

TAFT'S BIG DAY IN NEW HAVEN

New Haven, Dec. 14.—Something of the old Roosevelt brand of strenuous activity hovered about the visit of President Taft to New Haven today.

Mary Silliman Chapter Meets

Mrs. Frederick Tracy was hostess yesterday afternoon at the meeting of Mary Silliman Chapter, D. A. R., in the Stratfield.

DIED

ANDREWS—In this city, Dec. 13, 1909, Martha J. Andrews, wife of Robert J. Andrews, aged 62 years, 1 month and 3 days.

CURRAN—In Wallingford, Conn., Monday, Dec. 13, 1909, Byron J., son of Richard and the late Mrs. A. P. Curran, aged 30 years, 9 months, 2 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of the sons of M. J. Gannon, 1851 Broad st., on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 9:30 a. m. and from Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock, where a solemn high mass will be offered for the repose of his soul.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Ryan, 7 Liberty street, on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 2:30 p. m. Burial in Mountain Grove cemetery.

MILLER—At Greens Farms, on Saturday evening, Hattie Amelia Mills, wife of Edward McElwhee and daughter of Charles Mills, in the 44th year of her age.

Funeral services at her late residence on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1909, John Sundstrom, aged 33 years, 6 months, 9 days.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DISTRICT OF FAIRFIELD, ss. PROBATE COURT. December 13, 1909. Estate of Mary Kinsella, late of Fairfield, in said District, deceased.

ORDERED: That the 15th day of December, 1909, at three o'clock afternoon, at the Probate Office in Fairfield, be and same is hereby assigned for a hearing by this Court relative to the probate of said alleged will and Codicil thereto of said deceased having been presented to this Court.

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FATHER DUNNIGAN'S FUNERAL ATTENDED BY THOUSANDS

Former Curate at St. Mary's Church Buried at His Native Home—Big Delegation of Clergy Within Cathedral Rails.

Thousands of mourners attended today at St. John's church Watertown the obsequies over the remains of the late Rev. Father Peter Charles Dunnigan who died at the home of his sister in Watertown Saturday last.

The officers of the mass were Rev. Father J. Curtin celebrant, Rev. Father Fitzgerald of Greenwich deacon, Rev. Father Walsh of Thomaston, sub deacon, Rev. J. L. McGuinness of Washington, Master of ceremonies, Monsignor Synnot gave absolution assisted by the officers of the mass.

The local clergymen present were Father Mulcahy, Pickett and O'Meara. Upwards of 50 clergymen attended the services.

The eulogy was delivered by Rev. James E. Broderick of Watertown. The choir, composed of people were Mrs. Michael Malloy and daughter, Bernard Brady, Miss Walsh and Mrs. Henry Lee.

Rev. Father Charles Dunnigan was born in Watertown, September 14, 1858, and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dunnigan. He prepared for college in the public schools of his native town, and by private tuition. In 1888 he entered Niagara university, and obtained from that institution in 1894 a B. S. degree.

SOUTHEY WENT BEYOND ORDERS

This Is Testimony of Challenger, Murphy and Monahan, Members of Board of Education, in Architect's Suit Against City

The suit of Architect Ernest G. Southey against the City of Bridgeport, to get payment for plans drawn for the remodeling of the Prospect street school, which was begun in the Summer of 1908, before Judge J. C. Murphy, on Friday, was continued today.

All of Southey's evidence in his own behalf has been completed. This morning President William H. Monahan, Edward H. Murphy, Elmer H. Havens, Dr. E. H. Monahan, and Howard S. Chalner, all members of the Board of Education, were called. Mr. Challenger, chairman of the Committee on Schools, stated that after the Collingswood, O. fire, when a number of children were burned to death, the subject was brought up about fire escapes on the school building in this city.

