

OUR BUTTER SALES....

Perhaps it is Time to Say Something About Butter.

We receive daily shipments of Fresh Creamery Butter and to tell you what we are doing we shall mention the report just received from the Vernon Creamery Company.

OUR SALES OF VERNON CREAMERY BUTTER ALONE LAST YEAR WERE 21,000 POUNDS.

Why do we sell so much butter? Because we take great precautions in handling it, and deliver it in the best possible order.

Our present prices are:

Wapping Creamery,	35c
Vernon Creamery,	33c
Valley Creamery,	28c in 5 lb lots, 27c
Hill's Butter,	30c
Bailey's Butter,	31c
Farmer's Butter,	from 25 to 28c

Aaron Johnson, Dealer in The Best Things to Eat. Chestnut Street, Just Below Monument Park.

Vigorous Kicking

is done by the boys and girls of our town.

We have shoes that will stand in this line the racket and call and ex-amine good wear.

You may be sure of getting good value for your money.

We also carry footwear for men and women.

The People's Shoe Store, ISAAC PROCTOR, Prop. Old Ferris Bldg., Oak St., near Cor. Main.

DR. M. M. MAINE DENTIST... OFFICE HOURS: 10 to 12, 2 to 5, 7 to 9.

RUBBER TIRES

\$3.50 Per Pair Best Tires for the price.

Wheels

PIERCE CUSHION FRAME CHAINLESS.

PIERCE, CRESCENT, INDIAN, ORIENT.

Wheels Repaired in General. Also a Line of Sandries.

MADDEN BROTHERS, OLD CHENEY BLOCK.

Facts About Huntzinger's Business College

Placed 89 graduates in situations in sixty-four and one-half months. A statement of this school over twice as large as that of any other business college in Hartford.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH NOTES.

Services for Holy Week.—Mrs. Frank W. Cheney's Present to St. Mary's Church.—Two Bishops Will Officiate in St. Mary's Church Next Week.

Next week will be observed in St. Mary's church as Holy Week, and services will be held as follows: Monday, at 8.30 o'clock, Evening Prayer and address, by Rev. J. A. Biddle.

On Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock the rite of Confirmation will be conferred by Right Reverend Chauncey B. Brewster, bishop of Connecticut.

On Good Friday, which is also known as Fast Day, a service and sermon will take place at 10.45 o'clock, and at 2.30 p.m. there will be a service for the Sunday school.

On Saturday of next week at 8 o'clock there will be baptismal services. It is an ancient custom in the Episcopal church to have baptismal services on Easter Even.

During her recent tour in Europe, Mrs. Frank W. Cheney purchased a beautiful baptismal font in Venice, and has presented it to St. Mary's church. It is of the chased marble and is very handsome in design.

It will be seen by the foregoing that services of unusual interest will take place in St. Mary's church next week. It rarely happens that two bishops officiate there in a single week.

On Good Friday night the Way of the Cross will be observed, beginning at 7.30 o'clock.

LECTURE LAST NIGHT.—"Fighting Fires" Was the Theme and It Was Presented by Charles T. Hill of New York.

The lecture given in Cheney hall last evening by Charles T. Hill of New York attracted a fair sized audience.

Mr. Hill came here under the auspices of the Hose & Ladder Company No. 1, and to this over alert organization the public is indebted for this and a number of other delightful and instructive attractions.

MANCHESTER WATER COMPANY.

The Manchester Water Company are planning to connect with the water mains, as soon as the weather will permit.

At present water is supplied from the lower reservoir. By making the change noted here, the water pressure will be greatly increased.

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SUCCESSFUL BALL.

One of Largest in History of the Hibernal Division Here.—St. Patrick's Day Suitably Commemorated.—Merry Gatherings and Enjoyable Time.

The St. Patrick's Day ball given by the local division of Hibernalians in Cheney hall last Monday evening, was one of the largest events of the kind they ever conducted.

The floor was crowded with dancers to such an extent as to make dancing rather uncomfortable for a time. There were delegations from Hartford, East Hartford, Rockville, Glastonbury, etc.

The orchestra furnished music and Prof. C. Foley prompted. The beautiful electrical decorations were used and greatly admired.

Ice cream and cake were served in the refectory. The orchestra furnished a concert of Irish airs before the dancing began.

The festivities closed at midnight and the event goes into the annals of this division as having been one of the most successful ever attempted by that organization.

The following committees were in charge: Committee of Arrangements: Stephen Horn, Thomas J. Quish, Patrick Tierney, John Egan, Frank Donohue, John McGeown, Thomas McMonagle.

Reception Committee: James Egan, William M. Keating, Patrick H. Madigan, Thomas J. Quish, Maurice A. Moriarty, M. J. Moriarty, Thomas and Mrs. Quish led the grand march.

Despite the inclemency of the wild March weather of last Wednesday, there was a full sized audience present in the chapel of St. James church that evening to listen to the lecture by Father Walsh of Plainville on "Some Traits of Irish Character."

