

AN AWFUL PLUNGE

Chas. Bell, a Lineman For the Street Car Company, Falls From Pole.

His Skull Was Fractured Against the Concrete Pavement—Much Excitement.

THE VICTIM NOT YET DEAD

Mr. Charles Bell, of 407 South Eleventh street, a lineman for the Paducah Street Railway company, fell thirty feet from a telephone pole on the northwest corner of Broadway and Fourth streets this morning about 10 o'clock and was perhaps fatally injured.

A force of men had been at work for several hours stringing "guy" wires on the corner, and Bell had climbed the pole with a rope, to use in stretching another wire.

Suddenly several persons standing on the corner were attracted by hearing him shout "Oh, oh," and as they looked in the direction whence the sounds came, saw the unfortunate lineman falling. One of his feet caught on the lowest guy wire, several feet below the place from which he fell, and turned him over, causing him to strike on the concrete pavement head foremost, instead of on his feet.

Dr. J. D. Robertson was standing in front of the drug store, within a few feet of the place the unfortunate man struck, and attempted to break the fall of the man as he saw him rapidly descending, but only succeeded in catching his hand.

Several rushed to the prostrate form at once, and found the man unconscious and gasping as if in the throes of death. A large crowd soon collected, and as soon as the patrol wagon arrived, and it was learned where he lived, he was taken home.

An examination revealed the fact that he had sustained a very bad fracture of the skull on top of the head, with recovery improbable, but was not as badly hurt as expected.

Those near him, and who had been watching him at work, say that the accident was due to the fact that the spur on his climber was dull, and did not stick in the wood securely enough to hold him. He wrapped one leg around the pole, as he had done hundreds of times before, in order to have both hands free to throw the rope over a wire, and the weight of his entire body was thrown onto the spur on the other leg. It gave way, and there was no way he could catch himself.

Mr. Bell came here about a year ago from Shawneetown, Ill., and worked for the East Tennessee Telephone company until about December last, when he went with the street car company. He has a wife and several children and is about 35 years old.

HAD GOOD CASH

BUT THE ROBBERS FAILED TO GET ANY OF IT.

Stanford, Ky., Jan. 15.—The vault of the Lincoln National bank here was blown open with dynamite at 2 o'clock this morning, and an unsuccessful attempt made to blow the inner safe, which was wrecked, but not opened.

The safe contained \$15,000 in cash. The robbers escaped, leaving no clue.

FIRST STEP.

REPRESENTATIVE CLARK INTRODUCED THE SECOND CLASS BILL.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 15.—Among the bills presented in the legislature yesterday was one by Representative Clark of McCracken, providing for the transfer of Paducah from the third to the second class. It was referred to the proper committee.

FIRE AT ADAIRVILLE.

Adairville, Ky., Jan. 15.—Fire this morning destroyed Rayburn's dry goods store, Rutt's grocery and several offices, loss twenty thousand dollars.

FARMER DIES SUDDENLY

Hickman, Ky., Jan. 15.—Judge G. S. Wilson, a prominent farmer and one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of this community, died at his home near Hickman very suddenly.

GIRL CREMATED.

Richmond, Ky., Jan. 15.—While temporarily insane, Lydia Walker aged 18, poured kerosene over herself and set fire to her clothing and was cremated. Her mother was fatally burned while trying to save her.

NEW POSTMASTER GENERAL

Washington, Jan. 15.—Postmaster General Payne was sworn in today.

THE WEATHER.

Fair weather tonight and Thursday.

FURNACE MAY START

Chicago Man Here This Morning Looking Over the Field in Paducah

Inspected the Iron Furnace on South Third Street—Would Not Talk.

WAGON MANUFACTURERS HERE TODAY

Mr. H. B. Earhart, of Chicago, who is understood to be backed by big capital, arrived in the city this morning early in the day called on President George C. Thompson of the American-German bank, and on Councilman Ed Woolfolk.

He made an inspection of the iron furnace on South Third street, which was run a few months about a year and a half ago and left at noon for St. Louis.

Mr. Earhart is an expert and it is understood is one of the men who was with Mr. Frank Eagles, of Milwaukee, who secured an option on the furnace several months ago, but for some reason did not lease it. He was sent here to investigate the advisability of running the furnace.

