

A Big Rush at JOHNSON'S

The great variety of fine groceries and poultry at the extremely low prices are the chief reasons for this rush.

Fancy Turkeys, 25 cents a pound.

Granulated Sugar 22 lbs for \$1.00.

Cranberries 10 cents a quart. And an endless variety of bargains besides.

1500 Pounds of Best Christmas Candy Free

To our regular trade.

A Merry Christmas to you all.

AARON JOHNSON, DEALER IN THE BEST THINGS TO EAT,

Chestnut Street, Just Below Monument Park.

GOING INTO BUSINESS.

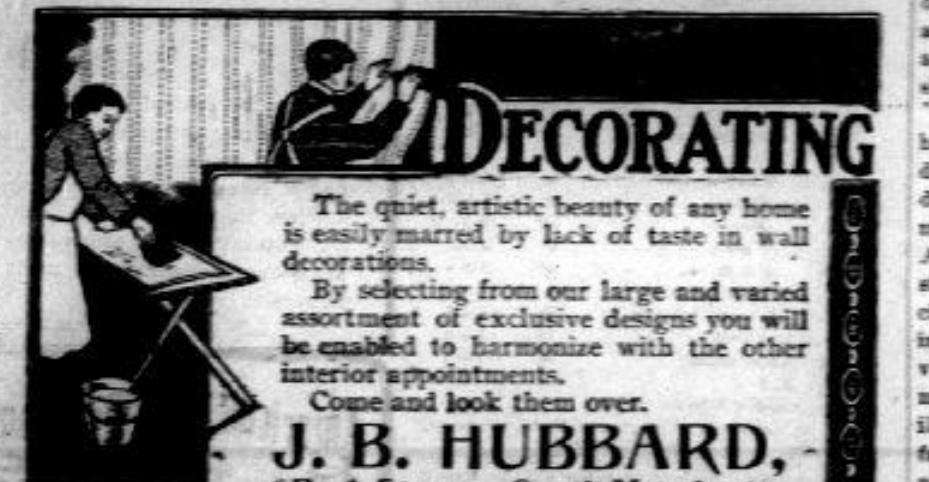
John H. Gorman will open a meat market on West Center street here Monday to carry on his business.

He will run a meat cart at present, but will deliver orders to all parts of the town, with promptness and dispatch.

Mr. Gorman is presently employed at Taylor's market, in the Old Cheney block. He is a native of this town, is well known and popular. He is determined to try his fortune in the business field and enter the ranks of the business men of South Manchester. He will find himself in excellent company, with such success and prosperity in his new undertaking.

The mirrors in James V. Farmand's barber shop are covered with Christmas greetings and other decorations and the shop is decorated with body adornments. It presents a most attractive appearance. The artistic work on the mirrors was executed by D. J. Sullivan, the well known sign painter and decorator, and is a creditable piece of decoration.

Fresh Wetherfield celery 10 cents a bunch at Grant's Palace Market.



Attractive Holiday Goods.

The Best Stock of Holiday and Toilet Goods to be had in any Drug Store in Hartford.

Toilet Sets, Mantua Sets, Cigar Cases, Leather Traveling Cases, Mirrors, Military Hair Brushes, Cologne, Toilet Water and Perfumes.

Rogers and Gallet's French Perfumes at the very lowest prices.

All prices on Holiday and Toilet goods, like the prices on our medicines, are cut to the bottom.

THE RAPELY DRUG CO., INC.
853 Main Street, Hartford.

THE SCHOOL THAT MAKES A SPECIALTY OF EACH STUDENT. THE Huntington's Business College

gives thorough instruction in Bookkeeping, Business Arithmetic, Commercial Law, Penmanship, Correspondence, Shorthand, Typewriting, etc. Instruction very largely individual.

An excellent time to begin a course of training is January 4th.

The Huntington record—fifteen years of faithful work—is the best guarantee.

\$2.50 per month pays for tuition, the use of text books, and the use of all necessary supplies.

New pupils enter every week.

E. M. HUNTINGTON, President, Con't.

HIBERNIANS UNITE.

TWO BODIES OF ORDER BURY HATCHET OF OPPOSITION AND SMOKE CALM OF PEACE AFTER MANY YEARS OF SEPARATION.

Most important move in its history—Trousers Arise Originally Over Admitting Children of Members Who Were Intermittent with Women Other Than of Irish Birth Parentage.

After two years of discussion the two bodies of the Ancient Order of Hibernians—the board of America and the board of Erin, have amalgamation in New York city. It is estimated that 100,000 men and 150,000 women will be affected by the union which was brought about by County President, P. J. McNally, and National President of the Board of Erin, James Dougherty. Daniel V. Connally, county corresponding secretary of the board of America, is the author of this union.

The settlement of this dispute is the most important move we have made in our entire history," he said. "The differences are patched up. I feel that thousands of Irishmen in this country will desert the smaller organizations and become members of our order."

The discussion opened at our national meeting in Cleveland, O., in 1884, over the question of admitting the children of members who have intermarried with women of Irish birth or parentage.

Nearly all of the members were in favor of admission, but the balance, who held that only full-blooded Irishmen should belong to the organization, and that the head power should be in Ireland, remained steadfast and formed the board of Erin.

The national officers at our national meeting in Cleveland, O., in 1884, over the question of admitting the children of members who have intermarried with women of Irish birth or parentage. Nearly all of the members were in favor of admission, but the balance, who held that only full-blooded Irishmen should belong to the organization, and that the head power should be in Ireland, remained steadfast and formed the board of Erin.

The national officers of the two bodies got together in 1897 and decided upon arbitration. This resulted in favor of the board of America, but 5 per cent. of the members would not join and made up the board of Erin.

