NORFOLK GAS COMPANY SECURES WRIT OF ERROR

Supreme Court Will Review Suit Brought by Lewis W. Webb for Damages.

FOUND LEAK BY STRIKING MATCH

Company Claims It Could Not Have Foreseen Webb's Action, and So Was Not Liable.

The City Gas Company, of Norfolk, in securing yesterday a writ of error and supersedeas from the State Supreme Court of Appeals in the suit brought by Lewis W. Webb, made the unique defense that it is not liable for negligence in the accident which caused the injury of Webb because it could not foresee the result of the negligence. Webb was hurt by the explosion of a manhole in a street of Norfolk.

The Supreme Court decided to review the proceedings in the suit and fixed the bond at $1,200. Walter H. Taylor is attorney for the City Gas Company, while Webb is represented by the firm of Bowden & Heard.

Webb was injured when he struck a match near a manhole in a street of Larchmont, a suburb of Norfolk, in which gas had accumulated from a leaking pipe of the City Gas Company. At the time, Webb was attempting to open the manhole in order to find the water plug which communicated with his residence. He struck a match to see better, and the flame, igniting the escaping gas, blew the manhole up with considerable force. The company declares that Webb must have struck the match on the manhole itself.

In its petition the company makes the point that it would have been liable for damages had one of its employes in the regular discharge of his duties been injured in like manner by the explosion of the leaking gas. The striking of the match on the manhole by Webb, a third party, was a circumstance which could not have been anticipated by the company in failing to at once repair the leak, says the petition. Since it was not possible to have foreseen the result of negligence in failing to repair the leak, the company claims it is exempt by law from liability.

Webb brought successful suit in the Law and Chancery Court of Norfolk, obtaining a verdict for $500.

The Supreme Court yesterday refused a writ of error in the appeal of John T. Anderson's Sons from the verdict of $500 damages awarded Ada I. Jones in the Law and Equity Court of Richmond on May 10, 1913. The Anderson firm sold Mrs. Jones a quantity of live stock feed, which she claims was damaged, and resulted in the death of four mules which ate it.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Dorothea Pleasants Lawson.

Mrs. Dorothea Pleasants Lawson, sixty-seven years old, died yesterday morning at 7 o'clock at her home, 2011 Hanover Avenue. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 5 o'clock from the home, and interment will be private. Mrs. Lawson was the wife of the late M. C. Lawson, and was the second daughter of Robert Ballard Shelton and Clementine Burch Shelton. She is survived by one sister, Miss E. R. C. Shelton, and three sons and five daughters.

Miss Lucy Mullen.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Fredericksburg, Va., May 11.—Miss Lucy Mullen, a well-known woman of this city, died yesterday at her home, after an illness of several months, aged sixty-five years. She is survived by one sister, Miss Clara Mullen, and one brother, William Mullen, besides a large number of other relatives and a host of friends.

A. P. Routt.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Culpeper, Va., May 11.—A. P. Routt, the oldest Mason in Virginia, and the second oldest in the United States, died here on Saturday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Pettie, in from Francis Burton Harrison, Governor was held from the Baptist Church, and was attended by all the members of the Fairfax Lodge, of Culpeper, the Orange Lodge and many other Masons from a distance. The Daughters of the Confederacy also attended in a body and placed a Confederate flag on the grave. Services at the church were conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Winfrey, and the Masonic burial service was uesd at the committal in the Masonic Cemetery.

Mr. Routt was born in Madison County, but lived for several years in Gordonsville, where he had large foundries for manufacturing a plow which he designed and invented, and which was the first double shovel plow to be used. He lived in Richmond for several years. Some years ago he lost his eyesight, and since then had never been actively engaged in business. His only son, Leroy Routt, died under tragic circumstances a year ago. Three daughters—Mrs. William Pettie, of Culpeper; Mrs. Georgie Manning, of Washington, and Mrs. Novella Reynolds, of Arizona—survive.

Mrs. D. B. Landes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Charlottesville, Va., May 11.—Mrs. D. B. Landes, wife of the late Daniel Landes, died on Saturday at her home at North Garden, this county, aged sixty-eight years. The body was taken to Staunton for interment. Mrs. Landes is survived by two sons, DeWitt and K. Landes, and six daughters—Misses Virginia, Clara, Dora and Alice Landes, Mrs. B. S. Beal and Mrs. H. H. Landes, of Staunton.

Lawrence H. Goss.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Charlottesville, Va., May 11.—Lawrence H. Goss, aged fifty-seven, of the real estate firm of Corbett & Goss, died yesterday at the University Hospital. He had been ill of heart trouble since January. He was a son of the late Major John Goss, for years clerk of Albemarle County Court, and was born and reared near Stony Point, this county. He married Miss Thomasia Teel, daughter of the late Captain Samuel M. Teel, of Albemarle. She died several years ago. Two daughters survive—Misses Thomasia and Polly Dora Goss. Mr. Goss also leaves two brothers and four sisters—John Preston Goss, of Richmond; Charles Thompson Goss, of Albemarle; Mrs. Joseph H. Charter, of St. Louis; Mrs. Anne McKenzie, of Old Point, and Misses Susan Massie Goss and Bertie Goss, of Albemarle.