Mr. Earhart declined to talk when seen at the train by a reporter, except to say that he would probably return to Paducah in about two weeks. He was here merely to inspect the furnace and it is hoped will decide to run it.

Two gentlemen from West Virginia are here today being shown over the city by Secretary Dains, of the Commercial club. They desire to locate a wagon factory, and will probably find Paducah an admirable location as they could wish. They are not yet ready to give out plans.

IN THE COURTS

The Allen Damage Suit Still on Trial in Circuit Court.

Only a Few Unimportant Cases in the Police Court This Morning.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The Allen damage suit is still on trial in the circuit court. This afternoon several witnesses have been examined.

This afternoon Dr. Milam was on the stand. He is the first physician that has testified in the case, and the others will be called later on. The plaintiff's witnesses are still holding the stand, and several remain to be heard.

The case of Mrs. Ellithorpe against the Dunningtons for \$5000 damages for alleged conspiracy to take her husband away, is set for the 18th day of the term.

The case of George Emery against Constable Phil Hisey for selling horses in which the plaintiff claimed half interest, was submitted to the court, a jury being waived.

POLICE COURT.

George Edwards, colored, was fined \$1 and costs for plain drunk.

John Mix, white, was fined \$5 and costs for being drunk and disorderly.

Lewis Gardner and Hettie Blackburn, colored, were each fined \$20 and the costs for immorality.

Robert Greer, colored, was tried this morning for carrying concealed a deadly weapon. His case was left open until tomorrow morning.

Jim Hale was released this morning on his own recognizance to appear before the grand jury during the April term to answer for the charge of malicious shooting.

A FAMOUS PET DOG.

Conductor W. Y. Hansbro the well known I. C. ticket puncher, brought his pet canine, "Dick," through the city this morning. Mr. Hansbro thinks more of his dog than most other people of their children and the animal has received more flattering press notices than an ordinary politician. The dog is an unusually smart dog and can perform many tricks at the bidding of his master. "Dick" did not think much of Paducah and would hardly leave the train when it stopped at the depot.

THE HOWARD CASE.

Frankfort, Jan. 15.—Wharton Golden, who testified in the other cases, this morning testified in the Jim Howard case as in other trials.

The commonwealth rested at noon, and the defense began the introduction of testimony this afternoon.

MAJOR SAUNDERS' CALLERS.

Deputy U. S. Marshal G. W. Saunders who resides in Mayfield, was visited by burglars night before last. Mr. John Cosby, who was staying with the family during the major's absence, heard the marauder and shot at him, but missed.

Dr. Jennelle's Tooth Powder, the only perfect dentifrice. Used by refined people. Sold by all druggists.

PROMPT STEPS TAKEN

The Commercial Club to Urge the Establishment of Army Post.

It Indorses Two of the Three Recommendations From Louisville's Commercial Club.

OTHER PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING

The Commercial club held an enthusiastic meeting last night. The first and perhaps the most important matter discussed was that of an army post, to be located near Paducah, and which will require 20,000 acres of land.

After favorable remarks, Hon. Charles Reed moved that a profile of land be forwarded to the government, together with options on it, thus intelligently and formally presenting Paducah's claims to consideration in the site matter. The motion prevailed, and the following are on the committee appointed: Messrs. Chas. Reed, L. S. Dubois, J. M. Lang, F. L. Scott, L. S. Caldwell, J. L. Friedman, Sol Dreyfuss, Thos. Reid and L. Y. Craig. Messrs. Henry Petter, W. P. Hummel and W. F. Bradshaw were appointed on a committee to go before the city council and secure its co-operation.

It was decided, on recommendation of Mr. Will Hummel, of the advertising committee, that the transportation committee confer with the railroad relative to the excursions to be run into the city this spring and summer.

A communication from the Louisville Commercial club was read, proposing three amendments to the laws desired, and the co-operation of the Commercial club of Paducah asked. One was as to the placing in the hands of every city the power to regulate municipal taxation, another to repeal the double liability clause relative to corporations, and the third as to a bureau of publicity.

The club readily adopted the last two, but defeated the first, about municipal taxation.

Subsequently, however, on motion of Hon. Charles Reed to reconsider, a committee was appointed to write the Louisville board for a more lucid statement of what it desired respecting the municipal taxation law. The committee is composed of Messrs. H. Wallerstein, Charles Weille and Ed Ashbrook.

