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JURY WILL GET THE CASE TODAY

Arguments and Charge Alone Remain in the Suit of Dr. H. M. Lee vs. The Mohican Co. After Verdict Session Will Adjourn Without Date.

The entire day was spent in the superior court on Thursday with the trial of the case of Dr. H. M. Lee vs. the Mohican company of New London, which was started on Wednesday. The testimony of the defense lasted almost through the day, but was completed at 2:30 o'clock and the remaining hour was occupied by C. Hadal Hull with the opening argument. This morning the arguments will be continued at ten o'clock and there are to be heard Attorneys Geary, Freeman and H. A. Hall before Judge Case will charge the jury. The case will be finished today, but there will be no short calendar business.

Thursday morning the testimony of W. T. Dewant, vice president of the Mohican company, was completed and he was followed by Russell W. Hunter, William W. Kenney, Richard P. Freeman and Martin E. Corry.

Dr. Lee claimed that he secured a lease of the office he desired in the building by verbal agreement and after he had taken possession of it he was asked to sign a lease for a period of a year. He claims that he refused to sign the document, which Attorney Freeman testified he drew up, because he heard that changes were contemplated in the building and he feared the conditions which later developed and which required him to leave there until the work was completed. He testified that his valuable

microscope was injured and that his business was also seriously damaged. Because of the work under way he was injured to the extent of \$200 a month. His business averaged about \$500 a month at that time, but it dropped off to about half because of the inconvenience of the office because of the changes being made. He testified that he had letters making the offer of the lease, which Dr. Lee accepted and the acceptance of the terms between them.

It was said that he remained in the office until driven out by the water and debris from the changes, making it impossible. The defendants testified to the fact that he refused to sign the lease of the office, as drawn up by Attorney Freeman. The supervisor of the work of the construction, R. W. Hunter, told of the character of the work and how it was done.

At the conclusion of this case, court will be adjourned without day, the jurors will be paid off, and there will be ten days before the criminal business will come up.

Settlement of Judgment. There will be no appeal in the case of Martin Flaherty vs. Mrs. M. E. Tracy, decided at this session, as a verdict that the plaintiff recover \$100, evidently, as the amount has been paid and the judgment file drawn in the case.

GENERAL W. A. AIKEN AND HENRY A. TIRRELL

Elects Members of Executive Committee of State Civil Service Reform Association.

Henry W. Farnam of New Haven was elected president of the Connecticut Civil Service Reform association at its annual meeting held Thursday night, at which the yearly report was presented and other business pertinent to the organization transacted. In the report it is stated that New Haven is still the only city in the state that has a civil service board. Other officers chosen were:

Vice presidents, John P. Elton, Waterbury; William F. Henny, Hartford; John H. Perry, Fairfield; Rollin S. Woodruff, New Haven; Treasurer—Benjamin E. English, Secretary—Charles Gould Morris, Executive Committee—The president, secretary and treasurer ex-officio, William A. Aiken, Norwich; James Kingsley Blake, New Haven; Charles Hopkins Clark, Hartford; William H. Caspin, Hartford; George A. Oring, Henry F. Quinn, Arthur R. Kimball, Waterbury; Frederick J. Kingsbury, Jr., New Haven; Arthur M. Marsh, Bridgeport; Norrie G. Osgood, New Britain; George S. Palmer, New London; Homer J. Taft, Watertown; Henry A. Tirrell, Norwich; William E. Walden, Bridgeport; William T. Rodenbach, Naugatuck.

Gov. Elect Baldwin Entertains Staff. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 22.—Governor-elect Simon E. Baldwin entertained at dinner tonight the members of his staff. All the staff was present with the exception of Alder-camp L. E. Steward, of this city, who is out of town.

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MYSTIC SHRINE HAS ITS ANNUAL MEETING

Reports Show Membership to Be 1,279 Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

The annual meeting of the Sphinx temple of the Mystic Shrine, of which many local Masons are members, was held Wednesday evening at Hartford. Reports were made by Treasurer Alfred Spencer, Jr., Recorder Richard P. Martin and the reports of the reports showed an excellent condition of the temple. Sixty-one candidates have been initiated and twenty-one members died. The present membership is 1,279.

The following officers were elected: Illustrious potentate, George W. Klett; chief rabbi, William W. Fox; assistant rabbi, William F. Loomis; high priest, Walter S. Garde; treasurer, Alfred Spencer, Jr.; recorder, Richard P. Martin; oriental guide, Henry Stong; trustee for three years, William G. Simmons; representatives to imperial council at Rochester, July, 1911, George W. Klett, New Britain; John T. Henderson, Hartford; Arthur M. Wilson, Hartford; Fred E. Gibbons, Middletown.

The new officers were installed by Past Potentate James H. Jarman, Past Potentate Dr. Joseph E. Root, acting as marshal.

