CITY AND VICINITY.

Tuesday, March 30.

LABOR-LEADERS WILL APPEAR FOR LIABILITY ACT

After cleaning its slate of a number of matters that were handed down to the executive board of the Connecticut Federation of Labor, the board yesterday wound up a series of meetings that had been held in New Haven during the last week. The meetings were held in the Tontine hotel and were attended by Charles F. Donahue, president of the State Federation of Labor; John J. O'Neill of this city; J. B. Connolly of Danbury and Joseph Reilly and Frank H. Early of New Haven. The matters that come down to the board from the state federation pertain to routine affairs aid it is necessary every year to hold just such a series of meetings as was terminated yesterday.

Mr. Donahue said last night that labor matters in general were discussed at the meetings but that no action regarding bills now pending at Hartford was taken, all such action being left to the legislative committee of the federation.

Mr. Donahue in discussing labor matters last night said that there probably would be a large delegation go up from this city to Hartford Friday, on the hearing on the employers' liability law and that he would be one of those to appear for the bill. Local labor councils all over the state will send delegations to this hearing, which probably will be one of the liveliest of the present session. Regarding the public utilities bills, Mr. Donahue was silent, declining to give his opinion as to the stand of labor on the question.

Mr. Donahue is on the commission which drafted an employers' liability law and is greatly interested in legislation affecting that subject.

GIRL OF 17 YEARS SUICIDES WITH CARBOLIC ACID

May Dempsey, 17 years old, took carbolic acid with suicidal intent, this noon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Dempsey, 451 Poplar street. The emergency ambulance was called and Dr. Krause administered antidotes. Then the girl was rushed to St. Vincent's hospital where she was scarcely breathing at 3 o'clock. No cause was assigned for the rash act by her relatives.

Everyone about the house was too excited to give information and the mother was frantic with grief.

The case was one which called for quick and strenuous action and the efforts of the surgeon were severely criticized by the excited people who had gathered out of curiosity.

THINK ROOSEVELT YET PRESIDENT

William H. Lewis, the former Harvard football star, but now assistant United States District Attorney, was in the civil Superior court this morning and acted in a number of petitions for naturalization. Nine applicants were granted papers. One applicant, when asked who was President, replied "Roosevelt."

Mr. Lewis asked Ignacz Mitrousky who was the head of his government, referring to the Austrian empire. He replied "Emperor Francis Joseif." When asked who was head of this government, his answer was "Roosevelt." Another applicant was so frightened that he could not tell his name.

The following were given their papers: John Abromaytis, 422 Spruce street; George Juhasz, 716 Pembroke street; Thomas Hannigan, 313 Howard avenue, and Joseph Silberman, 991 Hancock avenue, this city; Leonardo Matteto, Berger August Johansen and Henry Connor of Stamford; William Gough of Greenwich; and Joachin Lichtinger of Norwalk.

DR. A. B. GORHAM DIES IN WILTON

Dr. Andrew Bennett Gorham died at his home in Wilton last night after a short illness. Deceased was one of the best known physicians in the county. He was 58 years of age. He was born in Weston, the son of George Morgan Gorham and Angeline Bulkley, his wife. He came from a long line of creditable ancestry. He was the grandson of Isaac Gorham III and the grandnephew of the late Dr. Ezra Piatt Bennett of Danbury. He graduated from the Yale Medical School and began practice in Wilton about 30 years ago.

His cousin, the late Dr. Hanford N. Bennett, practiced medicine in this city 30 years ago, having an office in Fairfield avenue on a site now occupied by the Bennett building. His widow, Deborah Hill Gorham, and one brother, Dr. Frank Gorham, of Weston, survive. Deceased leaves a large circle of friends gained by his judgment as a physician and his almost womanly tenderness in caring for his patients. The funeral will take place from his late residence, Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

COLE SUES FOR VALUE OF PLANT

Charles M. Cole, formerly manager of the Cole's Electric Express Co., of this city through his attorneys, Beers & Foster, has brought civil action against the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., to recover the value of property that the Connecticut Co., took from him. In the complaint of Cole, filed yesterday, he claims that prior to June 2, 1903, he entered into a contract with the Bridgeport Traction Co., to carry on an express business over their lines. He spent large sums of money. On June 25, 1903, the Connecticut Railway & Lighting Co., took over the business of the Traction Co., and in July of the same year Cole entered into a new contract with the new company. In the new contract the Railway Co., reserved the right to terminate the contract at the end of five years, in which event it was agreed that they should pay the plaintiff the value of his property engaged in the business.

