THE DAMAGE SUITS.

One Against the City, the Other Against the Street Railroad Co.

IN THE LATTER $20,000 IS CLAIMED

For the Death of Young John Ott—Judge Zerich Takes a Rest.

Assistant Justice Zerich with his family spent most of last Monday and Tuesday in the mountains with his relatives in Alpine.

YESTERDAY'S DOCKETS.

Chief Justice Zerich had a quiet day yesterday for some interest with the case of L. Mark Pedrick vs. Salt Lake City, the hearing of which began yesterday afternoon. Ferguson & Castleman appeared for the plaintiff, King & Stewart for the defendant. The amount claimed was $5,000 for damage alleged to have been done to the plaintiff's business in the Twenty-fifth Ward in October, 1893. It is alleged that the city failed to keep the Salt Lake Creek in repair, so that the water flooded the premises, and that the defendant, by reason of the premises, lost trade to the amount complained of.

The case went to the jury shortly before the hour of adjournment, and a fully agreed verdict was returned by the defendant.

SUITS IN TRIAL.

The action brought by Wm. F. Allen, as administrator of the estate of John Allen, deceased, against the Salt Lake City Railroad Co., was resumed.

Colonel Henry S. Lippman and Attorney Oscar Hoff for the plaintiff; Heskin & Critchlow for the defendant.

The damages in this case are laid at $20,000. The deceased, John Allen, a resident of the Twenty-first Ward, was killed by the defendant's cars in the vicinity of a new church in the southern part of the city, while crossing in the dark on the evening of Nov. 15, 1893. Young Ott, a resident of Bear Lake, was killed in Salt Lake City on Nov. 19, 1893, while engaged in one of the cars belonging to the company, being thrown from the platform of the car and dragged some distance. The latter case was tried before a jury last Friday, and resulted in a verdict for the defendant. The plaintiff's counsel moved for a new trial, and the motion was argued yesterday morning. The court took the matter under advisement, and will rule on it at a future date.

Mr. Ott, the father of the deceased, testified that his son was a healthy young man, 21 years of age, and was earning $3 a day. He was a good boy, and he had no bad habits. He was killed on his birthday. The plaintiff's counsel argued that the company was negligent in not having a proper platform on the car, and that the deceased was thrown off by the jerking of the car. The defendant's counsel argued that the company was not responsible for the acts of its employes, and that the deceased was a trespasser on the platform of the car. The case will be submitted to the jury today.

MR. JOHN RICK ARRESTED.

The Charge Made Against Him by the National Exhibition.

Deputy Marshal Connelly, acting under a writ issued by the district court of the United States in Chicago, Illinois, yesterday afternoon arrested John Rick, the president of the National Exhibition Company, on a charge of contempt of court. The complaint was sworn to by Thomas Scanlan, clerk of the American Bank, Chicago, and John Rick was taken before Judge Zerich and Commissioner Norris, and was released on $1,000 bond to appear for a hearing on Friday morning.

The complaint alleges that the defendant, John Rick, president of the National Exhibition Company, made a false statement of the assets of the company in a sworn statement filed in the United States court in Chicago, in the case of Thomas Scanlan against the National Exhibition Company, in which the plaintiff claims $5,000 damages for a breach of contract. The statement in question was made in the form of a schedule of the assets of the company, and was signed by the defendant. The schedule was filed in the United States court in Chicago, and the plaintiff claims that it was false in many particulars, and that the defendant knew it was false when he made it. The plaintiff's counsel in Chicago have been trying to get the defendant before the court for a hearing on the charge of contempt for some time, but he has been able to keep out of the way. The plaintiff's counsel in Chicago telegraphed to the United States marshal in Salt Lake City, and he served the defendant with the writ of the court.

A SUITE SETTLED.

Judge Bilings's Decisions at Judge Lyle's Office.

A dispute between John Jensen, Arizona county, and John Jensen, Salt Lake county, which has been in court for some time, was finally settled yesterday afternoon. The cause of the controversy was a mortgage for $1,000 given by the latter to the former, which was assigned by the latter to the Bank of Commerce, and by the latter's assignee to the plaintiff. The defendant claimed that the mortgage was given for a gambling debt, and was void. The case was tried before Judge Lyle, and he decided in favor of the plaintiff. The defendant then filed a cross complaint, and the case was taken to Judge Bilings's office for hearing. The cross complaint was dismissed, and the case was finally settled by the payment of the mortgage.

INDICTMENT FOR ARSON.

There is some mystery in connection with a fire which occurred in Ogden last Friday morning, which resulted in the indictment of Mrs. Mary Ann Jones, a resident of Ogden, for arson. The house in question was a small one-story frame building, situated on the east side of Wall street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets, and was occupied by Mrs. Jones and her family. The house was discovered to be on fire early in the morning, and was quite badly damaged before the flames could be extinguished. The house was owned by Mrs. Jones, who had recently insured it for $1,000. It was also known that she had recently had a quarrel with her husband, who had left her and gone to Salt Lake. The house was not occupied at the time of the fire, and it was known that Mrs. Jones had recently had her furniture moved out of it. The house was insured in the Home Insurance Company, and the company's adjuster, Mr. Ferguson, came to Ogden on Saturday and had a long talk with Mrs. Jones. The result was that the company refused to pay the insurance, and Mrs. Jones was arrested on the charge of arson. The preliminary hearing was set for Tuesday morning, but it was postponed for a week, Mrs. Jones being released on her own recognizance. It is said that the house was not in a very good condition, and that it would pay to have the insurance money. The house was valued at $1,000, and the insurance was $1,000