The speaker was introduced in a jocular manner by Father McGurk, and proceeded forthwith to delight, entertain and amuse his hearers.

There will be no Lenten sermon in St. James church next Tuesday evening. Devotions for Holy Week will take place next Thursday evening, when the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar, and the Holy Hour will be observed.

Persons having potted plants are requested to lend them for the decoration of the altar on Holy Thursday evening. It is intended to have the altar embellished in a most attractive manner.

The public is cordially invited to witness the pretty spectacle. It will be ready at any time after seven o'clock, and from that hour until nine or later.

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ST. MARY'S WIN.

The second in the series of whist games played by the D. Y. and the St. Mary's club took place in the parlors of the D. Y. club last Tuesday evening.

The D. Y. are not discouraged and will renew the conflict on Tuesday evening of next week. The next contest will be a double one and will take place at the rooms of the St. Mary's club.

BENSON & KEITH

COMPLETE HOUSEFURNISHERS



Agents For Quaker Ranges

Pipe and Zinc Free for Cash. Spring Line of... Carpets...

We have a large line of Carpets and a better way of displaying them than ever. We have the best market offers in Ingrains, Brussels and Velvets and our prices run from 37c. to \$1.25.

All carpets sold for cash will be SEWED, LINED AND LAID FREE.

Matting... A fine line of China and Japanese Matting, latest styles and patterns. Popular prices 15c to 35c.

Oil Cloth and Linoleum... New Spring line of well selected patterns. LAID FREE FOR CASH CUSTOMERS.

Portieres and Window Shades in the newest designs and colors.

COMPLETE HOUSEFURNISHERS and you can get your whole outfit and SAVE MONEY at our store.

ADJUSTABLE GO-CARTS.

Equipped with the New English Gears, Rubber Tired Nutless Wheels. A slight pressure of a lever locks the wheel absolutely secure to the axle or removes it when desired.

Always adjustable. New Separate Dash and Back Adjustment and Inside Parasol Rod which permits raising, lowering or adjusting parasol to any angle, by one simple thumb screw.

Prices Range From \$8.50 to \$25.00

BENSON & KEITH

COMPLETE HOUSEFURNISHERS, New Parnell Block, Main St.

BOSTON STORE.

Eastertide Offerings. Our store is overflowing this season with Eastertide merchandise. Our special attractions are:

Millinery Waists Suits



THE LARGEST SHOWING OF MILLINERY. A GOODLY DISPLAY OF SUITS & WAISTS

We are having an unusually busy week in our Millinery and Suit Departments, owing to our large stock and immense variety. Do not fail to see our Eastertide showing.

BOSTON STORE.

At this season of the year many homes give special consideration to their kitchen, and therefore should have their arrangements as complete as possible.

Crawford Ranges

At this season of the year many homes give special consideration to their kitchen, and therefore should have their arrangements as complete as possible.

IF YOU WANT

It is now time to... PAINT

As the men receiving 18 cents a yard for these goods, and running but one loom, they refused to accept the terms, understanding that this was Superintendent Mommers' ultimatum.

SPRING OFFERINGS.

Linsed Oil 75c gal. Barbed Wire, \$3.75 a cwt. Full line of Paint Brushes, Varnish Stains and Whitewash Lime.

Poultry Netting, 50c a hundred feet. Green's Nervura 85c bottle. New Line of Soft Front Shirts 48c and 59c each.

Sryup of Prunes 40c per bottle. J. M. BURKE, 115 Spruce St. Telephone No.—14-2.

Easter Neckwear.

You will find all the newest and prettiest things in Easter Neckwear here that the season affords.

Our assortment is a large and attractive one and inure to please. Just supply you. C. E. HOUSE, -Bull Blk.

STRIKE IS ON.

ALL VELVET WEAVERS GO OUT IN A BODY AND TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY LOOMS ARE STOPPED.

Opposition to Having One Man Operate Two Looms, and Having Rate Per Yard Cut, Direct Causes of Rupture—Cheney Brothers Refuse to Cooper with Strikers—Request Men Return to Work and Promise Consider Grievances on Their Merits.

Last Tuesday morning a strike of the velvet weavers in Cheney Brothers' mills took place, and the 350 looms have been at a stand still since. As we go to press this afternoon, a public mass meeting of the strikers is in progress at the Army opera house, and is being addressed by J. O'Neil of Bridgeport, state organizer of the Federation of Labor.

At a meeting of the strikers held in the Town hall yesterday morning Mr. O'Neil was present, and urged the velvet weavers to join the branch of the federation known as the Textile Weavers Union. This they agreed to do, and all but one man signed a paper to that effect.

We learn that his name is McNamee and that he has been running a considerable amount of the land in pastureage at present. Mr. Sweeney bought two of Mr. Hollister's horses, 4 cows, 4 heifers about 30 chickens, all the farming tools, wagons, harness, etc., and will begin business at once. He will evacuate the Cheney farm immediately. It is his intention to lease garden produce for the local market, and his own property will run the wagon in serving the public, the same as he has been doing. Mr. Sweeney will raise hay also. He cannot tell at this time how many horses he has, but the line which will be developed. He has leased the farm for a number of years and intends to make his home in South Manchester. His many friends will be pleased to learn this fact.

