be discharged. It seems to me a terrible nightmare, but it will pass away, and then all the people will know that I did not lie on the witness stand."

David Kilgerman of New Haven, who went through for Miss Podoloff for the sum of \$1,500, says he was "drawn into the Soloway matter," until now he is sick and tired of it, although he is confident that Miss Podoloff is innocent. Mr. Kilgerman says that on February 8, 1913, he was approached by Attorney Benjamin Slade on Orange street in New Haven, and Attorney Slade said he wanted to use him at his office. "Mr. Slade asked me if I wouldn't act as a peacemaker, and simply as a peacemaker. I didn't want anything but that the case one way or the other, but decided I would try to do something for the benefit of the community. Soloway & Katz ran three stores, one in Hartford, one in New Haven, and one in Waterbury. There was trouble at all of them, Attorney Slade told me, and promised me, a thousand times, to take care of them. He asked me to testify for him in the Soloway case, and he would talk for the court, but not for him. I didn't testify at all."

"I am sick and tired of the whole business," declared Mr. Kilgerman, "as the respectable people of New Haven are disgusted with the whole case. It is making prejudices against the Hebrews, and is causing innocent people to suffer along with the guilty. I wish the whole matter was over with. It is too bad a case for respectable people to become mixed up in. And my whole connection with the case was simply as a peacemaker, and Mr. Benjamin Slade didn't keep his word, either. I tried to do a good turn, and that's all I had to do with the case."

It is expected that when the case is called on Tuesday some sensational disclosures will be made. Miss Podoloff said that although a lawyer tried to make her sign a paper saying she lied in the Soloway case, she refused, and wouldn't have anything to do with the matter. She also said she had sworn to tell the truth, and that was just what she had done. The state, however, is said to have photographs of a certain letter alleged to have been written by Miss Podoloff.

Attorney Slade, introduced in New Haven, was asked if he would express himself as to an alleged conspiracy against his client (Soloway) he said he would not, but he called attention to an article in a newspaper in which it was stated that Louis Katz, brother of Samuel Katz, of the firm of Soloway & Katz, had made a confession subsequent to his arrest in New York, in which he stated that his testimony in the case of arson against Maurice Soloway was "framed up." It was stated that he so testified under promise of reward.

"I know that," reward was paid," said Attorney Slade, "and who paid it."

FRATERNAL NEWS

According to the recent circular of Grand Warden William G. Coxeter for the annual state field day, New England Order of Protection to be held at Savin Rock, Saturday, Aug. 2, the headquarters will be at the White City, where coupon tickets may be obtained for everything including dinner. The field day sports will be started at 3 p. m. and entry blanks for the same will be sent out to be returned not later than August 1. The wardens and district deputy grand wardens for each lodge will constitute the reception committee and will be supplied with an appropriate badge. It is anticipated that there will be a gathering of more than the usual size at this outing as according to Grand Warden Coxeter the committee on arrangement is striving to make the affair as pleasant as possible. All the local lodges will be represented by large delegations and it is anticipated that more than 100 will be there from Bridgeport.

The Chicago houseworkers' union demands a full day of every week, when they might be at home in the kitchen breaking china.

ATTRACTIONS AT THE THEATRES

THE PLAZA

The thirteenth week of stock by the Poll Players at the Plaza Theatre, is not, in the least, unlucky. Packed houses, pleased crowds and a most wonderful performance characterizes this, the thirteenth consecutive presentation of a never-before-seen play and the reward of keeping faith with the people is excellent business and a steadily growing patronage.

"The Boss," written by Edgar Shedd, author of "The Nigger" and Salvation Nell, and played by Holbrook Blinn for over a year at the Astor Theatre, New York, and seven months at the Powers Opera House, Chicago, is the vehicle this week and it is affording the large corps of players on the Poll roster an excellent chance to show just what they can do.

Paul McAllister, Brenda Fowler, Ralph Herbert, Marguerite Starr, Ted Gibson, and the musical team of Buchanan, Arthur Griffin, Marion Hutchins, Llewellyn Crossman, Burke Symon and Florence Gerald all have original roles and the performance, according to the critics on the four daily papers, is equally as well given as was the original.

For next week, Manager Poll has chosen an English "There Was" and will be presented here for the first time by a stock company.

Manager Poll is endeavoring to secure Robert Hilliard to witness the first performance here next Monday.

