

ELECTROCUTED A WORKMAN

Violent Death of a Boilermaker in a Man-hole.

CHARLES EKMAN ROASTED ON A LIVE WIRE

He Was Repairing a Boiler in the Motor Power House and Was Given an Instantly Killed.

A case of electrocution occurred yesterday morning at the street railway power house at Twenty-second and Nicholas streets, and the body of the victim, Charles Ekman, lies at Maul's morgue awaiting the action of the coroner's jury.

The deceased was in the employ of Wilson & Drake, boilermakers, at Eighteenth and Pierce, and was sent to the power house this morning to make some repairs on one of the boilers that generates the steam to run the dynamo. As the only opening into the boiler is the small manhole at the end of it, it is necessary to use artificial light in making repairs on the inside and this was furnished in this case by an incandescent lamp at the end of several yards of slack wire, which was, however, supposed to be thoroughly insulated.

The lamp was placed inside the boiler, with the wire resting on the lower side of the manhole. Ekman then started to crawl inside, but he never passed through the fatal opening. His assistant, Michael Troy, who was at the manhole, saw the light and heard him scream, and running around to the opening, found Ekman lying in the manhole and his legs hanging down outside. He at once saw that something was wrong, and seized Ekman by the ankles to draw him out to the open air, but as he touched the body of Ekman, a shock as he touched the body of his companion, which hurled him several feet away. He had, however, moved the body of Ekman sufficiently to cause the lower part to overbalance the upper, and the body fell out of the manhole and to the floor below. Assistants arrived immediately, but Ekman did not move or breathe, and an examination showed that he was dead.

How It Happened.

A single glance at the fatal wire showed plainly how the accident had happened. The insulation over a part about an inch long had been torn off, leaving the wire exposed, and in crawling across it the deadly current had been communicated to the body of the unfortunate man. His shirt, wet with the perspiration of hard toil, had furnished a perfect conductor to the subtle fluid and the 600-volt stream of electricity, backed by a pressure of from 400 to 600 amperes, was forced through his body. Hence to the metal walls of the boiler above and on either side of him. The powerful current had burned and blistered the flesh in a number of places, and the unmistakable odor attending it was plainly noticeable when the horror-stricken stokers gathered around the lifeless form.

Coroner Maul was at once notified and removed the body to his morgue. An examination of the remains disclosed a deep burn on the abdomen as large as the palm of a man's hand, with marks running from it toward either side, indicating where the wire had been. A long, narrow burn also extended across the chest and two large blisters, as large as silver dollars, were found on the right hip. The right arm was burned from the shoulder nearly to the elbow and on the right shoulder blades were a burn and blister, four inches wide and seven inches long. On the chest and abdomen the skin was burned to a crisp, and the flesh underneath was charred. On the head, just above the right temple, was a bruise, and near it a gash an inch and a half long, but these were caused by striking against a protruding piece of iron as the body fell from the manhole. Neither of them would have been serious wounds, and it is practically certain that the man was dead before he was seen by his companion.

Ekman was 35 years of age and unmarried, and resided at Twenty-fifth street and Poppleton avenue. He had been in the employ of Wilson & Drake for ten years, and was regarded as a faithful, hardworking and careful man.

The employees at the power house and who were employed to use this wire and light whenever anything of the kind was in demand, and had no notice that the insulation was imperfect. One of them thought the defect was the result of striking the wire a blow with a hammer, but whether this was done by the deceased while at work, or whether or not it was done in that way at all, is something that can only be surmised.

Coroner's Inquest.

The inquest over the remains of Ekman was held at the morgue yesterday afternoon. But three witnesses were examined—Troy, the companion of the dead man, the power-tender, J. M. Wilson, the senior member of the firm in which the deceased worked at the time of his death. Nothing was learned as to his death, more than is stated above, as there was no eyewitness of the occurrence. The jury returned a fatal contact with the wire. The jury returned a verdict of death by accidental electrocution, and no blame was attached to any one.

