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Greatly excited over the failure of the police to find Michael A. Rofrano, former deputy street cleaning commissioner of New York city, under indictment as alleged procurer of the murder of Michael Gluski, the city administrator of New York decided to place a price on Rofrano's head. The Rofrano case has stirred New York political circles to its depths. It is charged that Rofrano was behind a plot to kill former Sheriff Tom Folsy and Congressman Riordan, both prominent members of Tammany Hall. Rofrano, who is quite wealthy, wanted to go to Congress himself. If Rofrano is caught starting developments are promised at his trial.

It is announced that Germany now has representatives in this country seeking a large loan from financiers. Unquestionably she will get all she asks for. Cold cash is absolutely neutral. But where does her coming leave those agitators of excessively pro-German temperament who so vehemently protest against loans to the Allies—Bristol Press.



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DANIELSON AND PUTNAM NEWS

DANIELSON
Gr. George M. Burroughs Recovering After Surgical Operation—Death of Miss Grace L. Filer—Fire Damages Cohen Bakery—Rumored Sale of Mill.

President F. W. Sykes of the Connecticut College for Women speaks at the high school Friday evening. The meeting is public.

Miss Mary Wheatley has returned from a visit of a few days in Boston. George A. Richmond of Providence was a visitor with friends here Wednesday.

The county commissioners were at the jail in Brooklyn on official business and afterwards visited the fair Wednesday.

Exhibit at Fair.
Through its local division, the S. N. E. T. company is making a special exhibit in the woman's department building at the Brooklyn fair.

Training 40 Police Dogs.
Henry I. Bear has 40 police dogs in training at the Fallside kennels near East Killingly.

Miss Mildred V. Benedict of Worcester visited friends in Danielson on Wednesday.

Judge W. F. Woodward presided at a session of the town court Wednesday morning, a man being fined for intoxication.

Undergoes Operation.
Dr. George M. Burroughs was operated upon at the New England Baptist hospital, Boston, where he has been receiving treatment for two weeks. The operation was a success and advices are that his condition is favorable.

A twin boiler heating system is to be installed in the state armory. The work of changing the heating plant is to begin at once.

H. H. Starkweather and Ray W. Pellet were among the Danielson men who had special exhibits at the Brooklyn fair Wednesday.

Quarter to the Fair Ground.
Twenty-five cents was the rate made for carrying passengers from Danielson to the fair at Brooklyn Wednesday, and more than a score of machines joined in harvesting the quarters. To the credit of the drivers it may be said, there was very little reckless driving.

Schools in Danielson were closed during Wednesday to allow the pupils to attend the fair at Brooklyn, an opportunity that was embraced by a great majority of them.

Street improvement work that is now under way, when completed, develop some draining problems that will require attention to be made toward the past summer may mean flooded cellars.

Frosts were reported from various sections in Killingly Wednesday morning, although in the borough there were many places that were untouched.

OBITUARY.

Miss Grace L. Filer, 25, who died in a hospital at Portsmouth, N. H., following a surgical operation, was formerly a resident of Attawaugan and was a graduate of Putnam High school. She was an exceptionally brilliant young woman, a teacher by inclination and profession, and had won special honors. Her untimely death is a source of sorrow for many friends in this town and towns nearabouts.

A special effort will be made during the next two days to impress those who are in the city with the fact that it is really their duty to be present next Saturday when the selectmen meet to examine the qualifications of those who wish to be admitted to the electorate.

Politicians Hustling.

The candidates for selectmen in Killingly are not making many predictions as to their chances of election as week from Monday, but they are a very busy group, nevertheless, and are "feeling" their friends as regularly as said friends can be found. The canvass follows the line of personal interviews and candidates and close friends are working hard. A few votes admittedly will mean defeat for one or another of the candidates, for it is generally conceded that the totals of the candidates are going to be close.

Fire in Bakery Building.

