

LITTLE WESTPORT LAD RUN DOWN AND KILLED BY N. Y. AUTOMOBILISTS

What Will Westport Do For Street Playing Children? Are Playgrounds Necessary?

(By Our Special Correspondent.) Westport, Aug. 8.—Hanging onto the rear of Edward Nash's ice wagon until the vehicle reached the intersection of Cross and State streets, little six-year-old John Carusonio, who lives with his parents in Cross street, jumped from the rear step which is used by the ice-men and attempting to run across the street, stepped in front of a heavy automobile driven by J. E. Birdseye of New York. The driver immediately applied his brakes, but without avail for the little fellow was knocked down by the radiator and hurled under the ponderous machine, the car passing over his frail body. His head was crushed, it being apparent that life had been wiped out. Dr. Frank H. McLauray was called and with all haste removed the little fellow to the Norwalk hospital. There an effort was made to sustain life by attempting a trepanning of the skull. The operation was performed but without success, and he had passed away a few hours afterward.

Fred and Frank Bennett, twin brothers residing in Weston and well known in Westport each have a conveyance to carry themselves about in. Frank is partial to a horse, while Fred prefers the more modern conveyance, the automobile. As yet the latter has not fully mastered the intricate gears, speeds and drives of his new car. Thursday Frank driving his horse and Fred his car met upon the highway. In some way the car and horse came together, with dire results to the equine. The animal sustained a broken leg, following which he was shot by his owner. Now some one says the poor horse was more shinned against than shinned.

Because of the numerous narrow escapes of little children playing in the streets of the town, to say nothing of some of the accidents that have occurred, culminating with the death of the Carusonio boy on Thursday afternoon, will it become necessary for the town to provide a suitable place in which children can play and which will keep them off the street? Is Westport large enough, and do street accidents of playing children occur often enough to warrant the town in maintaining a public play ground? This is a question which the large cities of the country will have always to deal with, that of keeping the children off the streets and the question that not only the parents of the children have to head, but one which the town authorities will soon have to deal with even to imposing a penalty for playing in the streets.

M. J. Morrissey and Vincent Williams are a committee which has charge of the dance and dinner of the various societies of the Church of the Assumption which will be held at Roton Point on August 14. Services at the Holy Trinity Episcopal church will be discontinued for the month of September, as no one to hold up the extensive repairs which are soon to be started. The plan of repairs call for a redecoration, repainting and also the installation of a steam heating apparatus. The Westport team will have as their opponents at the ball grounds tomorrow, the fast moving Oakland club of Bridgeport.

Mrs. Walter Price has as her guests, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Coleman of New York. Miss Henrietta Peace of Hudson, N. Y., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Winsor. Relatives in East Hartford are entertaining John Cassidy of this place. Mrs. Frank I. Dodge and son, and Miss Marguerite Colley of Norwalk are visiting with George Fairchild in Ellendale avenue. Stanley Fairchild of New York city is visiting with his parents for a few weeks in the Farms district.

Two Local Poultry Associations Merge

After several years of rivalry and separated effort, the two poultry organizations of Bridgeport and vicinity have merged, henceforth to be known as The Consolidated Poultry Association of Bridgeport Inc. The final steps for consolidation were taken at a joint meeting of the Bridgeport Pigeon and Pet Stock association and the Bridgeport Poultry association, held at Gutches college last evening. This means that there will be only one annual poultry show, where for the last four years there have been two such exhibitions. Officers of the new organization are: President, Jake Miller; vice-president, George Seltsam; secretary, T. C. Crane; treasurer, B. Hughes; editors, T. F. White and George Armstrong. There is also an executive board of fifteen members.

"Saturday and Sunday Matinees." The special Matinee Excursions on the steamer Park City to Port Jefferson are greatly enjoyed during the hot month of August, for there is no more charming short water trip from this city than the one to Port Jefferson, N. Y. The steamer leaves the wharf at the foot of Fairfield avenue at 1:30 o'clock. The orchestra, which has furnished music so satisfactorily during the present season, renders an excellent concert each day. The trip takes one hour and thirty minutes each way and return trip is made at 1:30, thus allowing three hours on the Sound and one and one-half hours in the village of Port Jefferson. This is indeed a very enjoyable trip and should be taken advantage of as Excursions will be discontinued after Labor Day.