A careful examination of the premises yesterday afternoon demonstrated beyond a doubt that the burn on the abdomen of the deceased was partly caused by a hot wire and steam pipe, and partly by the electric current. The manhole is a little more than waist high from the floor, and the wire runs along just below it. There is every reason to believe that the dead man had put his head and shoulders into the manhole, and had just thrown his weight on his chest when he received the shock, which was of sufficient force to deprive him of control of his muscles, and throw him upon the wire helplessly. He was also thrown upon the hot pipe at the same time, and electricians are of the opinion that the metal pipe caused the current entering at the chest to seek an outlet at the abdomen, and as his clothing intervened an arc was formed, which burned the clothes and also caused the large burn on the flesh at that point. The shape of the burn indicates that it was in contact with the pipe, while the current must have passed through there to have charred the flesh. It is not believed that the burns on the arm and shoulder were caused by the current, as the metal framework of the boiler is insulated in the fire wall, and would not have offered a ready passage. These burns were undoubtedly caused by contact with the pipe after the body fell to the floor.

Wire Was All Right.

It seems quite certain that the light wire was all right when Ekman started into the boiler and that when he pressed it upon the sharp corner of the opening the insulation was either cut or so tightly compressed that the current passed through to Ekman's body, and that formed the burning marks of the insulation and within a very short time severing the wire itself.

Electricians are of a less to know what caused Ekman's death, as they say that the current was not sufficient to cause it. The light was on a side circuit with four other lights, and was connected by a bare copper fuse, which would have burned out had a stronger current passed through it. It is maintained that the death could hardly have been caused by it, had not the victim had organic heart trouble, in which case the shock might have had a fatal result. So that as it may be the unfortunate man came in contact with a current, however strong it may have been, and did not survive it, and the burns just over the heart and on the abdomen show that the current was not a weak one.

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Inquire city ticket agent, 1401 Farnam street.

Through sleepers daily from Webster Street station.

SEERIE TALKS.

His Views in Regard to the New Post Office.

D. D. Seerie, a member of the firm of Geddis & Seerie, the Denver contractors, who have been prominent bidders for the construction of the new Federal building here, was in the city yesterday. He was seen by a firm man just prior to his departure for home.

Messrs. Geddis & Seerie have been bidders for the work on the new building from the start, and Mr. Seerie's visit here had to do with their connection with the matter, in which Mr. Fred McConnell is their Omaha representative. Said Mr. Seerie:

"We hope to get the contract for the new building. We have certainly tried hard enough for it. The first time we were next to the lowest bidder, but the powers that were decided that the lowest bidder was too low, and the bid was not awarded. Next time our bid was lowest, but was in excess of the appropriation.

"There is a strong effort on the part of the Indiana men, this time, to work in under a cheap limestone bid, but we stand a show just the same. We have three bids in, one on Colorado granite, one on sandstone and one on limestone. Of course we hope to secure the contract on Colorado granite.

"Yes, I have seen the reports concerning the bank failures in Denver, and they don't make me feel at all good. I am a stockholder and director in the People's Savings bank, which suspended this morning. We were forced to close the bank, just as several other good institutions have been, by our inability to borrow ready money on the very best of security. That we are able to pay all our obligations is not doubted by any one, but it was absolutely impossible to call in our outstanding loans in time to meet the calls precipitated by the talk of Waite, Hadden and the other cranks."

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SAVED THE COURT'S QUARTER.

Promptness of Marshal White Rescues Judge Dundy from a "Pie Dinner."

The quiet of the federal court was disturbed yesterday morning by a rather amusing incident. Judge Dundy was listening to motions in equity cases and was occupying the small court room on the second floor. Close by his desk there is a door which opens into the hall. While the judge was engaged in writing an order in the docket this door opened gently and an instant later in stepped a woman, accompanied by a small girl. Thinking no doubt that she had simply entered a private office the woman approached the judge and said: "Couldn't I sell you some tickets for a chicken pie and some of our South fourth street tickets? The tickets are only twenty-cent."

By this time "hizzoner" was looking up at the earnest face of the ticket seller and the spectators and lawyers were anxiously waiting to see how the judge would get rid of the church entertainment canvasser, out the window. The woman, however, determined to have an opportunity to really determine whether he was afraid, or a horseback rider, the woman was informed that court was in session and must not be disturbed. She blushing apologized and took her departure.

Balloon this eve.

Now for the Paving.

