

AUTO WAS WRECKED

Thomas Anderson and Miss Frances Anderson Hurt.

FORMER MAY HAVE BROKEN HIP

And Latter, It Is Feared, Is Injured Internally—Accident in Owasco Street.

Thomas Anderson of No. 140 South Hoopes Avenue, and Miss Frances Anderson of No. 27 Park Avenue, are confined to their beds, suffering from serious injuries as a result of the auto in which they were riding crashing into a tree in Owasco Street near the corner of Anna Street, at 12:10 o'clock this morning. It was stated this morning that it would be impossible for a day or two to tell the extent of the injuries received as both were so badly bruised about the body that X Ray photographs would have to be taken. It is feared, however, that Mr. Anderson has a broken hip in addition to his other bruises and that Miss Anderson has internal injuries. The big five passenger Overland touring car belonging to Mr. Anderson in which the two were at the time, is in a local garage in such condition that it will need to be practically rebuilt before it is fit for use again.

Scene of the Accident.
The accident happened, as has been stated, near Anna Street on Owasco. Mr. Anderson and his companion, who was driving the car, were returning to the city after an evening's ride. Just what caused the car to leave the roadway is unknown, the occupants of the auto claiming that they turned so sharply to avoid striking the Owasco Street trolley which was on its way to the lake, and that the steering gear refused to work in bringing the machine back into the road. Passengers on the car, however, are of the opinion that the car was not in anyway to blame as the accident, according to their stories happened a full minute before the car reached the spot, which would make it appear that the autoists had plenty of time to get out of the way without making a sharp swerve.

Lost Control of Machine.
However this may be, it seems that Miss Anderson, who was driving, in some manner lost control of the machine or the steering apparatus refused to work and the car, which is said to have been traveling at a good rate of speed, went against the curb in spite of her efforts to control it, striking a glowing blow against a telephone pole and then "barkeed" two trees before finally coming to a stop against the one which had it instantly.

Both parties were thrown from the auto, striking heavily upon the pavement, while the hat worn by Miss Anderson was found fully 50 feet away from the spot. Neither, however, was rendered unconscious and both were able to tell those who came to their assistance what they wished done. How it happened that neither received more than superficial cuts about the face and head from the flying glass, is hard to understand, as also how both escaped being bruised about the head and face when they landed upon the pavement.

Auto Badly Damaged.
The auto, however, was laid up for keeps. The radiator struck the tree nearly squarely in the center, smashing it in with such force as to drive the engine loose and push it back for several inches. Both front wheels were torn off, the right one taking with it a part of the axle which broke squarely off on that side, and the left one being completely demolished, not a spoke being left in it. The ends of the springs which projected in front of the car were forced nearly together by the impact, making it necessary to pry them apart before the car and tree were separated. The fenders on both sides were bent and broken, the woodwork on the front of the car was splintered, while the lamps and windshield were smashed completely. The steering gear and connecting rods were twisted and bent in every possible manner.

The trolley car which was past the place at this time was halted and the passengers ran to render what assistance they could to the unfortunate autoists. Both of the latter were cool and collected and requested that a physician be sent for at once. Louis M. McGraw, who resides at No. 145 Owasco Street, nearly across from where the accident occurred, and who is employed at the Leigh Valley depot as train dispatcher, had just arrived home. He ran out when he heard the crash and immediately returned to the house from where he notified Dr. L. D. Snow by telephone.

Refused to Go to Hospital.
The physician lost no time in getting to the scene and after a casual examination of the parties, ordered the hospital ambulance sent for. This was done but when it arrived both Mr. Anderson and his companion stated that they wished to be taken to their homes. Mr. Anderson was placed on the stretcher in the ambulance and taken home while Miss Anderson coolly waited until a back from a local livery could be secured, when she too was removed to her home.

The huge male side tree which received the blow from the car was not left unscathed by any means. The impact was so great that a dent from two to three inches in depth was made by the front of the car and nearly all of the bark was removed as though a bark peeler had been at work there.

This morning a truck was sent to the scene and the car loaded onto it and brought to a local garage for repairs. Just what damage had been done to the interior mechanism could not be ascertained today as it was said that the machine would have to be taken completely down and practically rebuilt before it was fit for use again.

Knocked Down By Car.
Timothy Donovan of No. 8 Arch Street walked right into P-A-T-E car No. 309 which he didn't see in Gonnese Street at 1:30 this afternoon while crossing the street near the Y. M. C. A. He was knocked to the pavement but said he was not hurt.