The Prospect street school was more than any school in need of better facilities. The Board decided to call upon Architect Southey to furnish plans for new fire escapes, and to better the staircases in the building. He was asked to submit these plans to the Board of Education on December 15, 1908. It was expected that the remodeling would not cost more than \$15,000. Other than to draw plans for the fire escapes, Southey did not do anything else for the school. Mr. Challenger stated that he had not given Mr. Southey any instructions.

Mr. Murphy, another member of the Committee on Schools, stated that Mr. Southey had called him up on the phone and that he had said, "I've heard what the board wanted, Southey, ahead."

Attorney Pullman, counsel for Southey, questioned Dr. Monahan about the instructions given to Southey, but was informed that no definite instructions had been given. He had talked with Southey, but had just simply told him to submit the matter to the board. The board did not take the matter out of Southey's hands, but sent a member of the board to the architect's office to the school. The bill Southey presented to the city for his services was \$12,250, while the bids on his plans would call for an expenditure of \$52,000.

PRIZE WINNING CATTLE SHOWN

Real Blue Ribbon Winners Attract Much Attention

To really appreciate the fine points of the scientific feeding of beef cattle and to see the result of the work of the cattle raisers of the West in producing meat that is intended to please the palates of those who enjoy roasts and steaks of the finest quality, Bridgeporters should visit the markets of Charles M. Bittz, 27 State street, Rudolph Bauman's in South avenue, and Mark Nagel's market at Hamilton and East Main streets.

The prize winning steers which were killed in Chicago under the direction of the three local butchers are exhibited with the blue ribbons which they won at the tenth annual International Fat Stock Show at Chicago about ten days ago.

The cattle were all yearlings and of the Galway breed. In one year they were fattened up so that at the time they were killed they weighed between 1,200 and 1,400 pounds. The meat is of a beautiful red color and the fat is of the purest white. Very few two and three-year-old steers are larger than these yearlings and the handsome display of beef is attracting much attention in all three of the markets. The quarters of the animals will be kept on show for two or three days. Yet anyone who desires to see the prize winning stock is welcome to inspect it.

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HOME RULE FOR IRELAND

Dublin, Dec. 14.—Premier Asquith's pledge of home rule for Ireland is satisfactory to the Irish National League, which today held a convention here and decided to support the Liberal Government in the coming election.

John Redmond, president of the league, explained that while the promise did not embody all the Nationalists wanted, it was the most advanced step yet proposed and would, in the event of the Liberal's success, be a forerunner of complete home rule.

BODY FOUND IN INDIAN BROOK

The body which was found partly submerged in the water of Indian Brook, two miles above Shelton, Bridgeport, yesterday, has been identified as that of Mrs. Margaret F. Wallace of Freehold, N. J.

The garments and the wedding ring with the initials inside were identified yesterday afternoon at the office of Coroner Clifford B. Wilson, by the two brothers of the woman, J. F. and C. G. Whiteside of Philadelphia, and the woman's daughter, Marguerite Wallace, a girl of 21 years. The last known whereabouts of Mrs. Wallace, alive was on Aug. 21 at Ocean city, N. J.

Friends had seen her on her way to board a train at the Pennsylvania station. She was suffering with melancholia. Coroner Wilson finds that death was due to exposure. Mrs. Wallace was a married woman, but was not living with her husband.

COMIC OPERA WAR CONTINUES TO RAGE

Washington, Dec. 14.—The capture of Rama by forces of President Zelaya is reported in Managua according to dispatches received today at the State Department. It is also said that Zelaya's army, in beginning the action, violated the armistice with the Estrada forces.

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Newest "Stars" in the most attractive new designs and colorings, and also plain white dress and white pleated bosom star shirts in all sizes, \$1.50

Hundreds of other shirts, stars in their class that are extra good value at 49c and 98c

Men folks, more and more, are coming to appreciate useful Xmas gifts.

3 NEW YORK STORES

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Entrances on Main street Fairfield avenue, and Cannon street.