At a later date the Consolidated road acquired the property of the C. R. & L. Co., and assumed all its obligations. At the expiration of the contract, the defendant company took over the property of the plaintiff, both real and personal. A disagreement arose as to the valuation of the property. Waldo C. Bryant was agreed upon as an arbitrator. It is alleged that the company prevented Mr. Bryant from valuing the property at its true value, they insisting that he value it as separate and individual items, and without connection with the express business. The valuation of the plaintiff is $75,000; of the defendant $8,724.65 and of the arbitrator $11,261.15.

PROPOSED STEAMSHIP MERGER AFFECTING LOCAL COMPANIES

H. H. Rogers of the Standard Oil Co., and the Central Vermont railroad, current reports have it, are going into the water freight transportation business on a gigantic scale and are going to give the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad and the New England Navigation Co. a battle in territory which they have practically controlled for several years. The business is going to be, it is claimed, a branching out of the business of the Bridgeport & New York Transportation line, which is backed by H. H. Rogers, and a consolidation of 12 other lines along Long Island Sound.

According to this story, the Bridgeport line of boats to New York, the boat route from Bridgeport to Port Jefferson, the New Haven line landing at the City wharf here, the New London line of steamers now directed by the Central Vermont in the interest of the Grand Trunk, a Providence line of boats, a line of shallow draft boats up the Housatonic river to Derby, Shelton and Ansonia, and a Hudson river line of steamers are to be merged into one proposition—a community of interests to cover freighting, and later on passenger traffic, from all prominent shore points along the Sound.

This possibility, it is said, is causing the New Haven road managers to sit up and take notice.

Just what the details of the plan are have not yet fully materialized. It is known, however, that men, believed to be in the employ of the New England Navigation Co. have been here for weeks, inspecting the loading and unloading of the New York business of the Bridgeport steamers of the line, indicating that there is some anxiety on the part of outside interests to keep track of the work of the new competition.

They are also taking cognizance, it is said, of the fact that the Bridgeport and New York Transportation line is considering the introduction of boats up the Housatonic river to Derby, as indicated above, to act as feeders for the new combination either at New Haven or Bridgeport; that the freight service of the concern at New Haven will be added to quickly by the putting on of two New York propellers of 1,000 tons burden to make daily trips from each end of the route; that the John H. Starin line to that port will be absorbed by the new concern.

It is calculated that the undertaking marks the beginning of a competition in Sound freighting more important than has ever been known before, as it will be a line which will be fed by trolley freights along the Shore Line section in eastern Connecticut, and in Rhode Island. The suggestion is made plausible by the fact that Morton F. Plant, the eastern Connecticut millionaire, who is largely interested in New England trolleys is also a firm believer in steamboat transportation.

And back of this comes another story. If the Vermont Central railroad is behind this move, as is commonly believed, it is a well known fact that the Grand Trunk is its backer. For years the only outlet which the Grand Trunk has had to the Sound is via the C. V., by the way of Brattleboro, Willimantic and New London. At New London the Central Vermont has built the finest ocean pier in this state. It was calculated entirely for the reception and shipping of the heaviest of steamship cargoes and that freight trains are running night and day from New London to carry freight in shipment from New York city via its steamers to the Grand Trunk, and thus forward it to the west. This round about line has always been a thorn in the side of the New Haven road managers who now make a liberal rate themselves on western bound business, but the New Haven has never been able to get hold of the little and old fashioned line of rails which the Grand Trunk has control of down to New London and which is said to be about the only railroad in this state which the New Haven does not own.

The competition of the Grand Trunk in connection with its western business is said to be a thing zealously watched by the New Haven road people.

John F. Grandfield, local agent of the Bridgeport & New York Transportation Line, was seen at his office at the foot of Pembroke street, this morning. He said that he was aware that the big combine was under way, but that the including of the Starin line in the proposition was news to him. He said he had received notice from the New York offices of the company that a larger boat would be placed on the Bridgeport line next month, to take the place of the Conohoe which was doing more work than it was intended she should do.

Arrangements have been made for the enlarging of the company's pier here and the erection of a larger shed and freight house.

As for the local business, Mr. Grandfield said his company was bringing more freight from New York to this city than the other company, but the loads from this city were much lighter. The merchants, he said, were giving the company splendid support, but that many manufacturers being obligated to the railroad company because of sidetracks, continue to send all of their freight to New York by the New England Navigation Co.'s lines. The sidetracks and the failure of other steamboat lines to hold on in recent years have also caused merchants to hesitate before removing their patronage from the company. Mr. Grandfield is quite elated over the future prospects of his company. The Stratford Oyster Co., which rented a portion of the line's pier, have vacated during the past week to make room for the proposed improvements.

