

COURTING DEATH.

Use of the Railroad Track as a Promenade.

Some interesting testimony was given yesterday in the suit of Charles Hansen against the Southern Pacific Railroad Company to recover damages for the loss of a leg which he had cut off by a locomotive at the railroad crossing at Thirtieth street. The company disclaim responsibility, alleging that Hansen was a trespasser on its property at the time of his injury. Several engineers testified yesterday that the run through the city from Fourth and Townsend streets to the Bernal cut causes them more anxiety and trouble than are experienced in any other section of the road in the State. They are compelled to keep the whistle blowing constantly, and even then are in fear every moment that some one will be injured. Men and women walk along the tracks with a reckless disregard for danger, while small boys dance in front of the locomotive as though courting injury or death. Some of these boys delight to stand on the trestle work and bridges until the train is almost upon them, and then, at the last instant, drop between the ties and permit the cars to run over them.

The trial will be resumed on Monday.