Mr. Sweeney has one son, Frank who is a machinist and employed with the Unitry Co., over north. He has a daughter, Helen, and a son, Edward, who works for Cheney Brothers in the silk mills. He also has three children besides.

The family have made many friends during their stay of four years in town and will be delighted to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney and their large family are to remain here.

Mr. Hollister does not intend to go into business at present. He will visit with friends in the West for a time, and take a rest generally.

Both Leslie Cheney and Otto Fischer have formed a partnership to run the Cheney farm, and are now engaged in that work. They will raise produce for the Cheney families and for local trade generally. Mr. Fischer formerly operated the farm alone.

"CRYSTAL SPRING FARM."

John Jensen, who for the past five years has faithfully served as grocer's clerk with Aaron Johnson, has made up his mind to give up the grocery business and to begin his own business on the farm, the so-called "Old Wetherill Place," at Manchester Green, which Mr. Jensen has designated by the euphonious title of "Crystal Spring Farm." This is because of the fact that there is a spring on the premises of crystal brightness and purity.

Mr. Jensen intends to raise poultry, eggs, small fruits, and also to carry on market gardening. He has about 27 acres of land. He has a number of incubators now in operation and intends to use all up-to-date appliances known to the art of raising poultry and eggs. He is using hot water brooders now, and has half dozen of them with a capacity of about 100 chicks each. He intends to go into this part of the business on a large scale. He will also raise all kinds of berries, and other small fruits, also garden truck of all kinds, and will dispose of same among the people of this and neighboring places.

Mr. Jensen has served Mr. Johnson faithfully, honestly and efficiently for the past five years, and is now going to the past to work with him. Mr. Jensen intends to begin his new business on Monday, April 7.

WILL OPEN NEW STORE.

John Porter, late of the firm of Porter & Toop, has rented the north store in the new Ferris block, and as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made will open a grocery store there. He is not a strictly cash business and will not solicit orders. What is meant by that is that he will not send a man over chiding upon a line of customers for that purpose. He will deliver all orders received at the store, or given to him when on the rounds delivering goods. Mr. Porter is having new fixtures made for the store, and will put in an entirely new stock of fresh stock of goods.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT.

Orford Lodge, No. 58, Ancient Order of United Workmen, will bring the Tuxedo Trio of Boston to Odd Fellows hall next Saturday evening, for the purpose of giving a free entertainment, consisting of vocal and instrumental music. Admission will be by card, and these will be issued by the members next week.

Additional town news on page 3.

Hats...

All the newest shapes in soft and stiff hats for men's Spring wear can be found at our store. In anticipation of a large Spring business in this department we have now a larger stock than ever before, and if new and up-to-date styles will suit, we can please you.

We have all the desirable shapes and colors which are now being offered. A look will cost you nothing.

GEORGE W. SMITH, SHOE DEALER AND MEN'S FURNISHER. New Cheney Block.

For Easter...

We have all the latest needs in Easter Footwear, including nobby Shoes and Oxfords of the Newest Shapes and Most Stylish Materials.

Also a Handsome Line of Easter Neck wear, Gloves, etc.

P. HENRY WILSON CO., BOSTON SHOE STORE, Park Building, South Manchester.

Easter Millinery...

Our Millinery Opening last week was successful to a degree that surprised us. We did not anticipate such a large trade, or so many orders for Easter Bonnets. We are indeed very grateful to our many friends for their patronage and will endeavor to serve them in a very satisfactory manner. Step in and see our many pretty offerings in the millinery line. Everything here is new, stylish and thoroughly up-to-date.

MRS. MOLLIE RICHARDSON FERRIS, Ferris Block, Oak Street, Near Corn of Main.

QUESTIONS.

Does this beautiful spring weather make you wish you owned a farm of your own? If so call and look them over. Have a number of farms within easy reach of the village. Are you aware of the fact that there are many more farms in the State than are today in the hands of the people? It is a profitable investment, and should be pleased to submit figures. Also agent for the Victor Safe and Lock Company's goods.

A. H. SKINNER, 107 Main St., So. Manchester, Ct.

DR. M. M. MAINE DENTIST...

OFFICE HOURS: 10 to 12, 2 to 5, 7 to 9. Cheney Block, Over Post Office.

Bicycles

We are not going but of the bicycle business, but are decidedly in it. We have a large stock of the well known Monarch and Iver Johnson wheels. They are right up-to-date in every particular. Prices range from \$20. to \$60.

SECOND-HAND WHEELS. We have a large line of second hand wheels which we must close out at price. Among them I will mention a Monarch chainless with coaster brake, used only a few times, not ridden over 25 miles, price \$35. This is a bargain. If you want a good wheel you had better come quickly. Another one: A Keating wheel with coaster brake, \$20. You will look a good while before you will beat this.

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HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS.

