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Bridgeport Evening Courier.

Mrs. Sherman Wills Thousands To Charitable Organizations

Estate Approaching \$500,000 Bequeathed To Many Beneficiaries--Any Contesting Testament To Be Excluded From Its Benefits--Was Daughter Of Late William H. Perry

By the will of Mary E. Perry Sherman, devising an estate estimated to be worth \$500,000, considerable sums are left to charities, the largest amount being \$25,000 for the benefit of supernumerated Episcopal clergymen of Connecticut.

To found the Mark R. Leavenworth free bed, \$10,000 is given to Bridgeport hospital. To Mountain Grove cemetery association \$25,000 is given to build the William H. Perry Memorial Chapel. Many other charities are remembered.

Mrs. Sherman was daughter of the late William H. Perry who gained great wealth by his connection with the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co.

Her first husband was Mark R. Leavenworth, in whose remembrance a hospital bed is endowed.

Among the executors of the will is Rev. Henry M. Sherman, her husband, who was formerly pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, to which \$10,000 is given for a new rectory.

Three of the beneficiaries under the will are dead. Bequests are made as follows:

- To the Mountain Grove Cemetery association, of Bridgeport, Conn., to be used and employed by said association in the erection and construction and furnishing of a chapel in the grounds of said association at Bridgeport, Conn., said chapel to be marked and known as "The William H. Perry Memorial Chapel" erected by Mary E. Perry Sherman, \$25,000.
- To the wardens and vestry of St. Paul's church, Bridgeport, Conn., to be used and employed by them in the purchase or towards the purchase or construction of a rectory, for the use and occupation of the rector of said church, \$10,000.
- To Rev. Chancey B. Brewster, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, Rev. Henry M. Sherman, of Bridgeport, Conn., and Theodore D. Leavenworth, the sum of \$25,000, in trust, for the following and purposes: To invest, reinvest, manage and control the same and to use the income thereof, after payment of the expenses of managing said trust, for the relief of the needy clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal church, residing in the State of Connecticut, and their families, at the discretion of said trustees. Yields in kind to be paid to be filled by surviving trustees.
- To Frederick W. Storrs, uncle, \$15,000.
- To Fannie A. Blake, aunt, \$15,000.
- To Evelyn M. Baker, cousin, \$10,000.
- To Mrs. Harriet A. Perry, diamonds and diamond earrings.
- To Alice C. Setzer, cousin, \$10,000.
- To Josephine C. Mayner, \$5,000.
- To Adelaide E. Chapman, aunt, \$5,000.
- To William Perry Downs, Bridgeport, \$5,000.
- To Helen R. Taylor, Bridgeport, \$1,000.
- To Ann J. Burrill, Southington, Ct., \$1,000.
- To Margaret Campbell, nurse, \$500.
- To Ellen C. Cole, Springfield, Mass., \$2,000.
- To Miss Jane Leavenworth, sister of deceased, \$10,000.
- To Rev. Henry M. Sherman, all household furniture, fittings, china, books, jewelry, unless otherwise specified.
- To Leroy W. Leavenworth, brother of deceased husband, \$10,000.
- To Theodore D. Leavenworth, brother of deceased husband, \$10,000.
- To executors, in trust, for the benefit of Edward B. Perry, a cousin, of Chicago, Ill., \$10,000.
- To Mountain Grove Cemetery Association, Bridgeport, in trust, \$10,000.
- To The Bridgeport Hospital, \$7,000, for the purpose of endowing a free bed in said hospital, to be known as "The Mark R. Leavenworth Free Bed," which bed is to be occupied free of charge by any person nominated by the eminent Commander, for the time being, of Hamilton Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar, of Bridgeport, Conn., or the Worshipful Master, for the time being, of St. John's Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M., of Bridgeport, Conn.
- To the Woman's Hospital Staff for Children's Ward, a society having for its purpose the care of the children's ward in the Bridgeport Hospital, \$1,000, in trust, to be known as "The Perry-Setzer Fund," income to be used.
- To Rev. Henry M. Sherman, surviving husband, \$50,000.
- To Margaret Sherman, daughter of Rev. Henry M. Sherman, \$5,000.
- To Margaret Emanuel, sister-in-law of Rev. Henry M. Sherman, \$5,000.
- To Calvary (Episcopal), Bridgeport, \$1,000.
- To Bridgeport Protestant Orphan Asylum, \$3,000.
- To Boys' Club, of Bridgeport, \$2,000.
- To Young Men's Christian Association, \$5,000.
- To Protestant Widows' Society and Sterling Widows' Home, \$3,000.
- To Bridgeport Scientific Society, \$3,000.
- To Board of Trustees of Bridge-

