IN AND ABOUT THE COURTS

FATHER AND SON ON TRIAL FOR MURDER.

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The taking of testimony in the trial of the case against Angelo and Custode Di Lucia was begun in the criminal superior court yesterday morning before Judge Ralph Wheeler and a jury.

The accused are father and son and they are charged with murder in the first degree for the killing of Raffaele Petrone, at the shop of the National Folding Box and Paper Co., in Fair Haven, on January 18 last.

Ex-Judge Blydenburgh and atorney Brooks are counsel for the accused, and Attorney Philip Pond is assisting the state.

Another son of Angelo Di Lucia, Luciana by name, was involved in this case, but he made his escape and has not been captured.

The state claims that Angelo and Luciana held Petrone down while Custode shot him in the breast. The defense is that Luciana, the fugitive, did the shooting. Judge Blydenburgh demurred to the complaint so as to make the state specify in the complaint which one fired the shot, but the court ruled against him.

There are about 30 witnesses summoned in the case and as most of the testimony will be given through an interpreter, it is probable that the trial will be an unusually long one.

The first witness called was Civil Engineer Nichols, who explained a may showing the location where the shooting occurred. He was followed by Medical Examiner Bartlett, who explained his connection with the case and the condition of the wound.

During the afternoon other evidence of a formed nature was made by several other witnesses and the court thereafter adjourned until ten o'clock this morning.

DAMAGE SUITS TO BE HEARD.

The April term of the United States Circuit court, civil side, was called at the court room in this city, yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. A jury had been impanelled, but at the opening of court, no cases were ready and there was an adjournment until 2 o'clock, at which hour the jury was excused until next Tuesday. The case set down for yesterday was that of the New Haven County Anti-Tuberculosis association, against Crocker-Wheeler Co., of this city. This is a case for damages of $75,00, it being alleged that the defendants, in installing a gas lighting plant at the hospital of the association in Wallingford, had allowed gas to leak into a well and destroyed the water supply.

There were several eminent doctors of this city in court ready to testify but upon an agreement between counsel, after a protracted consultation, it was decided there would be a waiving of a jury trial and Judge A. Heaton Robertson was named as a committee to hear testimony.

SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCES.

Several culprits were sentenced in the criminal superior court yesterday morning by Judge Ralph Wheeler on pleas of guilty.

William Jacques, charged with burglary of Peter Christopher's store at 29 Church street, was sentenced to one year in jail.

Charles A. Steele, charged with improper conduct with his step-daughter Jessie Farren, was sentenced to from one to two years in state prison.

James F. Moran was sentenced to one year, and James Smith to two years in jail for attempted burglary. They attempted to rob Ryan's saloon in Wallace street.

Motion was made by Attorney R. J. Woodruff for a new trial in the case against Angelo Setaro, convicted of charges of burglary and attempt to will. Attorney Woodruff says new evidence has been discovered that will acquit his client. Judge Wheeler reserved decision.

MRS. TODD CRAVES EXPENSES.

Mrs. Hattie E. Todd, who according to the will of the late George A. Isbell was the legatee of his estate, but who by a contest made of the will by relatives of Mr. Isbell, was declared by the probate court not entitled to any part of the estate because the word "Mrs." was written in the will after its signature by Mr. Isbell, has applied to the probate court to be allowed expenses of $1,000, which she spent in upholding the will.

The petition was filed by Attorney E. P. Arvine, her counsel, and will be assigned a hearing next week at which it will be contested by the heirs.

Mrs. Todd has already taken an appeal to the superior court from the decision of the probate court, which appeal is still pending. She asks that her expenses in the probate court be paid from the estate.

ISHMAEL HAD RAZOR.

A colored man named Ishmael Simons was charged with committing a breach of the peace on Lewis Philpot, of 39 Winter street. Philpot failed to appear when the case was called a few days ago so he was arrested on a capius. He misunderstood the date and judgment was suspended.

The evidence showed that Ishmael had a razor and he was fined $25 and costs of $8.68.

A COSTLY WOODEN LEG.