Class of 1922 Win—Excellent All Round Work of Paul Keating—Broke Three Records and Won First Prize in Two Events.

Two records were broken Saturday afternoon at the annual indoor meet of the South Manchester High School, in the standing broad jump, standing high jump, 15-yard dash and 50-yard dash.

Standing broad jump—Keating, '02, 9 ft. 6 in.; Keating, '08, 9 ft. 9 in.; 1 ft. in.; Davis, '05, third, 8 ft. 4 in. Latham, '04, made a new record, breaking G. Hartman's mark of 9 ft. 3 1/4 in.

Standing high jump—Keating, '02, 4 ft. 8 in.; Keating, '08, 4 ft. 11 in.; Davis, '05, 4 ft. 11 in.; Pickett, '04, 4 ft. 11 in.; Raby, '03, 4 ft. 10 in.

15-yard dash—Keating, '02, 1:15 sec., breaking old record of 1:14 sec., made by M. Hartman; Rogers, '05, 1:16 sec.; Raby, '08, Rogers, '03.

50-yard dash—Keating, '02, 5:35 sec., breaking former record of 6 sec., made by M. Hartman; Raby, '08, Rogers, '03.

The features of the meet was the all round work of Paul Keating, '02. He broke three records and also won first prize in two other events.

The officials were: Judges, Principal F. A. Verplanck, E. M. Hartman and F. B. Bartlett; referee and starter, W. F. Madley; announcer, W. Hartman; scorer, W. S. Hyde; committee of arrangements, Edward Rogers, '08, Paul Keating, '08, Arthur Rogers, '08, John Pickett, '04, Earl Olson, '05.

DECLAMATORY CONTEST. It is for Honor Only, But Nevertheless Will Be A Big Wage and Every Effort Will Be Made to Bring the Laurels to South Manchester.

Paul Keating and Joseph Henderson have the distinction of being selected to defend the honor of the local High School in the declamatory contest which is to be staged in Williamstown on Friday, April 15th.

Experiments have been made among the High School pupils here to determine who among the entire number were best equipped and qualified to enter the contest.

POSTAL FACILITIES.

Persons Reading in Certain Portions of the Suburbs of South Manchester to Be Granted Free Rural Delivery Service Once a Day.

C. B. Rogers, representing Uncle Sam in the capacity of inspector of rural delivery routes, came to this place last week, and mapped out a possible route for the free rural delivery of mail.

Starting from the South Manchester post office the carrier will go south and begin his delivery on Spring street at the house in Globe Hollow. He will proceed east on Spring street to Gardner, south on Gardner to Fernway, west on Fern to South Main at Joseph Albin's place.

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OTIS RETIRES.

The General Says He Will Not Travel Nor Write a Book.

CHICAGO, March 26.—Today General Otis will retire from the command of the department of the lakes and the department of the Detroit to Colonel McCaskey of the Tenth Infantry, who will remain in charge until the arrival of General Arthur MacArthur, who succeeds General Otis.

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CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and Concisely.

Queen Alexandra started for Copenhagen. A national millers' federation was formed in Chicago.

The deaths from cholera at Mecca and Medina number 1,120. Billies of President McKinley were presented to the Buffalo Historical society.

The British government has asked Canada to send 2,000 mounted men to South Africa. Striking Syracuse bartenders threatened to give evidence of Sunday selling unless their demands are granted.

Forest fires have done great damage at Westport, Long Island. A compulsory industrial arbitration court has been established at Sydney, N. S. W.

An article of velvet covers began in the Cheney silk mill, South Manchester, Conn. The French chamber passed a bill appropriating 600,000 francs for participation in the St. Louis exposition.

At Las Palmas, Canary Islands, the warehouse of Elder, Bannard and Co. were damaged by fire to the extent of \$90,000.

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IMPORTANT CAPTURE.

Insurgent General Noriel and Staff in American Hands.

MALVAR—THE ONLY ONE LEFT NOW. And Even He May Have Been Taken In Disguise by Lieutenant Hamford—More Cholera Cases at Manila.

MANILA, March 27.—Noriel, the only insurgent general, with the exception of Malvar, still in the field, has been captured by Lieutenant Hamford of the Twenty-eighth Infantry.

A major, a captain, a lieutenant and five men, who were acting as a body-guard to Noriel, were captured with him. They have all been held as prisoners of war.

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MOVING DAY FIXED.

American Control in Cuba to Cease May 20.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Secretary Root has made public his order to General Wood directing him to turn over the control of the government of Cuba to its people on May 20 next. The order requires the Cuban government to assume all treaty obligations and direct General Wood to continue a small artillery force to avoid leaving the island entirely defenseless until the Cuban government has organized its own force.

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NEW JERSEY LEGISLATION.

Now Flight Over Steel Trust Bill.

TRENTON, N. J., March 27.—All of the morning session of the senate and a good share of the afternoon session of the house were devoted to the consideration of the bill for the establishment of a steel trust.

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ENCOURAGEMENT AND CONSOLATION.

Those in Trouble.

