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WARPER FIGHTS FROM DROP OF HAT; BILL TO ACQUIRE WATER WORKS

Demands Rejection of Water Purchase Amendments Offered by City of Bridgeport on Technical Legal Ground, that Stratford and Fairfield are Adverse Parties, and Have Not Had Notice--Protest Regarded as Flimsy--Gas Company Petition for Increase of Capital Renewed--"Little Harbor Line Joker" Reappears in Resolution Offered by Representative Clark.

(By our Staff Corres.)
Hartford, Feb. 11.—One of the most important matters relating to Bridgeport which appeared before the General Assembly today was a petition from the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. introduced by Representative Peck of Stratford, by request, and signed by Dr. I. DeVer Warner, president of the company, which relates in effect to the proposed amendments to the charter of the city of Bridgeport relating to the purchase of the water works by the city and recommended for adoption, are not properly before the General Assembly, because the city did not comply with the statutes which provide for the giving of notice to all the cities which are concerned in the proposed section by the city of Bridgeport, relating to the purchase of the water works, but have received no notification from Bridgeport of intention of that city to apply for an act allowing the taking over of the water works, the content of the petition being that, under the general statutes, all such matters must be publicly advertised, prior to the opening of the General Assembly, and written notice given to all parties interested.
Representative Clark of Bridgeport today introduced by request a petition from the Bridgeport Gas Light Co. of that city in which they ask that immediate favorable action be taken upon their petition for increase of capital stock from \$1,200,000 to \$2,000,000 and for the retiring of common stock. The original petition of the company was considered by the committee on Incorporations and counsel for the company was told that the committee would take no action upon the request until given information as to what the company proposed to do with the increase of \$700,000.
Representative Clark of Bridgeport also introduced the amendments to the charter of Bridgeport designated as the little joker whereby the city will be compelled to give hearings and pay damages in all harbor line changes. This amendment was proposed and withdrawn, it being alleged that it appeared in the draft of amend-

WOULD CHANGE MANNER OF MAKING CHOICE

Of Persons to Be Members of Bridgeport Board of Education. Legislation to This End Prepared by Well Known Citizens

Draft of Bill in the Rough—It Provides for Nomination of Twelve By Party and the Election of the Twelve Having the Greatest Number of Votes.
(By Our Special Staff Corres.)
Hartford, Feb. 11.—Senator Arnold of Bridgeport introduced today; by request a bill which is designed to make the Bridgeport Board of Education more subject to the people, by changing the plan under which political conventions arbitrarily nominate men who must be elected.
The essence of the bill is a provision that twelve members be nominated by each party, of whom only twelve shall be elected, and these shall be the twelve having the greatest number of votes. The bill is introduced by request. It is said to be promoted by a number of influential citizens of Bridgeport who desire to take the Board of Education out of politics.
These have noted that the present method is entirely political, as the nominations are made by the party conventions for political reasons, the voters never receiving a chance to declare their opinions. The bill as drafted represents, it is said, a rough draft, and makes a basis for the introduction of a substitute bill in which the detail will be worked out.
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REBUKE FOR WOULD AID ELECTRIC MONOPOLY

THE PRESIDENT BY THE SENATE

Washington, Feb. 11.—President Roosevelt is to be rebuked by the Senate committee on appropriations for his assertions that restrictions placed by Congress upon the indiscriminate use of secret service men "have been a benefit only to the criminal classes."
The sub-committee of the appropriations committee has been investigating the subject for some weeks and is now ready to report. Among other things it will say:
"If the amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill has operated as a restriction upon the use of secret service men, such restriction is so technical and limited in character that it does not appear sufficient to warrant the impugning of motives of Congress in the history of the government has so liberally supported the executive branch of the government by appropriations to the aid in the execution of the law as has the Sixtieth Congress."
After quoting from the testimony given by Attorney General Bonaparte, Secretary of the Interior Garfield and Chief Wilkie, of the secret service to show that these officials were of the opinion that the amendment to the Sundry Civil Bill referred to in the President's recent message was not wise, the report goes on to say:
"It has never been the intention of any Congress to build up a spy system. There have come to the attention of the committee alleged cases of misuse and improper official conduct of secret service employees, but the committee has not had time nor opportunity to investigate the line by which the secret service has been used, or to convey alleged information relating to the subjects contemplated by the resolution."
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Holzer Offers Bill Amending Section 3916.
Which Relates to Manufacture and Sale of Electric Light
Passage Will Permit Electric Light Company to Enjoin Those Who Would Furnish Electricity to Adjoining Premises.
(By Our Special Staff Corres.)
Hartford, Feb. 11.—Among the bills introduced into the Senate, to-day, was a bill offered by Senator Holzer, which amends section 3916, Chap. 219, General Statutes, as follows:
"Any person, or corporation, violating the provision of this section may be enjoined from violating the same by the superior court upon a complaint, as in civil action, by any corporation or person affected by such violation of this section, asking for such injunction, upon such complaint as in other actions."
Section 3916 relates to the manufacture of electricity and its sale, and provides that no person in this state, in any city or town, shall manufacture electricity for sale, for power or light. An exception is made, that persons may manufacture for their own use, and for sale to tenants on the same premises, but not to sell to tenants on other premises.
It is said here that this bill is desired by the Electric Lighting Company in Bridgeport, which is confronted with the fact that a number of lighting plants have been established in large buildings in the business center of the city. These plants, it is said, are to be used to light adjoining buildings, where this can be done without crossing a public street with wires. It will enable the electric light companies to secure injunctions, even where no street is crossed, against any person proposing to light premises not owned by himself.

