

NOTABLE RECEPTION AT McNEIL MANSION

One of the most brilliant social affairs in the history of Bridgeport was the reception given at the beautiful home of Mrs. Kenneth W. McNeil...

FATHER AND SON TOSSED BY CAR

INVALID YOUNGSTER THROWN FROM PONY CART INTO STREET. Little John Welch of Ellsworth Street Escaped One Car and Drove Across Path of Another.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST GOVERNMENT LAND OFFICE

Congressman Hitchcock Charges that Land Office is Being Manipulated to Assist Thieves in Grabbing Valuable Coal Lands in Alaska.

(Special from United Press.) Washington, Dec. 16.—A sensational arraignment of Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, a diatribe denunciation of his conduct of affairs of that department and an appeal for a thorough investigation of the administration of the general Land Office...

COLGAN'S CORNER IN BROOMS ASTONISHES FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finance committee of the Common Council last night held for investigation the bills of \$504 for brooms furnished the street cleaning department.

F. B. L. to Have Xmas Grab Bag

At the regular monthly meeting of the John Hill Council, No. 22, Fraternal Benefit League, to be held tomorrow evening, and which will be the gathering of the year for the election of officers...

KING LEOPOLD IMPROVED TODAY

Brussels, Dec. 15.—A bulletin was issued at 6 p. m., stating that King Leopold was slightly improved and that the intestinal obstruction had been relieved.

DIED.

COYNE—In this city, Dec. 14, 1909, William, son of John and Bridget Coyne, aged 5 years, 5 months and 1 day.

MONUMENTS ARTISTIC—LASTING.

Plant operated by pneumatic cutting and polishing tools. HUGHES & CHAPMAN, 800 STRATFORD AVENUE.

FOR Christmas Trees Delaware Holly English Mistletoe Wreaths and Wreathing

HORAN & SON FLOWERS MAIN AND BANK STS.

POINSETTIAS Plants and Flowers

JOHN RECK & SON 985 MAIN ST. Tel. 759-3

WHAT IS XMAS Without a few flowers or a spray of Holly or Mistletoe.

HAWKINS STRATFIELD BUILDING

"CHRISTMAS STATIONERY"

Starts at 15c per box and stops at \$3.00. Splendid variety and good quality of paper. See the line of Christmas Stationery in variety of sizes and prices at JACKSON'S BOOK SHOP, 986-988 MAIN STREET

Wilder Alters Attempt To Coerce Aldermen

(Continued from Page 1.) "Look at our own factory, The American Graphophone Co. We had to build a sewer for ourselves at a cost of \$800, because the one the city furnished was inadequate."

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G. H. STRICKLAND DIES OF PNEUMONIA

He Was Married a Few Weeks Ago to Miss Florence Harty, Daughter of William H. Harty. George H. Strickland, head clerk at the Bridgeport Safety Emery Wheel Co., died this morning at his home in Stratford, after ten days' illness with pneumonia.

John Raines, Father of Raines Law, Passes Beyond

(Continued from Page 1.) It is commented on as a peculiar coincidence today that within two months the dominant parties have lost their most striking figures in the Senate. McCarren of Brooklyn was the real "power behind the throne" in the Democratic minority, and when the Senate meets next January, both his and Raines' faces will be missing.

The IDEAL XMAS GIFT

Silk 4-in-hand, Silk Handkerchiefs, Lisle Suspenders, 75c. All perfectly matched in solid colors and boxed in handsome holly box.



Colors are gray, green, light blue, cadet blue, olive, lavender, helio, royal purple and white. These are all solid colors and the scarf, handkerchief and suspenders are perfectly matched.

Price of all three articles, boxed, is 75c.

THREE NEW YORK CITY STORES

THE Surprise STORE

1119-1123 MAIN ST., SECURITY BLDG.

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HOWLAND'S Entrance on Main street Fairfield avenue, and Cannon street. The Weather—Occasional rain or snow tonight and tomorrow.

Only 7 days!

There is just one actual week of shopping days left to do all the Christmas preparing. There is need of real business.

Here is what the store offers to make these last days of preparation days of comfort instead of days of dissatisfaction:— Abundant room so you may shop in comfort. Large stocks so you may choose with pleasure.

Boys' gifts for wear.