WEGMAN PROPERTY IS VALUED AT \$259,582

Of Which \$65,000 Is Realty and \$194,582 Is Personal—Bills and Accounts Receivable \$73,267, Appraisers Report

MAN AND WIFE IN PRISON

Utica Shoplifters Begin Serving of Sentences Here.

For the first time in years a man and his wife were received at the prison today to serve sentences. Three years ago a married couple were sentenced but the pair were separated, one going to one prison and the other to another. This morning's newcomers headed a company of criminals from Onelida County where in Supreme Court they had been sentenced by Justice Defendorf. The man and wife were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Couchon both shoplifters of Utica, and the tale told by the sheriff who brought them to the local institution was one to arouse much comment upon the pair among the prison officials. The two had been of good family, the woman a prominent church worker and well known in the middle classes of Utica society. It developed at the trial that it was almost kleptomania which caused her to urge her husband to join the light colored gang. The two were given a sentence of not less than two years and two months nor more than four years and two months.

Otis Yeomans for a violation of Sec. 2160 of the Penal Law got not less than four years and two months nor more than 10 years and three months.

Frank Foster was received for forgery in the second degree and Louis Gilbert went in for burglary in the third degree and petit larceny. Both began sentence of not less than one year nor more than one year and two months.

For attempt to commit burglary in the third degree, George Brundage began a straight sentence of a year and a half.

Yesterday in Supreme Court in Syracuse before Justice William G. Cady, William Corbett, a housebreaker indicted for third degree burglary, second offense, got a sentence of not less than three years and six months nor more than six years and six months in Auburn Prison. Corbett had a long criminal record, so long in fact that his name is hardly remembered with him and he is unable to remember something with which he had been charged 15 years ago.

Roy Casler of Weedsport who admitted guilt to a charge of unnatural practices, was likewise given a term of from two years to four years and six months in Auburn.

YOU CAN SPEAR CARP

Bullheads and Other Fish Without A Permit This Year.

With Spring in sight the thoughts of the fishermen turn to things piscatorial and they will be interested in a recent order made by the State Conservation Commission which gives a permit to anyone to spear whitefish not under 15 inches long, carp, suckers, catfish, dogfish, eels and bullheads in any waters not inhabited by trout. Fishermen who like to go spearing in the Spring—Spring of the year—will not have to write for any permits this year, the order giving all a chance to go forth and seek a dinner of any of the above named denizens of the creeks and shallows without molestation if they live up to the law and keep out of trout waters.

The lake trout fishermen are waiting for the first day of April when they will be allowed to legally go forth and hook 'em. The brook trout season opens on the first Saturday in April, which falls on the 13th.

Game Protector Hoagland believes that there has been little violation of the game laws since the season closed and he has made but very few arrests and received but very few reports of violations.

On March 16 John McQuire of Union Springs confessed judgment before Justice of the Peace L. K. R. Laird in the sum of \$23, for a violation of section No. 176 of the Conservation Laws. He was arrested for participating in the killing of a lion pheasant on March 1. Others were implicated in the shooting of the hen and other arrests will probably follow.

BIGGEST OF WEEK

Is This, the Last Day of Fashion Display.

TRAINS AND THE TROLLEYS

Bring Hosts of Visitors to Auburn to See the Show and Spend Some Money.

This is a big day of Fashion and Display Week and steam and trolley roads into the city have been bringing large crowds of out of town shoppers here to view the big display of Spring merchandise and to purchase. Clear weather conditions and the failure of the Weather Man to make good his promise for a little snow this morning, were conducive to shopping on the part of country people who had planned on coming to town to do some Spring buying.

The north winds which have prevailed all of the month continued to wait down from where Doctor Cook caked his last bacon and gum drops and it had not lost all its snap when it reached this section. There was a bite to it this morning and its cold crispness was quite ways removed from the balmy zephyrs of gentle Spring, but the robins are congregating, the sun is mounting higher and there is a promise that any day the winter and the heavy outer garments may be laid aside to give the months a chance and hundreds of shoppers are taking advantage of the fine displays of new stock to make their selections.

Tonight a Big Night.
This evening will be another big night in the shopping districts as the stores will all be open with the excellent displays of new things and it will be the big night of the week for Auburn people to view the exhibit in all its grandeur and to make purchases. Many out of town people will remain over for the evening and go home on late cars.

