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## ELECTRIC COMPANY WINS DAMAGE SUIT

Case of John J. True Against Keokuk Electric Company, in Litigation Several Years.

### MANY WITNESSES USED

Henry Walker, of This City, Makes Closing Argument to the Jury—History of the Suit.

The case of John J. True against the Keokuk Electric company which has been in litigation for several years and which has created a great deal of interest among the citizens of Hancock county, was ended Friday when the jury in the third trial of the case, returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. The case was tried at Carthage and the testimony of over forty witnesses was introduced.

The suit grew out of an accident which occurred on the night of October 12, 1912. True, an employe of the water power company who had been discharged during the day, had started to walk to Hamilton from this city just before the accident. He reached a place a few feet beyond a slough bridge on the tracks of the Keokuk Electric company, between the river and Hamilton Junction. True was intoxicated. He sat down on the track with his back against one of the rails and went to sleep. A car running from this city to Hamilton, struck him, injuring him severely.

The arguments in the third trial were largely over the question of whether or not the motorman on the car had time to stop his car after seeing True along the track. Evidence was introduced to prove that the car rounded a curve just before reaching the point where True was lying and that the lights of the car would not have made it possible for the motorman to see the man until the car was within about forty feet of him. The first trial, which lasted ten days, was in October, 1913, the suit being dismissed by the plaintiff. It was tried again the year following, resulting in a mis-trial. Attorneys for the Keokuk Electric company were Hollingsworth and Blood, and O'Harra, O'Harra, Wood and Walker. True was represented by Hartsell, Cavanaugh and Babcock of Carthage. Henry Walker of this city, made the closing argument to the jury for the defendant.

## Hamilton Gate City

Hamilton, Ill., March 21.

One of the biggest contests of skill was staged here Friday afternoon and evening in a checker tournament, in which we had with us F. B. Jones, ex-champion player of Illinois. In the afternoon he played eight boards at a time and this was the final score of the afternoon:

Jones	0-0-0-x
Harter	1-1-1-x
Jones	1-1-x
Dumbauld	0-0-x
Jones	0-0-x
Carlin	1-1-0
Jones	1-1-1
McGinnus	0-0-0
Jones	0-0-1
Laffer	0-1-x
Jones	0-0
Medius	1-0
Dee	0-1
Jones	1-0
Morrison	0-1

In the evening the contest between the twelve girls and twelve boys, Jones won the first game. They played the game called Dundee, and the second game was won by Harter, by the game of Dyke, and Harter made one of the nicest finishes at the end of the game. They had an electric board on walls, so the people could keep in touch as the moves were made. They had several out of town players with them. Mr. Carlin of Eowen was with us for the day. Enterprise has struck Hamilton in the way of submarine boats. Two of our young men are the owners of a boat that will float on Lake Cooper when it is not submerged. The owners, R. H. Frederick, our esteemed mail carrier, and Clyde Lionberger, the conductor of the dinky train, will surely enjoy many hours of pleasure this summer on or under Lake Cooper. We understand there are several railroad men around the round house that are looking up the price of stock in the boat line.

Clarence Frankbarger, wife and baby have been visitors the past ten

days at the home of L. G. Lutman, in Warsaw. Frank Adams and wife returned from Springfield Friday, where they have been visiting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lindenberger and baby are visiting relatives in La-Harpe. Harvey Brown is visiting in Clark county over Sunday. J. T. Russell went to Downing, Mo., to visit friends over Sunday. E. H. Hawkins of Salem, Mo., arrived in Hamilton Tuesday and has accepted a position on the road with J. H. McCoy and Son, the silo men. It would be worth any one's time to visit Hawkes Nest and see the up to date poultry farm. Mrs. Fred Twiston has just completed a large brooding house 16x50 feet, all complete with a heating arrangement, and now has about 500 small chicks. The poultry business is growing to a large industry around Hamilton.

The new drug store is now receiving the furniture and it is a beauty. The furniture was turned out by Carter's of Keokuk. The brick and tile yards will open up the first of the week with a full force. We are glad to see our industries open up and start the pay rolls again. Our shoe factory is coming along in fine shape. They are adding some workmen along as fast as their machines can be placed. We predict that this enterprise will be employing many people in the very near future.

We are told the bridge is sure to build this summer and that the work will begin soon. It does seem to us that this summer will be a very busy one at Hamilton and Keokuk with the bridge building and the smelter works and the railroads that will be built and all our industries running, that we certainly have no room for knockers any longer. Our politicians are the busiest men these days that Hamilton has. They were all looked upon as being good weight men, but you can hear all kinds of mean things now about them. Some of the stories about them are that they never go to church only when they are out for office and others make the rounds of all the churches. We are going to have them all come out some evening soon, and I tell the people what they are going to do for us all. Four years is a long time ahead, but they could give us what they thought could be done.

D. W. Lamb of Rice Lake, Wis., has been in Hamilton several days the past week, looking for a location for a factory.

Thomas Coughlin of Mt. Pleasant. MT. PLEASANT, Iowa, March 23.—Yesterday morning Mr. Thomas Coughlin, a respected citizen, who had been ill for several years, passed away at his home on East Green street. The deceased was born in 1846 and leaves to mourn his loss a widow and the following children: Mrs. Ray Myers, the Misses Rachael and Bertha Coughlin of this city; Mrs. Rebecca Deberry, of Des Moines; Mrs. Mary Linderson of Lockridge; Mrs. Margaret Grozan of Burlington; Lewis of Lockridge; Thomas of this city; Steve of Burlington; Jay of Des Moines. The funeral services have not yet been announced.

## Ponce de Leon Failed; His Prize Is Found

Ponce de Leon, the daring explorer, searched among the swamps of Florida for the Fountain of Youth, which the Indians said would restore power and make people young. He did not find it. Thousands of chronic intestinal, bowel and stomach sufferers have written to Geo. H. Mayr, 154 Whiting St., Chicago, in quest of health. They have found it. His remedy, composed of healing vegetable oils from France, has indeed given them back the health of youth. Why suffer from indigestion, gases on the stomach, fainting spells, torpid liver, constipation and all the evils of a disordered stomach when there is permanent relief here? Mayr's Wonderful Remedy is sold by leading druggists everywhere with the positive understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction.

## Y.W.C.A. NOTES

Vesper Services Today. Vesper services will be held today at the Young Women's Christian Association at 4:30 o'clock. Miss Bertha Reid Craig will be the speaker and her subject will be The Madonna. Mrs. Elmer G. Weismann will sing at this service. Social hour and tea will be at 5:00 o'clock. The women of the city are all invited to this service.

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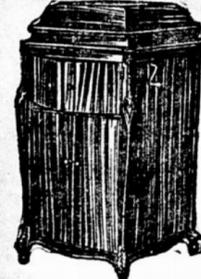
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