Featuring Potentate John T. Henderson was presented with a past potentate's jewel, Potentate James H. Jarman making the presentation address. Illustrious Potentate George W. Klett is a resident of New Britain. He was raised in Harmony lodge, F. and A. M., of New Britain, and is a past master of the lodge. He is member of the Connecticut consistory, S. P. R. S., of Norwich. He is an attorney and the present prosecuting attorney of New Britain police court. He is a former judge of probate.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

Sunday Schools of Two Preston City Churches Have Elaborate Plans Made.

As usual, elaborate preparations are being made by the leaders in the Sunday schools of the two Preston City churches for their regular Christmas concerts. This year the Congregational church will have their concert on Saturday night, while that of the Baptist church will take place on Monday night. There will be Christmas trees on both occasions, from which candy and presents will be taken for distribution among the children. Following the exercises, which will take place in the main body of the church, cake and coffee will be served in the vestry by the ladies of the two congregations.

The programmes this year are both to be carried out along similar lines, special music by the choir, songs and recitations by the children and brief addresses by a few of the elder people. Nathan H. Hall is superintendent over the Congregational church Sunday school and J. Kellogg Hall is the choir director. At the Baptist church Charles C. Zabreiko is superintendent over the Sunday school and Rev. N. B. Frindle is choir director. Programmes of unusual excellence have been arranged.

Connecticut Patents.

The list of patents granted by the United States patent office to citizens of Connecticut and recorded in the official Gazette dated December 20, 1910, and furnished by F. H. Allen, follows:

Daniel Anthony, Greenwich, shunter for fire shield; Frederick C. Blanchard, Bridgeport, gauge; Morris E. Clark, Plainville, expanded metal manufacture; John R. Dean, Hartford, baseball bat; William F. Custer, East Lyme, method of and apparatus for making gas; Stephen S. Hall, Portland, self-locking automatic stop for governors; Edwin F. Hubber, South Norwalk, refrigerator; Henry B. Lee, Hartford, steam turbine; James H. MacDonald, New Haven, catch basin cover; John McKelvie, Danbury, gun barrel with vise attachment; Barney Murphy, Milford, combined door check and spring; Louis Neap, Hartford, operating machine; John R. Peterson, Hartford, snap switch handle attachment; Clarence D. Platt, Bridgeport, moulding receptacle; Ernest Price, East Norwich, sprayer; George H. Reynolds, Mansfield Depot, compressor; Charles F. Smith, Bridgeport, tag setting machine; Anton E. H. Schoeden, New Haven, driving mechanism; Henry G. Volght, New Britain, key holder for locks (2); Dennis T. Walsh, Ansonia, back-up brake for vehicles.

Bridge District School.

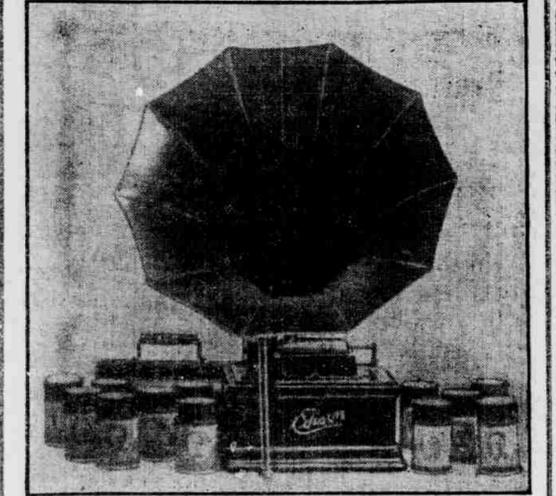
In charge of the entertainment given Thursday afternoon at Room 3 of the Bridge district school were Misses Brunelle, Fuller and Dierman, and the programme was successfully carried out. It was a dialogue given by the pupils of three lower rooms entitled "The Christmas Secret." There was a dimly lighted fireplace and the scene was representative of Christmas eve. There was speaking and singing by several of the pupils, but the chief roles were assumed as follows: Santa Claus, Vincent Whipple; Christmas Fairies, Virginia Seabrook; the Little Girl, Mildred Whipple.

Make It Unanimous.

A member of the Kansas legislature wants to abolish the Missouri. Others would be willing, doubtless, to go still farther and abolish assessments and taxes altogether.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Chilian government maintains 21 lighthouses along the coast and in the straits of Magellan at an annual cost of \$38,731 United States gold.

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Brown Boy to Face Trial. Jonathan Charles Brown, aged 26, of New London, must face a justice in South Windsor Saturday night, to answer to a complaint which charges him with setting fire last month to a garage in that town belonging to John E. Lathrop. The commission has reported that the boy is not insane, which means that he will have to appear in court. Had the commission found him to be of unsound mind the criminal prosecution would have been dropped and Brown would have been committed to some institution for the insane.

Brown is now an inmate of Mr. Lathrop's home, and Mr. Lathrop is on a bond of \$800 that Brown will appear in court Saturday night.

DIED DERBYSHIRE—In this city, Dec. 22, Mary Derbyshire, aged 85 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

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