No One Is Boastful.
The cups and second prize cards which were given for the best windows were distributed among the winners yesterday afternoon and placed in the windows with much pride by the merchants who were fortunate enough to place their competitors in the way of window displays, but there isn't any bragging anywhere, and the winners, each of them recognizing the excellent efforts of their rivals and the fact that they only won out by a nose at the best. A liberal spirit prevails among the merchants for the other fellows and some of those who won are confessing that they secretly cherished the thought that this or that rival would beat them out when it came to the judging. Those who failed to win a prize are not holding any selfish or jealous thoughts regarding their more fortunate rivals in business and the general expression prevails that the judges were fair and the judgment of the windows was good.

A MASONIC NIGHT

Annual Smoker Enjoyed by St. Paul's Lodge and Friends.
Four hundred members of St. Paul's Lodge No. 124, F. & A. M., and friends enjoyed the annual smoker of the organization held last evening at its rooms in Exchange Street. The event was one of the most pleasant of its kind that the lodge has ever held and the evening, a programme of entertainment, copying more than two hours, being heard and the whole evening topped by refreshments and a band concert.

The programme shortly after 8 o'clock when Bishop and Yonts, two local young men entertainers with two others provided a miniature minstrel show that was replete with new jokes, the latest songs well sung and plenty of good buck and wing and clog foot work. This form of entertainment that won repeated applause from the large gathering lasted for upwards of a half hour.

The St. Paul's Lodge quartette, a musical organization within the membership of the order which is often heard but not too often, contributed its share toward the evening's entertainment.

W. H. Murphy, assistant pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, provided 15 minutes of enjoyable entertainment with some recitations and readings, a number of which were humorous. Mr. Murphy is quite an expert in the matter of elocution and was roundly applauded.

Rev. Horace W. Smith of Port Byron grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, was present and spoke briefly but interestingly.

Mr. Smith's talk was largely on the history of the Masonic order and its growth throughout the civilized country of the world. He called attention to the large number of prominent men in this and other countries who were members of the organization now and of those who are prominent in history, but who have passed to their reward. This was intensely interesting to the members of the lodge and others as well.

During the talk Grand Lecturer Smith referred to the war in Europe and declared that if the Masonic fraternity could have had an opportunity it could have prevented the great slaughter now going on in the war stricken countries. He pointed to the fact that Masons were in the ranks of every army in the field and slaying each other, the only saving quality being that they could not see the faces of the men that they killed. He likened the slaughter of the men in the field to the harness used, declaring that a great percentage of the men in the ranks do not know what they are fighting for.

SPRING DUE TOMORROW

According to the calendar and almanacs tomorrow is the first day of Spring and there are indications now that it will be a fair day. Indeed we have had several Springs days, although a trifle cold. Still a message from St. Augustine, Florida, is that straw hats and top-coats were the style there on St. Patrick's Day so that Auburn hasn't had so much the worst of it in the weather line.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Death of John W. Pitcher.
John W. Pitcher, an aged and long time resident of the Seventh Ward, died at his home, No. 82 Wall Street, last evening after an illness of a few weeks. Mr. Pitcher had conducted a barber shop and tobacco store in lower Van Anden Street, but failing health forced him to give up active work and he retired about five years ago.

Funeral services will be held at the house Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. G. E. Campbell, pastor of the Wall Street M. E. Church, officiating.

He was a veteran of the Civil War having served in the Seventy-fifth Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, and was a member of Seward-Crocker Post, No. 45, G. A. R., which organization will conduct the services of the Grand Army.

He leaves one son, Charles H. Pitcher, and three sisters, Mrs. William Godsell and Mrs. James Hutchinson of Auburn, and Mrs. Almond French of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Burial will be made in the family plot in Fort Hill Cemetery.

Death of Adelaide Cuskey.
Adelaide Cuskey died suddenly at her home, No. 153 Seymour Street, last evening at 9:30 o'clock. Although Miss Cuskey had been in failing health for some time she was about as usual yesterday and last evening as she was passing from one room to another she was stricken and died in a few minutes. Miss Cuskey was an estimable young woman. For many years she was employed in the Button Works and her kind manner won for her the esteem of all who knew her. She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Ella Doyle of Syracuse, Mrs. Louise Stafford and Clara of this city and two brothers, George Cuskey of this city and Frank Cuskey of Union Springs, who will have the sympathy of the community in their affliction. The funeral will be held Monday morning from the house at 3, with services at St. Alphonsus's Church at 9:30 o'clock. Burial will be in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Hayden.
The funeral of Rosey wife of Matthew Hayden was held this morning from her late home, No. 39 Chase Street at 9:30 with services at the Holy Family Church at 9:30 o'clock and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Very Rev. Dean Hickey. There was a profusion of beautiful flowers. The remains were laid to rest in the family plot in St. Joseph's Cemetery. The bearers were Andrew and James Stine, Timothy O'Connell, Patrick Gleason, Robert McCarthy and James Kane.