EMPIRE

Something absolutely new in moving picture novelty is the latest South African novel picture of the Selig Co., entitled "A Wild Ride." In this new red-blooded drama of the African wilds, an Englishman is trapped with his parents in a lone farm house by frenzied Zulus led up a vengeful half-breed more crafty and cunning than his savage followers. The savages drive off all the live stock to be sure that the family have no means of escape, and then start a siege. The girl escapes from the house, makes her way to a nearby pen and getting on the back of a big bird, goes on the wings of the wind across the pathless desert to an English army station. She gets the military back to the lonely farm in time to avert the final tragedy. Women have ridden horses, hobbles, bicycles, bucking bronchos, elephants and aeroplanes but Bessie the Eylon is the first to utilize an ostrich as a mount for daring rescue in the desert wilds of South Africa. The excellent pictures of Eagles' parade, sheep roost and field sports will be shown today. Continuous 1:30 till 11 P. M.

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WOMAN FALLS THREE STORIES WHEN LINE WITH CLOTHES BREAKS

The breaking of a clothes line weighted down with heavy clothes which Mrs. Sarah Langello of 616 East Main street was pulling in on the third story porch of her home yesterday afternoon resulted in her losing her balance and crashing to the ground 46 feet below. She received a broken thigh bone and other injuries. After receiving treatment at St. Vincent's hospital she was removed to her home on East Main street.

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FORTY YEARS AGO SONG STILL LIVES

"Art" French Has Request to Write Again Words He Wrote Four Decades Ago

Recalls the Old Bridgeport Minstrels and the Songs They Used to Sing in Those Olden Days

Arthur W. French the dean of ballad song word originating and writing, was in the Farmer office to-day and a walking smile at that. So a reporter had the nerve to apply the interview pump. The well known song builder intimated that just nowadays, he was harking back some, adding with a letter in hand and a reminiscent gleam of the eyes, that said letter came to him lately, from a composer in Chicago, who requested that Mr. French would write the former words for several ballads at once. The song man said that he did a remembrance stunt and consulting his records, found that he had written the aforesaid composer a song in 1870, or 40 years ago. After that there was no correspondence, until now.

Recovered from his surprise, the song writer has set to work on the desired ballads. Both he of the melody and he of the muse, are in their sunny "sixties," but evidently after the passing of four decades can make good "coming across," as they did in the yesteryears.

This song man said, further, that the "seventies," were the heydays of his origination and he worked then on prolific street, overtime, into the midnight hours.

"This has been a 'memory reunion' summer to me," said Mr. French. "I've learned that Charles E. Pratt, the long ago notable composer for a number of my songs is still alive in New York and at the age of 75 is arranging and doing music work. Also is Will A. Huntley of Providence, the old time artistic banjoist, sweet singer and composer of many songs, including my 'Touch the Harp Gently.' 'Speak Only Speak,' 'Take me Back to Home and Mother,' with other appreciated ballads of forty years ago."

The speaker also said that he recalled the "old and original" Bridgeport minstrel of the above period, of which himself, John Hanford, now in Stratford, Edward Lynch, Richard Brown, "Ed" Curtis, Charles Eberhard of Bridgeport, all grandpas' now—James Daly of Boston, Phillip Kirk of Syracuse, Will Haggerty of Willimantic, as remembered, are the only survivors now. Mr. French used to be some financial agent, ticket seller, property man, press agent and writer of local songs and jokes as well as an all around "cool cat." He also recalled, in those minstrel days the great "put over" by George Treat, whenever he sang "I'm Officer Fagan of Wheeler's Block" and "After Dark at Seaside Park." Also John Kearns with the alphabetical dingle, "A is for Anderson, the tallest of cops" and Johnnie Hanford's screamer: "Oh! He's got to Come," and "Beat it out of the base drum. O you boys, Charley Roberts a first violin, looked it anyhow, while Ed. Kunkelmann wore out horse hairs on the bull fiddle, with Fibertone's "Locadilly on the road" and several "vampers" in the push. O you orchestra. Forty years ago—and he can sing yet—"Jim" Daly's down in the cellar song "Nigh to a Grave," etc., used to make old Franklin Hall jar some and applause as if a howling alley was on the job. Brown and Lynch could clog dance sure, even if they were kiddies then. Treat as end man, always got a laugh over those classy jokes: "Why does a hen cross the street?" and "Noah had three sons, who?" Hanford couldn't sing much, but he tackled "Franklin Hall Happy as a Big Sun Flower" and he was long on gags. The show also made one night stands in Fairfield, Southport, Westport, Ansonia, Derby, Stratford, Danbury, more than once and never had to walk back, except the last time in Stratford, when expressman Orrin Oakley forgot to come after the luggage and there was a snow-storm, the bunch beat it home.

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