Because he was thrown from his wagon 20 feet, landing against a telegraph pole with such force that his wooden leg was splintered and he was otherwise injured in a collision between a trolley car and his wogon, Frank Brown of Orange has brought suit against the Consolidated Railway company of $1,000 damages.

The accident occurred on November 30 last, at Whalley avenue and Blake street. Mr. Brown alleges that the trolley car was running at an excessive rate of speed and gave him no warning of its approach. It hit his wagon in the rear, throwing him out. He landed against a pole by the roadside and splintered his wooden leg. He received other injuries which laid him up for a month. The case is returnable to the common pleas court and papers in it were served upon the road yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Walsh.

SELTZER BOTTLE AS CLUB.

Hyman Aoratin of 73 Lafayette street, and Samuel Phillips of 99 Congress avenue, two Hebrews, engaged in an argument on Lafayette street which ended in Aoratin performing a sort of baptism rite on Phillips by breaking a bottle of seltzer over his head. Phillips appeared with his head swathed in bandages when the merits of the case were thrashed in the City court yesterday. Judge Mathewson fined Ooratin $10 with costs of $1.80, while Phillips was discharged.

ADMITTED TO U. S. COURT.

Attorneys Edward P. M. O'Meara of this city and Seth W. Baldwin of Naugatuck, were admitted to practice in the United States courts by Judge James P. Platt yesterday.

THE EX-MONTANA COWBOY.

Bob Roy Taylor, the ex-Montana cowboy, whose arrest for conducting a personal revival of frontier days in North Haven, last week, led to his been from the Whalley avenue jail to the village court and taxed $7 with costs of $26 by Justice Blakeslee Monday evening for his regin of terror.

Constable Brockett has been trying to get him into the village court for trial ever since his arrest here, and got Sheriff Speigel to take him there last evening.

Taylor pleaded guilty to a charge of breach of the peace and was taken back to jail to work out the fine.

When he is brought before the police court to-day for the freight thefts a continuance will probably be given as investigations are being made into his assertion that many other railroad brakemen who belong to an organization known as the Blue Line are implicated with him in the thieving.

CHARLES L. HURLBUT.

The funeral of the late Charles L. Huribut took place from his late residence in North Haven yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Phillips of Whitneyville Congregational church, who spoke very highly of the deceased life and character. The interment took place in Hamden Plains cemetery. The floral tributes were beautiful. Stahl and Son had charge of the arrangements.

AT THE THEATERS.

MANY SPLENDID ATTRACTIONS PLAYING THIS WEEK.

"The Smart Set" at the New Haven Theater—Camille at the Bijou—Two Novel Acts at Poli's—Coming, "The Lion andthe Mouse" at New Haven, "Sapho" at Bijou and "Brown of Harvard" at Hyperion.

"The Smart Set," presenting the musical comedy "The Black Politician," were gretted by another large audience at the New Haven theater last night. There is plenty of catchy melody, pretty girls, capable singers, dancers and comedians. S. H. Dudley, one of the best colored comedians of the day, heads the company and does some clever work.

The scenic embellishment is of a high order, and the costumes, settings and other essential features are of the kind that help make shows of this calibre so successful.

The performance will be given again to-day, matinee and night.

THE LION AND THE MOUSE.

"The Lion and the Mouse," probably one of the greatest plays ever offered American theater-goers, will be presented at the New Haven theater tomorrow, Friday and Saturday nights, and at the special matinee Saturday at 2:15.

Charles Klein, the author, unfolds in this play a perfectly simple, direct but powerful story, in which a girl pits herself against the most famous moneyed magnates of the world. With her woman's wit as her only weapon, she enters the lists against a powerful coterie of financiers and corrupt senators, who have brought dishonor upon her father, who, in his capacity of supreme court judge, has rendered decisions inimical to the intereses of these capitalists. It is a story of the weak against the strong, a subject that cannot well fail to appeal to all classes of theater-goers.

This is one of the most successful dramas of the new century, it wonderful popularity being demonstrated by the fact that it has been played 500 consecutive times in New York city, with the exception of Sundays. It will be presented here by the same cast which presented it at the Lyceum theater in New York for nineteen consecutive months, and the original company will present the play here. The advance sale of seats has been large, but good seats remain for sale.

