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Bridgeport Evening Farmer.

WEATHER FORECAST Rain tonight; fair and colder Thursday.

HIGHEST TAX RATE; BIGGEST GRAND LIST

Expense of City Government Increases Almost \$100,000 in Single Year. Population Grows Only Two Per Cent.; Cost Grows Almost 10-Per Cent.

Not When Property Was Undervalued Did Rate Mount to 15.8—Unfair Share of Burden Rests Upon Homes—'Equalization House Owners' Lot.

TAX FIGURES FOR THINKING PEOPLE

The tax rate is fixed at 15.8. This is the highest rate imposed in the history of Bridgeport. The grand list is \$79,222,252. This exceeds the grand list of a year ago by \$4,500,000 and the grand list of five years ago by \$13,455,370.

The highest tax rate ever laid in the history of Bridgeport was imposed upon the property of tax payers, last night by the Board of Apportionment and Taxation.

The board had before it the biggest grand list ever compiled by a board of Assessors in this city. It had before it the largest increase in taxable property that has ever taken place in Bridgeport in a single year, an increase of \$4,500,000.

While the minority of the board thundered into the ears of their fellow members the need of economy, showing that the city is unnecessarily paying each year \$200,000 in cash and rebates more than it ought to, or needs to, for water, the majority, a scant majority of two men, calmly concluded that no economy should be had at the expense of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Company, and ferociously blazed a new path through the mazes of extravagance into which the city has been plunging at a reckless pace for the past three years.

The expense of carrying on the city has been increased in a single year almost \$100,000, in exact figures, \$95,449.73, in which is included an increase of \$10,000 in revenues not obtained by taxation.

The population of the city has increased in one year about 2 per cent. The cost of conducting the city has gone up almost ten per cent. This enormous tax burden is aggravated over a like burden in most other cities in the state.

But no official eye has been able to detect the enormous undervaluation in the property of the Gas, the Electric Light and other great public service properties.

No official eye has discovered that the taxation of the home-owned property by the New Haven road, is undervalued, although for the purposes of suing the city the officers of the company have disclosed for it a value of thousands in excess of its listed value.

And so it goes; thousands for the ruling group but not one cent's worth of economy for the home-owned property.

The tax rate in the First district is six and seven-tenths mills, and nine and one-tenth mills in the Second district, a total of 15.8 mills. The total grand list in both districts is \$79,222,252. The property in the First district, outside of the Second district which is only liable to the tax of 6.7 mills, is valued at \$3,487,986. The remaining \$75,734,266 is liable to the full tax of 15.8 mills.

Materially there are only a few changes in the final list from the preliminary list. The sum of \$300,000 was added to the salary appropriation for the assessors. Mr. Setzer consented to \$1,000 being taken from the \$7,500 appropriated for the purpose of getting the most important out of town in case it should prove a nuisance.

The appropriation of \$500 asked for the purchase of instruments for bacteriological examinations and \$1,000 for a bacteriological expert was defeated, although it had 6 votes in favor to four against it.

Mr. Phelan advanced the argument that such an expense was not needed, as the city already had instruments for the testing of milk and could send any samples away to Middletown if further examination was needed.

On the recommendation of Mr. Smith an additional \$1,000 was allowed for school repairs. Upon the request of Mr. Sherwood \$150 was allowed for the clerk's office for rebinding books. Upon the advocacy of Mr. Phelan, the property owners who have been asking for the grading of Madison avenue for the past 20 years, were again eliminated.

Perhaps the most important elimination of the \$6,000 allowed for block maps. Mr. Phelan voted to eliminate it with the understanding that it be included again in next year's budget.

Because there are so many wind-broken horses in the department it was voted on the advice of Mr. Setzer to add \$1,000 to the appropriation for the fire department.

TRIED TO RAILROAD RESOLUTION

Friends of Judge Walsh of Common Pleas, Fearing Opposition, Perform Needless Labors.

