

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

BRITISH VESSELS CAPTURED.
 (Yesterday I gave you an accurate account of the number of American public vessels destroyed by the ravages of Great Britain during the war of 1812. The Admiralty board of Great Britain claim to have destroyed 1874 American ships during the war and yesterday I gave you a complete account of the number and names of the ships which she has destroyed. The latter totaled only 338 instead of 1874.

To set off John Bull's statement, I give you the following list of British public vessels captured and destroyed: I give you the names which will speak for themselves.)

ON THE OCEAN

Guns		Guns	
Guerrilla	33	Levant	18
Macedonian	38	Alert	16
Cyane	38	St. Lawrence	12
Hornet	28	Highflyer	11
Frolic	18	Dominica	12
Peacock	18	Ballaahoe	4
Esperanza	18	Landralla	4
Avon	18		
Reindeer	18		

ON THE LAKES

Guns		Guns	
Confiance	39	Hunter	10
(Burnat York)	38	Hereford	14
Detroit	20	Gloicester	14
Lady Prevost	10	Chippewa	2
Linnet	16	Nancy	2
On Champlain	11	Little Belt	2
(Ditto)	11		

Of packets which are King's vessels, generally first rate, vessels from 200 to 400 tons burden, armed with 10 guns, we have captured the following:

Ann	Nocton
Duke of Montrose	Prince Adolphus
Express	Prince Amelia
Fox	Elizabeth
Francis Freeling	Swallow
Lapwing	Tony
Mary Ann	Lady Pelham
Manchester	Windsor Castle
Morgiana	Elizabeth
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The preceding are public vessels: Of private vessels, Niles' list is 1,551, which have been brought safe into port of destroyed, including the recaptures, it may be safely stated that we have taken at least 4,000 vessels from the enemy. VERITAS

FIFTY YEARS AGO

GOOD LUCK.

We have heard "fisherman's luck" often spoken of, but when it comes in the same shape it did to our friend, John French, yesterday forenoon it is certainly worth mentioning. In a few hours he caught forty-one pounds of blue perch with a hook and line some where near the upper part of the town. The assistant editor acknowledges the receipt of a bountiful mess, for which he would return "much thanks." My pounds of fish always perch upon your hooks, for caught and distributed in the French style, there is nothing easy about them. LOOK MY BOY.

LOOK OUT FOR COUNTERFEITS

Counterfeit twenty and fifty dollar greenbacks are in circulation in our city. One of the latter amount was "showed" on a hotel proprietor, a day or two since, by a couple of "sports," representing themselves to be connected with a minstrel organization, known as the "Eurekas." It will be a sorrow day for the pair if the hotel proprietor ever claps eyes on them and exclaims "Eureka," in the presence of some sheriff or police officer.

Beef cattle, for which the holders expected to get 17 cents a pound at Brighton, Mass., have sold this week at 14 cents. We can stand a good deal heavier decline in beef without weeping.

Four years ago Oil City, Pa., numbered one hundred inhabitants; now it contains about 10,000.—Fifty Years ago.

(The population of Oil City, Pa., in 1910 was but 15,657. In 1861 the population was 100. In 1865 it was 10,000, a gain of 9,900 people in four short years, the discovery of oil there in '61 caused a great boom but about 30 years later when most of the wells were run dry the increase came to a sudden stop. It will be seen that in 50 years the population has increased but 5,657.—Ed.)

TWENTY YEARS AGO

ST. PATRICK'S WIN

FLAG AT CARNIVAL
 The big military carnival which has been running at the armory for ten nights, came to an end last evening with much merriment and a large attendance. The interest of the evening centered in the prize winners, the chief contest being over the silk flag.

From the figures on the bulletin board yesterday the Miller council of the Loyal Legion was ahead, having 238 votes to their credit and leading the St. Patrick's Young Men's society by 76 votes. The latter society, however, was not going to be downed, and the way they put in votes for themselves last evening was a beautiful sight to see. The ballot box was declared closed at 10:30 o'clock and the votes counted. There were a dozen societies represented in the contest. The result of the count half an hour later was astonishing: St. Patrick's society had 1,794 the Machine Gun battery 66, and the Loyal Legion only 88.