HUMAN HEARTS.

"Human Hearts," the idyl of the Arkansas hills, will be produced at the New Haven theater on Monday, Tuesday and Wedhesday nights, April 29, 30 and May 1, with matinee Wednesday. Like "Shore Acres" and "The Old Homestead,", time only increases its hold upon the hearts of the people. The prattle of an innocent child, the tears of an old blind mother, the strong love of a simple country girl, the truth of a half-wit, the love of an old-time negro, the passion of an adventuress and the tender memory of a dead mother of the past of the governor of Arkansas are all cleverly intermingled by the deft hand of the author of this absorbing tale of the Arkansas hills. Each succeeding season of this thrilling play's annually increasing business has induced the management to engage for this season's production one of the strongest companies ever organized in one cast. To the lovers of a good play not one on the list this season will avpeal more strongly than "Human Hearts."

ELLEN TERRY.

Ellen Terry will be seen in "Captain Brassbound's Conversion" at the New Haven theater on Friday evening, May 3.

THE LITTLE CHERUB.

Hattie Williams, presenting "The Little Cherub," the greatest musical comedy success, will be the attraction at the New Haven theater Saturday night, May 4.

Poli's New Theater.

Elfie Fay, the Belle of Avenue A, was the real big hit of the Poli bill last night with her choice selections of song hits, and her closing favorite, the Belle of Avenue A, compelled her to respond to several encores.

Miss Fay has a decidedly novel manner of singing her numbers, which keeps up the interest, and her peculiar mannerisms won for her plenty of applause. The orchestra assists materially in the proper way to make the song numbers the big success they are.

Beatrice McKenzie and Walter Shannon, in the skit "A Shine Flirtation," introduced two new people to local vaudeville devotees, and two splendid artists are rendering some song numbers of merit. Mr. Shannon possesses a rich baritone voice, while Miss McKenzie, who was the prima donna of "The Tenderfoot," is equally pleasing. The skit is built on new lines and is very effective.

Billy Van, the late minstrel star, was a winner with some good material in the joke and story line; Rosaire and Doretto, in a daring and sensational acrobatic and tumbling act, were pleasing in the novelty line; Valveno brothers, as the equilibrists and gymnasts, were good; Pierce and Mazee were shifted to open the show, and Nita Allen and her company as a special feature presented a scenic novelty, "In Car Two, Stateroom One." Riding on a pass that does not belong to you was made the basis for a mix-up that has a very good ending.

The electrograph has some automobile race pictures, a story following the races being carried along. The show is up to the usual standard and will be repeated afternoon and evening for the balance of the week.

Bijou Theater.

With the performances this afternoon and evening the production of "Camille" at the Bijou by the stock company will end. As this is the closing week of the setson the management has planned for a double offering, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday the attraction will be a grand scenic production of the Parisian romance, "Sapho."

The first performance of "Sapho" will be to-morrow afternoon. Director McGill, of the stock, has secured a new and revised edition of this play. In it all the objectionable features have been eliminated. The play will present nothing that can be called at all vulgar or suggestive, and it is said to be the best version of this play ever offered.

Petite Mabel Miller is again the extra attraction for the week in illustrated songs. Every afternoon this week souvenir pictures of the entire company are given away.

OLD TIME "CONCERT."

Arrangements Completed for Event at St. Mary's Hall This Evening.

All arrangements are now completed for the "old time" concert to be given in St. Mary's hall this evening by Miss Elizabeth Ford and her circle for the benefit of St. Mary's rectory fund. The old songs to be sung will include the airs of all countries, so that it is really the international old time program. All the singers will wear costumes appropriate to the day to which the songs belong.

On the program are such artists as Mrs. W. E. Haesche and Miss Bessie Sweeney, sopranos, and Edmund Dinneen, the tenor. The Hopkins grammar school glee club under the direction of Prof. William E. Haesche, will also give several numbers.