Dr. Talmage Draws a Lesson from a Process Famine in the Former—Triumph of the End of Misfortune.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

Closing Stock Quotations.

Money on call nominally at 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual rate 4 1/2 per cent. Gold market, 100 per cent.

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YOUR EASTER DINNER...

For Your Easter Dinner we have Strictly Fresh Eggs
Star Hams and Bacon
Ferris Hams and Bacon
Pink Malaga Grapes
Large Supply of Choice Florida Oranges
Come to our store and see the Tempting Things we have to offer for your Easter needs, or name your wants to our Order Clerks; who will supply them promptly and cheerfully.

Aaron Johnson, Dealer in The Best Things to Eat.
Chestnut Street, Just Below Monument Park.

Vigorous Kicking

is done by the boys and girls of our town.

If you want anything in this line call and examine our stock.

You may be sure of getting good value for your money.

We also carry footwear for men and women.

The People's Shoe Store,
ISAAC BROOK, Prop.
Old Farm, Oak St., near Car Main.

SEEDS.

Grass Seeds
Garden Seeds, all kinds
Seed Oats
Seed Potatoes
Farming Tools of all kinds
Potato Manure
Potato Fertilizer
Bean Poles
Black Loam for Flower Beds and Front Yards

George F. Day,
44-49 Charter Oak Street.
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Maker of Fine Photographs.
Enlargements of All Kinds.
Photo, Dupes and Water Colors.

NEW CHENEY BLOCK.

DR. MAY,
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
800 N. CHENEY BUILDING.
The Mayor's Office.
EVERY WEDNESDAY. 5 4 p. m. 7 9 p. m.

Facts About

Huntlingers Business College

Thirty graduates in situations in sixty-four and one-half months.
Attendance of this school over twice as large as that of any other business college in Hartford.
Ninety-five pupils in bookkeeping departments alone. Thirty free-charge typewriting machines.
Rights of the thirteen teachers employed in the four business colleges of Hartford, such as Huntlingers'.
Five hundred of the 700 pupils who attended the four business colleges in Hartford last year, attended Huntlingers'.

New pupils enter every week.

E. M. HUNTLINGER, 25 ARTESIAN ST., HARTFORD.

EASTER BALL.

Join the Merry Dancers in the Armory Opera House Next Tuesday Evening. The D. Y.'s Will Be There to Greet Their Friends and Will Be Glad to See You. A Jolly Time is Assured.

It goes without saying that the D. Y.'s annual Easter ball, which will take place in the Armory opera house next Tuesday evening, will be a successful and pleasant one. Every detail is being looked after for the entertainment of a large party, and all are sure of receiving a very cordial welcome. Ten pieces of music will be furnished by McGuire & Leonard's orchestra and Professor William G. Ryan will provide the Pretty Easter program will be provided. Dancing will continue until one o'clock in the morning. A special car will carry patrons to Rockville and way stations after the ball.

Proceeding the ball the following concert numbers will be played:
Ideal March.
Hungarian Dance.
Overture Mosaic.

There are twenty numbers on the dance program. The following committees, will have charge of the ball: Arrangements, Robert B. Douglas, Clinton M. Hicks, Albert Funk; Floor Director, Clinton M. Hicks; Assistant, Michael P. McHale; Aids, Fred Taylor, Daniel Frasier, Albert McLachlan, Frank P. Geer, Arthur Stacey, Albert Funk, John E. Dougan, Wm. F. McHale, John Server, James Dalton.

SUBSCRIPTION DANCE.

High School Alumni and Their Friends Will Make Merry in Cheney Hall Next Week—Promises to Be Most Brilliant Social Event of the Season.

The subscription dance, which the Alumni of the South Manchester High School announced in these columns two weeks ago, is to take place in Cheney hall on Friday evening of next week, April 4th. It promises to be a select affair, and no doubt will be one of the most brilliant social functions of the season.

The young people are desirous of keeping a high standard for these annual dances, and this one is sure to maintain the traditions of the Alumni of the South Manchester High School. Admission will be an invitation only, and there will be no free list. All must pay or be paid for, who enter Cheney Hall that night. They will be given a rare social treat. The assembly will be a creditable one to the Alumni, to the High School and to South Manchester.

HOSE NO. 5 AWAKE.

All Other Firemen Alert Also and Ready for Action in Response to the Fire Alarm Last Monday Night.

Members of Hose Company No. 5 wish to have the public of South Manchester know that they were awakened last Monday night when the alarm of fire was rung in from box 23, that they got out their hose cart and reached the vicinity of the Old Cheney block when the recall sounded, and that Foreman Harry M. Burke was actually at the fire, as he happened to be on the west side that night, and reached the scene promptly. Hose No. 4 had hitched a horse to their hose cart and were about to start when the recall sounded. Some of them drove to the scene but did not take their fire apparatus.

Hose No. 3 were all in readiness and waiting for a general alarm, in order to rush to the fire if necessary. Number 23 is not their call for first alarm.

