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The Circulation of The Bulletin.

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut, and from three to four times larger than that of any in Norwich.

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SO-CALLED EXPERT EVIDENCE.

As conducted in the courts, the so-called expert testimony has become a farce because of the character of the handwriting experts, medical experts and alienists who for special fees have been willing to antagonize and swear to court the class of men who support the state and who are now regarded as a form of recognizable but unendurable corruption.

The New York State Bar association has come out against it for the purpose of limiting the number of experts who shall be called to the witness stand, but as applicants of the court to get at the true facts, and to be paid by the county the sum fixed by the court, no witness being entitled to more than one ordinary witness fee.

To quote from a report of the bar committee, which led to the subsequent draft of the bill and presentation to the assembly: "It is within the power of judges at nisi prius to require a greater degree of competence upon the part of persons claiming to be experts by the simple but effectual method of defining to a jury with force and precision the distinction between a witness proved to be thoroughly qualified to speak upon the subject regarding which his testimony is offered and one whose claim to speak is predicated principally upon the fact that he is paid to do so."

"If trial judges will pursue this course and are sustained in so doing by the appellate bench, courts of justice will be rid of corrupt and worthless so-called experts, provided the judges themselves are animated solely by a wish to see justice properly administered."

To emphasize the thoroughness of the committee's deliberations, we shall quote a few more lines, in conclusion, as follows: "Nor is the bar blameless. Not only do some of its members connive at the hiring of corrupt and incompetent so-called experts, but they artfully and selfishly cultivate and largely are responsible for the fact that a witness is to be discredited if he can be discredited ('rattled')."

Scientific opinion, to be of controlling value, can be given under conditions of mental repose. This is a commendable movement on the part of the New York State Bar association, and it ought to spread through all the states of the union. Machinery to defeat the ends of justice should be reduced to the minimum.

HUMAN LIFE HELD CHEAP.

Lynchings and brutal and cowardly murders are everyday affairs in this country, and the per cent. of convictions and executions are so small that the crimes against the lives of the innocent seem to be on the increase.

It is nothing unusual for aged persons to be murdered for their money, as a couple was at Easton, Pa., last week; and a man of fifty years of age was killed at night for a sick child in a New Jersey town was held up and killed. There is no "unwritten law" for the widows and orphans, or bereaved parents, while there is too much of it for the disreputable characters and emotionally insane murderers of their fellow men.

Every time there is a travesty upon justice like the Hains trial human life in this country is cheapened and Judge Lynch's methods of dealing with citizens encourages. This letting men guilty of the most deliberate murders escape upon special pleas is a disgrace to the courts and to the country.

A hard-hearted murderer like Hains laughs at a soft-hearted jury like the one which acquitted him. It is time that public sympathy stood for the protection of life and the support of law and order. When it does murderers will begin to decrease and cowardly villains will cease to laugh at the law and to take the slightest of affairs into their own hands.

Colonel Watterson is out after the scalp of the Tennessee golfer who dares to play the game on Sunday. Such a fellow, he declares, should be put in the Tennessee legislature.

In its sympathy for the Italian sufferers the country has almost lost sight of the famine-cursed Armenians on their barren, snow-covered mountain sides.

Thieves shorn of the dogs and then proceeded to bite open the safe of a business place. They let no small obstacles interfere with business.

AIR NAVIGATION RECOGNIZED.

The government has long been encouraging the invention of heavier than air ships which the Wrights have finally brought to recognition and permanent use.

Congress has appropriated three-fourths of a million for airships in the army appropriation bill, which is just keeping in step with England, France and Germany.

Count Zeppelin's airship has been the most wonderful flyer yet sent up, as it stays up many hours and goes from and returns to its station like a motor carriage.

In the demonstrations made of the aeroplane of the Wright brothers at Fort Meyer last summer, there was sufficient suggestiveness of the uses to which the flying machine may be put to render it imperative that the United States government should be in a position of preparedness to take advantage immediately of new developments.

The possibility cannot be ignored that the airship within a few years may be able to put the most powerful battleship that floats in water instantly out of service. Fifty pounds of dynamite accurately dropped from a height of 500 feet in the air upon the deck of a Dreadnought, would demonstrate the inappropriateness of the name.

While the bill was dodged by a great many representatives, there appears to be no reason why the government should not keep abreast of the times, in air navigation as well as wireless telegraphy and other things.

AS GOOD AS RICE BIRDS.

It has been disclosed by the Danbury Evening News that in that section of the state the English sparrow is as good or coast as a rice bird, and perhaps they might equal the rail for bird pie making.

The News says "The hunter said to its reporter that he was gathering enough of the birds to make a pie, and he said that sparrows were just as good to eat as rice birds. Asked if he was aware that there was a city ordinance which prevented hunting in the city limits, or the discharge of firearms, he said the birds were on railroad property and he had received permission to kill them. He hoped to be able to secure enough to make a large pie and it was evident that he did because he ceased shooting a few minutes later."