The program entire follows:

Quartet—"The Village Choir"—
Miss Bessie Sweeney, Miss McKay, Mr. Others, Mr. Joyce.
Violin solo—Medley of American airs—
Miss Mollie Stanford.
Vocal solo—"Annie Laurie"—
Miss Bessie Sweeney.
Hopkins Glee Club.
Song—"Secrets"—
Dutch dance—
Under direction of Miss Catherine McCabe.
The Misses Bessie Martin, Margaret O'Neil, Hattie Edgerly, Anna Devine, Marion McCabe, Dorothy, Geraldine and Virginia Spang, Artemisia Mitchell, Marie Foley, Gertrude Beardsley, Virginia Cox, Bessie Keefe, Adelle Fletcher, Jennie Byron.
Solos—
a. "Comin' Thro' the Rye"—
b. "I Cannot Sing the Old Songs"—
Mrs. W. E. Haesche.
Recitation—Selected—
Miss Mildred Cosgrove.
Solo—"Eileen Ilanna"—
Edmund Dinneen.
Solo—"My Old Kentucky Home"—
Mrs. W.E .Haesche.
Chorus—Hopkins Grammar School.
Minuet—
Campus Songs—
Hopkins Glee Club.

The three-nights' carnival of the St. Aloysius T. A. B. society will open in Harmonie hall Friday night. A fine programme is being prepared for Friday and Monday evenings. The soloists will include Miss Mollie Colwell, Miss Mahoney, Miss May McCormack, Frank Ellis, Joseph Ready and Frank McCabe.

"MAC" COMES HOME.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER RETURNS FROM JAMESTOWN.

Predicts That Exposition Will Be Both a Brilliant and Successful Affair.

James H. Macdonald, highway commissioner for Connecticut has returned to his home in this city from the Jamestown exposition. He enjoyed the trip but stated he was kept most busy while there.

"I had the honor of putting up the first complete exhibit which was set in place in the exposition buildings," said the commissioner yesterday. "I got right to work as soon as I reached Jamestown last week, and we hustled the exhibt of the work of the Connecticut highway commission into place. We were handicapped and so was every party which was putting up an exhibit, by the fact that there is no city or no business center near the Jamestown grounds. We were obliged to send six or seven miles to the city of Norfolk for every spool of thread we needed to put or exhibit into shape. This took considerable time and caused us some bother but we finally sized the situation up and made one trip in which we bought everything we needed and that settled it. It was only last week that the trolley line from Norfolk was extended to the exposition grounds but now cars are running regularly and, although some of the buildings are not quite completed, things will be humming by the time the exposition opens next Saturday."

Commissioner Macdonald laid plans for the reception of the governor's party from this state which will leave here to-day to open the exposition as the Connecticut delgation. He stated that everything was in readiness for their hearty reception and that all indications point to the most brilliant exposition on record. Mr. Macdonald was highly pleased with the buildings which he said, were the handsomest of those of any exposition ever given.

100 MILES AN HOUR.

And Safety in Travel at That.

One hundred miles an hour is the speed which an electric train attained Monday in a trial run on the New York, New Haven and Hartford road between Larchmont and New Rochelle.

The motor of the train is of the type called "single phase." The overhead contact system was used on the stretch of track when the test was made, and the officers of the New Haven road say th eexperiments have shown it to be superior to the third rail system.

It is also declared that the tests show that passenger trains can be run at 100 miles an hour with perfect safety.

NEW YORK YALE CLUB.

The annual meeting of the Yale club of New York city has been called for Friday, April 26, at 9 p. m.

The second annual banquet of the 20th Century league will be held in the First Methodist church on Thursday evening, May 2, at 7 o'clock.

MRS. ADELE SAGE BOOTH.

Meriden, April 23.—Mrs. Adele Sage Booth died this morning at her home, 54 Olive street, of cerebro-spinal meningitis following an attack of the grip. Mrs. Booth was fifty-eight years. Two sons, Paul C. Booth, formerly of the Connecticut State School for Boys and Robert H. S. Booth, a pupil in the Meriden High school survive her.

VISIT HERE.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Beckett, of Los Angeles, Cal., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Simpson of Wallingford, came here yesterday afternoon to visit Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Simpson in New Haven. From here they leave to-morrow for their home on the Pacific slope.