SEQUEL TO A FIRE.

Louis Kohn Sued by the German-American Insurance Company.

RAKING UP ASHES OF THE PAST.

It is Claimed That the Defendant Obtained Insurance Money by False Representations.

Chief Justice Merritt and a jury have been engaged the entire day on the trial of an action brought by the German-American Insurance company of New York against Louis Kohn, the candy maker and trimmer of Market Row, to recover the sum of $1,187, paid over to the defendant as insurance money, and which for reasons set forth below the company now seeks to get back again.

Attorneys Arthur Brown, H. W. Young and Oscar W. Moyle are for the plaintiffs; Judge Powers and Attorney S. H. Lewis have the case for the defendant in hand.

The suit arises out of a fire which occurred on premises formerly occupied by the defendant at 75 and 77 South Main street, in the month of July, 1892, known as the "Model Candy Kitchen," and which resulted in considerable damage. In their complaint the plaintiffs state that on June 10th, of the year named, the defendant entered into a contract or contracts with them whereby he insured his stock of goods and fixtures against loss or damage by fire, for the sum of $1,850. It is alleged that on or about July 17th following Kohn intentionally set the premises afame for the purpose of defrauding the company under the policy just previously issued. Before the contract of insurance was completed, they say, the defendant represented the value of his goods and fixtures to be more than $4,000, whereas, they state he was largely—something like double—in excess of their actual worth. It is charged also that he wilfully destroyed certain of the property which the fire did not injure or consume, with intent to defraud. Being ignorant of the state of affairs until some time afterwards, and relying upon the defendant's representations, the company say that on August 8th, 1892 they paid over to him the sum of $1,187, and it is this amount they now seek to recover, together with interest from that date, in addition to the cost of the present proceedings.

In his answer the defendant denies the allegations contained in the complaint in regard to his having sought to defraud the company, or having wilfully damaged any of his property in that end.

Considerable curiosity and speculation were aroused at the time of the fire, and the matter was soon afterwards taken in hand by the local law authorities. Rumors which were instituted led to the suspicion that Kohn himself deliberately fired the premises, so in the basement of the building, where the flames originated, certain articles were found that tended to indicate something wrong. Eventually the man was arrested and he stood his trial in the Third district court, before Judge Zane, on a charge of arson. After a lengthy investigation—and an able defense put forward by Judge Powers—the jury arrived at the conclusion that Kohn was not guilty, and acquitted him. The insurance company paid the money claimed to be due on the policy, and from then until now, so far as the public are concerned, the affair has been classed among forgotten things.

The taking of testimony is in progress this afternoon, and the trial will probably extend over a couple of days.

TO KEEP IT OPEN.

Meeting of Ladies in the Interest of the Pioneer Library.

As has been stated in a previous issue of the NEWS, the Pioneer Library is in a very severe fix for funds to enable it to keep open. The library has been of great benefit in furnishing reading matter to the public, and has been in part supported by public funds. This year, however, the Legislature did not see the way clear to make any appropriation for the institution, nor does it seem within the reach of the City Council, therefore the library languishes.

To meet this condition and bring about a change if possible, a number of ladies met yesterday afternoon, pursuant to call, at the Utah commission building. The assemblage included representatives of various women's societies and ladies prominently interested in educational matters. It was the intention, if possible, to adopt some plan of action by which the library could be kept open, that its benefits should not be cut off from the public.

Contemptible Vandalism.

A piece of vandalism of the most contemptible nature has been perpetrated at the Washington school in this city. On Monday the pupils engaged in Arbor Day exercises, and planted a cherry tree in memory of the Father of our Country, and the children locally hope that the tree might grow and flourish. But this was not to be; for during the night it was torn up by some vicious person. That the act was a malicious one was shown by the fact that the tree was left on the ground, but so broken and mutilated that it was worthless for replanting.

GOING TO IRON COUNTY.

A Salt Laker Who Will Open Up a Business in the South.

S. D. Cady, of this city, has decided to try his fortune in Iron county, recognizing the fact that locality is the greatest undeveloped country in the West. He probably will locate in Cedar City, though he is not fully decided upon that point. Wherever he makes his location he probably will engage in merchandising.

The gentleman is a large holder of Salt Lake real estate. He came here from New Mexico in the early days of the boom and put $50,000 in local. There he said he greatly advanced values. Later he invested considerable in realty here which he still holds. He has had considerable experience in the merchandising business, having been engaged therein, both in wholesale and retail, for nearly thirty years before coming to Utah. He is confident that within the next two or three years Iron county will have supply about enough securing railway communication and developing her great coal and iron industries.

A CLOTHIER ASSIGNS TODAY.

G. S. Samuel Kohn, of this City, with Liabilities $19,058.

Samuel Kohn, carrying on the business of a clothier at 279 S. Main street, this morning filed his assignment papers with the county recorder, Herman Brimeyer being named as the assignee. Following is given as the list of creditors:

CLASS 1.

Zions Bank	$ [illegible]
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