The fire department was called out Wednesday morning on an alarm for a blaze in the Cohen bakery building south of Franklin street, near the railroad and on the Polier property. The fire had gained considerable headway before the department could reach the scene, and the interior of the building was considerably damaged. The loss by the fire will be severely felt by the proprietor. The building will be repaired at once and business resumed.

Will Speak in Town Meeting.

It is understood that some citizens are making a careful study of reports with a view to talking in town meeting on the subject of putting Killingly on a basis of doing business under which it will have enough revenue to meet its current expenses and prevent a further increase in debt. What methods will be suggested in addition to those previously mentioned remains to be seen. The meeting promises to be an interesting one.

RUMORED MILL PURCHASE

By Prominent Cotton Manufacturer—Large Addition Predicted.

Rumors persist that negotiations are going on for the purchase of one of the important mills in Killingly by a well known cotton manufacturer who has done much for textile centers in eastern Connecticut. There is also a story that a large addition, is to be built to another mill that is developing a very prosperous business. These stories listen well, whether they forecast prompt industrial expansion here or not, but there seems to be a feeling in usually well informed quarters that the whispermongers are not far wrong.

It is known that an offer was made some time since for one of the mills of the town by a well known manufacturer and it is also well known that another concern has been talking expansion for a year past. Certain conditions, however, and certain circumstances that must be given the most careful consideration before the great amount of money that would be involved in making the changes and improvements have up to the present time delayed the making of any public announcement about intended plans, although privately what these plans are have been disclosed to a number of persons here. Killingly may as well be cheerful. Its industries are doing very well now, and better things may be just ahead.

Mohr-Gartland Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Mohr announced the engagement Tuesday of their daughter, Grace Ernestine, of Bridgeport, to Francis Edward Gartland of Bridgeport, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Gartland, of Danielson.

Winkelman-Tilton Marriage.

Miss Isabel O. Tilton of Portland, business here, were married Monday night at the Park street Congregational church, Boston, by Rev. C. V. Conrad. They are now at their home on Cottage street, Danielson.

PUTNAM
City Appropriates \$11,890 for Street Improvements—Motion for Non-Suit Granted in Eastford \$45,000 Damage Suit—Boy Scouts to Compete for Cup at Pomfret.

Putnam has appropriated \$11,890 for the improvement of its streets. Mayor Macdonald has consistently urged improvements during his several terms of office, believing good roads for ingress and egress in conjunction with good city streets to be among the best assets that any city can have. The work to be done covers a wide field in various parts of the city, and already the improvements have begun. At the present time two gangs of men are at work, one on Union street in the business section and the other on Smith street. It is expected that the whole work will be completed before cold weather sets in and that when finished the streets will be in the best condition they ever were in.

Seven New Cottages.

A local firm is rushing the construction of seven cottages on Sunny-side Heights for the Eclipse Manufacturing company, to be occupied by families of their employees. This is the most important building project that has been undertaken in some time. Other building now going on includes the erection of a rectory for St. Mary's church and a business block at the corner of Church and Providence streets.

Has Reached New Brunswick.

Friends of Landlord E. C. Rogers of the Putnam Inn have received word that he has reached the wilds of New Brunswick, where he recently went on his annual hunting trip.

Mrs. Emma Taft of Uxbridge, Mass., is the guest of the Misses Ellen and Mary Wheelock of Church street.

NON-SUIT MOTION GRANTED

In Case of Eastford Man Injured in Driving Accident.

The case of Joseph Keeley vs. the town of Eastford was tried to a jury in the superior court Wednesday. The plaintiff claimed that the town was negligent in that a road roller was left standing in the highway near a bridge in Phoenixville, in the town of Eastford, and that a horse of a man with whom the plaintiff was riding was frightened thereby, and that the horse of the plaintiff was killed and that the loss of an ear and other injuries resulted. Fifteen thousand dollars damages were claimed. On cross examination of the driver of the horse admitted that he passed the roller in the morning and that his horse became frightened and that he got out and led it by the obstructed wire fence and that on his return he might have gone by a different route and that he took a chance, thinking that the horse on the homeward trip would find the roller without difficulty. The plaintiff rested just before the non recess and the defendant's counsel moved for a non-suit, and the arguments on the motion lasted until 4 o'clock.