The plentifulness of the birds hereabouts ought to prompt bird pie lovers to try the experiment. The opportunities for killing the birds are so many that the acquisition of bird pie ought not to be a difficult task.

KEEPING THEM GUESSING.

Governor Lilley is celebrated for keeping his own counsel and those who are anxious concerning the appointments to be made get no comfort.

The Courant, commenting upon the situation, says: "Over east they have been talking of Frank T. Brown of Norwich as a possibility in case the two new seats were constructed. Mr. Brown in a modest way has let it be known that he is not an applicant. The fact is well known that if he had had any desire to be a superior court judge, he would have been appointed by Governor Woodruff. It is generally understood that the position was offered to him. Mr. Brown is universally conceded to be the leading lawyer east of the Connecticut river and he would grace the bench, superior or supreme, as might be. It is one thing to offer a man of his practice a job and another to get him to take it."

"Indeed, it is not everybody to whom even the chief justiceship is offered who jumps at it. It may not be remembered now that when Morgan G. Bulkeley was governor he offered the highest office in the state to Nathaniel Shipman, Charles E. Perkins and Charles J. Cole, and not one of the three would say yes. At that time, however, the office did not carry the salary that now goes with it. There is an abundance of guessing what Governor Lilley will do, and apparently he is going to let them guess until he is ready to tell."

Governor Lilley said on Tuesday: "I am looking for the tallest legal timber in Connecticut, and my intention is to give the positions to the best qualified men that I can get to take the judgeships. I have not promised any man, and I have not fully made up my mind whom I shall appoint."

If this the governor is pleasing the people regardless of their political proclivities.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Happy thought for today: Let the chagrin of yesterday turn to mirth today.

The Lincoln heaver which is now being worn makes the wearer look like an old-timer.

There is no doubt that the American cat with its nine lives can hold its own, even in Japan.

It is not trying to say that the mercury is guilty of taking a drop too much now and then.

The coal dealers are suspected of having a song in their hearts, as well as money in their pockets.

President Compers appears to be regarding the prospect of going to jail as a most profitable thing for him.

The women are feeling very well over the latest cold wave. It holds so much for them. Long may it wave.

The winter of 1908 is doing its best to establish the fact that it has a spinal column which must be broken.

Washington says that prices are to be reasonable there during inaugural week. Can Washington guaranty this?

It is now said that Thornton Hains will write a play. If it is along his ideas of "the unwritten law" it ought to take.

Anyone who talks with the people now can have any doubt that even a municipal tax has the sharpest kind of points.

What difference does it make to the citizen whether the portrait of Lincoln on American coins wears whiskers or not?

The assurance to the Filipinos that they are going to have self-government as soon as they are fit for it is rather indefinite.

If the government was not in favor of a lock canal at Panama, the opponents of such a canal would probably be in favor of it.

There is nothing that makes a man prouder that he was ever born than to

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY

A TELLING SHOT

Bradford had three weaknesses at Lenox that summer, each one excellent in its way, but combined—they combined against him.

There's no harm in a camera, except to a pocketbook; there's no harm in a bicycle; there's no harm in a girl.

But the girl had said, "Do you know, Mr. Bradford, you look uncouthly in a white shirt and tie. Why Bradford had been busy for two days with his best instantaneous silver camera."

He chose an old road, little frequented by riders and drivers, where he would not be liable to interruption. The light got so this, and I don't care choosing the best point of view and fixing the tripod firmly.

"Focusing was again a matter of the nicest judgment. Then he set the shutter lightly across the road and fastened the strings end to a little bush in such a way that the pressure of the wheel across it would set the shutter off without jarring the camera.

Then he gave a few touches to his hair, mounted his wheel and took a short run through the trees, coming back and passing neatly across the string. He had scowled at the camera.

"I'll try again," said Bradford, setting the shutter and putting in another plate. "I'll keep my mind on her, and then I won't worry about the shutter so much."

He thought of her as he wheeled off to take another start, and in thinking he leaned forward and passed the brown string at a scorching gait. The noise, scorching, he murmured, disconcertedly.

He set the camera once more. "It's the last time I shall try today," he mused, glancing at the long shadows and the fading sky. "I'll take a good long run and come back easily in a little while. That's the way to do it. I won't do any thinking, and in that way I may get a telling shot."

He started, and that same afternoon a little basket phaeton in front of him passed slowly across the brown string in the roadway and disappeared among the

become suddenly famous. It is too annoying to bear.

A Chicago broker retires at the age of 36 with a fortune of four millions and takes unto himself a wife. He must have done some hustling to do that.