(Special from United Press.) Hartford, Feb. 24.—Quite a stir was caused in the Capitol corridors this morning by an effort to railroad through the reappointment of Judge James F. Walsh of the Fairfield county Common Pleas court. Judge Walsh's term does not run out for some time, but in view of the court trials in Greenwich and the general political situation in the county it was desired to have the matter settled.

The Judiciary committee was not present at the hearing with the exception of three or four members. The members of the committee agreed among themselves to report the resolution favorably and Senator Lattimer interrupted a discussion in the Senate to permit Senator Searles to introduce the Walsh resolution.

The vote in the Senate showed but one ballot against the passage. But in the meantime the House adjourned and the sole object of the hasty strategy was defeated.

Judge Walsh is appearing before the Judiciary committee this afternoon representing Judge Burns of the Greenwich borough court to whose re-appointment there is some objection.

MAN IS HELD WOMAN IS FREED

Eloping Couple in the City Court This Morning—Woman Taken Back By Her Husband and Father.

In the city court this morning Judge Pullman nolleed the case of Nicolina Cannicci and bound over Luigi Pascarello to the superior court on a charge of larceny. Pascarello's bond was \$10,000. On January 23, Pascarello and Mrs. Cannicci eloped to New York. Pascarello has a wife living on Main street and Mrs. Cannicci left her husband Vincenzo Cannicci and two little children. At the same time \$500, the savings of Mrs. Cannicci's father, Rosario Cannicci disappeared from a bureau drawer at the bakery conducted at 52 Lexington avenue, where all of the parties interested reside. The husband of the woman, who is also her cousin, and Pascarello were employed at a restaurant in New York. The couple were located in New York by State Policeman Frank Verilli. The pair were arrested and with them a brother of Pascarello, Carlo, who was wanted for an alleged assault with a revolver which took place at 112th street, New York, some time ago. The husband and father have received the girl and she has returned to her home. Her parents believe that she knew nothing about the theft of the money. It is believed that Pascarello has planted the money for future use.

At the trial this morning a key which fitted the drawer where the money was kept was identified as one Pascarello was seen filing a check for the key's employment. The key was found on the floor near the bureau the next day. It is alleged that Pascarello makes a practice of marrying women and afterwards deserting them when he has obtained all their money. It is said that two such cases are known. The first was an Italian woman whom he deserted when he found she had no money. Another was Miss Mary Brown of 1410 Main street, who went with Pascarello to Portchester last summer and was married there. Pascarello deserted her and she returned to her home over her savings to him after the marriage. She agreed however, to buy him a suit of clothes but changed her mind and told his friends that he was going to leave her as soon as he got the clothing. He did leave soon after.

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WOMEN STORM ALBANY CAPITOL

Suffragettes Appear at Hearing Upon Bill to Give Votes to Women.

(Special from United Press.) Albany, Feb. 24.—The state capital is the headquarters of the suffragettes today. Led by the Rev. Anna Shaw, president of the National Woman's Suffrage Association, a determined, militant body of those devoted to the cause, appeared before the Senate Judiciary Committee and gave eloquent voice to their demands for the privilege of the ballot. Wearing imposing badges and brandishing banners, the suffragettes marched from the railroad station to the capitol. On the same train, separated by but the length of a passenger coach, came a body of the suffragettes bitter foes, a delegation of seventy-five members of the National League for the Civic Education of Women, headed by their president, Mrs. Gilbert Jones.

The fight-to-day between the "Pros" and "Antis" centers about the Hill-Tombs bill which provides to strike out the word "male" before "voters" in the constitution, thus giving the franchise to both sexes.

Kaiser Wilhelm II Aground in Channel

(Special from United Press.) New York, Feb. 24.—While trying to enter the main Channel to-day on her way up the bay, the North German Lloyd liner Kaiser Wilhelm II, went aground. The liner, coming from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg, arrived off Sandy Hook last night. Tugs have gone to her assistance and a message said she would soon be afloat and would dock this afternoon.