WONDERS OF EGYPT

Described by Syracuse Archaeologist Here.

In a stereopticon lecture under the auspices of the local Archaeological Society in Willard Chapel last evening, Rev. James Empringham of Syracuse described some of the wonders of the civilization of ancient Egypt, suggesting the power of that country in the ancient world and explaining its influence in biblical history. Doctor Empringham is rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Syracuse and one of the founders of the Archaeological Society in that city. He has been in Egypt a number of times when he has made extended studies of the archaeological subjects there.

BODLEY BADLY HURT

Former Auburn Man Victim of Overturned Auto.

H. D. Bodley of Hopewell, formerly of this city, is in a critical condition at his home in that village as the result of injuries which he received yesterday when the automobile in which he was riding overturned on the Emmerdale road.

Mr. Bodley in company with Lawrence Stoddard of the village was driving around a circle in the Emmerdale road when the steering gear refused to work. The machine, traveling at a rapid rate of speed, turned completely over, pinning Bodley beneath it. He sustained a fracture of the shoulder blade and five ribs on the right side of the body and a deep cut in his head, besides internal injuries.

The injured man was employed as a special agent in the New York Telephone office in this city for five years. Two years ago he was shifted to Canandaigua.

Will Attend Banquet.

Michael Graney, station agent for the New York Central in this city, William Graney of this city, who is station agent in Geneva and James Hinchey, yardmaster of the local station, will attend the banquet which the associates of M. J. Quigley, who has been promoted to the position of trainmaster on the Pennsylvania division, will give tonight in the Hotel Rochester in that city. Mr. Quigley was formerly assistant trainmaster of the Auburn division, and is well known in this city.

AUBURN MAY BE HIT

And Hit Hard if European War Continues Long.

THE EMBARGO ON DYESTUFFS

Will Affect Nye & Wait Kilmarneck Corporation After Six Months' Time.

Unless the war comes to a close within the next few months or the embargo now withholding shipments of German products to America is lifted, local mills using dyestuffs which comes largely from Germany will be greatly affected. This much was admitted this morning by Charles L. Fetterly, president of the Nye & Wait-Kilmarneck Corporation, large manufacturers of floor coverings and special heavy woolen woven goods.

In an interview with a Citizen man relative to the situation in this country, Mr. Fetterly declared that unless something should occur to relieve the situation, that within six months at the longest he believed now that the mills of the corporation of which he is president would have to practically shut down. He was unable, of course, to speak for other concerns, but he is of the opinion that the same condition exists among other large users of dyestuffs in Auburn and throughout the United States.

Mr. Fetterly has been a close student of the situation since the outbreak of the war and believes that the Nye & Wait-Kilmarneck Company is better off than a large number of the other concerns using the German dyes.

Raw Condition Coming.
"We saw this thing coming at the outbreak of the war and on that account we have done everything in our power to brace ourselves against the crisis when the time should come that German shipments should be shut off. We have been constantly in the market buying all of the dyes that we could get and on that account have a fair supply of most colors on hand, although like other concerns we are short on blues and yellows.

One Concern Hard Hit.
"I learned a few days ago on a trip into New England that one large mill there which had obtained a big European order for blue blankets may not be able to fill because of the lack of blue dyes with which to color the goods. They are going to every extreme to get something to do their coloring but are meeting with poor success."

Questioned as to how long he believed that dyeing material of the Nye & Wait factory would hold out if the embargo should continue and how long it would be possible to run with the supply on hand if no more can be obtained, Mr. Fetterly stated that it was impossible to make any definite statement, but he believed that about six months would be the limit.

He received a letter this morning from one of the largest dye houses in the country handling German dyestuffs, asking that he compile some statistics for them as to how long his supply would last, how the embargo would affect his plant and how many men would be thrown out of employment if compelled to shut down for lack of dyeing material, together with other information of a like nature. The letter stated that in the formation of this sort was being sought from big dyestuff users all over the country for the purpose of compiling statistics covering the United States and placing the information in the hands of the Department of State at Washington.

