

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

### CHARACTERISTIC OF WOMEN.

Mr. Ledyard, a native of America, accompanied Capt. Cooke round the world, travelled through more than half the globe, and died in Egypt, in the year 1783. The following characteristic anecdote by him, is not less beautiful than just:

"I have always observed, (says the careful observer of manners,) that women, in all countries, are civil, obliging, tender and humane; that they are inclined to be gay and cheerful, timorous and modest; and that they do not, like man, hesitate to perform a good action. Not haughty, arrogant, or supercilious, they are full of courtesy and fond of society; more liable to err, in general, than man; but in general also more virtuous, and performing more good actions than he."

(What a beautiful eulogium and how truly due!—Ed.)

Milton, the great poet, was asked by a friend, whether he would instruct his daughter in the English language, to which he replied, "no sir, ONE TONGUE is sufficient for a woman."

### AN EPIGRAM

Each different palate some liquors will suit.  
Ale, brandy, gin, port-wine or sherry—  
Bellinda—dare any her judgment dispute!  
Thinks nothing equal to Perry!

## FIFTY YEARS AGO.

### "SHERIDEN'S RIDE"

This most beautiful and soul-stirring poem, written by Thomas Buchanan Read, Esq., describing Gen. Philip Sheridan's great ride from Winchester "25 miles away," will be read by special request, at the March 21st, 1891, Tragedian, at Bayley's Hall during Thursday evening's performance. We think NO SOLDIER, who can, will fail to be on hand, and surely NONE, who fought under the gallant Sheridan will miss the gallant ride.

**A FRIENDLY GAME OF BALL.**  
A friendly game of baseball was played on the Business College grounds yesterday afternoon, between that club and the Piquonooks. At the conclusion of the seventh inning, darkness put an end to the game, the score standing 11 to 11. The College boys will have to look to their laurels as there is first-rate material in the Piquonooks.

**ANOTHER SHIRT COMPANY.**  
A new association to be known as the "Bridgeport Shirt Company," is in process of organization in our city and the managers have secured an excellent location on Water street, near the Old Depot, where they propose to manufacture shirts by wholesale and superior quality.

**STILL DIGGING.**  
The Horse Railroad sappers and miners had reached the foot of John street, at noon, and "the cry" is still they are digging their way down Main street.

**NEW CORPORATION COUNSEL.**  
The New York City McKean Convention met on Wednesday night and nominated C. Godfrey Gunther for Mayor, and O'Gorman for Corporation Counsel.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO.

### A SUIT LIKELY

Henry Seibert, a Deacon street milk peddler, while running after his horse in Williston street the other night, stumbled and fell over a pile of dirt, breaking his knee-pail. The injury will incapacitate Seibert for work for six weeks, and will probably cripple him for life. The city may have a suit on its hands as a result of the accident.

### B. H. S. FOOTBALL ELEVEN

That the interest taken in football this season has fully surpassed that of last year is evidenced from the crowds that have assembled at Sesside Park to witness games, and the number of enthusiasts that have accompanied teams out of town this season. An unusual interest is centered on the outcome of the interscholastic championship, the deciding game of the series to be decided today at New Haven, between the strong team of the Hartford High school and the fast Bridgeport High school. From the exciting finish and the hard game put up by the two teams last Saturday, it is thought that the game will be a hotly contested one.

The Park City boys lack much in height and weight but they make up what they lack in those two by the amount of grit, pluck and endurance they possess, and it was these qualities when defeat was staring them in the face. They have been very successful this year and have tasted defeat but twice, and that from the Yale freshman team, which is probably the strongest in the state with the exception of the Yale varsity eleven.

In the league games the B. H. S. won the championship of the southern division by defeating the Meriden High school team 46 to 0 and the Hillhouse eleven 14 to 4. The much sought trophy that the boys are trying hard to retain is a cup offered by the Yale athletic association. It has to be won three years in succession by any of the teams in order that it may become a permanent possession. The cup is now held by the Bridgeport High school eleven.