port Public Library and Reading Room, as Trustees, \$5,000, to be expended by them in their discretion in the purchase of books for said library, said books to be marked "Purchased from the Mary E. Perry Sherman Bequest."

The residuary estate to be divided in equal shares among Rev. Henry M. Sherman, Frederick W. Storrs, Fannie A. Blake, Evelyn M. Baker, Alice C. Setzer, Theodore D. Leavenworth, Margaret Leavenworth, Ellen Leavenworth, Leroy W. Leavenworth and Eva G. Leavenworth.

The will provides that any contestation of the will shall receive nothing. The executors of the will are Rev. Henry M. Sherman, George W. Wheeler, and William H. Comley, Jr., all of Bridgeport.

BERNARD O. COGAN DEAD

Well Known Plumber Succumbs After Lingering Illness

It was with sorrow today that hundreds heard of the death of Bernard O. Cogan, the widely known plumber, who died after a long and painful illness, last evening, at his home, 234 Harral avenue. Mr. Cogan was one of the best known residents of that section of the city, where he had lived practically since his birth, he being a native of this city. During his many years in business he earned for himself a high regard of all with whom he had dealings. He was an earnest right living citizen and his friends were legion. He was a devout communicant of St. Augustine's church, and in all of the undertakings of that parish he was among the foremost. He was a member of the Holy Name society. Besides his widow, who was Miss Mary Cushman before her marriage, and widely known in Catholic charitable circles, he is survived by one son, Vincent A. Cogan, a student at St. Thomas' seminary, one brother, John P. Cogan, and one sister, Mrs. James Murphy, also survive.

GUN CLUB TO HAVE BIG SHOOT TOMORROW

Bill Stowe, Noted Hunter and Trapper, to Be Club's Guest

Tomorrow will be a gala day for the Seaside Gun Club as in addition to the annual championship shoot of the club members for the Hoagland cup, donated by the manager of the U. M. C. Company, the celebrated sportsman "Bill" Stowe, fresh from a string of triumphs in the Canadian wilds will show his prowess.

Stowe is one of the best known sportsmen in America. He got his start as a sportsman in the Seaside Gun Club of which he was a charter member. He was formerly employed as a foreman by the Hardy & Harmon Co. of this city and has legions of friends hereabouts who will take this opportunity of renewing old acquaintances.

The present holder of the Hoagland cup is Samuel F. Senior, of the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. Other holders have been L. C. Wilson and Jarvis Williams.

In order for the cup to become the property of any of the members it must be won three times consecutively.

A large crowd of crack trap-shooters will come from New Haven to compete and the club looks for one of its most successful meets.

The home of the club is at the Island Brook grounds.

Hours of Masses In Catholic Churches New Year's Day

Tomorrow, New Year's Day, a holy day of obligation, masses will be celebrated in the Catholic churches at the following hours:

- St. Charles, 5:30, 6:30 and a high mass at 8 o'clock.
- St. Augustine's 5:30, 7, 8 and a high mass at 9 o'clock.
- St. Mary's 5:30, 6:30, with a high mass at 8 o'clock.
- St. Joseph's church 8:30 and 10:30.
- St. Peter's 5:30, 7 and a high mass at 9 o'clock.
- St. Patrick's 5:30, 7 and a high mass at 9 o'clock.
- Sacred Heart 5:30, 7 and a high mass at 8 o'clock.
- St. Anthony's 5:30 and 10 o'clock.

CHAS. W. REID HEADS PEQUONNOK LODGE

Charles W. Reid was elected noble grand of Pequonnock lodge, I. O. O. F., at last night's meeting. Other officers elected were: Arthur M. Comley, vice grand; George H. Zumsteg, recording secretary; and Marcus L. Reynolds, treasurer. Notice was given that the installation will be next Tuesday night with District Deputy Clifford B. Wilson officiating.