While the figures will be interesting and valuable, Mr. Fetterly expressed the belief that they would do little in obtaining results that would relieve the situation.

British Sea Master.

"England is the master of the situation as far as the seas are concerned and she is not going to relinquish it. It may shorten the war and save more bloodshed and while I believe that it is the right of the United States to protest, I believe that it may be better to suffer a little than to enter into the affair in a manner that might implicate the United States and at the same time do nothing that would relieve the situation to any extent."

Prices Jump 400 Per cent.

Mr. Fetterly stated that the price of dyestuffs had advanced 300 or 400 per cent. "But it's not the price so much as our inability to get the stuff," he said. The shipment of large orders for saddle blankets to one of the belligerent nations was completed by the company this week.

Wool Shortage, Too.
In addition to the shortage of dyestuffs the corporation is equally embarrassed in getting raw wools on account of the war. In carpet making only the coarse wools grown on the backs of a low grade of sheep raised almost exclusively in Russia and China. With the embargo on the carpet makers in the country are unable to get this supply and this is becoming a serious problem with them.

Woolen mills manufacturing other fabrics use the native and other fine wools grown in several of the European countries and Australia and they are having no trouble in this direction although they will be hampered by the lack of dyestuffs. This wool, however, is of too fine a quality to be of use in the manufacture of carpets.

The Travelers' Dance.

Counter attractions made the attendance at the Commercial Travelers' dancing party last evening at the Annex very light. This was the concluding party of the season; three having been held previous to the one of last night. O'mstead's orchestra furnished the music for a programme of 18 regular numbers and two extras. Refreshments were served. The following committee was in charge of the party last evening: R. A. Tacey chairman, F. G. Ten Eyck, W. H. Adams, C. N. Knapp, W. Arton and R. K. Stoner.

SOME LIVELY TILTS

Marked Closing Hours of the Waggoner Trial.

FATHER KNEW WHAT HE DID

In Dodging the Farm to the Son Who Remained at Home, Justice Wheeler Held.

Lively tilts between Attorneys Drummond for the defense and Harding for the plaintiff and an exchange of repartee between Attorney Harding and a witness for the defendant, Charles M. Drew, in which the attorney suffered considerable embarrassment and which provided considerable merriment for a large number of spectators, marked the closing scenes in Equity Term of Supreme Court yesterday afternoon in the case of William W. Waggoner against David R. Waggoner. At the conclusion of the summing up by attorneys, Justice Charles B. Wheeler decided in favor of the defendant on the ground that the plaintiff had failed to make a case.

The action was brought by William Waggoner, a brother of defendant David Waggoner, to set aside a 58 acres of land in Ira, deeded to the defendant by his father, Harmon Waggoner, who was in his 94th year. The contention of the plaintiff was that the father was of unsound mind at the time the deed was executed and that undue influence was used in obtaining the deed to defraud the plaintiff.

In rendering his decision Justice Wheeler stated that the plaintiff had failed to prove his contentions and that the testimony of many witnesses had shown that the father was of sound mind when he executed the deed. He pointed to the evidence as showing that the father had executed the deed of the land to the son David after deliberation and that he did it without undue influence being brought to bear. That he had intended to give the son David the farm upon his death and that for the purpose of avoiding litigation after his death he had called a number of witnesses to his home and told them of what he had done and that he wished it to be that way.

He had told the witnesses, according to their testimony, the judge said that the son David had earned the farm. He had staid at home and looked after his aged parents while the brother William had left home to seek his fortune in the world at the age of 16 years. He had not done anything for his father and mother. David had remained at home closely and had not even married and for his diligent care and sacrifices the father desired that he have the farm.

William Burke, a neighbor and one of the witnesses called in by the father, Harmon Waggoner, proved to be the star witness for the defense. His testimony was most remarkable in showing a vividness of recollection of details in connection with his visit there and of conversation that he had held with the father. His narrative was nothing less than powerful in the matter of description.

Attorney Harding attempted to show that the witness, Charles M. Drew, another witness called by Harmon Waggoner, was suspicious at the time regarding the state of mind of the father when he told him of the execution of the deed. This attempt on the part of Attorney Harding proved to be a most embarrassing situation for the lawyer before he got through. The witness entered into an exchange of repartee with the lawyer in answering his questions that was not only amusing to the spectators in the court room, but most annoying to Mr. Harding. At various times he attempted to stop the witness but these attempts proved to be futile and when it was over the farmer witness had left the learned attorney mighty glad that the ordeal had come to a close.

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