CAUGHT IN MEMPHIS.

E. L. M'GEE, WANTED HERE ON AN INDICTMENT, CAPTURED.

E. L. McGee, the man who, it is alleged, short-changed Mrs. George Lawless several months ago, and who was indicted by the grand jury for the offense, has been caught. A telegram was received this afternoon early from the Memphis authorities saying that McGee had been caught, and would not return without requisition papers.

McGee tried to prove an alibi at the trial in police court, but was held over, and when released on his own recognizance skipped out. He will be returned to the city as soon as papers can be secured.

STILL THEY COME

YOUNG MEN FROM CALVERT CITY JOIN THE ARMY.

Corporal Shackelford, the recruiting officer, enlisted yesterday the following recruits, who will leave for Columbus, Ohio, on the 18th of the month for drilling, and then for the Philippines for active service: G. B. Rucker, Marion Skillian and Horace Story, all of Calvert City.

The regular army is a better service than the volunteer service, and many who had seen active service in the volunteer army have joined the regulars. The pay is about the same, and the opportunity to see some of the world is too strong to resist, and this trip the officer has secured more recruits than any of his predecessors.

NOT YET IN CHARGE.

Today is the day that Major George Saunders, the newly appointed U. S. deputy marshal for this district, was to have taken charge of his office but through a delay in the arrangement of his bond he did not arrive and the office is still unoccupied. He will probably arrive in a day, or two and take charge of the office.

APPEAL CASE DISMISSED.

The case of B. H. Scott, administrator of Tonnies Greenfield, against Julia Sperry, appealed from this court, was today dismissed and damages awarded. It was a suit on a note for \$1,300.

SMALLPOX AT MAYFIELD.

There is considerable excitement over the discovery of another case of smallpox in Mayfield. Mrs. Ed Froy is the name of the victim but she has a mild attack. It is thought she caught it from a tramp who called at the door for something to eat.

POSTMASTER FISHER AGAIN WINS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Mr. Frank M. Fisher was appointed postmaster at Paducah today, the new term beginning February 16. Mr. Fisher, with Representatives Wheeler and Boreing, called on the President today. Both Mr. Fisher and the other applicant, Mr. Bebout, have been in the city several days. The re-appointment of Mr. Fisher was sent to the senate today.

THE MOB WAS FOILED

Desperate Fight at the Flemingsburg Jail To Lynch Murderer.

Frankfort, Jan. 15.—The Frankfort military company and Lexington gaiting gun were sent to Flemingsburg today to prevent the lynching of Charles Gaskins, the negro murderer of Jim Ryan, white, now on trial.

A determined mob tried for two hours last night to storm the jail, and

NO MIDWAY.

This Part of the Carnival Will Be Superseded By "Jubilee Court."

Carnival Representatives Have Now Left the City—Gaskill Favored.

The Elks executive committee has decided that there will be no midway this year. Instead of the midway there will be a "Jubilee Court," on which there will be six free attractions, and a number of those that require an entrance fee. It is thought that this plan will prove more successful than the midway did last year.

Mr. Gaskill of the Canton Carnival company, has left the city. He made a splendid proposition, and the committee knows that they can rely on what he says. It is more than probable that the contract for furnishing the attractions will be let to him. This will be decided, however, when Mr. J. J. Read, the absent member of the committee, returns from Owensboro.

IN TWO MONTHS.

THE NEW TRUST COMPANY WILL START INTO BUSINESS.

Messrs. H. H. Loving and Charles E. Jennings, of the newly organized trust company, left today for Louisville and other cities to inspect the trust company's establishments and learn all they can relative to the business preparatory to drawing up their articles of incorporation.

They have ordered the furnishings of their building, and will pay \$5000 for them, which will include a safe. These will not be here for some time, and it is estimated that about two months will be required to get ready for business.

The new building will be overhauled and greatly improved, tiling to be placed on the floor.

MYSTERIOUS FIRE.

TRADEWATER COAL CO. AT STURGIS HAS A CLOSE CALL.