BULLS RALLY TO PREVENT PANIC IN WALL STREET

Come to Support of Standard Railway and Industrial Stocks. But the Market Is Irregular and Feverish.

Some Gains Recorded in Stocks Which Were Weak Yesterday—Steel Under Extreme Pressure and Support is Only to Prevent Demoralization—Market Conditions Are Puzzling.

New York, Feb. 24.—Plainly realizing that yesterday's bear condition, if continued, must undoubtedly result in a financial panic that might prove as far-reaching as that of October, 1907, the bull interests of Wall Street today rallied to the support of active standard railway and industrial stocks. The result was that while the market was irregular and feverish, there were no sensational slumps and in most of the securities, especially Reading and other coal stocks, coppers, the Harriman issues and the steel stocks, the market added confidence to the tone.

Market conditions, however, are puzzling and financiers generally are advising their customers to keep out. The steel shares are under extreme pressure and the support in evidence for them is of a character that is plainly intended merely to prevent a demoralization and not to keep the prices above any set figure.

11 a. m.—The upward trend of the railways was momentarily checked after the first hour by a flood of selling orders which came from London. The market abroad was flooded with selling orders shortly before the close and this had its effect here although the support that was in evidence early had not been withdrawn. Steel common was strong, moving up a point.

Leading brokers were in their offices early to-day and prepared for another strenuous campaign in stock dealings and long before the market opened here most of the international houses were trading on the London Exchange, clearing up the accounts that were in a bad way. London market conditions were more mixed than at any time since the financial difficulties of sixteen months ago but there was plenty of support in evidence for the really active stocks.

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Police Did Not Discriminate Against Knickerbocker A. C.

The charge that the authorities discriminated against the Knickerbocker Athletic club in the matter of the boxing bouts which were scheduled to take place on Washington's birthday and which were postponed when a squad of police appeared ready to prevent any attempt to carry out the program, is denied by the police and also by Mayor Lee Supt. Birmingham this morning said that the promoters of the affair understood perfectly that he could not issue a permit which had not been previously signed by the mayor.

The promoters went ahead knowing perfectly well that the permission asked depended wholly upon the mayor. If they went to any expense in the matter it is their own fault, as they had no right to gamble on the attitude of the mayor in the matter. The permits which are issued by the superintendent of police are prepared with a blank for the signature of the mayor and they are worthless without it.

CITY HAS PAID WATER CO. IN 6 YEARS \$225,000 MORE THAN CHARTER PRICE

Last Thread of Justification of Twenty Year Contract Torn Away by Phelan

But Paige Marshals Six Votes in Its Favor, and It Is Renewed for Another Year.

President Hincks, Phelan, Setzer, Osborne Vote With City.

Paige, Smith, Loewith, Windsor, French, Sherwood, Vote With Company.

Mr. Phelan's Reasons For Opposing Twenty Year Water Contract

1st. Because, by continuing to make annual appropriations, we may be or are antagonizing the people's rights or wishes.

2nd. Because, being in doubt as to the popular will, we should take steps to learn it at once, whilst keeping the contract intact by appropriations until the people say otherwise.

3rd. Because, the mayor and Common Council, and the people at a public hearing, tell us NOT to appropriate any money for such contract.

4th. Because the Common Council advises us to break the contract, is an equal power to the Common Council that caused it to be made.

5th. Because prima facie, it appears the rates charged the city, under the contract for water are excessive, unwarranted and in violation of the Company's charter containing the Green contract clause.

6th. Because, in the opinion of the city attorney, the contract is held by our Superior Court to be a conditional contract, requiring the annual appropriations of this board to keep it in force from year to year.

7th. Because, by the advice of the city attorney, there appears to be no legal way of making the Water company carry out its charter obligations to the city, or the people, except by this board refusing to make annual appropriations.

8th. Because, it prima facie appears, that since the making of the eleven contract in 1902, this city has paid to the Water company in cash, and by tax exemption, about \$225,000 more than it was obliged to do under the provisions of the company's charter.