MRS. COLLIN TAKES CARBOLIC ACID

While suffering from a fit of despondency, Mrs. Helen Collins, wife of Patrick Collins, 86 Clinton avenue, took a dose of carbolic acid, yesterday afternoon, sank into unconsciousness and died several hours later, at St. Vincent's hospital. It is believed by her family physician and her friends that Mrs. Collins was of unsound mind at the time she took the poison, as she has been unwell for some time and was besides in a delicate condition. When she took the acid Mrs. Collins was alone in the house. Late in the afternoon some girls who came to visit her, found her in her room with the curtains drawn, but did not disturb her. Mr. Collins, who works in the plant of the Graphophone Co., returned to his home at 5:30 o'clock and was horrified to discover his wife dying.

Drs. Frank Quinn and Thomas F. Healey were called. They worked over Mrs. Collins for some time, but she did not regain consciousness. The emergency ambulance was called and the patient removed to St. Vincent's hospital, where she died about twenty minutes after her arrival, although every means was used to save her. Mrs. Collins was 26 years of age. She leaves a two year old baby. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. John Regan of this city, and Mrs. Healey of Brooklyn.

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DAVID PELL SECOR DIES OF PNEUMONIA

David Pell Secor died at the Bridgeport Hospital, last night, at 9:05. He had been ill with pneumonia for two weeks. He was born in Brooklyn, Sept. 26, 1824, and had lived an eventful career. He was a member of an old Huguenot family. His mother was a Pell, a member of the family which once owned most of Pelham Manor, N. Y. In his youth Mr. Secor was employed in the office of S. B. Morse, where the first telegraph was put together. He was a judge of art objects in many great expositions and was himself a pen and ink artist of unusual talent.

He was concerned in persuading the late James W. Beardsley to will Beardsley Park to this city, and was one of the founders of the first home for aged couples established in the United States. He was a friend of the late P. T. Barnum, and afterwards curator of the Bridgeport Scientific Society. He came to this city with his nephew many years ago to establish the Secor Sewing Machine Company, which failed.

IN HUNDREDTH YEAR MRS. RYBURN DIES

Mrs. Margaret Ryburn, widow of the late William Ryburn and mother of John J. and William H. Ryburn, died at her home at 85 Frank street, yesterday afternoon. The deceased was in her 100th year and was probably the oldest woman resident of the city, being one of the first five settlers in the city.

About five weeks ago she fell down a flight of stairs, fracturing her hip, which hastened here death. In the opinion of her physician, Dr. Thomas F. Martin she would have celebrated many more birthdays had not the accident occurred. The deceased was born in Ireland in 1809 and came to this country when quite young, settling in the south. About sixty years ago she and her husband came to this city and settled in the North End. The deceased lived and died under the same roof which sheltered her the first day of her life in this city. Mr. Ryburn at first engaged as an expert cabinet maker, but later went into the grocery business with his wife in Frank street, which after Mr. Ryburn's death in 1877 was conducted by their son John, who has since gone into the real estate and fire insurance business. Mrs. Ryburn was always a woman of sound judgment and good common sense, of good living, eating sparingly and well. Besides leaving two sons she is survived by fourteen grandchildren, five the children of John J., seven the children of William H., Miss Rose Clampitt and Miss Minnie Desmond, children of her deceased daughters. Besides these she has seven great grandchildren.

Thursday, April 1.

DIED SEEKING RELIEF FROM TOOTH ACHE

Charles J. Ketcham, Republican member of the Board of appraisal, and former business partner of Mayor Lee died yesterday afternoon, from the affects of chloroform administered for the purpose of extracting some teeth which were aggravating him. He had been in very poor health for the past two weeks and had lost considerable flesh in that time. His nerves were in an aggravated state and the aching molars bothered him greatly. He thought if he could get rid of the teeth he would be able to get rest and recuperate. He left his home, 792 Lafayette street for the purpose of having the teeth extracted. Going to the office of Dr. Carroll B. Adams, 425 State street he made a request that the dentist administer an anesthetic as he did not believe he was strong enough to stand the operation without it.

Dr. Adams stated that he never administered anything but gas and he advised Mr. Ketcham that he always preferred to have the anesthetic administered by the physician of the patient. Dr. W. C. Bowers, whose office is a short distance away, was telephoned for, and as he was the Ketcham family doctor, it was decided to call him in. He responded and he agreed to administer a very small dose of chloroform. Mr. Ketcham took a few inhalations of the stuff when he turned pale and his heart stopped. The doctors lifted him from the chair where he was sitting to a couch, where they worked over him for a half hour, trying every means of artificial respiration known. But the heart refused to respond.

The news of Mr. Ketcham's death was a great shock to his many friends. Although he had suffered a hemorrhage about a week ago, the general report among his friends was that he was improved in his condition and was going to get better.