The Sharon and Farrel steel mills in Pennsylvania, resumed work after their Christmas shutdown.

Nests of the white ant have been found to have value as fertilizer.

WHO IS THE MISSING SON OF A DYING MOTHER YEARNS?

TROOP TRAIN IS DYNAMITED BY MEXICAN REBELS

Federalists Are Blown Up On Main Line of Inter-Oceanic Road

BATTLE OF OJINAGA TO BE DECISIVE ONE

Only Escape for Huerta Forces Believed to Be In Surrender In Texas

Pera Cruz, Mex., Dec. 31.—A federal troop train was blown up with dynamite today 170 miles southeast of Mexico City on the main line of the Inter-Oceanic Railway connecting the federal capital with the coast.

Presidio, Tex., Dec. 31.—It was the opinion of military experts here today that the battle of Ojinaga, Mex., would be decided within 24 hours. Likewise, it was believed that the only chance of the federalists to escape extermination, should the rebels pour in on them, was a precipitate flight across the United States border.

Major McNamee, commanding the patrol, had about 1,000 men stationed at points along the river where it was likely refugee soldiers would cross.

TROOPS ENCAPMED IN TEXAS ENJOY HEALTH

Washington, Dec. 31.—Health of the officers and men encamped near Texas City, Mex., despite widespread reports of unsanitary conditions there, continues to be nearly one per cent. better than that of troops in their home stations.

This statement was made today by a high army officer who thought this record justified Major General Carter in continuing to maintain the camp in its present location.

General Carter has instructions from the war department to move the camp when, in his judgment, conditions warrant such action.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE HUERTA DISCOVERED

Mexico City, Dec. 31.—An alleged plot to assassinate Provisional President Huerta during the New Year's reception was frustrated today by the arrest of two Mexicans in a house of the suburban town of Campefiora.

NEW ORGANIST AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Beginning Sunday, Fritz K. G. Weber, of more than local reputation as a musician, organist at St. Joseph's R. C. church during the past 10 years, and son of former town clerk Robert Weber will be the organist at St. Patrick's church, succeeding Miss Sarah E. Lee.

Miss Lee's increasing duties as treasurer of the Consolidated Piano Co., made it imperative to give up the church work.

PLAN OF UNKNOWN WOMAN IS BALKED BY PROBATE JUDGE

A woman who planned to start a rooming house on a small legacy which Frank Pohlenbach is to receive from the estate of Edward Schneider will be sadly disappointed. Judge Hallen in the probate court today denied Alexander P. Morrissey as conservator for Pohlenbach. The latter is 71 years old and is an inmate of Lakeview home. When it became known that he was shortly to receive the money some woman became interested in his behalf and decided that the money could be put to no better use than the establishment of a furnished room house over which she would preside.

Members of the Charities board were informed of the situation and since Pohlenbach is a city charge and an aged man they decided that he ought to have a conservator. Accordingly application was made known to Judge Hallen. Today the woman whose name is unknown to either Judge Hallen or the members of the charities board, called the Judge on the telephone and asked if Mr. Pohlenbach had "received his money yet." When informed that he had not she seemed very much perturbed and hurriedly hung up the telephone receiver.

Curious Coincidences Point to Frederick A. Bennett, Secretary of Manufacturers' Association, As Much Sought Man.

No Frederick J. Bennett, But Frederick A. Bennett Had Father and Mother of Same Christian Names As Father and Mother of Son Asked to Visit Woman About to Die.

Stranger coincidences are seldom uncovered in fiction than the facts today pouring into Bridgeport to point an evidential finger at one of its most prominent young citizens as being perhaps the son of an aged and dying mother who seeks that solace in her last moments which can only be given by the child of her travail.

The street department started to change the grade of Elm street, at the corner of Harrison, by lowering the grade on the north side of Elm street. This was objected to by the property owners on the north side, chief among whom were Henry R. Parrott and Thomas Morrissey. Their contention was that if the grade of the street was to be changed, the south side should be raised rather than the north side lowered.