"Three months ago the question was again brought up," by McNally and Dougherty. "It has been under discussion ever since, and we have just reached a settlement."

The first result of the union was the erection in New York City at Fifth Avenue and One Hundred and sixteenth street of a handsome and costly club house with a room which will be thrown open to all true patriots.

The mirrors in James V. Farmand's barber shop are covered with Christmas greetings and other decorations and the shop is decorated with body adornments. It presents a most attractive appearance. The artistic work on the mirrors was executed by D. J. Sullivan, the well known sign painter and decorator, and is a creditable piece of decoration.

Fresh Wetherfield celery 10 cents a bunch at Grant's Palace Market.

GRANDENEN'S BAZAAR.

Crowds Throng Their Hall For Five Nights—Close of Event Last Saturday.

The five nights of fair of Washington Royal Orange Lodge, No. 117 came to a successful termination at their hall on East Center street last Saturday evening. The grand bazaar an audience that was limited only by the capacity of the hall. Their friends rallied to their support in large numbers and each of the performances which ran, and did not seem to be at all tired of the sport less Saturday evening. They simply stopped because the time limit had expired, and the management did not care to carry it over further.

There was no stage entertainment Saturday evening, the young people satisfied themselves with dancing, for which Grandenens' furnished music, and Prof. C. F. Foyne prompted. This gave the convalescents opportunity to dispose of their wear, and also permitted the refreshment and confectionery booths to do a good business.

The discussion began at 10 o'clock, and those who smiled met at the close of the performance were the following: Thomas Headenon, 250, velvet quilt; Russell Crawford, 27, lacey rocker; Martha Gilmore, 21, parlor lamp; Mrs. Schulte, 42, dressed dolls; William Phipps, 40, 400 cent. lamp; Mrs. L. Woodhouse, 21, picture lamp; Maggie Stevenson, 141, shirt waist pattern; Tom Farnham, 28, lacey rocker; Rachel Harrison, 88, 80 cent. lamp; Edward A. Knobell, 27, lacey quilt; A. M. Rogers, 12, box of cigars; Timothy Donnelly, 167, pair of pigeons; John Proctor, 100, pair of stockings.

The happy holders of the season tickets were as follows:

George Hoyle, 28, parker suit; Thomas Sheridan, 2, 250 cent. musical album; Little Roy, 2, 250 cent.; Mrs. M. S. Carpenter, 6, 600 cent.; James Everett, 518, microcosm; Matilda Johnson, 1,300, gentleman's umbrella; C. M. Thall, 8, 825, parlor stove; Annie Tyler, 27, ton of coal; James L. Rogers, 97, barrel of flour; J. P. Fellow, 9, 925, pair of opera glasses; Henry Maddox, 1,450 stereoscope and pictures; Agnes Warner, 1,965, lady's gold watch; Minnie Anderson, 155, \$5.00 box Joseph Joyce, 5, 100, pants pattern; H. O. Bowers, 28, roll top desk; Mrs. Carney, 2,000, box of cigars; Alfred Randel, 3, 450, dinner set of 100 pieces; Theo. Sader, 1, 200, meerschaum pipe; Frank Flores, Rockwell, 750, 500 cent cash; J. L. Deichmann, 1,650, ladies silk suit; Mr. Deichmann, Thomas Fletcher, 1,680, Martinique riding robe; C. W. Tryon, 284, parlor lamp; William Hamford, 904, gentleman's golf watch; Thomas Venner, 800, graph scope and pictures; W. McConville, 1,827, Talorion, 800, cash.

The national officers of the two bodies got together in 1897 and decided upon arbitration. This resulted in favor of the board of America, but 5 per cent. of the members would not join and made up the board of Erin.

"Three months ago the question was again brought up," by McNally and Dougherty. "It has been under discussion ever since, and we have just reached a settlement."

The first result of the union was the erection in New York City at Fifth Avenue and One Hundred and sixteenth street of a handsome and costly club house with a room which will be thrown open to all true patriots.

The mirrors in James V. Farmand's barber shop are covered with Christmas greetings and other decorations and the shop is decorated with body adornments. It presents a most attractive appearance. The artistic work on the mirrors was executed by D. J. Sullivan, the well known sign painter and decorator, and is a creditable piece of decoration.

Fresh Wetherfield celery 10 cents a bunch at Grant's Palace Market.

JEWELS FOR ALL.

W.H. GRANDENEN & CO.

PEOPLE have been flocking into our store every night this week in quest of jewelry and have not been disappointed.

We have the jewelry, we have the silverware, and we have the clerks to wait upon you.

There never was anything more suitable or more acceptable for a holiday gift, and never will be, than jewelry and silverware.

Come here and see the beautiful display of sparkling jewels and attractive silverware we are showing, such as watches, diamonds, finger rings, brooches, stick, hat and scarf pins, sterling silver goods, etc., etc.

C. Tiffany,
Jeweler.
New Cheney Block.

XMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

PUPILS OF ST. JAMES SUNDAY SCHOOL
PLEASE LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC
AUDIENCE.

The Fairy of Wind and Rain No Barrier to
Attendance—Chapel Well Filled and
Entertainment of Rare Excellence
Ensues.

In spite of the howling wind and rain storm of last Sunday, a large number of enthusiastic persons assembled at the church for the annual entertainment given by the pupils of St. James Sunday School, and had an enjoyable time. Their efforts were abundantly rewarded and they were highly complimented.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

The program as printed in these columns last week was carried out, the pupils acquitted themselves in an unusually creditable manner.

A. O. U. W. CONVENTION.

HELD AT HARTFORD WEDNESDAY AND
TWENTY-NINE CONNECTICUT
LODGES REPRESENTED.

Resolutions Adopted Strongly Desoucning
High Master Action of Grand Master
Workers to Try to Thwart Accom-
plishment of their Wishes

(Deferred.)