The deceased was a hail fellow, well met, and was best known for his loyalty to his friends. Mayor Lee, who was grieved to hear the news of the death of his former partner, said this morning: "He was of the most loyal of men."

The deceased was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., 51 years ago. He came to Bridgeport when a boy and one of his first acquaintances was Henry Lee. The grocery firm of Lee & Ketcham was organized in 1882, first doing business at East Main street and Crescent avenue. Three years later the firm moved to the Atlantic Hotel building in Fairfield avenue, where it remained until 1899, Mayor Lee having withdrawn in 1895, and Mr. Ketcham conducting it for a few years longer.

Mr. Ketcham was a Republican in politics and an active worker for Republican success. Besides serving on the Board of Appraisal he had been a member of the Board of Relief in past years. Since his retirement from the grocery business he had been engaged in the insurance and real estate business. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and the Masonic fraternity. He is survived by his wife and one son, Charles J. Ketcham, Jr.

PROF. SANFORD HAS SECOND ATTACK OF PNEUMONIA

Word was received here last Sunday by that Prof. Samuel S. Sanford had again been stricken with pneumonia, the attack coming after his return to his New York residence from the South. He barely survived an illness from the same disease last winter and had a slow convalescence during a prolonged stay in North Carolina. His son Hal hurried to New York from Florida upon the news of Prof. Sanford's illness.

TROUT SEASON OPENS TODAY

The trout season opens to-day!

With many a lingering thought in his mind has the fisherman for some time past awaited this welcome caption, and it is certain that nothing short of a deluge of rain and the other elements of nature will prevent one of the biggest exoduses of the "knights of the rod and reel" from shaking off the cares of their abode and "beating" it to the banks of the rivulets and streams so abundant in the vicinity of Bridgeport.

This has not been a severe winter and there is no snow on the ground, even in remote country districts so that the brooks will "open up" early this spring, according to opinions and signs for good or bad outlooks in the fishing arena.

If the weather remains cold at the opening of the season it is doubtful if very many of the speckled beauties can be tempted to rise for a fly, but if the weather is warm and the water warms up a bit, trout will approach nearer the surface. This is what experts of the rod say, and they ought to know.

Local dealers in fishing rods, reels, hooks and lines say that there have been many inquiries about fishing paraphernalia during the past week.

WOMEN WILL FIGHT PAYNE TARIFF BILL

Federation to Take up Cudgel Against Taxes upon Gloves, Hats, Etc.

Washington, March 31.—A concerted movement by the women of America against those provisions of the Payne bill that particularly affect women and the home, is predicted by Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, local representative of the American Federation of Women's Clubs. There will be a meeting tomorrow at San Antonio, Texas, of the executive council of the Federation at which Mrs. Mussey expects the crusade will be formally started.

"I rather expect that I shall be directed to take charge of the campaign in Washington," said Mrs. Mussey today. "The time has arrived when men cannot thus discriminate against our sex. Gloves, hats, hosiery, laces, perfumes, toilet articles, even the toys for children and the every-day things that go upon the table all are subject to increased duty, while beer, whiskey and commodities of this character—luxuries if you want to call them such—are decreased.

"As for myself, I favor an inheritance tax as one means of increasing the revenue rather than a tax upon women and children who are defenceless. Let the people who are able to pay stand their share."

Mrs. Mussey, besides being prominent in the women's club movement, is a member of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia and Dean of the Washington College of Law. Similar sentiments were expressed today by Mrs. J. M. Bradley, manager of the Washington headquarters of the National American Woman's Suffrage Association.

F. MARION CRAWFORD IS DANGEROUSLY ILL

Sorrento, Italy, April 1.—F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, is lying at the point of death, due to the development of an acute influenza into a congestion of the lungs. Physicians are in consultation. The last bulletin issued stated that the novelist was barely alive.

REDDING NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST TO OUR READERS

Redding, April 1.—If Mark Twain fails to carry out his announcement made last fall that this year he was going to get into closer fellowship with the farmers of Redding by raising some sort of a crop, he cannot plead lack of land as an excuse. At the time he owned upwards of 200 acres and this he has increased lately by the purchase from Stephen Carmina of the former Frank Lee farm near Georgetown which gives him 125 acres more. This property adjoins his former holdings and its acquisition will enable him to carry out a previously formed design of building a road from the vicinity of his residence southerly to the highway leading into Georgetown from the east. The price paid for the property is not stated but is believed to be $6,000 or more. The house on the place is an excellent one, needing only some interior repairs to put it into first class shape. The supposition is that before the summer is over it will be occupied by some of the new owner's friends.