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The exercise of this power in the case of the tax board is confined to the submission of the question as to whether or not a particular sum of money shall be appropriated or not appropriated.
The bill was introduced by Senator Arnold. It is understood that it was the work of a finished bill, to be offered later as a substitute. It is especially designed to enable the submission to the voters of the question of an appropriation for a supply of water under the so-called 30 year water contract. This appropriation has been a bone of contention for some years, and it seems that the matter is to be settled by a referendum.
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BANKS FINDS BEEBE HONEST BANKRUPT

Recommends His Discharge From Insolvency Proceedings. Climax of Bitterly Fought Contest Over Claim of Mrs. Mora

Her Judgment for \$1,600 Not Worth Much—Former City Attorney Marr Wins Hard Fought Contest.

John W. Banks, referee and special master in bankruptcy, filed his report on the matter of the insolvent estate of Dr. Row R. Beebe, with Judge James P. Platt, of the United States Circuit court, district of Connecticut. Referee Banks recommends that the petition made by Beebe for a discharge from bankruptcy be granted.
The defendant was adjudged a bankrupt in March, 1907. On Feb. 19, 1908, he filed a petition for a discharge. At the hearing which was held Feb. 23, 1908, Attorney Stiles Judson, Jr., appeared for Beebe, and Attorney Marr for the discharge, alleging that the bankrupt had concealed certain property from the trustee and had sworn falsely by his examination.
In Sept. 1904, Mrs. Mora brought suit and received a judgment of \$1,600, for injuries received by being struck by Beebe's automobile. It was alleged that the petition in bankruptcy was filed to avoid payment of this judgment. The opposition to the granting of a discharge was based upon a number of complicated transactions, which the Dow R. Beebe Dental Company, and several of its stockholders were concerned.
Beebe transferred his stock in the company to his wife. It was alleged that the transfer was dated back before the organization of the company had really been perfected. It was also alleged that Beebe had an interest in certain real estate, in a power boat, an automobile and a yacht. It was charged that all of the transactions of Mr. Beebe were tainted with fraud and that the bankruptcy petition was filed to avoid payment of this judgment.
Judge Banks in his report finds that none of these in his report have been supported by sufficient evidence. And that although four shares of the stock of the dental company and the leasehold of the office had not been listed in the bankrupt's petition, they were not of enough importance to warrant the conclusion that there was an intention to swear falsely. Attorney James A. Marr represented Beebe in all the actions growing out of the original damage suit and the subsequent bankruptcy proceedings. Attorney Judson has not yet decided upon his future course in regard to the case. Mrs. Mora will be debarred from any

PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR LINCOLN'S BIRTHPLACE

Has Prepared Proclamation Making Lincoln Day a Legal Holiday in District of Columbia and Territories—Will Be Issued When Congress Acts.

Washington, Feb. 11.—A special train bearing President Roosevelt and party left here shortly before noon to-day, bound for the scene of Lincoln's birth in Kentucky. The train will arrive in Hodgenville about 1 p. m., to-morrow, passing through Louisville, en route. Carriages will be taken at Hodgenville for the old Lincoln farmhouse three miles out in the country, where the President, Governor Millson of Kentucky, Secretary of War Wright and other distinguished guests will participate in the laying of the cornerstone of the Lincoln Memorial. The principal address of the day will be made by the President.
One of the last official acts of President Roosevelt before leaving was to prepare a proclamation making to-morrow a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories and the various states to urge a general observance of Lincoln's birthday anniversary.
Congress has not yet passed the bill providing for such an observance in conformity with the President's recent message. The Senate amended the House bill and the House later refused to accept the modification. Representative Kustermann of Wisconsin informed the President to-day that he had conferred with Senate leaders and they had notified him that they would support the Lincoln bill from the House and pass it in the original form. The President will be en route to Kentucky when this is done but the proclamation has been prepared for issuance as soon as Congress takes the proper action.