Twenty-nine Connecticut lodges of the A. O. U. W. were represented at the meeting held yesterday at the Columbian Hall in Hartford. The meeting was called to protest against the lodges in the state which were opposed to the new assessment rates after the grand master workman of the state could not be induced to call a special session of the Grand Lodge. James R. White of Union Lodge, Niantic, presided, and H. F. Daugherty of Silver City Lodge, Meriden, acted as secretary. The situation was freely discussed and John J. Howard of New Haven introduced the following resolutions:

BOSTON, Conn., December 23, 1903.
To the Selectees of the A. O. U. W.
lodges of Connecticut in convention
assembled:

Whereas, A petition signed by fifteen subordinate lodges has been presented to the grand master workman of Connecticut, in writing, presenting the request by fifteen subordinate lodges of the jurisdiction for a special session of the Grand Lodge to consider certain matters which we believe to be of vital interest to the entire membership, and

Whereas, The committee of the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Connecticut Article III, Section 2, prescribes that "Special meetings shall be called upon the request of at least fifteen subordinate lodges."

Whereas, The grand master workman has decided in an official communication that he will not call the special session requested by the aforementioned subordinate lodges and setting forth his reasons for such action. The committee of the Grand Lodge do hereby adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, That the grand master workman is mandatory, and according to the section above quoted, the grand master workman has no option, except to call the meeting as requested, and in accordance with the law which further prescribe the time and manner of giving legal notice, warning the said grand lodge to convene, it be further

Resolved, That such arbitrary action by the grand master workman, who is simply elected to fill the highest station in this Grand Lodge, and who is also subject to the direction of the members, being their servant and not their master, is not in accord with the laws and former policy of the organization.

The grand lodge being a representative body, should be controlled by a majority of its members, and not by any one man or set of men; it be further

Resolved, That we believe the grand master workman has exceeded his authority in declining to call a special session of the Grand Lodge, and that his action should receive the condemnation and disapproval of every member of the order in this state; it be further

Resolved, That we recommend to the members of the several subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction that the time has now come when, concerted, action and the wishes of the members being for a long time disregarded, we recommend that they the only remedy for each individual to act as he deems best for his individual interests and for the protection of his beneficiaries; it be further

Resolved, That we recommend to the members of the several subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction that the time has now come when, concerted, action and the wishes of the members being for a long time disregarded, we recommend that they the only remedy for each individual to act as he deems best for his individual interests and for the protection of his beneficiaries; it be further

Resolved, That this arbitrary action of our grand officers and the consequent disregard for the requests of the membership has created in this organization a distrust, lack of confidence, or even respect for our chosen leaders, and that the dissolution of the order in this state, if that be the result, for whose success we have labored so faithfully, is doomed to become a thing of the past. That it has already lost its prestige and influence as the largest fraternal insurance organization in this state, and this through no fault of the rank and file of its membership, but simply through the desire of our grand master and supreme officers to force upon us that which we do not need, and which is unnecessary for the continued success of our order in this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That we introduce, at the morning session, the new rules as might have been expected, the call was made by those who were opposed to them. There were, however, a scattering few who were on the other side, and leave was given to them to withdraw, or rather they were told to withdraw. One of them was District Super-

visor John C. Tracy of Nathan Hale Lodge, Hartford, who favors the new rates and is in bad odor with the members of his lodge, as they claim that he has sold them out, and it is there, a traitor to the order.

One of the prominent members of the order who was present yesterday said to a "Consent" reporter that a much larger proportion of the eighty lodges in the state would have been represented had the officers of the local lodges not been in glove with their superior officers who favored the new rates. He said that in a number of instances the secretary of a local lodge had suppressed the call for a meeting. It is not known when an other meeting will be held, the adjournment yesterday being subject to the call of the chair.

SOUTH M. E. CHURCH.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meeting—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

The Christmas Tree Exercises at the South Methodist Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon were pronounced a success. The vestry was crowded with more than four hundred.

The old fashioned kitchen, with its fireplace and antique furnishings, its spinning wheel, tin lantern, warming pan, old fashioned chairs, andirons, the old rifle standing in the chimney corner, and all these made the scene appear like the days of our forefathers.

On Saturday evening, E. H. Sothern will be presented by David L. Frohman in "The Prod. Prince," by Justin Huntly McCarthy, with the seal of both New York and Boston favor upon it.

BASKET BALL.

Games to Be Played by South Manchester High School Team This Season.

Manager John Hickey Jr. has arranged the following games for the South Manchester High School basketball team: January 9, Middlefield High School, at Middlefield; January 10, Connecticut Agricultural College, at St. Paul's School, at Hartford; January 30, Connecticut Agricultural College, at Middlefield; February 6, Middlefield, at South Manchester.

The local team has won all games played this season, and has defeated Willimantic High School twice, Trinity Freshmen twice, and Hartford High School once. Should they win Middlefield they will claim the high school championship of the state.

Sunday morning Pastor Davis preached on the theme of "Guides." The sermon was well received and extra music, the solo by Mr. Kendall, was exceptionally appreciated.

In the evening the Sunday school furnished a large congregation a very fine concert, in which a goodly number of primary scholars took part.

An announcement was made of a Watch-Meeting to be held at eight o'clock, sermons at 8:30, the service at 10 o'clock, and consecration service at 11:15.

The Rev. D. Kneeland, D. D. of Boston will preach at the morning service next Sunday morning for Pastor Davis. Meetings will be held in harmony with the week of prayer next week.

CHRISTMAS WEDDINGS.

Alvin Witkowski and Miss Augusta Witkowski, both of G. & G. street, were married Christmas eve at the German Lutheran C. cordia church. Rev. Luther Brucke, the pastor, officiated. Miss Annie Witkow was bridegroom, and Alvin Witkowski, a brother of the bride, was best man. A reception followed at the home of the bride.