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And as Toyland is for little folks, so is the rest of the store for older people. From main entrance to the Fair-

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO. MERCHANTS CRITICISE CITY COURT BRAND OF JUSTICE

They Object to the Release of Two Professional Shop Lifers on Tiny Bonds—Demand Appearance of Accused in Court and Trial.

There's a rumble in the air. It is no uncertain sort of a rumble either. Instead it is a rumble that spells trouble in great big letters, unless all signs fail. In other words, the business men who cheerfully pay their taxes for police protection and the support of the city court are getting stirred up. They believe they are not getting a fair deal and are seeking some way of impressing upon the officials supposed to enforce the laws the fact that it is those laws which are enforced in favor of honest people and not of criminals. They have even considered the wisdom of an appeal to the State association; that body which is supposed to really have some influence upon the men of law. But one thing is certain, they are not satisfied with the brand of justice that is dispensed in the city court.

It is all due to the trial of two shoplifters in the city court yesterday morning before Judge Wilder. They were not two ordinary shoplifters. In the eyes of the business men they deserve to be ranked as almost professionals. They are mother and daughter, Mrs. Fannie Bugalowski and Mrs. Bessie Katz, and they were caught with the goods Saturday night in the Howland store by Detective McCullough who is employed by the store for the special purpose of capturing such undesirable visitors.

They were placed under bonds of \$1,000 each Saturday night. But that bond was speedily secured and they were released on bonds of \$500 each. It was boastfully said at police headquarters that a bond of \$5,000 could be raised for each if necessary.

Yesterday morning the two women were brought to court for trial and the evidence left no doubt of their guilt. Their attorney begged the court to be lenient with them, saying that they were almost respectable. But Prosecutor DeLaney stated to the court that there was no ground upon which leniency could be exercised. Both women had been arrested before for the same offense committed in the same store, and at that time they had been arrested for perjury by testifying that the older was her "dear friend" when it was shown later "that she actually was her mother." He declared that he had only failed to punish her for perjury because of her health and at that time both women were simply first time offenders.

Judge Wilder fined each of the two women and imposed a jail sentence of 15 days upon Mrs. Katz and of 30 days upon Mrs. Bugalowski. And immediately thereafter bonds were fixed for purposes of appeal at \$100 for Mrs. Katz and \$200 for her mother.

Of course an appeal was taken. Equally of course, it is morally certain that neither of the women will appear in the court of common pleas for trial. To force a bond, however, that bond is small, is far preferable to taking chances of a term in jail. And thus will end a case in which an example should have been made, according to the belief of men engaged in retail business.

Said a Main street merchant today: "This is the same of the year when, if ever, retail storekeepers need the aid of the police and the courts. Had the punishment inflicted upon these two women been followed up by the fixing of a heavy bond, two things would have been accomplished. In the first place, the presence of the two women in the store would have been secured at the next term of the court of common pleas. In the second place, other women of criminal instincts would have been impressed by the punishment and discouraged from following their inclination to do the same thing by fear of the court punishment. This would have been to the benefit of the storekeepers, would have been giving them the protection which they are justly entitled to and would have been only dealing out simple justice to the first two persons caught shoplifting this season."

"There is only one way to stop shoplifting," continued the speaker. "That one way is by the infliction of adequate penalties when women are caught in the crime. We spend our money in an endeavor to detect thieves. We spend our time in watching for them. And we have to be very careful for we believe it better to let a guilty person escape, somewhat than to bring up a criminal to the head of an innocent person. Yet here is a case where the Howland store caught two women 'with the goods' as the police say; women who had been caught before in the same store. And they apparently are going to be allowed to escape by forfeiting bonds when their cases come up for final trial in the court of common pleas."

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SEVEN KILLED AND MANY INJURED IN FIRE IN DEATH TRAP TENEMENT

(Special from United Press) Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—Seven persons were killed and three are dying, while twelve others were injured in a fire which destroyed a four story tenement house on East 3d street early today. The dead: Mrs. John Henderson 46, and her three children, Nora, 14; Ruth, James 5; Thomas Wilson 3 1/2; Isaac Rucker 30; William Groat.