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JUDGE C. H. PECK DENIES THAT HE TRIED TO GET GRAFT IN HALLOCK CASE

Explains To Reporter the Facts in the Case—Is Apparently Backed Up By the State Law in His Case.

(Special to The Farmer.) Stratford, Aug. 8.—"It's just the old story of trying to make a mountain out of a mole hill, endeavoring to make a story out of nothing," said Judge Charles H. Peck to a Farmer reporter last evening in speaking of the accusation brought against him that he was trying to get some "graft" out of the late Mrs. Jeannette Hallock, who died at the Bridgeport sanitarium on June 23, a victim of "kidney trouble."

As is generally the case there proves to be two sides to the story and from the way the judge spoke to the reporter last night, he is innocent of any wrong doing or attempt at wrong doing in the case. In fact not only is he to all appearances guiltless of the charges brought against him, but he ended, but he was perfectly right in proceeding in the case as he did and is backed up by the law of the state.

The judge is accused of endorsing a bill for expenses of a trial that was never held in this case. Although the story which was circulated around the town was to the effect that the judge had tried to collect money for the trial which was not actually conducted, it was for the expenses of the sheriff who went to arrest the Hallock woman on the charge of drunkenness but who did not arrest her because she was found to be ill instead of drunk, and for drawing up the necessary legal documents, that the bill was presented to the town treasurer.

Article 1555 of the Connecticut General Statutes reads as follows: "Costs in Unsuccessful Prosecutions. If any costs shall arise in any prosecution, and the accused cannot be apprehended or being apprehended, shall, without fault of the officer, escape before he is committed to prison or bailed, such costs, if the offense of which the person is accused is cognizable by the superior court, shall be paid by the state on the order of the clerk of such court, and if cognizable by a justice of the peace only, on his order by the town in which such offense is alleged to have been committed."

"The thing is plain enough," said the judge. "On the night of June 27, Sheriff Russell was informed over the telephone that a drunken person was creating a great disturbance in Putney, trying to break into people's houses and in short terrorizing the neighborhood. The sheriff could hardly be expected to walk all the way to Putney in the middle of the night to arrest a drunken man, so he hired Stanley Beach's automobile, agreeing to pay Beach \$5 for the use of the machine."

"He went up to Putney, but failed to find the drunk. Shortly after returning home he was summoned a second time to walk all the way to Putney in the middle of the night. The Blue Ribbon garage car, being charged \$5 for that car also. On his second trip to Putney he found the Hallock woman apparently very drunk. Investigation, however, showed that she was in a stupefied condition, but was ill instead of drunk. Accordingly Dr. Cogswell was summoned and she was taken to the hospital where she died the following day."

"Now, it's very true that the woman was not arrested and therefore was not tried. Sheriff Russell could hardly be expected to arrest a dying woman. The woman was taken to the hospital in the case just the same, however, and as the sheriff had his writ charging the woman with drunkenness, he returned the writ to me for taxation of costs, as required by law."

"I allowed him \$10 for automobile hire, \$5.50 for compensation for his services in going after the supposed drunk, \$1.00 for the grand juror's fee, and put in my own fee for \$1.25. The \$2.35 was all I got out of the whole case. Does that look as if I was getting any 'graft' out of it?" The judge explained how the accusations came to be brought against him. He showed the reporter the blank form used by the justice of the peace to draw an order for costs in a case like the Hallock case.

The order reads as follows: "To the Treasurer of the Town of Stratford: "You will please pay the following amount to the order of the respective names; the same being the costs taxed by me on the above entitled case. "And I hereby certify that the accused was by me discharged, a nolle having been entered by State, found guilty, committed to jail in default of payment of fine of \$..... and costs, and appealed to the Court of Common Pleas, Fairfield County, on the 12th day of Term, A. D. 191... Bound over to Superior Court, Term, 191..., and process sent to Superior Court for taxation of costs."