COURTNEY—LAKING.

Gary Chester Courtney and Miss Linda Laking were married Christmas afternoon by Rev. George W. Reynolds, pastor of the Center Congregational church, at the home of William Carr on Potter street. Mrs. Carr is a sister of the bride. There was neither bride nor best man in attendance. Only relatives witnessed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Courtney will live in Clintonville, Mass., the home of the groom.

ERICSON—CARLSON.

Frank Ericson of Garden street, and Miss Mary Carlson of Maple street, were married last Saturday by Rev. Wm. W. Anderson, pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church. The wedding reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Theodore Bjorklund on Maple street, and attended by many admirers of the bride and groom.

Presents in bountiful measure were placed at the home of the bride.

FRANCIS—LAWRENCE.

The Family, a Divinely Prepared Foundation of Society's Existence and Well-Being.

Sunday, January 4th. "The Power of Prayer, the Present Need of a World Wide Intercession."

Tuesday, January 5th. "The Church of Christ."

Wednesday, January 6th, All Nations and Peoples.

Thursday, January 7th. Mission Home and Foreign."

Friday, January 8th. "The Family, a Divinely Prepared Foundation of Society's Existence and Well-Being."

Sunday, January 9th. "The Economics of Christ in Earth."

Sunday, January 10th. "The Holy Spirit, God's Free Gift."

DEATH OF GILBERT B. NORTON.

Gilbert B. Norton died at his home on Hudson street, Christmas Eve, after a long illness, dying finally but not from his heart failure. Mr. Norton was born in South Glastonbury 70 years ago and was one of a family of twelve. He is survived by a widow and five sons, John of Bridgeport, Frederick, Charles, Marshall and Arthur.

Mr. Norton was a member of the New Congregational church and also of Manchester Lodge, No. 78, A. F. and A. M.

The biggest bargains of the year at Wiss, Smith & Co.'s inventory sale, Hartford, were adopted at the afternoon session. The larger part of the time of the afternoon session was given up to a discussion of the relative advantage of membership in the Fraternal Benefit Society and the New England Workmen. It was decided to recommend to the lodges affiliation with the latter organization which has its headquarters in Rhode Island. The decision was arrived at because an order agreed to admit all members of the A. O. U. W. regardless of age without medical examination.

The meeting was practically unanimous in its opposition to the new rules, as might have been expected, the call was made by those who were opposed to them. There were, however, a scattering few who were on the other side, and leave was given to them to withdraw, or rather they were told to withdraw. One of them was District Super-

NEWS OF THEATERS.

WHAT OUR POETS SAY.

Good Things Coming to Hartford With the Year.

My Uncle Eli's mind is an equine power, Through seasons of drought and of raining; "Hurry," he says, "we lose sight of our joys."

"And we spend too much time in contemplation."

"If the Lord in His wisdom sends blessing

to me, what He sees fit to offer."

"I am not suggesting to offer."

"To the Lord, when in travail, no dolorous pose,

I call for my creed is not so narrow,

As to call for a moment He'll lose sight

of me."

He notes e'er the fall of the year,

And to see the sun set.

He is there on His throne, as just is

the world's end,

Unfolded the fashion in which John

has been whitewashed, and for what

reason. Charles Frohman has given

Miss Davis, an American girl who first

achieved dramatic prominence in Eng-

land, a

Deferred.)

SOUTH M. E. CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Rev. Dr. Kneeland.

Christmas Tree Exercises—Watch Meet-

ing—Rev. Dr. Kne

South Manchester NewsW. J. FLOOD, Publisher.
South Manchester, Conn.
ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY.Subscription, \$1.00 Per Year,
IN ADVANCE.
Single Copies, Three Cents.STANDING ADVERTISEMENTS will not be
changed later than Wednesday evening.
New ones received up to Noon Thurs-
day.This paper is mailed to us by the publisher until a definite order to dis-
continue is received and all arrears in
full, unless in the discretion of the
publisher a different course should be
deemed advisable.This paper is for sale at news stands of
OLIVER & MACKELL and **F. W. MILLIS**
South Manchester,
and by Newsboys.Office Main Street.
Near Cor. Charter Oak.

At south terminus of Tramway.

