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Supreme Court Decision Lays Difference Between Earlier and Later Members.

As Result Knights of Columbus Organization Remains Stronger and Younger Members Retain Benefit of Fund—Suit Was Brought by Naugatuck Man.

By a decision handed down yesterday by the Supreme Court the older members of the Knights of Columbus lose in their fight to secure possession of a fund amounting with interest to nearly \$1,000,000. This sum will be retained by the organization as a whole and the older members will have no share in it more than the younger members.

The case is that of Edward Ryan of Naugatuck, as representing the members of the order who joined prior to January 1, 1902, against the society itself and James J. Watson of New Britain, the latter as the representative of the members who have joined since January 1, 1902. The case was brought to the District Court of Waterbury, where the defendants interposed a demurrer. Judge George H. Cowell decided in favor of the society and the younger members and the Supreme Court has sustained his decision.

In the action the older members were represented by Attorney John McNeill and Attorney William Kennedy of Waterbury. The society and its younger members had as counsel Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier of Boston and Attorney James T. Meskill of New Britain.

The older members based their claim on the money on the ground that they had paid it into the society and that the younger members had paid none of it. They further claimed that the society had a surplus of \$2,000,000 besides the funds in dispute and that this was more than sufficient to pay all probable future claims against the organization.

CAR SERVICE IS TIED UP IN CINCINNATI

(Special from United Press.) Cincinnati, April 16.—More than one-half of the entire car service in the city was tied up this morning just as it was about to start by a fire that destroyed the big East End power house. No big turbine engines were completely destroyed and also three dynamos. The entire loss to the plant will reach \$50,000 or \$70,000, and it will be some time before traffic can be resumed.

WOMAN KILLED BY DOGS

(Special from United Press.) Elkton, Md., April 16.—Miss Eliza J. Woods, aged 75, was lost while going from another neighbor's house to her own last night and was attacked by dogs that had been permitted to run wild. Her dead and sadly mutilated body was found today by her nephew, Harry F. Davis. The tragedy happened at Charlestown, Cecil county.

WEATHER INDICATIONS

(Special from United Press.) New Haven, April 16.—Forecast: Fair tonight; Saturday fair and slightly warmer. There is no well defined storm area this morning east of the Rocky Mountains. Considerable cloudy weather with scattered showers prevails west of the Rocky Mountains. An area of high pressure over the Atlantic is producing cool, delightful weather in the eastern sections. Conditions favor for this vicinity fair weather with slowly rising temperature.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF MARRIAGE

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Mollie Neylan of Stratford, to Mr. James J. Gaffney of Bridgeport. The young couple are at present residing in Chicago where Mr. Gaffney is employed by the Western Union Tel. Co. of this city.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Word was received in this city last evening of the death of Captain Edward M. Edwards at his home in Setauket, L. I. Capt. Edwards was a resident of this city, living at 345 Pembroke street, up to a few months ago. He was for several years watchman at the plant of the Challenge Cutlery Corporation, but resigned his position because of ill health to go to a farm in Long Island. Besides his widow the deceased is survived by one son, Ira Edwards of Setauket and one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Cleveland of this city.

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Funeral services over the remains of Alexander Storey were held yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, from his late residence, 1223 East Main street, Rev. E. H. Kenyon officiating. Delegations were present from Progressive Circle, E. of A., the Employees' Mutual Benefit association of the Challenge Cutlery Corporation, from Pioneer lodge, Sons of St. George. At the grave in Lakeview cemetery Rev. Mr. Kenyon offered prayer and the burial service of the Brotherhood of America was conducted by Past Chief Washington Christopher Neuhay. The pall bearers were Samuel Standeven and Robert Fox, representing the Sons of St. George; Harry Franklin and John Gaffney from the E. of A., and Joshua Fox, and Harry Fox from the Cutlery Benefit association.

IN LOCAL LODGE ROOMS

Doings in the lodge rooms last night.

Seaside Circle, C. O. F., initiated ten new members and received the same number of applications. The resignation of Miss Mary Record as the financial secretary was read and accepted. An election will be held the first Thursday in May to fill the vacancy. A social session was held in honor of the 40 new members admitted since Jan. 1.

Women's tribe, I. O. O. F. M., held its "Fast Satchels" night, when in the presence of many chiefs, the Hunters and Warriors' degree was worked upon a number of candidates, by a team composed of past satchels as follows: Edward L. Yeaton, Edward T. Buckingham, John W. Schwerdt, C. H. Jones, George Rajotte, Charles Eoder, James Holt, Jr., John J. Belrne, D. A. Parker and Mr. J. Gordon.

Three applications were received at the meeting of Court Waldemere, E. of A., and two new members were initiated. Julius Reck, the recording secretary, will resume his duties at the next meeting having returned from a trip to Europe.

DIFFERS WITH BAY STATE ON NEW HAVEN ROAD

No error has been found by the Supreme Court of Errors in the case of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, an action brought by holders of preferred stock of the New England Investment & Security Company to require the railroad company to place upon the certificates of the Investment & Security Company the guarantee of the New Haven Company in accord with its agreement. The railroad company pleaded the Massachusetts law in bar of the action. The court has sustained the demurrer to this defense and the Supreme court now holds "no error."

On the face of the decision the court holds that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company has the right to exercise its corporate powers granted by the General Assembly of Connecticut in spite of the provisions of the Massachusetts law which would be ultra vires. One effect of the decision appears to be that the highest court of Connecticut is in antagonism on the question of law to the tribunals of Massachusetts. The decision is written by Chief Justice Baldwin.

EAGLES' BALL TONIGHT

Delegations from all parts of the State will attend the old fashioned concert and ball of Bridgeport Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, in Eagles' hall, tonight. The committee, of which President George C. Jamieson is chairman, has worked hard to make the ball a success and money has not been spared in any feature of the arrangements. The concert program will be of unusual merit, the decorations of the hall will be lavish and in every direction the ball has been planned on an elaborate scale. The concert will commence shortly after 8 o'clock and will be followed by dancing.

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