At the end of this the judge wrote: "Papers returned for taxation of costs," and signed his name to it, expecting his stenographer to cross out all the writing on the printed form, beginning with the words "the accused was, by me discharged," down to the end where he had written "Papers returned for taxation of costs." The stenographer, however, inadvertently had crossed out these words and the form was handed into the town treasury just as it was first printed. "That's how the trouble began," said Judge Peck. "And when my attention was drawn by the town treasurer, to my stenographer's error, I immediately took steps to rectify it. But the story that I was trying to collect fees for a trial that was never held got out and the newspapers immediately seized upon it and tried to make it appear that I was guilty of all kinds of wrong doing. But the facts speak for themselves and I am sure that no one who looks fairly on both sides of the case will believe the false story that has been circulated around the town in regard to the matter."

STRATFORD DOINGS. The Newfield Sunday school will hold its annual picnic at Compo beach on Thursday, August 14. An invitation is extended to any of the Stratford friends of the Sunday school who care to go for a good time. Robert Ervin, the well known letter carrier, will be glad to supply Stratford people with tickets for the picnic.

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been a recent visitor in town. Joseph H. Wordin, Jr., of Fifth street, Bridgeport, was numbered among yesterday's visitors in Stratford.

been asked to be on the lookout for the surf boat, the "Idle Hour," the craft of the Fairfield Beach Life Saving Corps, which has been missing from the straits since Thursday evening. When left for the night by members of the corps the oars were tied to the seats and the craft well anchored. In the morning the place was still there but the boat had disappeared. Members of the corps seem to think that the boat has been stolen. The boat was a gift to the corps by a resident of the beach, and was valued at about \$40.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS FINDING OF CHILD'S GASKET IN FAIRFIELD

Authorities Making Quiet Investigation—Looking for Banks North District Thief. (By Our Special Correspondent.) Fairfield, Aug. 8.—Sheriff H. E. Elwood is convinced that the finding of a baby's gasket along the Easton turnpike in Plattville on Thursday is the work of some grave robber and is making a quiet investigation to ferret out the solution. There are circumstances about the mystery that lead the sheriff to believe that some grave was entered either for the purpose of robbing a body or to secretly remove the remains from one casket to another and to another cemetery.

The gruesome find was made by Rhinehart Link who noted what he believed to be a sack containing potatoes along the roadside. Investigation brought out that it was an infant's coffin large enough for a child of one to two years. Medical Examiner W. H. Donaldson and Sheriff Elwood were notified as well as Selectman Rowe. Before the arrival of any of the town officials a whole line of cottages of the cottage to start a fund and when enough has been subscribed to purchase a hand chemical engine like the one recently installed by Fairfield Fire Company No. 2. There is no doubt but that the beach is in need of better fire protection. Should a fire break out in any one of the cottages and get beyond control, there would be nothing to prevent the fire from sweeping through a whole line of cottages. Of course aid could be secured from the center of the town, but what is needed is a company on the spot.

Teddy Fabryk has secured a match with Young Ketchell of White Plains for a 12 round bout in Portchester on Labor Day. Both boys have met before, the New York lad besting the local favorite. Teddy, however, considers that he can "come back" and feels confident that he will be the victor in the contest. He is now in training at the beach. Mrs. Annie Banks is visiting her sister in Guilford, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer F. Bulkeley have their guest, Mrs. Amelia Vicks of New York. Miss Clara Holman is enjoying a vacation in the White Mountains. Mrs. Joseph Rpan of New York is visiting her sister, Mrs. Anna Slayback.

STEPNEY

Mrs. A. Price and daughter, Miss Grace Price who have been visiting Mrs. Herbert Joyce and Mrs. Turney and other friends in this vicinity, have returned to Albany, N.Y. Mrs. Stephen B. Hayes enjoyed an auto trip to Coropso Beach on Wednesday, the guests attending the picnic of the Methodist Sunday school. Miss Elsie Botsford has returned from a visit with relatives in Easton.

EASTON

Frank Marsh has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to be brought from Bridgeport where he has been at the home of his sister, Mrs. Eliza Smith on Sport Hill. Miss Esther Gustavson has returned to her home, having spent two weeks with Mrs. Charles Blakeman during the absence of Miss Martha L. Andrews at the shore. During the thunder shower on Thursday several of the telephone lines were put out of order. Edward Seelye of Sport Hill has recently had a telephone installed in his home. Mrs. George Gregory and son, Mr. Charles Gregory of Sport Hill, are spending a few days in Long Island, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Beers of that place. Miss Mildred Hull of Westport is spending a few days as guest of her cousin, Miss Mabel Edwards in Plattville. The regular meeting of Easton Grange will be held at the Grange hall on Tuesday evening. Miss Hazel E. Sherwood will have charge of the program.