City Attorney Connell yesterday morning received from D. A. Campbell, the clerk of the Nebraska supreme court, a postal card bearing the information that the opinion in the Omaha paving case had not been filed by the court and that only a memorandum of the judgment was given. Mr. Connell had asked for a copy of the opinion and the reply of the clerk indicates that it will be some time before the opinion in full is filed, perhaps not before September.

However, Mr. Connell is of the opinion that the memorandum furnishes sufficient enlightenment for the council, and he accounts that it is wholly unnecessary to have the opinion in full, as all of the points at issue have been covered. In his judgment the paving can now be proceeded with in the districts where majority petitions have been filed, conditional or otherwise. The attorney also expresses the belief that in the future ages and whose hoary summits seem to pierce into some unknown realm beyond. The grand canons and cataraacts are awe inspiring. In the west you can find health, wealth and happiness; it is one large sanitarium, and is best reached by the Rio Grande Western railway. See that your tickets read both ways via that road which offers choice of three distinct routes and the most magnificent scenery in the world. Free copies of pamphlets, etc., write to J. H. Bennett, Salt Lake City, U. T.

Charged with Grand Larceny.

Jim Lee has his preliminary hearing yesterday morning on the charge of grand larceny, preferred by Bertie Mann. The defendant is accused of stealing several rings and an umbrella, the whole valued at \$120. One of the rings was found in his possession and he was arrested for the theft. He is in the employ of an upholsterer and he is accused for the possession of the ring by saying that a lot of furniture belonging to Miss Mann was not before the court, and he is accused to be repholstered, and in removing the old covering he found the ring between the seat and back of one of the chairs. He visited the furniture store kept by the thief with the ring on his finger, and it was recognized and he was arrested. The rest of the property has not been found.

Killed Near Millard.

Train No. 10 on the Union Pacific going west killed a man yesterday morning three miles west of Millard station. He was walking east from Elkhorn and apparently did not see the engine. He was apparently a tramp, but papers in his pockets showed that his name was W. L. Oakley and that in 1891 he was employed in the comptroller's office in New York. Others indicated that he had been in San Francisco during the present year and was getting back to his old home on foot, or in any way that he could without the use of money.

Coroner Maul was apprised of the accident and ordered the burial of the body.

Sewer Contracts Commenced.

The Board of Public Works has directed the sewer contractors to proceed with their work. The orders issued were to F. L. Hoover & Co. on the Dorcas and Nineteenth sub main extension from Twenty-first street, McDonald & Penfield on Twenty-seventh street extension, Samuel Katz in districts 186, 187 and 188, and to J. A. Fitzpatrick in districts 189 and 190.

These contractors will commence work as soon as material is on the ground, some of them having already begun.

Van Nammoe Palace Threatened.

A blaze at "Jeff's restaurant" threatened the destruction of the wretched frame shell on Two fifth, between Farnam and Douglas, belonging to the Van Nammoe estate, about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The fire caught from a defective fire over the range in Seymour Gost's restaurant. The building was damaged to the extent of \$50, and the restaurant men suffered a slight loss. The building can be repaired.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued yesterday:

Table with 3 columns: Name and address, Age, and Date.

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WASH GOODS 64c.

3 solid cases of wash dress goods, not a yard worth less than 12c, and from that up to 20c, go today at 6c per yard. Do you want a wash dress this season or next? If so buy now. These bargains cannot be duplicated.

LADIES' WAISTS 35c.

10 dozen of these and every waist worth 85c or more, two to a customer for 35c apiece.

LADIES' WAISTS 75c.

You cannot duplicate these waists anywhere else for less than \$1.50. Buy these now and get them for 75c apiece.

WAISTS \$1.05.

Gilbert's fast black waists, actually selling in this city at \$1.05, today they go with us for 85c.

WAISTS \$1.50.

500 waists, not one waist worth less than \$3.00, your choice today at \$1.50 each.

SILK WAISTS \$3.00.

All these silk waists regularly sold at \$6.00 in Chicago, New York and everywhere. At \$3.00 each they are the best bargains we have to offer.

Remember, outside of these special offers, almost everything goes at net cost.

Buy now, while you have a stock fully worth \$200,000 to select from.

Umbrellas worth \$6.00 are going at \$2.00.

Parasols worth up to \$10.00 go at \$2.50.

Ladies' ribbed vests, 10c.