Sturgis, Ky., Jan. 15.—A peculiar fire occurred here at the office of the Tradewater Coal Co. last evening and with no explanation can be given. Sept. McMurray, with his father, entered the office for some purpose, and on striking a match to light a lamp the whole interior of the office shot into a blaze. The elder McMurray's whiskers were burned off before he could get out the door, and the superintendent with great difficulty was able to roll out several kegs of powder in an adjoining compartment to prevent a serious explosion. The whole office was demolished in short order.

THE LEGISLATURE.

NEW BILLS IN THE SENATE INTRODUCED TODAY.

Frankfort, Jan. 15.—There was a flood of new bills in the senate today. One revives the whipping post to punish vice beaters.

One by Coleman is to reappoint the eleven congressional districts.

BIG MUSICAL PROGRAM.

The musical club is making great preparations for the big musical for the benefit of charity. The members are already hard at work arranging the program and it will probably be completed by the latter part of the next week. About 40 persons will participate in the musical and it will be one of the biggest ever given in the city.

The Sun has removed to the old News stand, 115 South Third street.

FANS BECOME ACTIVE

Big Sporting Park Project Promises to Go Through in a Short Time.

Would Combine Baseball, Football, Race Course and Gun Club Grounds.

THE BASEBALL CLUBS TALKED OF

There is a movement on foot to establish a sporting park in Paducah, with a base ball diamond, race course, gun club shooting field, football gridiron and golf links—in fact, a general athletic field. The athletes and sportsmen about town have long felt the need of such a place, and think it would pay if built. The idea was suggested last summer, but too late to take any action towards its construction then. Now that the summer season is approaching, the scheme is again being talked of, and several moneyed men of the city are very much in favor of building the park, and have offered substantial support.

In making a combination of the park as above mentioned the expenses can be easily made at any of the different sports, and no one sport depended on to pay. The company which proposes to do the work is composed of men who do little talking but much work, and it is thought that Paducah will be well fixed this year for a base ball park and general sporting grounds. Last year Paducah had a good base ball team, but lacked a park and little of the sport was witnessed here on that account. The park will enable the boys to secure games with out of town clubs and a little profit can thereby be realized and a good game witnessed by those who like it.

The site for the park has been suggested at the La Belle park, but no definite action has been taken yet. The local sports will have a talk with the men who propose to build the park soon, and then something more definite will be settled.

If the park is built, then the company will receive 25 per cent for the use, and the remainder of the proceeds go to the renters of the park. The plan would probably not pay for a base ball park alone, but combined with grounds for several other sports, its success is assured.

The local fans are now preparing to get up a base ball club for the coming season, and with the material in Paducah a crack team can be organized. There is really enough material in the city to make two good teams, but the surplus will probably be used as extra men to alternate in the game with the other players who are injured or not able to play.

Mr. Jerome Smith, the well known blacksmith, is in the city again, and will make this his home. He caught in the old team, and is one of the best catchers in the state. Mr. Mike Bergant of Louisville, who resided in Paducah several years ago, will return and become a member of the team.

Messrs. Newton Atkinson and Robert Atkinson, formerly of Murray, are now making Paducah their home, and will make valuable additions to the team. There are many other players in the city, and Paducah will be well supplied with base ball material. As soon as a manager is secured the team will be organized, and when the first warm weather comes practice will begin. The boys intend to do more practicing than last year, and make a champion team.

The members of the High School football team will probably occupy a box at the Kentucky tonight. Several are in favor of the arrangement, but it is thought that the entire team will occupy the box.

This summer the football team will be turned into a base ball team, to compete with teams from the neighboring cities. Several members of the football team are fine base ball players, and a strong team can be gotten up with little effort.

SMALL FIRE

BUT LITTLE DAMAGE—DEPARTMENT HORSE IS IMPROVING.

The fire department was called to the residence of Dr. W. C. Babanks, corner Fourth and Madison streets, last night about 10 o'clock, to extinguish a small blaze originating from a defective fire. No damage was done. "George" the horse injured in the runaway several weeks ago, is fast improving, and will be ready for use again in a month it is thought. He is still suffering from swollen joints in his hind legs, but the firemen are doctoring him, and think he will pull around and again be of service to the department.

TIME EXTENDED.

The time of the county supervisors has been extended five days by Judge Lightfoot, as they were unable to finish in the ten days granted by law. They will work five days longer and then be in session five days to hear protests.

CHAINS WILL DANGLE

And a Weird Procession Will Move Through the Street.