CHINESE AGREE TO JAPANESE DEMANDS

Amoy, China, Aug. 9.—The Japanese government today, sent a demand to the Chinese authorities here for the execution of three of the semi-Mongolian Tungan tribesmen and also an indemnity for the destruction of property and the killing and wounding of a number of Formosans in the recent clean fighting in this city. The demands must be fulfilled by tomorrow, according to the note sent by the Japanese. The Chinese officials replied, agreeing to the conditions except as to the time for carrying them out. They declare it impossible for them to effect the arrest of the clansmen in the period stated as they have fled to the interior of the province.

PARK CITY MUCH IN EVIDENCE AT RUPPERT OPENING

Local Delegation Includes Many Notables—Fine Entertainment For Guests

Earle M. Christie, Manager of Local Branch, Gets Massive Loving Cup

More than a hundred Bridgeporters who yesterday inspected the big new brew house of Jacob Ruppert in New York city were busy today assuring their local acquaintances that there was no fear for the present of the dearth of beer. After they had seen the mammoth equipment of the new brewery, "biggest in the world," they concluded there was reasonable ground for the belief that the demand will keep up to the supply, even in this hot weather.

Most of the Bridgeporters went by automobile, and the return trip ended a little after midnight. Earle M. Christie, manager of Jacob Ruppert's Bridgeport branch, personally conducted the tour, and his program for the Bridgeporters was admirable. The most notable event of the afternoon was the presentation to Mr. Christie, in the new brewery, of a massive silver loving cup, suitably inscribed. This was a testimonial gift of his Bridgeport friends. Mr. Christie made a brief speech of acceptance, and promised to christen the cup later in the day. This ceremony took place at Wolfe's Inn, Larchmont.

After lunch at Zimmerman's, in New Rochelle, the Bridgeporters proceeded to New York in time to reach the brewery at 3 o'clock, when the doors were thrown open for the reception of the branches. Every day this week has been devoted to some class of the Ruppert patronage, and yesterday, branch day, brought the visitors from many of the New York suburbs. None sent a delegation so large or so much in evidence as the Bridgeport contingent. With ribbons marked, "Local Pride, Bridgeport, Conn.," about their hats, and buttons bearing the photograph of Col. Ruppert, they separated into many groups and as they passed through the vast brewery departments, they were good naturedly hailed by the delegations from other branch cities, who recognized the Bridgeporters by their distinctive ribbons and buttons. The impartiality of the brewery was characterized by one of the visitors as staggering. The three hours spent there, part of it devoted to lunch and the enjoyment of a continuous concert by two bands, was little enough to see the massive mechanism that is used to convert the malt and hops into "the best beer brewed." Col. Ruppert, his brother, George Ruppert, and other staff were a reception committee for the guests.

The return to Larchmont occupied about an hour, and there was awaiting an elaborate dinner, with a cabaret show arranged by Mr. Christie for his Bridgeport guests. Following the dinner, Christie and George Clancy vied for first honors in an improvised turkey trotting contest. The christening of the loving cup took place at Larchmont, and speech-making was in order. Among the speakers were Mr. Christie, George S. Hildreth, secretary of the local police commissioners, Secretary of State Albert J. Phillips, William Mulcahy, the Ruppert manager in New Rochelle, and several others. Several stops for gasoline were made on the trip into Bridgeport. Among the guests in the Bridgeport delegation were state, county and city officials, merchants in many pursuits, suburban and a large representation of the Ruppert clientele in this city.

STATE GERMAN DAY SPEAKERS

Among the speakers at the state field day and outing of the Connecticut German societies at New Britain next Monday will be Governor Baldwin, Mayor Holloman, Otto Satro, president of the New York State German alliance; Louis F. Dettenborn of Hartford, president of the Connecticut alliance; E. E. Fitzgerald, president of the Connecticut alliance; H. and George Wessels, president of the New Britain German alliance.

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