GANNON IS DISCHARGED

Druggist Had Applied for License and One Will Be Granted Him.

Attorney Henry E. Shannon appeared for Edward Gannon, the East Main street druggist who was arrested Monday for offering liquors for sale without having a license. It was explained that Gannon had already filed an application with the county commissioners for a license. At the time he was arrested he was looking for one more signer to his application. As soon as the missing signer has been obtained he will be granted a license by the county commissioners, who recommended a nolle in the case. Judge Fullam said the action was the result of the neglect of the accused. He nolle the charge against Gannon on the payment of the costs which amounted to \$13.75.

PLAN WELCOME FOR BATTLESHIPS

President Will Review Vessels Which Have Carried Our Flag Around the World.

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, Feb. 11.—President Roosevelt on board the Mayflower, accompanied by Secretary of the Navy Newberry and a party of other government officials and friends, will leave Washington on Sunday afternoon Feb. 14, for Hampton Roads to review the Atlantic fleet on its return from the round-the-world-trip. The Mayflower will anchor in the vicinity of Bug Light on the morning of February 22. The central fleet, comprising the fleet, will make his appearance at the base of the Horseshoe in Lower Chesapeake Bay at 11 o'clock. The fleet will then pass in review before the President and will proceed to Hampton Roads where the ships will drop anchor in the position from which they began the world cruise on December 16, 1907.
In passing the Mayflower, each ship will fire the Presidential salute of 21 guns and after the fleet has passed the Mayflower will follow it into Hampton Roads and take a position between the Chesapeake and the Potomac rivers. Following an informal luncheon the President will visit each of the sixteen battleships that made the circuit cruise. The President's return journey to Washington will begin about 5 o'clock.

"WHITE SLAVES" AT AUCTION

Two Hundred Unemployed Men Offered For Sale Tomorrow at a Brooklyn Church.

(Special from United Press.)
New York, Feb. 11.—On the birthday of Lincoln, the great Amalanchip, two hundred "White Slaves" are to be sold at auction by E. J. Loughlin, secretary of the Park Slope board of trade to anyone who will offer food, shelter or employment. The two hundred are young, middle-aged and old men who were discarded in the vain search for employment, are offering themselves to the highest bidder. The sale will be held in a Brooklyn church.
Mr. Loughlin has already sold fifty men who were unable to find anything to do. The unique proceeding began with a machinist who was advertised in the newspapers and sold to a woman on a farm in New Jersey.
Among bidders for the other men was a South American adventurer who wanted a score of hearty, reckless sailors. The sale is expected to be a success. The men at the sale will be all wear black masks to conceal their identity. When the man is put on the block, his merits will be expounded by Mr. Loughlin. No direct profit is looked for in disposing of the two hundred.

UNIQUE QUILT SHOWS LINEAGE

Mary Silliman's Quilting Party Promises to Be Great Success.

The ladies who are members of Mary Silliman Chapter, D. A. R., are expecting with some impatience the quilting party which will be given at the Stratfield Wednesday, Feb. 19. The quilt is unique. It will consist of some 300 white satin squares, each of which is the gift of a member of the chapter. The quilt is expected to be a beautiful, as well as costly. Wednesday evening the individual squares will be tied together with ribbon. Then the finished quilt will be sent to Washington. It will be placed with the Connecticut Cabinet in Continental Hall.
Mrs. Donald MacLean, president general of the chapter is expected to be a guest. So also will be State Regent, Sarah T. Kneary, of Hartford, and Vice State Regent, Mrs. Buell of Manchester. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. E. J. Scribner at her home, 595 State street.
It is hoped that all applications may be in by Monday, that the committee may place the order for luncheons in advance of how many will be present.

"JAEKY" KING IS FAILING NOW

"Jaeky" King, one of the characters of the city was discovered in a state of syncope at Main and State streets, last night. He was taken to the Emergency hospital, where he was revived by Dr. Pratt. "Jaeky" explained that sporting life was beginning to tell on him and that he was not half the man he was a few years ago. As "Jaeky" is now only about four feet in height the remark was significant.
Joseph Hanson, aged 24, while working in the winter quarters yesterday monkeyed with a buzz saw to the extent of having his thumb split open.