DEATHS

ARNDT.—Died, Monday, May 11, 1914, at 1120 Brook Road, META O., infant daughter of August and Cary Arndt. Funeral notice later.

LAWSON.—Entered into rest, at 7:20 A. M., Monday, May 11, 1914, at her home, 2011 Hanover Avenue, Richmond, Va., in the sixty-seventh year of her age, DOROTHEA PLEASANTS, widow of M. C. Lawson, and second daughter of the late Robert Ballard Shelton and his wife, Clementina Burch. She leaves one sister, Miss E. R. C. Shelton; three sons and five daughters.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral, which will take place from the above residence THIS AFTERNOON at 5 o'clock. Interment private.

HEPPERT.—Died Monday, May 11, 1914, at 6:10 A. M., at Emporia, Va., JOSEPH, JR., son of Joseph and May Heppert, of 506 West Clay Street, in his twenty-sixth year. He is survived by his parents, four sisters and four brothers.

Funeral from St. Mary's Catholic Church WEDNESDAY MORNING at 9 o'clock. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery.

HIGHLAND PARK WARMLY APPLAUDS ANNEXATION

Better Acquaintance Rally Is Held by Citizens' Association of Progressive Suburb.

DABNEY MAKES CHIEF ADDRESS

Tells of Value of Community Spirit, and Urges Each Man to Take His Part in Public Enterprises.

The Highland Park Citizens' Association held one of the most enthusiastic meetings in its history last night when more than 200 members and citizens of the suburb met in the Town Hall in a "better acquaintance" rally. William T. Dabney, business manager of the Chamber of Commerce, was the principal speaker, and aroused much applause when he predicted that Highland Park would soon become a part of Greater Richmond, and that the city would be benefited by the acquisition.

W. A. Clarke, Jr., traced the history of the association from its modest beginning in 1890, through the many set-backs, on to the present time. He showed the steady growth in numbers and power, and the association's efforts to foster the upbuilding and the improving of Highland Park. Most of the civic improvements have resulted from the exertions of the association, he said. It was due to the untiring efforts of several of the pioneer settlers of the community, according to the records of the organizations, he stated, that the association was kept alive and had reached its present stage of development. Mr. Clarke was of the opinion that the period for real accomplishment of the Citizens' Association of Highland Park had just begun, and said that he hoped there would be no thought of disbanding the organization when the suburb was annexed to Richmond.

ASKS AID OF COMMUNITY IN WORK FOR BOYS

Robert W. Miles, Jr., made a brief talk on the position which the community should occupy toward the boys of the section. He showed that the boys of to-day are the men of to-morrow, and said the investment made toward their welfare and the upbuilding of their character was one worthy of the notice of all present.

The passing of the time when one man could swing a city council or State government to further selfish ends, and the arrival of the present conditions, when organized effort is necessary if a community is to receive what may be its due, was particularly called to the attention of the meeting by Mr. Dabney.

"The community spirit is one of the most essential things in a man's life," said Mr. Dabney. "It is absolutely necessary if the man is to live his life to the fullest. No one should lean upon his neighbor or let him do work which he himself should do. There is work for this organization, and there is work to be done by every man in it. I hope to see the Highland Park Citizens' Association live after this community becomes a part of Richmond, and believe that the desires of Highland Park, brought to the notice of the City Council through this organization, will have much better chances of receiving recognition than if they were carried there by any number of individuals. I hope to see the association continue to live and prosper and feel much more hopeful for Richmond in the knowledge that this association and Highland Park will become a part of the city at no distant date."

During the evening Alvin Quarles presented the association with a gavel made from Highland Park's first community Christmas tree.

KNOCKED DOWN BY AUTO

Decatur Axtell, Vice-President of Chesapeake and Ohio, Gets Scalp Wound.

Decatur Axtell, first vice-president of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, was struck by an automobile yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock at the corner of Eighth and Main Streets, and painfully, although not seriously, injured. He suffered a severe scalp wound, and after being given treatment by Dr. M. L. Boyle, Jr., City Hospital ambulance surgeon, was removed to his home, 912 West Franklin Street.

The accident occurred shortly after a runaway electric car had struck the First National Bank Building. The street was crowded, and in attempting to avoid a buggy, the driver of the automobile, A. F. Woodall, of 1846 West Grace Street, backed into Mr. Axtell, knocking him to the street with considerable force.

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REQUISITION PAPERS ISSUED AND RECALLED

Confusion of Names "Todd" and "Dodd" Over Phone Leads to Misunderstanding—Case Comes Up To-day.

