

# Bridgeport Evening Post.

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## HAMILTON'S HEARING

Motorman's Case Goes Over to Thursday, August 24.

## WILL DEPEND ON INQUEST

Coroner Doten Busy Preparing For a Further Session.

Coroner Charles A. Doten has been busy all day to-day preparing for a further hearing into the causes of the Shelton extension disaster. He has decided to call a number of witnesses, but he did not care to say just who they were. It is understood that quite a number of the witnesses are experts on track construction.

There is widespread concern over the doings of the coroner's jury and its decision on this the most momentous question, as far as Bridgeport is concerned, that has ever been brought to the attention of the coroner, will be awaited with interest.

The case of Motorman George A. Hamilton, who is charged with manslaughter, came up this morning before Justice Charles H. Peck in Stratford. There was no hearing of any kind and a continuance was ordered until Thursday, Aug. 24th.

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Hamilton's bond was allowed to remain at the same figure as at the previous hearing. He will be held pending the decision of the coroner's jury. If the jury finds against him he will then be bound over to the superior court. If the verdict is in his favor he will be allowed to go.

The fact that the terrible accident was only a week away was not sufficient to keep the public from traveling over the bridge in large numbers yesterday. It was of course apparent that the number of riders was not as large as it would have been had the accident not occurred, but there were a large number who made the trip, both from this city and from Shelton.

The bridge still has an attraction for the curious. Strangers coming into the city ask about it the first thing and it is about the first place they start for after they learn its location.

## NO EFFORT TO SETTLE

Secretary Paige Speedily Puts the Rumor to Sleep.

## SHELTON COMPANY'S STATUS

Has No Connection With Bridgeport Traction Co.

There have been rumors that the Shelton Street Railway company had made an effort to settle with the relatives of the victims of the Shelton extension horror for \$100 for each one killed.

An effort was made to see President Andrew Radel of the company but he was out of town. Attorney Allan W. Paige who is secretary and treasurer of the company said to-day that there was no foundation to the rumor whatever. He did not know where it originated, but was positive that it did not start from anyone connected with the Shelton Street Railway company.

There is a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. These are the officers of the company. Mr. Radel acts as president, Gotfried Krueger of Newark as vice-president and Attorney Paige, secretary and treasurer.

These gentlemen are also stockholders and directors. The other stockholders are E. S. Brinsmade of Shelton and W. S. Downs of Derby.

"The Shelton Street Railway Co., is in no way connected with the Bridgeport Traction Co., said Mr. Paige. "It is just as much by itself as though there was no Bridgeport Traction Co. at all. The Shelton Co., had no contract with the Bridgeport Traction Co., further than to pay it for the use of its cars and power.

"The capital stock of the company is \$75,000. It had a bill in the legislature to increase the capital stock and the matter has not been acted upon as yet.

"So far as the work in constructing the road is concerned, there is no more substantial road in the state, if not in the whole New England states."