TELEPHONE

Entered as second-class matter at the
South Manchester Post office.This is the first day of 1904, and THE
News wishes to all its readers and pa-
trons generally, all the compliments of
the season, and a happy and con-
tentful year. May good health and con-
tentment abide their portion, and may
all their efforts be successful during the
life of 1904.**FITLY SPOKEN.**Although somewhat early for active
discussion of the coming contest, we
are anxious to present to the press of the United
States, the opinions of President Theodore
Roosevelt, who are heating themselves
against the high tide of industrial
activity which preceded three years ago,
and which still continues with unabated
force. The outlook in this respect was
never better than it is at the present
time.We hear something from time to
time about the effect of the presidential
campaign on the business of the country.
But judging from the past this is not a
matter of great concern to the industrial
establishments of Hartford. Our
industries were hardly less prosperous in
1892 and 1896 than they were in
1900, although in the two earlier years
the whole was far from experiencing the
same degree of industrial activity which
preceded three years ago, and which still continues with unabated
force. The outlook in this respect was
never better than it is at the present
time.The outlook for 1904 is very far from being a
dismal one. On the contrary, it
should be conducive to contentment and
hopefulness.**THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.**INDUSTRIAL PROSPECTS FOR 1904
ARE VERY PROMISING IN SPITE
OF A PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.The Great Crosses of the West and the
Unusually High Prices of Cotton in the
South are the Chief Agencies in the
Financial Well Being of this Country at
the Present Time.In an article reviewing the industrial
conditions of the United States in general,
and of Hartford in particular, the
Hartford Times makes the following
editorial comment. It represents the
conditions here so thoroughly that we
reproduce it for the information of our
readers.The industries of Hartford have
enjoyed a period of prosperity in 1903. What
is the outlook for 1904? The Times has
sought information about it from the
leading manufacturers of the city and the
result is given in our columns to-
day. It is to be expected that the
great parties in the coming contest is
likely to present in its platform any
proposition that can be regarded as
inimical to the business of the country,
which respect the situation is much
more favorable than it was in 1898 or
1900.Four brothers and four sisters sur-
vive: John, Robert, Arthur and George.
Mrs. Fred Schielder, Mrs. Robert Attkin
Miss Jessie and Miss Annie Porterfield.**SOMETHING DOING.**Although one often hears the remark
that Manchester has seen its best days,
the recent real estate sales made through
the agency of A. H. Skinner indicate
that there is something doing.A. M. Brown, farm in Burnside,
Spencer street, to Anna J. Levee of
Brooklyn, N. Y.Levi Drake, two-family house and
vacant lot on Birch Mountain to George F.
Day.James Haasett, two-family house,
corner of Birch and Cottage streets to
Mrs. James Rogers.Otto Haaschutz, 2-family house
one acre of land on Circuit street to
Ralph Jones.**SUDDEN DEATH.**William Porterfield of Hightland Park Died
After Four Hours Sickness.William Porterfield of Hightland Park,
died suddenly of congestion of the lungs
at the home of his uncle in Hartford
last Tuesday night. His funeral will
take place tomorrow afternoon from the
residence of his parents, John and Mrs.
Porterfield, Hightland Park. Burial
will be in the East cemetery. Rev.
George W. Reynolds will officiate. Mr.
Porterfield was a native of this town
was 19 years of age, and was learning
the trade of a carpenter. He had attended
a Sunday school in Hightland Park
Tuesday evening and caught a cold,
which rapidly developed into congestion
of the lungs and caused his death within
four hours of the time he was taken
ill. Four brothers and four sisters survive:
John, Robert, Arthur and George.
Mrs. Fred Schielder, Mrs. Robert Attkin
Miss Jessie and Miss Annie Porterfield.As for the outlook for trade in general,
it is most excellent throughout the
country, and so far as the presidential
campaign affects the situation it should
not be forgotten that neither of the
great parties in the coming contest is
likely to present in its platform any
proposition that can be regarded as
inimical to the business of the country,
which respect the situation is much
more favorable than it was in 1898 or
1900.Another view of the situation
therefore, from a national point of
view, or from a merely local one, the
outlook is one that should be highly
satisfactory to business men. We
have here that during 1904 in Hartford
a larger sum will be paid out in wages
than has been paid during the year
now coming to its end, and that substantial
progress will be made in the development
of our industries and in all lines of
business carried on here. Hartford
has been a leader in the industrial
development of the state, and there is
no reason to apprehend any backward
movement so far as we are able
to assess the situation. This outlook
for 1904 is very far from being a
dismal one. On the contrary, it
should be conducive to contentment and
hopefulness.**BOYHOOD'S DAYS.**The Piper City Journal while in a
recitation of boyhood's days, the
loving which will carry many back
to the days of his boyhood.But judging from the past this is not a
matter of great concern to the industrial
establishments of Hartford. Our
industries were hardly less prosperous in
1892 and 1896 than they were in
1900, although in the two earlier years
the whole was far from experiencing the
same degree of industrial activity which
preceded three years ago, and which still continues with unabated
force. The outlook in this respect was
never better than it is at the present
time.The review of January contains several
articles under the general head "The
Year of Prosperity or Depression?" One
of these articles tells of the good
times of 1892 and 1896, and of the
years preceding them, and of the
years following them. We reproduce the
following article which appeared in a
recent issue of The Catholic Transcript,
Hartford. The words are truly spoken,
and are as timely as they are truthful
and to the point:**"They Do Not Love Him."**The aggressions of capital is now
being felt by no less a personage than the
President of the United States. There is no denying the fact that the
character and policy of Mr. Roosevelt
are distasteful to the great moneyed
men of the country. They want a
child soldier who will safeguard
them in their unfeasted ventures and
sustain them in their inevitable conflict
with their employees.The rich men of the republic did not
relish the President's interference in
behalf of the twenty millions American
citizens who were affected more or less
gravely, by the coal famine of a
year ago. They now ask to be relieved
of the cost of the substance of its property.
The trial proved how solid are the
members of the coal trust, and how
independent it is of the discussions
affecting more speculative actions.How the bankers of the small towns
of the west have been lured into
high prices if a boy has a pail in his
labor station he has appendicitis and
is hustled off to a hospital, starved
within an inch of his life, has the
surgeons each take a whack at him
with a pair of handclenches, and he is
turned loose in the care pasture until
supper time when he came in for a
square meal alright, just as if nothing
had happened.In those days if a boy ate his finger
off, or ran a nail through his foot, a piece
of fat pork was applied to the afflicted
member, and in a day or two he would
entirely well again.In those days of civilization and
high society if a boy has appendicitis
and is hustled off to a hospital, starved
within an inch of his life, has the
surgeons each take a whack at him
with a pair of handclenches, and he is
turned loose in the care pasture until
supper time when he came in for a
square meal alright, just as if nothing
had happened.The beautiful Xmas tree which Santa
found in the shoe by magic was given
by Mrs. Frank W. Cheney, and the shoe
by Mr. John S. Cheney.The Sunday school was presented with
oranges and candies at the close of the
Sunday School.Mrs. George Johnson wishes to thank
all who helped her in any way to give
the above entertainment.***Miss Myrtle S. Hutchins, supervisor
of physical culture in the public schools
of New York is spending the holidays
with her aunt, Mrs. R. N. Stanley, at
Tux Highlands.**SALVATION ARMY NOTES.**The Salvation Army is very much in
need of second hand clothing both for
adults and children; books, magazines
periodicals, and newspapers. Also
old school articles of every kind.Our soldiers will call on friends in
the neighborhood to collect and
make up a box to be sent to the
Salvation Army.The number of banks in the west has
doubled during the past seven years,
and Mr. Hager asserts that the
western bank which pays less than a 15 per
cent dividend is the exception. The
same general condition exists in the
south, where the cotton producers are
paying twice as much for their cot-
ton as they did ten years ago.It is safe to say that purchasing
of the western and southern farmers
has quadrupled in ten years, and this
fact means that a period of hard times
such as prevailed in 1893-95 in those sec-
tions is no longer possible. In
regard to the outlook for the railways of the
country, Mr. R. W. Martin, a well
known expert says:The position of the railroads generally
is to be considered, and the financial
condition of the country, which depends
on the strength of the railroads.The facts of his administration
proclaim that he is no political
tyrant without a sense of responsibility,
and that he is a true patriot of the
country.The charge that the President is
unmanageable to the extent of refusing
to place himself in the hands of the
manufacturing and monetary combines
is true. His real friends would glory in
its truth. There are many, outside of
his party, who will vote for him for
this very reason. They love him for
the enemies that he has made.All that goes for the man who goes in
showing the great money power of
the country is resolving himself into
something antagonistic to the common
people. We need a man of Mr. Roosevelt's
independence of character to meet
the arrogance of rioting wealth. If
his candidacy ends in defeat, public
spirited men and useful patriots will
find in the event food for serious
thought. If the very rich are going to
drag us from the ballot box, the
people that will favor the trusts as
against the citizens, then America
equally well soon be a bygone.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.This is the greatest remedy in
the world for a gripe, cough, colds,
croup and whooping cough and is
peculiarly suited to all.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.We have for sale every bottle of Cham-
berlain's Cough Remedy and will refund
the money to any one who is not satis-
fied after trying two kinds of the
remedy.