SENATE TO VOTE FEB. 23

On Substitute Bill for Reenlistment of Discharged Negro Soldiers.

Washington, Feb. 2.—An agreement was reached in the senate today to vote on February 23 on the Aldrich substitute bill for the reenlistment of a contingent of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, discharged as the result of the Brownsville incident.

The senate today passed a house bill which is intended to prevent the importation of opium into the United States.

A large part of the day was devoted to an executive session, during which the nomination of Collector Crum of Charleston, S. C., was considered and at 5:24 p. m. the senate adjourned.

PERSONS TALKED ABOUT.

Robin W. Cauble, a confederate veteran and one of President Jefferson Davis' body guards, died recently at his home in Atlanta.

Miss C. de H. Bennett is the first woman driver of a motor omnibus in England. She was the only woman to take the examination for motor engineering recently held in London.

John Blake Hillyer died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oscar Prall, at Danbury, Conn., on Monday, the 29th day of the month, at the age of 101 years and 4 months. He was the oldest person in the borough.

Mrs. Florence L. Whitman, the school committee candidate of the Cambridge club of Cambridge, was nominated in a conference between representatives of the non-partisan and the democratic parties for the new Cambridge school board which is to consist of five members.

No more loyal British subject ever went to make peace with his Maker than Alonzo Gray, a native of Lancashire, England, and the last survivor of the band which played at the coronation of the late Queen Victoria. His death occurred at his old home in Amiglar, Ont.

Mrs. Anne Gray of Cheyenne, Wyo., who, Rev. R. D. Gray, goes with him in all his journeys, riding in khaki habit through the thousands of square miles in the fifty missions that he has charge of, and the people in the country, she says, are Western Reserve people, who welcome the sight of a mission church, having always lived within sight of a church steeple.

That a man is never too old to learn is illustrated by the case of H. C. Whitaker of Pilot Mountain, N. C., a law student at Wake Forest college. Mr. Whitaker is 60. In the same class he has a son, P. H. Whitaker, aged twenty-one. The older Whitaker is making an excellent record as a student, a report says. He has 10 children, 27 grandchildren, two of whom voted in the November election, and two great-grandchildren.

There is no catch or chance. Everything is fair and open. Prominent and disinterested judges will make the awards. A clever and thoughtful line. You may think of one in a short time, but be sure and try.

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These certificates are good on the purchase of any New Hallet & Davis or Conway or Wassermann piano or piano player in our warehouses at regular retail price. Time of certificate is limited. Certificates cannot be applied on any purchase made previous to February 27th. Only one certificate may be applied on the purchase of one piano.

The Judging Disinterested judges will be chosen and their names announced later. The decision of the judges shall be final. All prize winners will be notified.

Here is a sample Limerick showing one completed. Said a musician of fame far and near Hallet & Davis is without any peer, Its tone is I find Just the right kind, And this' more, it grows better each year.

Contest Closes February 27th, 1909. MAIL OR BRING YOUR ANSWER TO The Plaut-Cadden Co., 145 Main Street, Norwich, Conn. Factory Distributors of Fine Pianos.

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TO SELL ESTATE.

Yale University Tries to Dispose of Prospect Hill Property.

Yale has decided to sell at least a part of the land on Prospect Hill, which has been held till the university could find some specific use for it. None is in sight, and the university, harassed by clamors of taxation from the city, is making plans to place a part of the property on the market. The land embraces 25 acres of the most desirable residential section of the city. It is bounded by Prospect, Cannon, St. Roman and Highland streets and is estimated at between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in value. The city has grown so fast in recent years that there are comparatively few building lots in its limits, and the fact that Yale holds this large tract, without definite object, has aroused criticism from residents, because university property is not subject to taxation. The land was given to Yale by Oliver Winchester, founder of the Winchester Repeating Arms company. He presented it for astronomical laboratory purposes. The university authorities feel certain that only part of the land, if any, will be needed for the purpose named, and will sell the rest.

Salvation Army Gathering. Gathered in Unity hall, Hartford, Sunday afternoon, a large audience extended greeting to Colonel Adam Clifford, the provincial officer of the Salvation Army, who is in command of the work of the organization in New England.

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"Dignity is What We Use to Conceal Our Ignorance" is Elbert Hubbard's definition of the word dignity. Unquestionably Elbert is correct, and every thinking person will agree with him. Think of the people with dignity and count them naturally. He who has it naturally, combined with ability, is a great success in life. Those with assumed dignity are—well, they are understood and discounted by the public. We've no dignity, natural or assumed, and if it is used with a view to us by the public would discount it. Let the public estimate us correctly; give us credit for a thorough knowledge of the photographic business; for doing work at reasonable prices. Years of experience in this business exclusively entitles us to it. LAIGHTON BROS., Photographers Main Street Opposite Norwich Savings Society. a 27

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