A Farmer reporter tried to find out what became of the 238 votes that Miller council had the night before. One of the official counters replied that only official ballots were counted, and even counting the fraudulent ballots cast the Loyal Legion were behind the winners by about 1,700 votes. Others receiving prizes were: E. W. Labounty, Wheeler & Wilson sewing machine; Miss Annie Langdon, military encyclopedia; the ladies and gentlemen's gold watches were won by Thelma's of tickets bearing no name.

Attorney John W. Banks has formed a partnership with William T. Hinks, and will move into the latter's office next week.

A 12 year old boy named Kelsey fell from a string piece of the old bridge Tuesday evening while fishing, and not being able to swim might

have drowned had not Drawtender Joe Schietinger gone to his rescue.

Patrick Burns and George Fox, the recently appointed patrolmen, went to New York yesterday and were measured for their uniforms.

In St. Patrick's church next Sunday the devotion of the Forty Hours will open. Father Niemi will be assisted in its celebration by several of the local and many out of town clergymen.

MCCARTHY ELECTED

GRAND CHIEF RANGER

The Bridgeport Foresters are naturally elated over the choice by the order's state convention at Hartford yesterday of A. H. McCarthy, of this city, to be grand chief ranger. There was practically no opposition to him and he received a unanimous vote. The other officers elected were as follows: Grand sub-chief ranger, Thomas J. Creighton, Hartford; grand treasurer, David Dickinson, Meriden; grand secretary, Philip E. Hendricks, Norwich; grand recording secretary, W. C. Kleinckes, Waterbury; grand senior woodward, John E. Liddy, Bridgeport; grand junior woodward, C. A. Hoffman, Danbury; grand senior beadle, Maurice Fitzgerald, New London; grand junior beadle, Charles W. Holmes, New Britain; trustees, John B. Freysinger, New Haven; Edward P. Hayes, Stamford; E. R. Crosby, Bridgeport. Supreme Court Representatives, E. T. Burke, Norwich; James T. Smith, Ansonia; Dr. Frank H. Wheeler, New Haven; J. J. McDonald, Waterbury; Joseph C. Ivers, Bridgeport; Frank P. Lynch, Hartford; George O'Malley, Meriden; P. H. Cosgrove and George E. Mellus of Bridgeport.

Miss Lizzie Byrne, sister of the late Patrick Byrne, denies that the Tractor company paid \$1,000 in settlement of the suit brought on account of her brother's death. She says the sum was not one-third of \$1,000.

OUR NEWTOWN NEWS LETTER

(Special to The Farmer.)

Newtown, May 10.—The continued case of David Epstein of Huntington for assault upon Mrs. Bertha Wezvesky came up before Justice McCarthy, Saturday, at 10 a. m. The justice found the accused guilty, and fined him \$5 and costs, which the latter promptly paid. Then he promptly sought a lawyer and brought suit for the recovery of a sum of money from the husband of the winner of this first legal bout.

Oscar Fitzschler, town clerk, is ill. He has been confined to his home for a week, and is threatened with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Murray of Bridgeport motored to Newtown, Sunday, and called upon friends. They expect to take up country life in Newtown early in June.

The W. C. T. U. at its meeting, Friday afternoon, in Taunton, re-elected its old board of officers, and talked over a plan for vigorous work in the object and aims of the organization, for the coming year.

Michael Keating of the Glen was a week end and Sunday guest of friends in Derby and Shelton.

Garry Sink and Frank Brady both of New York were drowned when the row-boat from which they were viewing the fleet in the Hudson River capsized.

On hearing of the death of Charles Frohman, Maud Adams collapsed at Kansas City, where she was playing. She recovered and gave her performance.

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Great Forest Fire Subdued in Newtown

Fire Warden and Relays of Men Kept Busy Throughout the Night Protecting Many Imperilled Dwellings.