There are actually some things to wear that a boy will appreciate as a Christmas gift. Not many, but some. And here they are. A blanket bath-robe. Plain color with small figures or in large all-over figures.

Men's Gifts.

Do you know that this store holds hundreds of things that a man will appreciate for Christmas? Here are some of them. Just read and see the variety:— Bathrobe Smoking jacket Hand bag Suit case Motor rug "Classy" necktie Stylish shirt Silk muffler Silk dress-shirt Gloves, cape or fur-lined Shaving set Cigar jar Ash tray Military brushes Shaving mirror Pocket book Bill fold Wallet Flask Traveling case Drinking cup Umbrella Handkerchiefs Book of history Stationery Desk set Fountain pen Dictionary Latest story Slippers Pumps Desk lamp, gas electric or oil Chafing dish Match-holder, brass or nickel Bicycle Exerciser Sweater Dumb bells Indian clubs Skates Fishing tackle Razor Knife.

Nice Hosiery.

From luxurious silk to serviceable cotton, here is hosiery here for women that is of full value for every penny of its price. In an attractive box it gains added good looks. Pure black silk with embroidered figures in color, \$2.25. Black silk of medium weight, with lisle sole if wished, \$1.50 and \$2. Black silk made with lisle sole and with a top of lisle 3 inches deep to insure against tearing by supporters, \$1. Fine black lisle with fancy figures in color, 75c and \$1. Lisle in medium weight, plain black and fine finish, 37 1/2c and 50c. Black lace in all-over and boot patterns, 37 1/2c and 50c. Some pretty black lises with embroidered figures in color, 37 1/2c and 50c. Left aisle, rear.

Piercing of brass is enjoyable.

There's a good bit of enjoyment in the piercing of brass to make fancy articles. It is work that is easily done, that requires only a skill which may be quickly acquired, that produces articles of much taste and service as well as of unique character. Lamp and candle shades, fern-dish covers, and a number of attractive patterns. Complete outfits for the work with easily-followed instructions, \$1 to \$2.50. Third floor.

Fancy bags.

Opera bags made of silk that is in itself handsome, are finished with gilt frames and handles that give them still more beauty. Some of the prettiest are in pompadour patterns. \$1 and more. Effective bags are beaded with jet or colored beads. They run from tiny to large and are much attractiveness. \$1 to \$10. Left of Main street door.

Fabrics for gifts.

Many and many a woman is going to find solution for the puzzle in the choice of a dress or waist pattern. There are many sorts from silk and woolen down to inexpensive cotton. Here are illustrations:— Waist patterns of white or colored wash fabrics, in boxes, 50c to \$1.75. Dress patterns of percale, tastefully boxed, \$1 and \$1.25. Dress patterns of American prints, nice for house dresses, 70c and 84c. Scotch flannels for waists, stripes or embroidered figures, 39c yd. Satin cashmere, a delightfully attractive new fabric, in evening shades for fancy waists or gowns, 50c yd. Printed lawns for making aprons and fancy articles, 12 1/2c yd. Silk-and-cotton scarfings that look like pure silk, Persian and flowered designs, 39c yd. Center aisle, rear.

THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

ACTRESS ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT HERE

CORINNE FRANCIS HOLDS DINNER PARTY AT HOTEL ATLAS—TO WED ONE OF FOUR HUNTING.

At a dinner party at the Hotel Atlas last evening, Miss Corinne Francis, a singing comedienne appearing at Poli's this week, announced her engagement to Tony Hunting, the comedian of the Four Huntings who recently appeared at the local vaudeville house. Miss Francis arranged the party for the reception of Mr. Hunting who took advantage of a week of idleness to visit his sweetheart here.

Policeman Hurt on Duty to Get Full Pay

Although Patrolman Tom Ivers' name was not on the pay roll last night when some of the commissioners arrived at police headquarters, it was placed there and he will receive his pay. Patrolman Ivers had his eye seriously injured while trying to capture a young man of good family whom Dr. Cowell had seen sneaking around his house.

These Burglars Were Not On to Their Job

Bethel, Conn., Dec. 16.—Strangely overlooking a large sum of money in bills and silver in an adjacent pocket of the same drawer, burglars who entered the local railroad office today contented themselves with carrying off 940 pennies.