Two cases of 50c vests, today at 19c per vest.

Don't put off. Buy now while the bargains last.

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The Burlington Route's 10:15 a. m. train from Omaha carries a sleeping car for the Black Hills.

Reduced rate tickets on sale July 15 to August 15.

City ticket office, 1324 Farnam street.

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World's Fair Visitors.

Should continue their trip to Utah and the west. The magnitude in resources and beauty of the western territory is incomparable. Nature in creative mood has fashioned rock-ribbed crested peaks, blue and dispassionate mountains, and if possible reach the summits of some of the peaks and see the snow-capped peaks pierce into some unknown realm beyond. The grand canons and cataraacts are awe inspiring. In the west you can find health, wealth and happiness; it is one large sanitarium, and is best reached by the Rio Grande Western railway. See that your tickets read both ways via that road which offers choice of three distinct routes and the most magnificent scenery in the world. Free copies of pamphlets, etc., write to J. H. Bennett, Salt Lake City, U. T.

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OPENING PARK AVENUE.

Appraisers Report a Plan of Assessment for Paying an Old Debt.

The city engineering department is at present wrestling with a proposed plan of assessment for the paving of Park avenue. The city engineer, J. H. Bennett, has prepared a plan of assessment that would prove satisfactory. They went over the ground and finally reached the conclusion that the property owners should pay \$14,000 of the \$25,000 due, the city at large to stand the balance. The new plan is being prepared in accordance with that understanding. Property on both sides of the avenue from Dodge street to Ed Creighton avenue will be assessed as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Name, Feet, Feet, Amount.

Total, \$12,122.10 \$14,000.00

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DIED.

Notice of Burial in case of one under this head, fifty cents, each additional ten cents.

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WHATEVER IS RIGHT.

Board of Education Members Willing to Reason with Health Officials.

The ultimate results of the controversy between the Board of Health and the Board of Education over the maintenance of the dry closet system in several of the school buildings are difficult at present to predict. It seems reasonably certain that if no conciliatory steps are taken in the near future the whole matter will have to be decided in court, but there are indications that the spirit of arbitration and sound reasoning will gain the upper hand and that an adjustment may be reached without resorting to law.

Speaking of the matter yesterday several of the members of the Board of Education expressed themselves as being fully confident that the Smead dry closet system was perfectly sanitary, but at the same time they were open to conviction as to the opposite view of the case.

"I have no disposition to oppose the Board of Health," said Mr. C. J. Smythe, in speaking of the controversy, "and in fact I hold that it is the duty of every good citizen to uphold the Board of Health in every effort that is undertaken for the good of the public health. The moment that the Board of Health has shown that the dry closet system of whatever make or pattern is unsanitary, I shall be the first to favor removing the apparatus from the school buildings. But I am not in favor of anything that the dry closet scheme is unsanitary simply upon the assertion of the Board of Health without proof. I am not in favor of maintaining anything in the shape of a dry closet in a school building until we are convinced that this system, of which so much has been said, is a nuisance before I shall vote to make a change.

Mr. Egutter was seen with regard to the matter and said: "I have never been much of a dry closet man, as my record in the Board will show, but it strikes me that the Board of Health is getting in its work on a rather hasty basis. Through its plans and specifications for these buildings in which the dry closets have been introduced must have been submitted to the health officer before they were finally adopted by the Board of Education. They were not only submitted, but were approved by the city building inspector before they were incorporated in the buildings of which the present health commissioner makes so much complaint. Now it strikes me that when the health commissioner, through its authorized agent, the building inspector, says that certain plans and specifications are all right and that they are in accordance with the ordinances created to govern such matters, and later on the city rises up through another agent, in the person of the health commissioner, and condemns the plans formerly approved, if there is anybody responsible for the blunder it must be the city government. I am not in favor of creating any unpleasantness or sensation over these matters. I believe that we should proceed in a business-like and dispassionate manner and if possible reach an understanding that will not only be agreeable to the members of both boards, but also for the best interests of the city. I am inclined to think that this will be done. I don't think that any man can afford to make this an occasion for partying his particular views before the public simply for the sake of a little notoriety, and I feel pretty sure that good judgment and common sense will win in the end and we shall reach a settlement of the dispute without resorting to the courts. I hope at least that this will be so."

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