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IN THE CITY COURT

William Grassmay, a watch repairer, living on Reservoir avenue, was given a watch to repair by J. B. Butler. The tinker pawned the watch instead of repairing it. He was fined \$10 and costs and sent to jail for two months by Judge Pullman in the city court this morning.

Stephen and Frank Paul, brothers, were charged with assault upon Samuel Fewless last night. All of the parties are employed at East End plant of the American Tube & Stamping Co. The cases of the brothers were continued until the 25th. The case against Fewless was nolleed.

SHOWING STEAMER STARIN ON ROCKS OFF STEEPLECHASE ISLAND



View of Wrecked Steamer John H. Starin as She Lies on Rocks of the Steeplechase Breakwater.

The steamer John H. Starin went through the storm of last night without being greatly damaged beyond the injuries she had already received. The steamer went ashore in a perigee tide and is consequently higher out of water than would otherwise have been the case. Moreover the worst of the gale last night was at low water, so that the waves reached her with little force. Should the storm now rising increase in force there would be danger of the ship going to pieces at high tide.

Capt. Arnold, of the detective department, has been busy locating the cargo of the Starin which came ashore. Guns and clocks are the principal articles which have been recovered. But several cases of each of these articles are yet to be accounted for. The wind was in the southeast when the steamer went ashore, and many packages floated over to Seaside park. Several others, having given their names to Harbor Master Morris, and await the decision of the authorities as to ownership. A case of silks is one of the items on the bill of lading which has not been located as yet.

They had a perfect right to retain them. Detective Fox went to Lordship Park and recovered eight clocks, which were in the possession of George Beard, who lives at the Park. It is reported that other goods which came from the wreck are in the hands of people living in the rear of Avon park, Stratford. Several others, having given their names to Harbor Master Morris, and await the decision of the authorities as to ownership. A case of silks is one of the items on the bill of lading which has not been located as yet.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

- CIGARS, tobacco, pipes, papers and magazines at Wood's Smoke-shop, 61 Cannon. a p
WANTED—To rent, lease or buy a small farm near this city. V. Pace, 288 George St. B 24 u p
WHIST.—Fraternity Hall, 62 Cannon St. tonight at 8 o'clock. Score cards 15 cents. a p
GEORGE L. SCHNEIDER can now be found in J. J. Meyer's barber shop at 128 Fairfield Ave. B 24 u p
WANTED.—Competent general housework girl. Call carriers between 7 and 8 o'clock, 214 North Ave. B 24 s o
LOST.—Diamond and Pearl brooch. Reward for return to 136 Washington Terrace. B 24 a s
YOUNG COUPLE wish two or three light housekeeping or board and room. Address, Reasonable, Farmer Office. B 24 b p
SITUATION WANTED.—By middle-aged man who has 15 years experience to work as polisher and buffer. Reference, B. C., Care of Farmer. B 24 a s
FOR SALE.—A small building suitable for candy or cigar store, or barber, or shoemaker shop. Will be sold reasonable. Call or address, 501 Huntington Road. a p
WANTED.—Experienced canvassers, city work, on New York daily; good money to business producers. Apply 5 to 8 p. m. only Hotel Astor, 47 Oldroyd. a s p
EXPERIENCED MILLINERS, preparers and improvers wanted. Apply to E. H. Dillon & Co., 1105 Main St. B 23 s o
TO RENT.—Two large rooms with board. Apply 521 State St. Phone 1912. B 19 d p
SAUSAGE that's home made, also liver pudding and blood pudding can be purchased to-morrow at Mark Nagle's, 652 East Main street, and John Porter's, 318 Warren St. These goods are made by Blitz at 95 State St. H 11 t f 13 s
PRATT'S CAFE, 137 Fairfield Ave., is sure to have what you want in ales, wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine free lunch served daily. G 28 s 13 s o
HOT LUNCH, daily at Morton's Cafe 158 Fairfield Avenue. Everhardt's N. Y. Lager and Smith's Philadelphia Ale on draught. T 9 t f 13 s