Preparations for the Big Concatenation of Hoo Hoos Here Next Saturday.

THE VICTIMS NUMBER THIRTEEN

The local Hoo Hoos or "Black Cats" are making great preparations for the big concatenation on the 18th of the month, next Saturday.

It will be held at 9 o'clock on that night, and following that will be a big banquet at the Palmer House, which will be served to at least one hundred members of the order. The local lodge has a membership of about forty-five, and over thirty delegates are expected from neighboring cities, and from Memphis, Nashville, St. Louis and many other larger cities in this district.

The following is a list of the prominent members who will attend the concatenation which will be the first since last May: Messrs. W. E. Barnes, of St. Louis, a member of the house of commons, J. H. Baird, of Nashville, the Schriverator (secretary), Joe Cable of Memphis, and E. H. Eastling of Brook Haven, Miss., a big lumber man of the South. Mr. Barnes stands number 3 in the list of membership, having been one of the originals in effecting the organization of the order. The members think this will be the biggest meeting in the history of the order, and about thirteen applicants will be examined and initiated into the order.

MUCH EXCITEMENT.

GREEK AND ETHIOPIAN HAVE TROUBLE AT SECOND AND COURT.

William H. Greek, one of the proprietors of the Greek restaurant on lower Court street, near Second, and Arch Street, a colored runner on the Clyde, had a lively fight in the restaurant at noon today.

Staton entered the restaurant and ordered lunch, which was served him. Greek was then engaged in talking to a customer when Staton told him to shut up. He repeated the command, and Greek asked him what he meant by it. The negro replied with an oath and struck at Greek with a stool. He then whipped out a knife, but before he could use it Greek had seized a stick and began to drive him out.

Staton ran to the river, and the police were notified of the trouble. Officers Orr, Harlan and Woods chased him to the Ways docks, where he was captured. He will probably be charged with malicious assault. A large crowd was attracted to the scene of the encounter.

W. C. T. U. MEETING.

The W. C. T. U. will meet today afternoon at 9 o'clock, at J. D. Smith, at Ninth and J. streets. All members are urged to present.

OFFICERS ARE CHOSEN

Capt. Jas. Koger Again Manager of the Tennessee River Packet Co.

Captains Leyhe Are Elected Officers in the Eagle Packet Company, at St. Louis.

MEETINGS WERE HELD YESTERDAY

Two important meetings were held in St. Louis yesterday afternoon, at which gentlemen well known in Paducah were interested.

The St. Louis and Tennessee River Packet company, which runs the steamers Clyde and Tennessee, at its annual meeting, and elected officers. Mr. Isaac T. Rhea of Nashville was re-elected president, Captain John Massengale of St. Louis secretary and treasurer, and Captain James Koger of Paducah vice president and general manager. Captain Koger arrived in St. Louis yesterday morning to attend the meeting. Others present were I. T. Rhea, Nashville; Lee Howell, Evansville; T. S. Hughes, Clifton, and Dr. Barlow of Savannah.

The company is in splendid condition, and has done well the past year. The Eagle Packet company held meeting at St. Louis yesterday afternoon and elected officers. The best of directors, from which the list of officers is made up, is as follows: Captains Henry and William Leyhe, G. W. Hill, T. T. Lewis and J. Fristoe.

This is the company owned by Messrs. Leyhe, now in the city, who have been bringing their most fleet of boats to Paducah every year for a winter harbor. They now have many of them, with larger, say "Duck's Nest," above the city. Captain Leyhe is the principal officer in the company.

ARRESTED IN MAYFIELD

TWO WOMEN CAUGHT THE BROUGHT HERE TODAY.

Rosie Lee and Lettie Downey arrested in Mayfield last night on warrant charging them with larceny. They are charged with having stolen from Lucile Adams, court street woman of Paducah several dresses and some women's wearing apparel. On Boldree and Webb of Mayfield in the city with the women at today, to await trial tomorrow.

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Manufacturer's Sale of NECKWEAR

50c TIES FOR 25c

We bought all the manufacturer's at just HALF price. We are going to our friends "GET IN" on this "Thing." They're now on sale! All in-hands. All the latest patterns, straight 50-cent ties.

All, as long as they last, you take pick for 25 cents. Come early.

Wallerstein's