We

SIX HUNDRED DEAD

**Chicago Iroquois Theater
Matinee Holocaust.**

DEATHS BY ACTUAL COUNT 637

Victims Were Suffocated by Gas and Trampled On.

THE FIREPROOF CURTAIN FAILED

Breaking of Electrical Wire, Which Dropped Alive on Scenery, Caused the Disaster—Fire Spread Rapidly and Flame Eased, Filling the Passages With Entangled Stranglers, Soon to Become a Charred Mass of Bodies.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Six hundred and thirty-seven people were by Conover Traeger's electric company in ten minutes, more than the greatest fire in the Iroquois theater, the most, the largest and as far as human power could make it, the safest theater in Chicago.

A few of those people were burned to death by fire, many were suffocated by gas, and scores were trampled to death in the panic that followed the mad plunge of the frightened audience for the exits.

It will be many days before all of the bodies recovered from the ruins are identified. There are bodies lying by the dozen in the undertakers rooms, in the police stations and in the hospitals from which nearly everything that could be taken has been stripped. Who knew them best is gone. Their clothes are torn to rags or burned to cinders, and their faces have been trampled into an unrecognizable pulp by the crowd that tramped them down as they fled for safety.

The fire broke out during the second act of the play, "Mr. Blindest," which was the first dramatic production produced in the theater since its erection.

The stage, which was very large, escaped the flames, but the safety, nearly all of them, however, being unable to flee into snowy streets with no clothing but their stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries, but none was seriously hurt. The dead and wounded were all in the audience.

The accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting and none of them certain, but the best reason given is that a short time before the lower part of a piece of drop scenery ignited, burst and was grounded. The fire spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing the members of the chorus who were then engaged in the performance to fall to the wings, with screams of terror.

The fire in itself up to this time was not serious and possibly could have been checked had not the asbestos curtain failed to work. As soon as the fire was discovered, Eddie Fox, the comedian of the company, shouted to lower the curtain, and this was immediately done. It descended about half way and then stuck.

The fire was then given a fresh start, a fire through which a strong draft was setting, aided by the doors which had been thrown open in the front of the theater. With a roar and a bang the flames shot out through the opening and began to engulf the people on the first floor, and reaching up to those in the first balcony, caught them and burned them to death where they sat. Immediately following this came another, there came an explosion which rent the walls, shattering the great skylight into fragments.

As soon as the first flames appeared beyond the curtain in the rear of the hall shouted: "Fire! Fire!" and the alarm was given. The lower part of the curtain had been rendered useless and made for the doors. It is believed that the explosion was caused by the flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theater, causing them to burst.

Will J. Davis, manager of the theater, said after the catastrophe that if the people had remained in their seats and had not been excited by the cry of fire, not a single life would have been lost. This was also concluded by the statements of the friends, who found numbers of persons sitting in their seats, their faces directed toward the stage, as if the performance was still going on. It was the opinion of the men that the curtain had been engulfed at once by the fire, which came from behind the asbestos curtain.

As no one can be certain at the present time about 1,200 people were in the theater. Three hundred of them were on the first floor, the balance being in the two upper balconies and in the hallways back of them.

Out of the people burned and suffocated by smoke, these two deaths occurred, that the greatest loss of life occurred. When the firemen entered the building the dead were found stretched in a pile, some near the head of the staircase at least eight feet from the door back to a point of about five feet in the rear of the door.

This mass of dead bodies in the center of the doorway reached to within two feet of the top of the stairs. All of the corpses at this point were women. The fight for life which must have taken place at these two points is something that is simply beyond comprehension.