Hundreds of Cords of Wood, Already Piled, Are in Path of Destructive Flames—Loss is Great.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Newtown, May 10.—The most stubborn forest fire the fire fighters of Newtown under Town Fire Warden C. F. Conger have ever fought raged all Sunday and last night, and had not been conquered today, although a hundred men scurried along its flanks and by back firing managed to keep it away from the dwellings. It began in the Lebbon woods near the southern boundary line of the town in a sparsely settled part of the town, and when first seriously noted had spread in a widening circle between the Lebbon and the High Rock road, where woodmen have piled up several hundred cords of wood in the past two years. Some of this was seasoned, and together with the cut tops of the trees made the heat so intense that the fire crew could not save the timber. Against a stiff northwestern wind the fire persistently climbed up the height of Great Hill all day Sunday. When it surmounted the crest of the hill last night it presented an appalling spectacle to the denizens of Newtown Center, and a score of automobiles with loads of volunteers and sightseers rushed by different routes to the area of devastation.

Fire Warden Conger had telephoned all the deputy fire wardens for help about noon Sunday when he responded with fresh men who relieved the men first at the front, and at nightfall these were supplanted by new recruits and every four hours during the night a new detachment of recruits, or men freshly restored by sleep met the advancing column of fire. All night long by motor Conger shifted his men with the result that although six dwellings with barns were at times in danger, not one was burned.

As this is written, the fire on the side towards the hamlet of Botford Hill is under control, the fire in the burnt over area so well patrolled that danger is past, but the path of the fire to the eastward will be stayed only as soon as Halfway river is reached, it is thought by the fire warden. However, the cultivated lands of Zoar will operate as a safeguard for Stevenson which lies directly in the path of the waves of flame.

No estimate could be made of the damage but practically every line of fence has been destroyed, besides the loss of several hundred cords of wood, and huge piles of slabs left by the sawyers are heaps of ashes, or flaming volcanoes. Besides much young sprouts have been injured mortally, as most were budded. Several hundred acres have already been swept by the most extensive forest fire in Newtown's experience. That no lives were lost and no dwellings consumed is due to the hard work of the fire fighters, under the capable Town Fire Warden Conger. The fire is supposed to have started from sparks from a railroad locomotive in the early hours of Sunday, and was not discovered in the sparsely settled region along the Monroe line until its insidious creep brought it in view of the people of Botford.

HUBBARD LAUGHED AT DANGER WHEN HE READ WARNING

"As important as the direction of yesterday's wind," said Elbert Hubbard, just before the Lusitania sailed, when he was asked what he thought of the German Embassy's warning.

"Era Elbertus," as he was known, is in the list of missing. Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard were married in this city 10 years ago by Attorney Fred Fallon as justice of the peace. Jokingly, he said last week: "I used to be on friendly terms with the Kaiser, but I don't know how I stand with him now, for you know I have written some thing he may not have liked."

Mr. Hubbard knew about the German Embassy's warning, but he thought it about as important as the direction of yesterday's wind. He said he would make no effort to get into the lifeboats if the German threat was put into practice, less there was some spare room for him. He said he knew the value of advertising and that if he was torpedoed by the Kaiser's navy men while on his way to see the Kaiser, the publicity would be a fine boost for the Roycrofters left behind up at East Aurora. "If I get through safely," he added, "and the German emperor won't see me in Berlin, I'll be at St. Helena and see him later at St. Helena."

Officials of the University of Michigan refused to permit Prof. G. W. Kirshwey, of Columbia University, to speak in any of the university buildings, fearing his pro-British utterances.

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PROTESTS OYSTER REGULATIONS OF NEW HAVEN ROAD

Charles Platts Takes Up Refrigeration With I. C. Commission.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Washington D. C., May 10.—Charles Platts of North avenue, Bridgeport, has filed with Interstate Commerce Commission a protest against the recent ruling of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, New York Central, Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio railroads that in the future shippers must furnish refrigeration for oysters.

Mr. Platts is chairman of the traffic committee of the Oysters Growers and Dealers Association of North America. These railroads have made a ruling that the railroads must furnish refrigeration for oysters shipped in carload lots in the territory north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers and east of the Mississippi river.

Mr. Platts complains that the rate for carloads of oysters was based on the understanding that the railroads were to furnish refrigeration. He also claims the rate on oysters is higher than the rate on other perishable goods.

The paving and sewer commission will meet tonight to go over the bids for the Housatonic avenue and Seaview avenue sewers. Contracts for these sewers will be awarded.

The Brooklyn historical pageant that was postponed last fall because of the European war will be given on May 21 and 22 in the Twenty-third Regiment Armory.

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