The work of men in the line has been exceptionally good, especially the playing of Bill Al Deaney and Wheeler, with Ives and Smith close after them. Behind the line are Capt. Bob Keane, Bobbie DeForest, "Pop" Foster and Goddard. Keane's generalship in his terrific line bucking are always features of any game he enters. The long runs that Foster makes in every game he plays makes him a prominent back, and one of the DeForest's is always with the interference in his plays. Pluck little Goddard, the quarter-back of the team, is also a good player, and much depends on him in winning games. He possesses a cool head and is always found in the roughest of the game. Too much credit cannot be given Keane, Morris and Bryant, for their faithful working in bringing out the team.

The team taken as a whole is probably the best one the High school ever had or will have as a representative of that institution. About 200 students will accompany the team to New Haven and the attending set at about 2,500 football enthusiasts.

### CONNORS—GOULD

At St. Thomas R. C. church, next Wednesday, Rev. Father Coleman, the pastor will unite in marriage Martin J. Connors of the Wheeler and Wilson Manufacturing company and Miss Emma Gould of Fairfield.

### IN FRATERNAL CIRCLES

W. A. MacDonald has resigned from the secretaryship of Court Marina, F. of A., and Alexander M. Baker has been elected in his place. After the regular meeting last evening the court held a "smoker" at St. Patrick's hall.

### KELLY LOSES COAT

James Kelly, a son of ex-Assessor John Kelly and a student at Bridgeport High school, is mourning the loss of a brand new winter overcoat which was stolen from the coatroom in the building a few days ago. Mr. Kelly discovered the loss of his garment at noon when he was about to depart for home. He immediately communicated the fact to the principal of the school, Mr. Simonds and a search was made but nothing that would prove a clue to the thief.

Hereafter the janitor will be instructed to keep the doors locked while the school is in session. Detectives Arnold and Cronan have been assigned to the case.

### A NEW POLICE JOB

Henry Ajwater, president of the Police Commission, appeared before the Ordinance Committee last night and stated that as far as he was able to ascertain the sentiment of the board relative to the proposed ordinance creating the office of Third Sergeant, the members were not in favor of it.

One of the commissioners expressed surprise this morning when told this morning when told of Mr. Atwater's board that seven members of the board were opposed to the creation of the new position. He then said that he knew four Commissioners who were in favor of creating the new place and that in all probability the Ordinance Committee will create the position upon the approval of the Police Commission at its next meeting.

## TRUMBULL

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everts, Sunday, were Mrs. Frederick May, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Masse and son, Theodore, Jr., Leslie Bory, Charles Bryant, Frank Kykindol, Bert Kronk, all of Bridgeport, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Everts of Huntington.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Thornton celebrated on Saturday evening the tenth anniversary of their marriage. The guests, who were mostly relatives, spent a most enjoyable evening with games and music after which refreshments were served.

Stephen Peet of Bridgeport, opened his bungalow here Sunday and entertained a party of friends from Bridgeport.

An unusually good attendance was recorded at the morning services in the Congregational church, Sunday. At the close of the sermon Erwin S. Fairchild, who with the pastor and Orville E. Burton, attended as delegates the meeting of the Fairfield association, gave an interesting report.

At the session of the Sunday school, Mrs. Jennie A. Brinsmade reported from the State Sunday school convention, which was held in Stamford and which she attended as delegate.

Ernest S. Wood has accepted a job in Bridgeport with the A. W. Burritt Co.

Mrs. Albert Christie entertained on Friday her mother, Mrs. Emma Halllock, of Bridgeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wells spent Sunday in Milford, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Van Horn.

### Medical Examiner Says Drowned Man Walked Into Water

Relatives of the man drowned at the foot of Henry street Sunday morning yesterday identified him as Leokawicz Bouslaw. Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick is of the belief that Bouslaw wandered into Henry street basin and becoming entangled in the mud he was unable to free himself and slowly but surely the tide rose until the water entered his lungs and finally he collapsed.