Only one man's body, that of his son, could be derived from the report of the

bodies as they lay. Women on top of these masses of dead had been overtaken by death as they were crawling on their hands and knees over the bodies of those who had died before.

Others lay in arms and legs out in the direction toward which lay life and safety, holding in their hands fragments of garments not their own. They were evidently torn from the clothing of others whom they had endeavored to pull off, and trampled under foot as they fought for their own lives. As the police removed layer after layer of dead in these doorways the sight became too much even for police and firemen to stand by as they are to such scenes, to endure.

The bodies were in such an inextricable mass and so tightly were they jammed between the sides of the door and the walls that it was impossible to lift them by one and carry them out. The only way to do this was to seize a limb or some other portion of the body and pull with main strength. Men worked at the task with tears running down their cheeks, and the sons of the race who had been born in the hall before where this inferno was being enacted. A number of the men were compelled to abandon their task and give it over to others whose hands had not yet been stinken by the awful experience.

As one of the bodies were dragged out by the water soaked, blackened mass of corpses the spectacle became more and more heartrending. There were no clothes on the bodies, save completely from the waist down to the waist, whose bosoms had been trampled into a pulp and whose faces were marred beyond all power of identification.

The theater had been constructed but a short time, and all its equipment was not yet in place. This was unfortunately the case with a fire escape in the rear of the building. The small iron ladder to which the iron ladders were to be attached were not on the ladders had been entirely destroyed.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

The theater had been constructed but a short time, and all its equipment was not yet in place. This was unfortunately the case with a fire escape in the rear of the building. The small iron ladder to which the iron ladders were to be attached were not on the ladders had been entirely destroyed.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

Those who reached the platform first had to hold their footing and to keep back the crowd that pressed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few moments the iron ladders were jammed with crowds of women, who screamed. This was a brief instant, like mine. This time, however, the panic was intense. The iron ladders were picked up at this point with frantic shallowness.

When the panic was at its height a great number of women ran for these fire escapes, only to find as they crawled from the doorway upon the iron rungs that they were thirty to fifty feet from the ground, a fire behind and no method of escape in front.

CORBETT WON FIGHT

Hanlon Badly Punished In Sixteen Rounds.

IT WAS A FAST AND FURIOUS BATTLE

Featherweight Championship Won by the "Pride of Denver." It is Said Hanlon Would Never Kill His Friend Again.

KILLED His Friend Again.

DEATHS BY ACTUAL COUNT 637

Victims Were Suffocated by Gas and Trampled On.

THE FIREPROOF CURTAIN FAILED

Breaking of Electrical Wire, Which Dropped Alive on Scenery, Caused the Disaster—Fire Spread Rapidly and Flame Eased, Filling the Passages With Entangled Stranglers, Soon to Become a Charred Mass of Bodies.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Six hundred and thirty-seven people were by Conover Traeger's electric company in ten minutes, more than the greatest fire in the Iroquois theater, the most, the largest and as far as human power could make it, the safest theater in Chicago.

A few of those people were burned to death by fire, many were suffocated by gas, and scores were trampled to death in the panic that followed the mad plunge of the frightened audience for the exits.

It will be many days before all of the bodies recovered from the ruins are identified. There are bodies lying by the dozen in the undertakers rooms, in the police stations and in the hospitals from which nearly everything that could be taken has been stripped. Who knew them best is gone. Their clothes are torn to rags or burned to cinders, and their faces have been trampled into an unrecognizable pulp by the crowd that tramped them down as they fled for safety.

The fire broke out during the second act of the play, "Mr. Blindest," which was the first dramatic production produced in the theater since its erection.

The stage, which was very large, escaped the flames, but the safety, nearly all of them, however, being unable to flee into snowy streets with no clothing but their stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries, but none was seriously hurt. The dead and wounded were all in the audience.

The accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting and none of them certain, but the best reason given is that a short time before the lower part of a piece of drop scenery ignited, burst and was grounded. The fire spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing the members of the chorus who were then engaged in the performance to fall to the wings, with screams of terror.

The fire was then given a fresh start, a fire through which a strong draft was setting, aided by the doors which had been thrown open in the front of the theater. With a roar and a bang the flames shot out through the opening and began to engulf the people on the first floor, and reaching up to those in the first balcony, caught them and burned them to death where they sat. Immediately following this came another, there came an explosion which rent the walls, shattering the great skylight into fragments.

As soon as the first flames appeared beyond the curtain in the rear of the hall shouted: "Fire! Fire!" and the alarm was given. The lower part of the curtain had been rendered useless and made for the doors. It is believed that the explosion was caused by the flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theater, causing them to burst.

This was also concluded by the statements of the friends, who found numbers of persons sitting in their seats, their faces directed toward the stage, as if the performance was still going on. It was the opinion of the men that the curtain had been engulfed at once by the fire, which came from behind the asbestos curtain.

As no one can be certain at the present time about 1,200 people were in the theater. Three hundred of them were on the first floor, the balance being in the two upper balconies and in the hallways back of them.

Out of the people burned and suffocated by smoke, these two deaths occurred, that the greatest loss of life occurred. When the firemen entered the building the dead were found stretched in a pile, some near the head of the staircase at least eight feet from the door back to a point of about five feet in the rear of the door.

This mass of dead bodies in the center of the doorway reached to within two feet of the top of the stairs. All of the corpses at this point were women. The fight for life which must have taken place at these two points is something that is simply beyond comprehension.

Only one man's body, that of his son, could be derived from the report of the

MORE WARSHIPS FOR Isthmus.

French Charge Extraire Arrives at Callao.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Ward has

been received at the navy department

from San Francisco that three addi-

tional vessels have left that place to

join the fleet sent to the Pacific.

Panama. They are the gunboat

Washington and the destroyers Preble

and Paul Jones. The gunboat

Washington will be sent to the

Isthmus.