Hose and Ladder Company No. 1, as a matter of course were on the ground, as the fire started in the large Rogers tenement block, better known as Skinner's store, almost opposite their quarters. It was not necessary to turn out the water, as the fire was so rapidly discovered before it had gone far, and was subdued with a few pails of water. Not much damage was done.

The Transway Mutual Benefit Association will give a dance in the Armory opera house on Thursday evening of next week, April 3. Beeman & Hatch's orchestra will furnish music and Prof. Foley will provide the entertainment. Admission will be 25 cents.

It will be remembered that this dance was to have been given January 25th, but it was postponed. Tickets sold at that time will be held for the next Thursday evening and the transway boys hope and expect to see a large gathering of their friends. They guarantee to entertain all in an agreeable manner. Will you come?

TRAMWAY DANCE.

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EXAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL.

There will be an examination for entrance to the High School for pupils outside of the eighth and ninth districts, at the High school, on Friday, April 4th, at 8.30 a. m.

BARBERS' MEETING.
The barbers of the town of Manchester will hold a business meeting at the barber shop of John Joyce next Sunday at 8 p. m.

We shall have the following out doors for Easter: carnations, roses, Roman hyacinths, daffodils, Easter lilies. At Coach's.

BENSON & KEITH

COMPLETE HOUSEFURNISHERS



Agents For Quaker Ranges - Pipe and Zinc Free for Cash. Spring Line of... Carpets...

We have a large line of Carpets and a better way of displaying them than ever. We have the best market offers in Ingrains, Brussels and Velvets and our prices run from 37c. to \$1.25. All carpets sold for cash will be SEWED, LINED AND LAID FREE.

Mattings...
A fine line of China and Japanese Mattings, latest styles and patterns. Popular prices 15c to 35c.

Oil Cloth and Linoleum...
New Spring line of well selected patterns. LAID FREE FOR CASH CUSTOMERS.

Portieres and Window Shades
in the newest designs and colors.

We are **COMPLETE HOUSEFURNISHERS** and you can get your whole outfit and **SAVE MONEY** at our store.

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New Purnell Block, Main Street.

ADJUSTALBE GO-CARTS.

Equipped with the New English Gears, Rubber Tired Nutless Wheels. A slight pressure of a lever locks the wheel absolutely secure to the axle or removes it when desired. Always adjustable. New Separate Dash and Back Adjustment and Inside Parasol Rod which permits raising, lowering or adjusting parasol to any angle, by one simple thumb screw.

Prices Range From \$8.50 to \$25.00

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New Purnell Block, Main Street.

BOSTON STORE.

Our Opening this Season was a most Successful One. We Are Now Ready for the Largest Spring Business in our History.

Millinery.

Our showing of Spring Millinery is most attractive, the designs more artistic and the variety is very extensive. As always, this department is managed by the most capable milliners that it is possible to obtain.

Suits and Waists.

Our assortment of Suits has been selected with care in quality and fit. Our immense display of Waists has never been equalled.

Wash Goods.

A most attractive showing of Wash Goods is now on our counters, consisting of Gingham from 16c for the Standard Styles to the 22 cent Mercerized Percales, Dimities and Printed Ducks.

White Goods.

Dame Fashion foretells a big White Goods season this year. We are fully prepared for an enlarged business in this department.

Curtains and Draperies.

We are better able to fill your wants in this line than ever. Have added many good things here that are meeting with much favorable attention.

BOSTON STORE.

J. W. HALE.

Crawford Ranges.

At this season of the year many housewives spend a considerable portion of time in their kitchens, and therefore should have their surroundings as comfortable as possible. Nothing tends more to make matters in the kitchen pleasant for the housekeeper than a good range. This we can assure you will find the Crawford Range to be. It can be seen here and we will be happy to show its good qualities to any interested persons. It has many points to recommend it. Let us explain them to you.

GEORGE K. WRIGHT,
SOLE DEALER, 200 N. CHENEY STREET, SOUTH MANCHESTER, CONN.

Garden Seeds

The time is now here when you will need garden seeds. If you intend to do anything of that sort for your use, we also are well supplied with garden hose and rakes and can meet your needs promptly. If you intend to have a flower bed this season come to us for flower seeds. We have a large variety of reliable seeds and will gladly fill all orders.

GEORGE HOWE,
200 N. CHENEY STREET, SOUTH MANCHESTER, CONN.

Paint

It is now time to... PAINT

We are prepared to supply your needs in this line and will be pleased to talk the matter over with you.

FERRIS BROS., 200 N. CHENEY STREET, SOUTH MANCHESTER, CONN.

SPRING OFFERINGS.

Linseed Oil 75c gal.
Barbed Wire, \$3.75 a cwt.
Full line of Paint Brushes, Varnish Stains and Whitewash Linseed.
Poultry Netting, 80c a hundred feet.
Peruna 85c bottle.
Green's Nervura 85c bottle.
New Line of Soft Front Shirts 48c and 95c each
Sryap of Prunes 40c per bushel.