The building was a death trap. The only fire escape was rendered useless by the flames and the emergency doors, supposed to lead to safety and ordered to be kept open by the fire department, were nailed shut.

When the firemen chopped them down they found the passage way blocked with charred bodies. In Mrs. Henderson's arms was her baby boy and her other two children, close behind her, all burned to a crisp. The bodies of Rucker and Groat were near by.

The fire was caused by a lamp overturned during a brawl between a couple of second floor boarders. Groat is said to have been the man that started the quarrel.

TWO SUICIDES IN HARTFORD

Hartford, Dec. 14.—Two suicides took place in this city today. Amie Sabourin, 27 years old, a transient, took carbolic acid at his boarding house, 27 Talcott street. His body was found by the landlady shortly after 10 o'clock when she went upstairs to plug the roof. The other fire escape was rendered useless by the flames and the emergency doors, supposed to lead to safety and open jet into the room. It is supposed that he had become despondent on account of ill-health, said to have been brought on by excessive drinking.

A. Elwood & Son will sell at auction tomorrow night at 7 o'clock at 1254 Main street, the bankrupt stock of Gerson Zipp recently purchased by Eli Cohen of Springfield from J. H. Crossley, trustee. The stock comprises furniture, clothing, furnishings, goods, leather goods, hats, caps, etc.

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ANTI TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE DIRECTORATE RESTORES DR. SHELTON

At the annual meeting of the Fairfield County Anti-Tuberculosis association's board of directors at the Stratfield today officers for a year were chosen, an executive committee selected, and Dr. G. A. Shelton of Huntington, Conn., was elected to fill a vacancy in the board of directors. Many changes were made in keeping with the recent rehabilitation of the league.

The officers elected are: D. B. Bulard of Bridgeport, president; General Henry A. Bishop of Bridgeport, vice-president; Congressman E. J. Hill, Norwalk, second vice-president; John Tweedy, Danbury, third vice-president; Mrs. M. H. Ford, Bridgeport, recording secretary; Harry Crossley, Bridgeport, treasurer and financial secretary.

The executive committee comprises Dr. W. H. Davidson, Fairfield, chairman; Former Mayor Henry Lee, Joseph Ivers, J. B. Jones, of this city; Dr. M. W. Robinson, Noroton Heights; Dr. E. C. Brown, Danbury; Charles Diamond, Norwalk.

The election of Dr. Shelton was a rather unexpected turn of the recent meeting of the society. He was one of the directors not re-elected at the annual meeting of the society last month.

The directors gathered today, finding their number one short, decided that Dr. Shelton was a suitable candidate, and they re-elected him in spite of the adverse action of the society as a body last month.

Dr. C. N. Haskell, who was the secretary of the organization last year, wrote a letter to Rev. W. H. Lee, of this city, a member of the executive committee, explaining his inability to accept a re-election.

The nominating committee, elected from the floor, first reported for consideration the name of Dr. Shelton, and for treasurer William R. Webster. Mr. Webster declined. Mr. Ford was then prevailed upon to accept the recording secretaryship. The recording secretaryship, Mr. Crossley was selected as treasurer and financial secretary.

These Are Busy Days. At Eckler and Co., two Main street stores. Every hour of every day finds large number of Christmas shoppers at both of the stores, making selections from the big array of pipes, tobacco pouches and pars, cigar and cigarette holders, and cases, humidor and all of the other articles usually to be found in the big array of pipes, to visit these great tobacco stores and make a selection from the finest stock of Christmas gifts for tobacco users ever shown in this city.

PERSONAL MENTION. Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Small of Beechwood avenue, are receiving congratulations over the birth of a nine pound boy born Dec. 9th.

The Weather—Fair tonight and colder tomorrow.