The reason for this contention was that it was already somewhat difficult to turn from Harrison street into Elm and the proposed change of grade would make it much more difficult and would consequently interfere with and lessen the traffic on Elm street. They therefore brought the matter to the attention of the common council at that body held a recommendation of the street committee, ordered the south side to be raised and the north line left at its present elevation.

Director of Public Works Courtade stated to comply with this order of the council and an injunction was served on him in an action brought by the Jennings Bros., the owners of the factory property on the southeast corner of Elm and Harrison streets.

They claimed that this change of grade would be a serious detriment to their property and that inasmuch as they had not been awarded any damages they could not go ahead. The charter provides that before any property is taken for a public improvement damages must be assessed and paid to the aggrieved property owners. The matter was heard by Judge Bennett a short time ago on an agreed statement of facts. Briefs in the case were filed by Jennings Bros. by Marsh, Stoddard and Day and for the city by Attorney Pullman and by Thomas M. Cullinan, who represented the property owners on the north side of the street.

Judge Bennett, in his memorandum of decision, sustains the contentions of the city and holds that a change of grade is not a taking of property, within the meaning of the charter, for which compensation must be paid before the work is done. He therefore dissolved the injunction, which was issued, and the work of changing the grade of the street may now proceed in accordance with the order of the common council.

TWO DANBURY WIVES FILE DIVORCE SUITS

Two Danbury wives who have found marriage a delusion and a snare, filed divorce actions in the superior court today. Emma Taylor of the Hatting Tower wants a decree from Judge Taylor of the same place. She alleges habitual intemperance. The couple were married November 17, 1887. Mrs. Taylor's maiden name was Emma Lawson.

Ida E. Newkirk seeks a separation from Simon Newkirk. Desertion on May 1, 1908 is alleged. Mrs. Newkirk's maiden name was Ida Boughton. She married the defendant Oct. 8, 1907.

A. H. Bullard Head of State Manufacturers

At the annual meeting of the Manufacturers' association of Connecticut held in Hartford yesterday, August H. Bullard, secretary and treasurer of the Bullard Machine Tool Co. of this city was elected president. Fifty-six of the largest concerns in the state were represented. He succeeds Col. George Pope of Hartford.

Mr. Bullard's selection will undoubtedly mean that the association is going to experience a year of activity and the inauguration of a campaign for trade expansion and cooperation that will excel all previous years. Mr. Bullard has never interested himself in any proposition that he did not make things move. He is the father of Bridgeport's greater fire department which he developed while president of the local fire department. He also started the campaign for state wide fire prevention. He is a director of the Southern New England Telephone company and to him largely belongs the credit of the wires of all the public service corporations in Bridgeport being put under ground and the securing to the city the free use of the telephone company's conduits for the city's wires.

Worker's Committee Refused Audience With Mill Owners

Witnesses Tell Judge Dillon They Saw Strike Breaker Fire Several Shots From "Cement House"

Committee Of Workers Seek Interview With Official Of Shop In Vain --Good Offices Of Borough Officials Not Desired--Federation Machinists Join Strikers

THE STRIKERS' DEMANDS

- No discrimination against any of the strikers.
- Abolition of the card service (efficiency) system.
- Abolition of overtime, 10 hours to constitute day's work, and 55 hours to constitute a week's work, Saturday half holidays the year round.
- Weekly pay, with hold-back of three instead of five days pay.
- Abolition of head weavers.
- Better sanitary conditions throughout the mill.
- Additional time clocks so workers will be able to ring up without crushing.
- Increase in wages, of from 10 to 25 per cent., for all workers in the mill.

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)

Shelton, Dec. 31.—Matilda Rabinowitz, one of the leaders of the Blumenthal strikers, announced today that the strikers have evidence to show that the bullet which injured Mrs. Mary Smarsh, yesterday, came from a pistol in the hands of a foreman of the Blumenthal factory.

During the trial of Michael Horvick, in Shelton town court, before Judge Dillon, several witnesses testified that among the strike breakers in the Blumenthal plant, was seen to fire five shots from a pistol, from a window of the Cement house.

It was also testified that other special agents had beaten women. Horvick was charged with throwing hot ashes on the heads of Patrolman Ernest Nettleton and Special Deputy William Stollenberg, head of the Blumenthal works, who refused to see them.