J. M. BURKE, 115 Spruce St. Telephone No.—14-2.

SPRING CLOTHING.

The time has arrived for the purchase of Spring clothing and our counters are loaded with a large assortment of the latest and most attractive offerings that the market affords. Call and see them.

We have them in all grades, suits and slits, for men, youths boys and children.

Order and fulfill—**C. E. HOUSE**—Bill Post.

STRIKE STILL ON.

APPARENTLY NO NEARER SETTLEMENT NOW THAN ONE WEEK AGO.

Strikers insist on having Chief Grievances Adjusted Before Starting Their Leaving—Cheney Brothers Are Perfectly Willing to Consider Questions on Their Merits, if the Men Return to Work, But Will Not Recognize Strikers as Such, Nor Enter into Any Negotiations With Them—Many Velvet Weavers Leave Town.

Up to the present writing there has been nothing in the situation which looks like a settlement of the strike of the velvet weavers employed by Cheney Brothers. Attempts have been made during the week to effect a compromise, but these have not been successful. In as far as we can observe, the men are more determined than they were one week ago.

They want a written guarantee from Cheney Brothers that they will not have to operate two velvet looms each, and also that the rate per yard for weaving velvet shall not be out.

Cheney Brothers on their part are willing to consider the respective grievances of the strikers, provided the latter return to work. The point with Cheney Brothers is that they will not treat with recalcitrant strikers, and there fore there seems to be no chance for an adjustment of the differences.

The men declare with all the energy at their command that they will never start their looms until they receive a written statement from Cheney Brothers embodying the substance of their demands, as set forth above. Different prices are paid for weaving the several grades of velvet, and consequently a certain fixed rate cannot be set, in one term, which will cover all. This fact tends to make the settlement of the matter more or less complicated.

A prominent striker informed the writer of this article last evening, that the chief trouble is not with Cheney Brothers, but rather with the men in authority under members of the firm. This same man stated that, if the strikers were informed that a certain superintendent was stripped of present power over the men, the velvet weavers would throw up their hats, shout for joy, and immediately return to their looms, feeling assured that, with this man's authority, Cheney Brothers would make all also satisfactory.

This is not the feeling of an individual, but is shared very largely by many others, who have expressed their views to the writer. They are men of sterling worth and men whose opinions are well deserving of serious consideration.

There are perhaps 500 persons out of employment here now, and that means a probable loss to them and to the community of about \$5,000 a week. It can readily be seen that much distress must follow a cutting out of this large source of revenue for any considerable time. Seventeen velvet weavers left town yesterday, and about fifty others left earlier in the week. Others are planning to leave as soon as suitable employment can be found elsewhere.

We have good men here now and it is too bad to let them leave town. We trust that the powers that be may be operative here, and from all appearances now in sight, there is little doubt that these efforts will be successful.

There is the strongest bond of sympathy between those who are on strike in this place and those who are not, and financial aid will not be lacking to those who are out of work, and in need of funds.

The strikers intend to have a dance in the Armory opera house some evening next week, in order to raise money. At this writing the date of the same has not been made known to us. Ample notice however will be given and the men will sell tickets about town as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made.

WILL BE OBTAINED NEXT SUNDAY.

Rev. William McCroery of this place expects to be ordained as a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday, at the residence of that denomination now holding its sessions in Rockville. A large number of Mr. McCroery's relatives and friends in this place will attend the ceremony. All are glad to learn that he has reached the goal of his ambition in this particular. He has labored faithfully for this (some many years, against adverse circumstances, and may now realize the object of his ambition, and may now be congratulated upon his success. He has earned the honors that are about to be conferred upon him.

GORED TO DEATH.

BY AN INFURIATED BULL—TRAGIC DEATH OF LESTER DEWEY, A VENERABLE OCTOGENARIAN AT THE HOME OF HIS SON, CHARLES J. DEWEY IN WAPPING THIS MORNING.

Lester Dewey, a man over 80 years of age, was gored to death about 9 o'clock this morning by an infuriated bull. Mr. Dewey lived with his son, Charles J. Dewey, on the road between Buckland and Wapping, and was leading his son's Jersey bull to water in the barn yard. The animal became infuriated, and as a matter of course the old man was not able to control him. Breaking loose the bull turned ferociously on Mr. Dewey and in an instant drove his horns through the venerable old man's body causing death. It was a tragic ending of the life of a good man. Mr. Dewey was a native of Wapping, a life long resident of the country there and his wife was dead, and he was spending his declining years in peace on the farm. He was highly respected by all who knew him.

NINE-HOUR DAY.

Beginning last Tuesday, April 1st, the carpenters employed by George M. Barber, one of our best contractors, began working a nine-hour day. It will be remembered that there was a slight difference of opinion on this point last spring, and several of the carpenters then organized, and Mr. Barber quit work, and secured positions elsewhere. The carpenters who worked for other local contractors labored but the nine-hour day all last season, but Mr. Barber's men continued on the ten-hour schedule.