It was claimed by the defendant that the plaintiff had not made out a prima facie case. That he knew the danger and took a chance and that it was not the duty of the town of Eastford to remove the roller, as the road was a state trunk line and wholly under the control of the state. In granting the non-suit the court stated that it was highly impressed at the close of the plaintiff's case that he knew the danger in the essential element, that plaintiff was in the exercise of due care. Judge Partridge said he was clearly of the opinion that the driver of the horse had rushed into danger with his eyes open to the consequences, as his knowledge of the situation in the morning was a "powerful warning." In regard to the other point claimed by the defendant's counsel, that the road was a trunk line and under the control of the state, the plaintiff failed to allege and show on the town was bound to keep it in repair. The motion was granted.

Rev. Mr. Partridge Leaves Portsmouth

A recent issue of a Boston paper had the following relative to Rev. Wells M. Partridge. Mr. Partridge is a graduate of the Putnam High school and is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Morse of Grove street.

Rev. W. M. Partridge, rector in charge of St. John's Episcopal church, Portsmouth, N. H., for the past six months, has concluded his duties and returned to his home in Wollaston. Since coming to St. John's, Mr. Partridge has labored untiringly for the good of the parish and his work for men at the naval prison and the detention ship Southern resulted in his administering the rite of baptism to many in the service. It is not known whether he will return to St. John's as the permanent rector, but it is the wish of the parishioners that he do so.

Buy 80 Acres of Land.

Harriet E. Keach has purchased a large tract of land near the Little river from the George M. Morse estate. The tract comprises 80 acres and was one of the largest pieces of real estate owned in Putnam aside from some of the holdings of the mills.

Leverett E. Weeks has bought the Richard Carter place on Lyon street, consisting of a house, barn and out-buildings.

George A. Vaughan, agent of the Putnam Manufacturing company, is to close his house in Thompson and move to Providence for the winter.

BOY SCOUTS

To Compete With Pomfret Scouts for Athletic Cup.

On Friday the Boy Scouts of Putnam will go to Pomfret to compete with the boys of the Neighborhood association for a cup offered by the town.

This year will give one side or other a decided advantage. The cup will be the permanent property of the town that wins three times. Boys who have reached their 16th birthday, and not their 15th, may compete as seniors; those not 16, as juniors.

The events are as follows for each division: 100 yard dash, potato race, high jump, broad jump, shot put. The tug of war is held in one class only. The games begin at 2 p. m. Contestants will meet on the square at 1.15 o'clock. It is expected that all will be secured to carry all actual competitors.

Plans for this meet occupied the scoutmasters at a meeting held Tuesday evening. It was also determined to hold a number of rallies in the next few months. The next will be a "dog" party. Troop 1 is in charge of the arrangements. Each boy will bring sausage, and rolls and mustard will be furnished at the fire. Later all will move to a proper place for the ceremonial campfire and council. The date is Tuesday, Sept. 28.

The schedule is as follows: Sept. 28—Dog roast; meet 6.30; Wilkinson park; Troop 1 in charge of arrangements. Oct. 13, Wednesday—Scoutmasters' meeting. Oct. 23, Saturday—Corn pop; meet 6.30; monument; Troop 4 in charge of arrangements. Nov. 10, Wednesday—Scoutmasters' meeting. Nov. 26, Friday—Rally; 7.30. High

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school gymnasium (if obtainable); Troop 5 provides programme. Dec. 8, Wednesday—Scoutmasters' meeting.

Dec. 15, Wednesday—Rally; 7.30; high school gymnasium (if obtainable); Troop 2 provides programme. The meeting on Tuesday brought out all the men actively engaged with the boys; Scoutmasters McAndrew, Meinken, Coldwell and Danielson; Assistant Scoutmaster Kennedy, and Commissioner Harriman.