FIRE AT UNION CITY DOES \$4,000 DAMAGE

Union City, Conn., Feb. 11.—Early today a fire gutted the two story building occupied by Victor Swanzowicz, who runs a saloon on the first floor and uses the second floor for a dwelling. The blaze is supposed to have originated in the saloon and it gained such headway that by the time the occupants of the building, which consisted of Swanzowicz, his wife and a boarder, awoke, the stairs were choked by flames and they were compelled to jump from the windows. No serious injuries were sustained but the loss is estimated between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

WALLER TO BE GUEST OF BAR

The banquet of the Bridgeport Bar Association will be held at University Hall, Friday evening, Feb. 26. Among the guests will be former Governor Thomas M. Waller, State's Attorney H. M. Hart of Hartford, and State's Attorney Charles Phelps of Rockville. The officers of the association are J. B. Klein, president; George E. Hill, vice-president; Wm. T. Haviland, treasurer; Wm. H. Kelsey, secretary.
The committee of arrangements supervising the banquet is Thomas M. Cullinan, Henry C. Stevenson, Samuel C. P. Boardley, R. H. Gould and John S. Pullman.

IN THE CITY COURT

David Gleason obtained a horse and closed coupe from Seche's livery stable last night, representing that he had a job for the stable. He says he took a man from Stratfield to another place and was told to have the fare charged. This did not suit the owner of the stable who caused Gleason's arrest. His case was continued till to-morrow.
John Becker and John Nimegud who were convicted yesterday of assault upon Thomas Kuczmann Saturday night, and who were bound over to the Superior court, are minors. They had been drinking in the saloon conducted by John Suchanowski at Pembroke St. and Berkshire avenue on the night of the assault and testified that they bought their liquor of Suchanowski. Yesterday afternoon the saloon keeper was arrested on a charge of selling to minors. His case was continued till to-morrow in the city court.

SECOND WHIST OF SERIES

Tomorrow night, at the Seaside Institute, Lafayette and Atlantic streets, the Sacred Heart T. A. & L. Society will hold the second of its series of three whists for grand prizes of a 25 piece silver set and a ton of coal. The whist of Feb. 5th was a most enjoyable affair.

BIG SMOKER BY NAVAL MILITIA

Tomorrow night the postponed smoker of the Naval Militia will take place at the Armory. Capt. John Mosel will tell about the first battle of Iron Clads in the war between Chili and Peru in 1879. Henry Youngs will tell the story of the wreck of the Kearsarge on Roncesvalles reef. An orchestra will furnish music and there will be other enjoyable features among them, six round boxing bouts.

HAD FOREMAN OF SHOP ARRESTED

Yesterday Frank Csafora, foreman at the A. T. & S. Co. in the West End, ordered Alex Gerry, one of the men in his department, to do some work which did not please the latter. He refused and in the argument which followed he struck at the foreman, who retaliated with an iron snare and knocked Gerry down. Csafora was arrested by Patrolman Weston on complaint of Gerry. The foreman was discharged in the city court this morning.

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ATTENTION! ATTENTION!! All members of No. 30, I. A. of M., are hereby notified that on Feb. 12, 1909, and Feb. 26 will be call meetings, to vote for a state business agent. This should be of interest to every member and all should attend one of these meetings. Per Order No. 30 I. A. of M. B 10 80

PERSONAL.—Fred and George would like to meet Hattie and Alice Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Chapman, 207 North Main St. B 11 00

SALESMAN WANTED.—A New York corporation rated a A1 by Dunn and Bradstreet's desires the services of a salesman of ability and neat appearance. Position will ultimately pay five thousand dollars a year. Advancement rapid and sure for right man. Call on Mr. Smallwood, Windsor Hotel, between 6 and 9 p. m. B 11 00

WHIST.—Friday night, Feb. 12, by Leasing Team, Lesing hall, 113 Main St. Tickets 25 cts. Refreshments. B 10 00

FREE TO ALL.—A souvenir Lincoln program, at the Bridgeport Assembly 282 Union Fraternal League dance at Germania Hall, Friday night. Tickets 25 cts. B 10 00

FOR SALE.—One upright Concert Grand walnut piano. In perfect condition. Original price \$500. Taken in trade and will sell for less than one third. M. Steiner & Sons Co., 915 Main street. B 10 00

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WANTED.—Railway Mail Clerks, \$30 first year. Examination for Bridgeport, first year. Preparation free Franklin Institute, Dept. 609, Rochester, N. Y. B 3 b b 00