This spring the carpenters who are working for Mr. Barber asked to be brought upon the same basis regarding hours of labor as their fellow carpenters in town who work for the other carpenters. Their request was granted and the new and shorter working day was effected. This was accomplished in a friendly and pleasant manner, without any friction or feeling whatsoever on the part of any of the interested parties.

GOING TO COLORADO.

John Brink Will Leave Town Next Week For Colorado in Order to Seek Better Health Than he can find here, and Give Him a Surplus and Present Him With Valuable Gifts.

John Brink of Garden street, son of P. A. Brink, is planning to go to Colorado next week. He has been ill for an indefinite period, in order that he may find relief from an ear and throat affection of a catarrhal nature which is causing him much inconvenience and expense now, and has been doing so for some time. His physicians believe that a change of climate will be beneficial to him and therefore he is going to Colorado.

In view of the fact about fifty of his friends assembled at his residence last Wednesday evening and gave him a surprise party. They brought along plenty of refreshments, and better still plenty of friendship and good will. A merry time ensued, and in great abundance and of excellent quality and quantity were furnished and enjoyed very much. Music, song and general jollification were the order of the evening and a very pleasant time ensued.

As a more substantial testimonial of their friendship and good will, his friends presented him with a diamond ring and also with a valuable fountain pen.

The presentation speech was made in a very plain vein by Rev. W. P. Anderson, on behalf of the assembled friends and well wishers.

Mr. Brink was taken completely by surprise, as he had no intimation of what was coming, and did not even know that the party was to take place. When he overcame the first shock of surprise however, he expressed feelings of joy and acknowledged his thanks for this splendid demonstration of friendship.

Mr. Brink holds a lucrative and honorable position with Cheney Brothers in this place, and is highly esteemed by his employers, who regret the fact that he must leave. They have friends out in Colorado where Mr. Brink intends to locate and through the courtesy of Cheney Brothers, these will see to it that Mr. Brink will be furnished suitable employment there.

Mr. Brink is a member of the Swedish Lutheran church, and is a very popular church member, and is very popular with all who know him. He has a host of friends in this town who are sorry that he must leave, and who earnestly hope that he may realize the object of his removal to the salubrious mountain heights of Colorado.

Additional town news on page 3.

QUESTIONS.

Does this beautiful spring weather make you wish you owned a farm or house and garden? If you will look over our new line of choice farms within easy reach of the village. Are you aware of the fact that there are many fine farms for sale? We have a fine one today that even in savings banks! Every particular will be given. Also with protection. Also agent for the Victor Safe and Lock Company's goods.

A. H. SKINNER,
Room 2, New Cheney Block, So. Manchester, Ct.

Spring Weather

Demands... TOYS, HOOPS, JACK STONES, JUMPING ROPES, BOUNCING BALLS, ALLIES—ALL VARIETIES. We have them... MAGNELL'S NEWS AND BOOK STORE

DR. M. M. MAINE
...DENTIST...
OFFICE HOURS 10-12 Over Post Office

Hats...

All the newest shapes in soft and stiff hats for men's Spring wear can be found at our store. In anticipation of a large Spring business in this department we have now a larger stock than ever before, and if new and up-to-date styles will suit, we can please you. We have all the desirable shapes and colors which are now being offered. A look will cost you nothing.

GEORGE W. SMITH,
SHOE DEALER AND MEN'S FURNISHER.
New Cheney Block.

NEW... MILLINERY

Our stock of Millinery was so pleasing to the public and sold so rapidly that we have ordered a new supply, which has just arrived. We wish to hereby inform our patrons that we have a number of new shapes and materials and will be pleased to show them. We also have those popular shirt waist hats, ready to wear.

Please call...
MRS. MOLLIE RICHARDSON FERRIS
Ferris Block, Oak Street, Near Corner of Main.

Bicycles

We are not going out of the bicycle business, but are decidedly in it. We have a large stock of the well known Monarch and Iver Johnson wheels. They are right up-to-date in every particular. Prices range from \$20. to \$60.

SECOND-HAND WHEELS.
We have a large line of second hand wheels which we must close out at some price. Among them I will mention a 20 inch chainless wheel with a new or brake used only a few times, not ridden over 25 miles, price \$35. This is a bargain. If you want this wheel you had better come quickly. Another one: A Keating wheel with coaster brake, \$10. You will look a good while before you will beat this.

TIRES.
We are headquarters for tires. Tires of all makes. Prices \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50. Hartford seconds, \$2.40.

Sadler's Store,
Hartford Block, Pine St.

APEL'S OPERA HOUSE CASINO BURLESQUERS

One Night Only, Thursday, April 10. PRETTY GIRLS FUNNY MEN

QUEEN OF ALL ORIENTAL BARBERS, BLEB.
Don't Miss This Big Show.

WAGONS GARRIAGES HARNESES

If you need anything in these lines, call on us. We have all that is new, stylish, serviceable and up-to-date. We are the pioneers in the business here. Our prices are winners. Call and enquire. We'll do the rest.

George H. Allen's
Carriage Repository,
Depot Square, Manchester.