Returns to Pittsburgh. Mrs. Charles Wilder, who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Crane, has returned to her home in Pittsburgh, Pa., where Mr. Wilder is headmaster of a private school for boys.

RUSSIA'S NEW RAILROAD ROUTE INTO PERSIA.

Built Through Southern Trans-Caucasia and of Considerable Strategic Value.

(Special to The Bulletin.) Washington, D. C., Sept. 22.—In view of the unrest all along the Russo-Persian border, which, according to press despatches, has grown more intense with each passing month of the war, a sketch of Russia's new route, a railway route into Persia, takes on considerable timely interest. The new line, planned and constructed just previous to the war, which Russia's interest reached out beyond southern Transcaucasia into the northern parts of the weakening and widely-governed territories of the Shah, is described in a bulletin just issued by the National Geographic Society. As roads in Transcaucasia are built upon the Spanish principle of keeping people out of them, this line of track has a most important bearing upon the maintenance of order at the boundary. The bulletin reads:

"There are two routes from Europe to Teheran. One through Russia to Baku, the oil city on the Caspian, thence by steamer to Rehd; and, secondly, by road to the Persian capital, a road built and kept up by Russia. This route is the older route. The second way, made possible by railway construction through southern Transcaucasia which, today, has considerable strategic value, is the product of recent Russian labor. The travel route sets out from Tiflis, the capital of the Caucasus, takes a zig-zag south over Alexandropol and Erivan, thence to Nakhichevan, the first city founded by Noah after abandoning the Ark upon neighboring Ararat, and, where the Armenian plain narrows, he passes the international boundary at Djulfa. From here, the traveler goes by another route, to Tabriz.

"Conditions of travel upon the Nakhichevan railway are very discouraging to people inexperienced in Russian traveling lines. The trains seldom arrive or leave anywhere according to schedule, and their progress is deliberate in the extreme. The way lies through a country intensely hilly during a great part of the year, and the cars on the line are constructed after the most advantageous manner for catching and retaining as much heat as possible. Moreover, the fares are cheap and the way is patronized heavily by swarms of Asiatic, malarious and noisy.

The train, in progress, had a way of leaving important stations between three and six o'clock in the morning. The way-side stations were miserable shanties, where wildest confusion reigned. Buying tickets at the offices, meant the business of a free-for-all fight in the midst of a jostling crew of excited Orientals. Moreover, one must go with the crowd on this line to the Persian border, because no first-class carriages are operated thereon. Among other drawbacks, one soon has the knowledge forced upon him that his fellow passengers are venal.

"The cars are dirty. They are old, uncomfortable and ill-ventilated. The seats are narrow and covered with white canvas, the covering usually turned brown and yellow with accumulations of evidence from the hands and clothing of the railway's patrons. The third-class cars resemble the American box-car, only they are much smaller. Both the second-class and the third-class cars are generally packed as tightly as space will permit.

"Much of the scenery along the way is very beautiful. The way through the Araxes valley, wide at first and farther on, narrowing between ridging mountains, lies, in the beginning, through an inviting country of vineyard and orchard. Farther toward the Persian border, the country becomes desolate. Stations are few, and for the most part, are mere wooden sheds of disreputable construction. Tartar and Persian throngs lounge before them to see the occasional trains pass. At all stations, one sees the free-lancing Cossacks and blue-clothed Russian police. At each station, the train of peace-time stopped at least a half an hour, and often longer. From Buhkhanis, the interior end of this last lap of the border railway, to Djulfa is a distance of about 145 miles. In case of difficulties in her district along the Persian boundary, Russia could throw protecting forces into that region in short order over her recent railway."

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Middletown.—A movement is on foot to consolidate South Farms with the city, the same originating in what is known as the Miller's Farms school district, embodying as it does South Farms proper.

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