At their meeting on Saturday the Selectmen decided to make permanent the "layoff" of Civil Engineer D. C. Sanford which they had decreed temporarily a month before with reference to the job he had undertaken of surveying and mapping the town boundary line. With two helpers he had put in about six weeks on the job at a total cost of about $250. This was more than the original estimate for the whole job and it was rather less than one-quarter done. In addition the portion gone over was already well marked and had been mapped, a fact of which the board was not at first aware. The members will probably perambulate the rest of the line themselves, securing the aid of a surveyor only in case that it should be found necessary.

John Todd died Wednesday morning after an illness of about ten days from pneumonia. He had passed the acute stage of the disease but lacked strength to rally and heart failure ensued. The deceased was not quite 80 years of age. In his younger days he taught school and worked at farming. Subsequently he established a lime kiln and followed this business until about ten years ago when, having accumulated a fortune, he sold out to the New England Lime Co. His estate is estimated at from a quarter to half a million dollars and will go virtually in its entirity, it is thought, to Arthur J. Todd, his son by adoption. The deceased was twice married, but had no children of his own. Last year he and his second wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Charles Burr Todd, the author, is a nephew and there are also two nieces surviving. Mr. Todd was close in his business dealings and thrifty and economical in his ways, but was known to all his acquaintances as a man of strict honesty and uprightness of character. To the Methodist church he was a liberal contributor. In the nineties he served one term in the Legislature and was for several years a member of the Putnam Park Commission.

Redding Grange will have an open meeting at their hall on the Ridge on Wednesday evening, April 7, at 8:30. The principal speaker will be Prof. Cook of Storrs Agricultural College. Some of the officers of the State Grange are also to attend. Grand Master Healey had hoped to be with them but other engagements prevent and he will send a good speaker as a substitute. There is no admission fee for the meeting and the public are cordially invited to attend.

Application has been made to the Probate court for letters of administration on the estate of George Keeler. George W. Wheeler of Bethel being recommended for appointment as administrator. Investigation of the persistent rumor that the deceased had $800 or $900 in a Danbury or a Waterbury savings bank shows that it is without foundation in fact.

The grumbling over the poor quality of the local telephone service is about to take formal shape in a protest and petition to the company at its main office in New Haven. The document will lay stress on the fact that the lines have too many subscribers on each to make prompt and satisfactory service possible. Of course the only remedy for this is the stringing of more wires. Another grievance is the frequency with which the lines get out of order and the tardy and inefficient way in which repairs are made. The company promised more wires last year, but have done nothing in this direction. The attitude of the Danbury Central would seem to be expressed by one of their representatives the other day who told a local subscriber that more wires meant more outlay, and the Southern New England Telephone Co. was not in business for its health.

The statement last week that Richard Emslie had settled his $5,000 suit against the Danbury & Bethel trolley company for $1,000 was an error. He authorized his counsel to settle and supposed that he had done so, but the attorney decided the plaintiff would fare better by letting a jury fix the damages. The case was being heard in Danbury this week.

John O'Brien, who has been in the employ of Builder Burr since last fall, had a paralytic stroke last Sunday which left one side helpless. He has gone to his home in Bridgeport.

D. R. Warner has been appointed dog agent and Henry Duncan grand juror by the Selectmen. The latter was elected a grand juror last fall but failed to qualify within the specified time.

Last Thursday's heavy rainfall washed the roads badly in places, doing more damage than all the storms of the winter. The Selectmen will try to expedite the work of repairing the worst spots.

Miss North, the New Jersey High school teacher who spent last summer on the Ridge with a party of her girl pupils, was here recently looking for quarters for the present season, but found none available.

Town Treasurer Henry Hill has been laid up with the grip but is getting better.

Dr. Reid has had a John Close house newly roofed and otherwise repaired.

The Ridge store will be formally opened for business by its new proprietor on Tuesday next.

Mrs. Arthur Stowe, who has been away undergoing treatment for nervous troubles, has returned to her home on Sunset Hill in improved health.

MONROE.

Thomas B. Osborne will move back to his own farm next week, after a two years' absence.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rau, Sunday, March 28.

Edward L. Hurd visited his brother, Wilson N. Hurd, Sunday.

Henry J. Lord will put in a pump at his spring to force water to his house and barn. The pump will be worked by a gasoline engine.

A number of changes will take place in Monroe next month.

Mrs. Rev. Henry Habersham spent last Friday with Mrs. Edwin C. Shelton.

Mrs. Habersham, Miss Blondell and Mrs. Benjamin Hurd were appointed by the Ladies' Aid Society to make new by-laws.

Stanton Habersham is enjoying his vacation with his parents.