Confusion of the names of Todd and Dodd when spoken over the telephone caused Governor Stuart to sign yesterday an extradition warrant drawn upon him by the Governor of New Jersey, which he afterward ordered disregarded. Alonzo Todd, the fugitive concerned, is thus in all probability saved from a forced return to New Jersey, as there is no binding extradition agreement between Virginia and New Jersey covering his offense.

Alonzo Todd was recently arrested and jailed in Surry as a fugitive from justice in New Jersey, where he is wanted on the charge of nonsupport and desertion of his wife and children. Learning that a New Jersey officer with requisition papers was on his way to Richmond, Todd engaged O. L. Shewmake as his counsel, and had Mr. Shewmake communicate with the Governor's office by telephone to give notice that he wished to contest extradition.

Over the telephone, however, Secretary Alexander Forward understood the name to be Dodd, without understanding the first name at all. So yesterday morning, when an officer from New Jersey appeared with a requisition warrant duly drawn for the surrender of Alonzo Todd, under detention in Danville, Governor Stuart promptly signed the warrant, having had no notice of protest from Todd.

A short while after the New Jersey officer left the Capitol it occurred to Secretary Forward that Todd might be "Dodd," so he at once got into telephone communication with Attorney Shewmake, and the two reached the conclusion that the requisition which had just been signed was in fact for the surrender of Alonzo Todd. The Governor's secretary then telephoned to the sheriff of Surry County and instructed him to disregard the extradition warrant pending further word from the Governor.

Todd's attorney will be given a hearing before the Governor this morning, and it is probable that the New Jersey officer, on being confronted with a refusal to surrender the prisoner in the face of the requisition, will return to the Capitol also.

Because of the fact that desertion is considered in New Jersey as a misdemeanor it is not covered by the interstate extradition agreement, which applies only to felony cases. In this event, it is entirely in the discretion of Governor Stuart whether or not Todd is to be surrendered.

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REV. WILLIAM H. TAYLOR DIES AT GRACE HOSPITAL

Widely Known Minister Passes Away. Had Lived Here With Daughter, Mrs. A. D. P. Gilmour.

Rev. William Howell Taylor, a well-known Presbyterian minister who had held pastorates in New York and in the South, died in Grace Hospital yesterday morning at 10:15 o'clock, after a long illness. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. D. P. Gilmour, of Chester, S. C., and Mrs. A. T. Enos, of New York City. His wife died in Richmond seven years ago. The body will be taken to New York City, where the funeral will be held to-morrow morning.

Mr. Taylor was born in New York City on February 11, 1834. He was a student at Yale University in 1855, and a student at Princeton Theological Seminary from 1856 to 1859, after which he was stated supply at Calvary Church in Rochester, N. Y. He was ordained by the Presbytery of New York on February 22, 1860, and was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Clifton, N. Y., from 1860 to 1864. In 1865 he became a chaplain in the United States Army. After the war he became pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Titusville, Pa., and later held pastorates in Brooklyn, South Carolina, Florida and again in South Carolina. After his health became poor he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Gilmour, at the Union Theological Seminary, Ginter Park, and in 1911 he made a trip around the world. Since that time he had been living with Mrs. Gilmour in Chester, S. C.

THOMAS D. BERRY SUES CHELF CHEMICAL COMPANY

Seeks $25,000 in Damages—Ex-Governor Mann, Attorney for Plaintiff, Declines to State Basis of Claim.

Suit for $25,000 was filed in the Law and Equity Court yesterday by Thomas D. Berry against the Chelf Chemical Company, of this city. No declaration was filed. William Hodges Mann & Son, attorneys for the plaintiff, declined last night to make any statement with regard to the action.

According to George T. Nelson, president of the Chelf Chemical Company, certain differences between the officers of the company and Thomas D. Berry, who, until recently, was vice-president of the concern, caused the latter's dismissal on March 26. Mr. Nelson said last night that he knew of no grounds upon which Mr. Berry could base a suit against the company, unless it was some fancied grievance growing out of the latters' dismissal.

The Chelf Chemical Company is a corporation which has been in business for about four years. It is engaged in the manufacture of medicines at 105 South Twelfth Street, and is capitalized at $100,000. Mr. Nelson said last night that while Mr. Berry was vice-president of the company he owned no stock in it. He had been with the company about three years. The City Directory names these officers of the Chelf Chemical Company: George T. Nelson, president; Thomas D. Berry, vice-president, and W. B. Mooers, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Berry lives in Bedford City.

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The first sessions of the school for Bible school workers were held in the Seventh Street Christian Church yesterday afternoon. Two sessions of the school were held, one from 3.45 o'clock until 6 o'clock, and the other from 7 o'clock to 9:15 o'clock. A supper was served those in attendance at 6 o'clock.

The school is being held under the auspices of the Bible School Department of the American Christian Missionary Society, and particular attention has been called to the fact that the meeting now being held here is not a convention, but is a school. A number of prominent Bible students compose the faculty.

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