The representative of the Farmer sought Mr. Stollenberg, who is a mild man, and a very courteous man of German extraction, and offered to present the company's side of the controversy. Mr. Stollenberg replied that his company preferred to fight its own battles.

George Barlow, warden of the borough of Shelton, is willing to offer an arbitration. He said today, "Nothing can be done because the company is unwilling to arbitrate. They insist they have nothing to arbitrate."

All the borough officers are much disturbed by the cost of the strike to the town. There are 23 deputies here, who are drawing \$5 a day and \$1.50 for expenses. The strike is costing the town \$200 a day and, if it continues much longer, will increase the borough tax rate one mill.

Bitter complaint is made by the borough officers of the character of some of the deputies, and the business men contemplate a request to Sheriff Vollmer to send in his regular deputies and withdraw the specials.

The O'Brien agency, which is in charge of the strike breakers, has asked that its men be sworn in as specials, but the borough has no authority to make specials of those who are not citizens of the borough.

It is said that the mills have 1,100 employees and a total payroll of \$23,000 a week. Miss Rabinowitz asserts that the average pay of the strikers is from \$7 to \$8 a week. The Textile Workers have called a

mammot mass meeting for all the people of Shelton, to be held in the Derby opera house, a week from Sunday. A mass meeting for strikers will be held Sunday in the Moving Picture theater.

The strikers charge that the engineer who installed the efficiency system which created the trouble, has hired the Guild Armory to keep the strikers from occupying it.

The hands that are on strike include machinists, fitters, finishers, twistlers, weavers, and room employees.

At midnight, the house of James Dowling, a well known cafe proprietor, who has contributed to the cause of the strikers, was stoned. Three stones were thrown and two windows broken. A stone narrowly missed Miss Lella Dowling, employed by Howard & Barber, a stone thrower. The other side of the dwelling is occupied by one Loper and a man named Meyer, said to be among the loom fixers remaining at their posts in the Blumenthal works.

Stones were thrown in Derby at a house on Hawthorne street, occupied by a strike breaker.

A youth named Wendle Gobvieska was sentenced to 60 days in jail for throwing stones. Bail of \$250 was immediately furnished.

There was no rioting today. The strikers assembled and sang the Marseillaise, the hymn of the I. W. W.

Miss Rabinowitz announced today that she had sent word to William Heywood, who is just back from England, to Giovanni, who was prominent in the Lawrence strike and to Elizabeth Guley Flynn, the famous Socialist and I. W. W. organizer.

Federation Machinists Driven to Participate In the Shelton Strike

It was said among the labor men in Bridgeport, today, that there are 27 machinists in the Blumenthal plant, Shelton, affiliated with the Bridgeport local, American Federation. These men are not affiliated with the I. W. W. and would not have participated in the strike, but the company suspected them of being strike union thizers, and began to discharge union men and replace them with others. All the machinists then went out.

Kline Bros. Not To Open Until 8:30 A. M.

Kline Bros. announce today that beginning Friday morning their department store will not open until 8:30 a. m. in common with other large stores in the principal shopping district. Kline Bros. say they are very glad to join with their mercantile neighbors in reducing the hours of the work day for their employees.

SUES SHERIFF FOR SERVING WRONG MAN

Alleging that his money was attached with malicious intent, Frederick S. Fuller, proprietor of a restaurant at 1050 Broad street, has brought suit against City Sheriff Carl Rising and the Federal Bakery Co. of this city. He wants \$500 and treble damages in accordance with the statute.

The papers, filed today in the common pleas court, Fuller claimed that Rising came to his place with papers in a suit against Sanford Fuller. Frederick Fuller's money was attached and it is claimed this action was taken to vex the plaintiff and make trouble for him. The Federal Bakery Co. brought the suit in which the sheriff served the attachment on Fuller.

Waterbury Jewelry Store Is Burglarized

Waterbury, Conn., Dec. 31.—The clothing and jewelry store of Morris Zacks in the Broadway district, this city, was cleaned out last night by burglars who ransacked the place and took everything in sight. The burglars effected an entrance to the cellar and battered down the door leading to the place. The owner says his loss will reach from \$1,000 to \$1,500.