Mrs. Edwin C. Stevens spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Andrews.

Mrs. Daniel Jones has recently purchased of Frank Cook a cow and yearling which she will add to her drove of cows.

On account of various reasons the fair which was to have been given by the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Peter's, Tuesday, April 13, has been postponed until Wednesday, May 5.

Parties are looking over Gilbert L. Brooks' farm with a view to purchasing the same.

Fairfield County News.

Boy's Arm Cut Off.

While attempting to board a moving freight train at Danbury, Wednesday, Cornelius Scully, the twelve-year-old son of Jeremiah Scully, fell under the wheels and his left arm was so badly mangled that amputation was necessary.

He Had a Gun.

With a business-like revolver waving back and forth in their face, and a desperate criminal fingering the trigger at Stamford early Tuesday night, Theodore W. Smith and Charles Neubauer were forced to stand while the burglar backed away and, vaulting a fence, made good his escape. The burglar was one of two "key workers" who entered Mr. Smith's residence. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were away for a short walk. They returned ere the burglars were well at work and heard the creak of footsteps on a tin roof. Mr. Smith rounded the corner just as one of the burglars leaped off and scaled a fence. Charles Neubauer was going to his barn when Mr. Smith rushed past him. Neubauer followed and when they got near the kitchen door the second burglar leaped off the roof. He stumbled, and the two men were about to jump upon him when he arose and whipped out the revolver. Pointing it at them, he cried: "Keep away from me or I'll let you have it. I mean business." Mr. Smith and Mr. Neubauer were unarmed and they could do nothing but obey. The burglars did not make much of a haul. They took some silver chains, bracelets, earrings, rings and old pieces.

Will Case Settled.

The Mead will case, which has interested Rowayton for some time, was settled agreeably to both sides, Tuesday afternoon. The will of Frederick B. Mead, drawn up three hours before he was married, and about a month before he died, was admitted to probate, and the widow, Mrs. Mayme Tamlin-Mead, was appointed executrix. This will left the entire estate, inventoried at $9,200, to Mrs. Mead, the widow. The contest was made by Samuel Mead, of Rowayton; Henry and Lincoln Mead, of Greenwich, all brothers of the deceased. By the settlement Mrs. Mead relinquishes all right and title she may have in two houses and the store occupied by Samuel Mead. She retains one house in Rowayton, and one in Greenwich, and also $3,000 in the savings banks.

Litchfield County News.

Is Still Missing.

Andrew Puchala, the 60-year-old cripple who mysteriously disappeared from the home of his daughter at Roxbury on March 13, has not returned, neither has any trace been found of him, though the woods for miles around have been searched, the river dragged, and all other means resorted to that might lead to his recovery.

School Teacher Sued.

Miss Adele Murray, a Winsted grammar school teacher, was sued for $1,000 Monday by George E. Bond for whipping his son Elliot. Miss Murray says that the boy brought red pepper into the school room and that she hit him thirteen times on each hand with a leather strap as punishment for doing so. The matter will come before the Superior court.

Fine Herd of Deer.

Thomas L. Shea of Woodbury, while out Friday, noticed a fine heard of twelve cattle grazing on Poplar Hill, and found the "cattle" were a fine herd of deer. About the same time a herd of five were browsing near the reservoir.

Case in Bankruptcy.

Henry H. Warner of Winsted, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. His schedules show that he has liabilities of $3,143.13 and assets of $2,767.40, but of the assets $1,200 represents policies of insurance, which will avail creditors nothing, and household goods of the value of $350, the bankrupt claims to be exempt.

Want an Armory.

A number of Winsted citizens appeared before the committee on Military affairs at Hartford, Wednesday afternoon, to favor the bill appropriating $40,000 for a State armory in Winsted. Captain J. L. Carroll, commanding Company M, First Infantry, which is stationed in Winsted, told of the need for an armory. He spoke of the fact that the skating rink, owned by the Winsted lodge of Odd Fellows, which had been used by the company for drilling purposes at a rental of $500 per annum, had been burned and that the company now rented the old city hall, which was entirely inadequate for the purpose. Captain Carroll claimed that this was the only hall that could be secured in Winsted. He also said that the Odd Fellows were undecided about rebuilding and that their site, which was centrally located, could be secured at a reasonable figure.

Public Bequests.