### JITNEY KNOCKS DOWN MAN; GOES TO HOSPITAL

Paul Polish of Barnum walked in front of a jitney bus, operated by John Noller of 72 Johnson street, as he stepped from the curbing at Barnum avenue and Helen street, last night. Polish was struck and knocked down. He was taken to Bridgeport hospital where he is held for observation. Witnesses say that Noller was not at fault and he was not arrested.

Four persons injured in the recent Kansas hurricane died in hospitals at Great Bend.

### THANKSGIVING WEDDING GIFTS

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PANAMA CANAL CHANNEL BLOCKED BY SLIDE

The picture printed herewith is the latest photograph of the big slide in the Gaillard cut (formerly known as the Culebra cut) of the Panama canal to reach the United States. The letter accompanying the picture said that as there are now upward of 10,000,000 cubic yards of material gradually moving into the canal faster than the dredges can remove it, it is the opinion that the canal channel will not be open for traffic again before Jan. 1.

### SAMUEL H. HARRIS LODGE ENTERTAINS NEW MILFORD VISITORS

Samuel H. Harris lodge, I. O. O. F., entertained elaborately in their hall on Broad street last night. Good Shepherd lodge, Milford, were the guests. A band and platoon of police met the visiting lodge at the railroad station conducting them safely to the local lodge rooms. The second degree was conferred. Past Grand Master Sidney W. Challenger made the address of welcome. Other responses were made by Noble Grand W. S. Ferris, Earle Camp, vice grand, and C. D. Fulver, secretary of Good Shepherd lodge. A supper was served by Charity Rebekah lodge.

### PLACE BRIDGE AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR SEVERAL TOWNS

Hartford, Nov. 16.—About 25 contractors interested in submitting sealed proposals for sections of highway and bridge construction or improvement were at the capital yesterday. The bids received by the state highway department related to constructing about 8,425 linear feet of native stone construction in Weston. The construction of two reinforced concrete beam bridges including one 26-foot span bridge over the Norwalk river at Georgetown and two 22-foot span bridges over the same river at Cannon Station, in Wilton; the construction of two reinforced concrete bridges in Cornwall; one six-foot span culvert and a 12-foot span culvert near Cornwall Plains.

### DELINQUENT MOTHER WILL GET ANOTHER CHANCE FROM COURT

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ritton of 97 Helen street will be given one more opportunity to care for their daughters, Viola, aged 15, and Lillian, aged 12. Judge Miller in the probate court yesterday said that Viola who left school after having advanced only as far as the fifth grade must be sent back to school and that an older sister who stays at home must obtain employment or he will not permit the children to remain in such an environment.

Before Judge Miller it was testified yesterday that the family had lived in the East End, the mother drank to excess, and lay in bed every day until nearly noon. A man named Canfield lived in the house and was assumed to be the husband of Mrs. Ritton. Mr. Ritton, who is a roofer worked out of town returned only on Saturdays to remain over Sunday. Mr. Ritton carried good wages and brought money home every week for the support of the family yet it was alleged Mrs. Ritton owed every merchant in the neighborhood and also was in debt for the furniture in the house.

One day the furniture man came and took it all away except the mattresses, which he burned in the back yard. That night the family slept on the floor. Then Canfield left. The children were taken in by an aunt and Mrs. Ritton was taken to the Protective Home in Myrtle avenue. Later officials of that home arranged with the family to take her back. The family members were then brought together in the home in Helen street. Miss Margaret E. Boylan, of the Charity Organization Society said conditions are much better at the new home.

Atty. E. O. Hull who appeared for the Connecticut Bar said he was satisfied the mother is not a fit person to bring up the girls but Judge Miller decided to continue the hearing two weeks longer. In the meantime Mrs. Isaac N. Burgess, probation officer, will be asked to investigate the case as Judge Miller desires to get the opinion of an investigator who is not familiar with the family history.

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