Two members of the constabulary

secret service in Cayenne have been

captured by Indians and

hanged.

Wardland holds a winter report

FLOUR FLOUR

We are just unloading **One Carload** of Pillsbury XXXX Best Patent Bread Flour Fresh From The Mills.

Also **One Carload** of Johnson's Success XXXX Best Patent Bread Flour Fresh From The Mills.

Prices \$5.75 and \$6.00

Now is the time for you to buy and get in on the low prices.

AARON JOHNSON,

DEALER IN THE BEST THINGS TO EAT.

Chestnut Street, Just Below Monument Park.

McKinstry's Platinotypes

are photographs that please. They are prints in their effects of light and shade, pictorial and imperishable—the highest achievements in photographic portraiture.

Our Specialties are Children's Photos, Groups and Family Pictures.
McKinstry's Studio
New Cheney Block.

DECORATING

The quiet, artistic beauty of any home is easily marred by lack of taste in wall decorations.

By selecting from our large and varied assortment of exclusive designs you will be enabled to harmonize with the other interior appointments.

Come and look them over.

J. B. HUBBARD,
6 Park Street, South Manchester

Hot Water Bottles
.59 .79 .94 \$1.17
ALL GUARANTEED.

Our offers on Hot Water Bottles are real bargains.

Every bottle is worth its price and cannot be bought better.

Look over our stock and see what good bottles we show at cut prices.

THE APOTHECARY DRUG CO., INC.
553 Main Street, Hartford.

\$13. PER MONTH
pays for tuition, the use of text books and the use of all stationery needed at the
Huntington's Business College

No extra charges.
Boys discouraged in other schools find a new lease of life at this school. Office training taught by ACTUAL BUSINESS PRACTICE from start to graduation. Four teachers in the Shorthand and Typewriting Department.

The Huntington way is different from others, as it points out exactly what the pupil shall do and how he shall do it.

If interested, call between nine and twelve in the morning, and Mr. Huntington will show you how the school is run.

New pupils enter every week.

E. M. HUNTSINGER,
55 Asylum Street, Hartford, Conn.

MILITARY BALL

Members of Co. G, 1st Infantry C. N. G. Battering Themselves.

Members of Company G, First Infantry, C. N. G. are getting deeply interested in their Thirty-second annual ball. This prominent social event is booked for Saturday evening, January 24, 1904.

The young ladies are well informed on the date, and many a handsome costume is now in course of preparation for this fashionable gathering. Colt's first regiment band will furnish a concert from 8 until 9 o'clock. After the concert the band will be divided, and an orchestra will play for the square dances, while the band will supply music for the round dances, thus making a complete program for the night. The program will be handsomely arranged, and refreshments will be afforded all. Dancing will continue until 2 a.m. Tickets are now on sale and may be procured from members of the company, or at the shop of Madden Brothers, or at the old Cheney block. Ticket admitting gentlemen with lady is \$1.00, and ticket admitting lady only is 50 cents. A special trolley car will carry patrons to Hartford and way stations. The following committee have the matter in charge:

Captain William F. McHugh, Second Lieutenant Thomas F. Keating, First Sergeant Paul R. Duncan, Quartermaster Sergeant Joseph F. Sullivan, Sergeant Philip Cherry, Corporal Daniel B. Cotter.

COURT NUTMEG F. A.

Court Nutmeg, Foresters of America made choice of the following officers last evening for the term next ensuing:

Chief Ranger, Edward Murphy; sub-chief ranger, James Doyle; recording secretary, William Ward; financial secretary, George H. Allen; senior woodward, Michael Williams; junior woodward, Frank Irons; representative to state council, Anna Miller; alternate to state council, Lillian E. Gammons; trustee, L. Roy N. Chapman.

INTERESTING ITEMS BOILED DOWN FOR BUSY READERS.

James R. Welch and John R. Hayes will resume their studies at Yale college next week.

The annual report of St. James church will be read at all the masses next Sunday.

Dr. T. C. Tiffany of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent the Christmas holidays with his father, C. Tiffany, the jeweler.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Taft and their son, Alfred, spent the Christmas vacation in New York.

Ernest Schmidt and Moses Rogers will return to Wesleyan College next week, thus ending the grind at their books.

There will be an anniversary reception in St. Bridget's church tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock for the repose of the soul of the late John M. Tooby.

Sunset Lodge of Rebekahs will install officers at Odd Fellows hall next Monday evening. District Deputy Leonidas Bidwell will be the installing officer.

AMERICAN MECHANICS.

Wadsworth Council, O.U.A.M. elected the following officers: Concellor, R. W. Holmes; vice-concellor, E. R. Rivenburg; recording secretary, E. B. Gilman; assistant recording secretary, M. L. Chapman; financial secretary, G. H. Ward; treasurer, G. W. Gammons; conductor, L. W. Chapman; examiner, H. W. Perkins; inside protector, Wilson F. Sullivan; conductor, Frank Ives; trustee, M. L. Gilman; John G. McVeigh; physician, Dr. H. R. Sharpe; druggist, John P. Smith. These officers will be installed Thursday evening, January 14th, at Knights of Pythias hall.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At St. Bridget's Church next Sunday Evening, All Invited.

The St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish have arranged for a Temperance Rally to be given in St. Bridget's church Sunday evening, January 3, 1904, to which the general public is invited, and especially the members of St. James parish.

The speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the

Temperance Society.

THE BRIDGEPORT CHURCH.

At the meeting of the St. Mary's Temperance Society of St. Bridget's Parish, the speaker has been secured through the agency of the Lecture Bureau of Connecticut, and the Rev. J. S. Chapman, of New Haven, will speak.

Mr. Chapman is a branch of the