By the will of the late Miss Panthea M. Hopkins of New Hartford, her beautiful home is to be used as a parsonage for the North Congregational church; she has made provision also for its maintenance by leaving the income of $2,000 for that purpose. The remainder of the estate, valued at about $15,000, goes to her two nephews, George Dyer of Chicago and Thomas Dyer of Springfield, Mass. Samuel Allen of Pine Meadow, whose will is being probated, has also left the North Congregational church of New Hartford the income of $1,000 to be used for the support of the church. In a list of twenty-six bequests he has given $1,000 to the Washington Hill Methodist church at Barkhamsted, $1,000 to the St. John's Episcopal church at Pine Meadow, and $1,000 to the Litchfield County Hospital, Winsted. The estate is valued at about $70,000.

Was a "Trusty."

Harry Johnson, aged 60 years, who is supposed to be a "dope fiend", and who was sent to the Litchfield jail for a year for theft in Canaan, escaped from that institution Saturday morning. He had served about half of his time and as he had been a model prisoner, was considered a "trusty." He was sent out on an errand and took this opportunity to skip out.

Will Not Appeal.

Representative Calvin Humphrey of Colebrook has decided that he will not appeal the ox-whipping cases which were decided against him in the Superior court several weeks ago, and has notified C. G. Aldrich of Boston and D. S. Moore, the plaintiffs, that he will settle in accordance with the judgments given, $75 and costs in each case.

Freshet Carries Dam Away.

High water in Mad River resulting from the storm of Thursday washed away a goodly portion of the New England Pin Company's dam in Winsted. The dam gave away about 3 Friday morning, releasing a large volume of water, but no other damage was done.

Cruelty to Animals.

Louis Letsky of Morris was arrested in Litchfield, Tuesday, for cruelty to animals. He was handling a bob calf in an unmerciful manner when arrested. There has been several complaints made against him of cruelty to the animals which he makes a business of buying and selling.

Frost Bite and Exposure.

William J. Williams, a negro, of Waterbury, was found by some children on the Harwinton fair grounds, Friday, nearly dead from frost bite and exposure. He gave his name and address and said he had a wife and four children. He was taken to Litchfield County Hospital.

Removal of Conservator.

The motion for the removal of the conservator over Dr. W. L. Platt of Torrington, was granted Monday without opposition.

Burglary in Kent.

Kent reports a burglary at the store of C. A. Eaton one night recently, when the change in the cash drawer was stolen, after which the malefactors thoughtlessly went off and lost themselves.

A Glass of Ale

with your dinner will improve the appetite and aid digestion. The best ale to drink is Miles', bottled by M. J. Maloney, 86 Jones avenue, and delivered to any part of the city. Call 2424-6 on the telephone.

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LIVE STOCK MARKET.

New York, April 1.—Ordinary to extra steers sold at $5.12 1-2@$6.90 per 100 lbs.; oxen at $4.75; bulls at $3.25@$5.50; cows at $2.25@$4.90; tailends at $2@$2.20. Dressed beef, 8 1-2@10c.

Common to prime veals sold at $6@$9.75 per 100 lbs.; culls at $5@$5.50; a few choice heavy veals at $10; fed calves at $4.50@$5.50. Dressed calves 8 1-2@14c., for city dressed veals and 8@13c for country dressed.

Good lambs sold at $8.30 per 100 lbs., Dressed mutton 8@10 1-2c and choice wethers selling up to 11c; dressed lambs 11@14c; country dressed hothouse lambs at $4@$6.50 per carcass.

Light pigs sold at $7.10 per 100 lbs., rather coarse hogs at $7.20.

N. Y. Wholesale Prices.

BUTTER.—Creamery, specials, 30c @ 30½c; extras, 29½c; State dairy, common to fair, 19c @ 25c.

EGGS.—State and nearby, selected white, fancy, 24c; good to choice, 21c @ 23c; brown and mixed, fancy, 21½c @ 22c; duck eggs, 26c @ 34c; goose eggs, 65c @ 75c.

APPLES.—Spitzenberg, per bbl, $4 @ $6; Northern Spy, $4 @ $5.50; Baldwin, $4.50 @ $5.50; Greening, fancy, $5.50 @ $6.50; Russett, choice, $3.50 @ $4.50.

HAY AND STRAW.—Hay, Timothy, prime, large bales, per 100 lb, 85c; No. 3 and 1, 60c @ 80c; shipping, 55c @ 57½c; packing, 35c @ 40c; clover and clover mixed, 55c @ 75c; Straw, long rye, $1.05 @ $1.15; short and tangled rye, 65c @ 70c; oat and wheat, 45c @ 50c.

POULTRY. — ALIVE — Chickens, broilers, 25c @ 33c; Fowls, 17c @ 17½c; old Roosters, 12c; Ducks, 16c; Geese, 10c @ 10½c; Guinea Fowls, per pair, 50c @ 60c; Pigeons per pair, 25c @ 30c. DRESSED—Fowls, dry picked, fancy, 16½c; Squabs, prime, large, white, per dozen, $2 @ $4.25; poor, dark, $1.25 @ $1.50.

VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, Bermuda, per bbl, $5.50 @ $6.75; Maine in bulk, per 180 lb, $3; Onions, Connecticut, white, per bbl, $3 @ $5.50; yellow, $1.75 @ $2.50; red, $1.50 @ $2.

SEEDS.—Clover, $5.45; timothy, $1.80.

MARRIED.

BAUR — BARNUM. — In Danbury, March 25, Frederick Baur and Miss Lydia S. Barnum.

HATCH — ROCKWELL. — At Mobile, Ala., March 25, Grace Bradley, daughter of Dr. H. B. Rockwell, to Robert Littlefield Hatch of Stamford, Conn.

MADDEN—VEEDER.—In Port Chester, March 22, Mrs. Hallie Veeder, of Morganton, N. C., and Ross T. Madden, of South Norwalk.

SIGNOR—HOCK.—In Danbury, March 26, Miss Susie E., daughter of Mr. Jacob Hock, and Fred L. Signor of Bethel.

JOHNSTON—UPPERMAN.—In Stamford, March 26, Miss Elmira Upperman to Charles Johnston of Philadelphia.

WILCOX-NOWLAN. — In Danbury, March 30, Arthur B. Wilcox and Caroline Nowlan.

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DIED.

CHASE.—In this city, March 26, 1909, Sarah Alice Chase, aged 60 years, 4 months, 15 days.

PAUL—In this city, March 29th, 1909, Conrad Paul, aged 65 years, 14 days.

HALPIN—In this city, March 28, 1909, Maria, wife of Thomas Halpin.

BOOTH.—In Stratford, Conn., Putney District, March 25, 1909, David B. Booth, aged 95 years, 9 months, 7 days.

BUSS—In this city, March 28, 1909, August Buss, aged 27 years, 7 months, 27 days.

REBSTOCK—In West Cornwall, Ct., March 28, 1909, Mr. Christian Rebstock, aged 80 years, 11 days.

GORHAM.—In Wilton, March 29, Andrew Bennett Gorham, M. D., aged 58 years.

CONNOLLY—In Middletown, Conn., March 28, 1909, Ann, widow of Patrick Connolly.

BLYDENBURGH.—In this city, March 27, 1909, Charles A. Blydenburgh, aged 50 years, 10 months.

O'LEARY—In this city, March 29, 1909, Mrs. Ann O'Leary.

M'CUE—In this city, March 28th, 1909, John J. McCue.

BLOOD—In this city, on Monday, March 29th, 1909, Ella M., wife of Frederick C. Blood, aged 48 years, 1 months, 29 days.

COLLINS.—In this city, March 29, 1909, Julia, wife of Patrick Collins, aged 27 years.

LUND—In Bridgeport, Conn., March 30, 1909, Kathinka Lund, aged 71 years.

RYBURN—In this city, March 30th, 1909, Margaret, widow of William Ryburn, aged 99 years.

CLARK—In New York City, at the residence of her niece, May A. Sullivan, 164 E. 115th St., Ann Clark, formerly of this city.

DWYER.—In Waterbury, March 31, 1909, Cecile Heringer Dwyer, wife of Dr. P. J. Dwyer, aged 26 years.

OBERBECK—In this city, on Tuesday, March 30th, 1909, Mary J., wife of Peter Oberbeck, aged 50 years, 3 months, 22 days.

RYBURN—In this city, March 30th, 1909, Margaret, widow of William Ryburn, aged 99 years.

SECOR.—In this city, on Tuesday, March 30, 1909, David Pell Secor, in his 85th year.

KETCHAM.—In this city, on Wednesday, March 31, 1909, Charles J. Ketcham, aged 51 years, 2 months, 13 days.

BRIEHL—In this city, March 30th, 1909, William Briehl, aged 64 years, 6 months, 3 days.

CONNOR.—In Danbury, March 26, Julia, widow of Patrick Connor.

DUNN.—At Noroton Heights, March 24, Ann Dunn, aged 75 years.

DUFFY.—In Stamford, March 24, Winifred Moran, wife of Edward Duffy.

DONAVAN.—In Stamford, March 24, James F. Donavan.

GREENWOOD. — In New Milford, March 21, Anne Maria, daughter of Rev. John Greenwood, aged 77 years.

DANIELS.—In Stamford, March 26, John R. Daniels, in the 72d year of his age.

WHITNEY.—In Stamford, March 26, Sarah H. Whitney, in her 70th year.

KEANE.—In Danbury, March 28, Mary, widow of John S. Keane.

LAWRENCE.—At Riverside, March 26, Mrs. Deborah E