

WESTERLY PLAYS ACADEMY TODAY

Line-up for Opening League Game—Eugene Atwood Awarded Possession of Mill Property—Trial of Automobile Case in Superior Court—Watch Hill Boy Investigates Dynamite Cap and May Lose Fingers.

Judge Darius N. Baker presided at the session of the superior court that convened in Westery Tuesday. Up-counsel for John W. Sweeney, on the opening of the trial of the case against the town of Westery, stated that by agreement of the counsel, he asked that the trial of the case be transferred to an early date, and, if possible, be tried at Westery. Judge Baker continued the case to Thursday, June 3, at Kilmston.

The jury was then empaneled in the case of Harriet A. Crandall against James A. Parks, both of Ashaway, with Thomas McKenzie of Westery foreman. This is an action to recover damages for injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred at 2:45 Sunday evening, September 20, near the High street bridge, Westery. Mrs. Crandall was driving to Westery in a carriage, and claims to have been on the right side of the road, when an automobile, driven by James Parks, and other, was in collision with the Crandall horse. The carriage was overturned and Mrs. Crandall thrown out and injured. She became unconscious and finally returned to Ashaway in a hired team.

Judge John W. Sweeney appeared for plaintiff and Frederick C. Olney for defendant. Judge Sweeney asked that the jurors view the location of the accident and the court consented. The jurors were escorted by Sheriff Wilcox and Judge Baker went to the site in an automobile. The court came in at 2:30 and at 10:30 the jury returned and the trial of the case was commenced.

Mrs. Harriet Crandall was the first witness, and testified she was widow of Burdette Crandall and had resided in Ashaway ten years. She described the accident. She was in automobile accident near the High street fountain between 7:30 and 8 o'clock on the evening of September 20. She was in a top carriage and was driving to connect with the Gorton & Stonington trolley road with John E. Main as a passenger.

John E. Main was the next witness. He had worked teaming for her for a year and a half. Mrs. Crandall was driving him in a carriage to Westery, to take the trolley to Midway yard, on the night of the accident. Saw the automobile as he came off the West street bridge. Was on the right side of the road and when the automobile was within ten feet of the carriage, the horse reared and Mr. Parks said his teeth were knocked out by the horse's head. The carriage was overturned and Mrs. Parks and witness were thrown out. Asked Mrs. Crandall if she was killed and she pulled her out of the buggy; did not see exactly those words, but some stronger. Mrs. Crandall had fainted and he stood by until she recovered.

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lith street. Heard the crash and some young men came to the house for a glass of water. Went into the street and saw the automobile and the horse and carriage, the carriage was then in the middle of the road, but could not tell which way it was headed.

Earl H. Crandall testified that he was at home when his mother came on the night of the accident. Her right arm and side were severely bruised and she was not out of bed the next day, and for two weeks she was not able to do anything. She could not move her right arm and has complained ever since of the pain in her side.

James Parks, defendant, testified that he owned the machine that was in the collision. Was the automobile with four others when it occurred. Ernest Watson, the driver, holds a state license. The automobile was coming down the hill at a rate of ten to twelve miles an hour, with the machine under control. When first saw the horse and buggy they were in the middle of the road. Watson turned the machine to the right, just then the Crandall horse was guided into the machine, the horse's hooves striking the machine in the face. We stopped the machine and went back and saw John Main standing near the team. Mr. Crandall crawled out from underneath the overturned buggy. Mrs. Crandall said she was not hurt; she said she was not able to do anything. She could not move her right arm and has complained ever since of the pain in her side.

After an hour's recess, the afternoon session was resumed at 2 o'clock. James A. Parks, the defendant, was recalled, and testified that the front seat was about six feet from the front of the radiator and that he sat on the front seat. The overturned buggy was on the right side and he helped right it and the buggy was about fifteen feet from the watering trough. The horse was going slowly and Main was running here and there.

Ernest H. Watson, employed by James Parks to drive his automobile and operated under a state license. There were four in the car besides himself on the night of the accident. After crossing the bridge the power was shut off and was coasting down the grade under control. Was going at the rate of ten or twelve miles an hour when the horse and carriage of the road. Saw the horse and carriage in the middle of the road when within about forty feet of the rig. The horse was jostling along slowly and turned the machine to the right and the horse came directly toward them. The horse stopped before the collision and the horse did not rear. Saw the horse's head strike Mr. Parks in the face. After the collision made examination and there were no marks on the automobile, except that the battery box was smashed. When saw the team in the middle of the road tried to get out of the way. The street electric lights were on at the time. After the carriage was tipped over did not see Mrs. Crandall, but did see her shortly afterward. Never heard that Mrs. Crandall had fainted until in the courtroom. Mrs. Crandall walked away unassisted.

Harold M. Kenyon was called to the stand. He was in the Parks automobile on the night of the accident. Saw the team about thirty feet away in the middle of the road and the automobile was in like position. There was room for the team to go on either side of the automobile, when within 15 feet of the team the automobile was sent to the right and the team was from ten to twelve miles an hour. The course of the team was not changed. When the automobile stopped it did so close to the sidewalk. Did not see the horse rear before the collision.

Albert H. Greene testified that he was in the automobile on the night of the accident. Ernest Watson was driving the machine. Was going at a moderate speed after leaving the dry bridge at a rate of about ten miles an hour. Did not see the horse and carriage as it came down the hill, until a moment before the collision.

Frederick W. Parks, brother of defendant, was engaged in wood sawing and carrying passengers in automobiles. Never told Mrs. Crandall that he operated automobiles. With his brother he called on Mrs. Crandall two weeks after the collision.

Frederick E. Spencer testified he had known Mrs. Crandall for six years and had seen her at dances since last September twice. She was dancing and had good time same as the rest and danced with her.

Albert D. Rodman saw Mrs. Crandall at a dance a month ago and was in some set with her. Saw her at two different dances since September. Was at Mrs. Crandall's when the Parks brothers were there two weeks after the accident. Never heard Frederick Parks say that James or Watson were not fit to operate an automobile.

Clifford D. Perry had known Mrs. Crandall ever since he could remember anything. He had seen her at two dances since last September and had danced with her.

Westerly high school team will play the initial league game with the Norwich Free Academy nine in Riverside park this (Wednesday) afternoon. The local team will play in this order: Foley, C. Pember, B. Burrows, B. Martini, B. Chapman, S. Champlin, B. Wheeler, H. Spargo, C. Flynn, Jr.

Watch Hill Sunday school incorporation in annual session elected these officers: Stephen W. Collins, president; Edmund P. York, secretary and treasurer; S. W. Collins, Mrs. J. L. Nash, E. P. York, executive committee; Mrs. J. L. Nash, superintendent; Stephen W. Collins, assistant; Leon W. J. Chapman, librarian; Amy Chapman, assistant; Hazel R. York, organist; S. W. Collins, superintendent of home department.

Carl Rodee, the fourteen years old son of Charles J. Rodee, a member of the Watch Hill life saving station, was seriously injured by the explosion of a dynamite cap Tuesday morning. The cap was found by a playmate of the Rodee boy, brought to school and given to Rodee. On the schoolhouse steps at Watch Hill, Rodee boy began investigation of the cap with a

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