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WATERBURY HEARS FRIENDS ENTERTAIN U. M. C. CO. WILL IRENE M. COLEMAN, HAVE PLANT THERE WHO'LL SOON WED

Rumor That Circus Ground Is Sold Is Much Denied, However.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Waterbury, Dec. 1.—This city has been excited considerably for the last few days by the current rumor that the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. of Hartford has purchased the property known as the golf lots in the West End. Every body has been talking about it but so many denials have come that doubt is being expressed.

Walter W. Holmes, who is president of the property, was reached over the telephone and asked regarding the report. He denied that the property had been sold.

"It is not so," he said. "There is absolutely no truth at all to the statement."

It is said that the company has been endeavoring to get a piece of land in or about Waterbury for some time and that the officials have made offers for the golf lots. It is practically the only large strip of land that is at all central and if obtained would make an ideal place for a big factory site.

For years the property has been controlled by Charles L. and Walter W. Holmes, who while they do not own the entire property, have control over it under an agreement that no pieces of it shall be sold separately. They want the entire tract to be sold in one lot.

The report was around town that the deal had been completed about 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Coupled with the denial of the owners is the announcement by way of Bridgeport that so far as the officials located in that city know the company does not intend to locate any part of its plant in this city.

The executive officers of the company are located in New York," it was said at the cartridge office today, "and of course if negotiations were carried on for the purchase it would be through the New York office. But we hardly believe there is any intention of dividing the plants and locating in different cities. We are not crowded for room here."

The owners of the golf lots say that no overtures have been made to them for the land.

"The Young Roscius"

The first London appearance of William Henry West Betty, the greatest of all boy actors in the history of the stage, was made at Drury Lane theatre on Dec. 1, 1894. Just 111 years ago today, Betty, who was universally known as "the Young Roscius," was then thirteen years old. He began his stage career at the age of eleven in Belfast, playing the roles of Osmán, Young Norval and Romeo, and soon all Ireland was wild over him. His stay in Dublin was a continued triumph, in the great theatres competing for the honor of shaking his hand, while the poor boy was almost overwhelmed by the attentions of the Dublin belles. He next appeared in Glasgow and Scotland, but immediately returned with what Byron called "Rosciusman." The theatres in Edinburgh and Birmingham were fairly mobbed, and when at last he got to London, the metropolis was seething with excitement and interest in the prodigy. During his engagements in Drury Lane and Covent Garden theatres the boy received \$5,000 a week—a stupendous sum in those days. He was honored by universities and learned societies, and it was even proposed to erect statues to him. He left the stage to complete his education and when, a young man of twenty-one, he returned to the stage he failed utterly and completely, and spent the remainder of his life in obscurity.

Weather Forecast

New Haven, Dec. 1.—Forecast: Increasing cloudiness, followed by light rain or snow late tonight or Thursday. Somewhat warmer tonight.

Connecticut: Increasing cloudiness, followed by light rain or snow late tonight or Thursday; somewhat warmer tonight. Moderate variable winds.

The temperature continues low in the eastern districts. Killing frosts were reported along the Atlantic coast as far south as Jacksonville, Fla., and light frosts reported on the Gulf coast as far south as Tampa, Fla. Richmond, Va., was seven degrees colder than New Haven. The temperatures are falling slowly in the Mississippi valley but are low over the Rocky Mountains. Zero temperatures are reported from Manitoba. A trough of low pressure extending from Texas northwards towards Michigan is causing unsettled weather with light rain or snow in the central districts.

ALMANAC FOR TODAY

Sun rises 6:59 a. m. Sun sets 4:24 p. m. High water 5:37 a. m. Moon rises 12:50 p. m. Low water 11:40 a. m.

The seventh annual convention of the Federation of Jewish Farmers of America opened in New York.

SEEK CAUSE OF EXPLOSION THAT KILLED 31 WORKMEN AT DUPONT POWDER PLANT

Rigid Investigation Is Begun Into Disaster By Officials of Company—Warnings Reported Received, But Company Is Silent—Think Accidental Spark Caused Blow-up.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 1.—Although a searching investigation into the cause of the disaster was started by officials of the DuPont Powder Co. immediately after the explosion which caused the death of 31 workmen and the serious injury of six others in the company's Upper Haskley yards, nothing of a tangible nature had been discovered up to an early hour today. Every employee who was near the building that was destroyed was put through a thorough examination but without throwing any light on the mystery. None of the 24 men who were in the pellet packing house escaped and there is now only a big hole in the ground where the building stood.

The investigators admit that there is but little possibility of the responsibility ever being placed and company officials, while declaring that nothing would be left undone to determine the cause of the explosion, stated that they were without a thread on which to base their hopes that its origin ever will be ascertained.

Charles B. Landis, an official of the DuPont Co., gave out a statement today in which he said that every precaution had been taken to protect the Du Pont plants and that these precautions had been redoubled with the receipt of war orders. "Our policing system," he added, "is under the direction of Major Richard W. Sylvester, former chief of police of Washington, and he is in charge of the company's secret service."

"The whole thing is an absolute mystery and not a man is living who was in or even near the packing house when the accident occurred and we seem to be without the means of even starting an investigation."

Reports that notices had been found nailed to trees and fences leading to the Du Pont plants at Upper Haskley and at Carney's point warning employees of Teutonic origin that they risked their lives by continuing to work in either plant, were receiving the attention of detectives today. These reports were discredited by the investigators and officials of the company alike but in order to leave no stone unturned it was said they would be the subjects of inquiry.

Men accustomed to travel the roads in the vicinity of the plants were said to have seen the notices upon several occasions but stated they had remained in position for only a few hours at a time. The notices, according to one of the men, read as follows:

"Americans who lost their lives on the Louisiana did so after due warning. All men of Teutonic origin are hereby warned that if they continue in the employment of the Du Pont Powder Co. they will do so at their own risk and are taking their lives in their hands."

The theory that is most widely credited is that the explosion was caused by a spark from a horseshoe striking a stone or piece of metal from a spark caused by a small car running over some powder that had been spilled in the yard. But slight hope is held out for the recovery of the six injured men who were taken to hospitals.

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REPUBLICANS IN MERIDEN ARE SPLIT OVER NOMINATION

Donovan, Present Mayor, Receives 37 of 60 Delegates' Votes in Convention.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Meriden, Dec. 1.—Meriden's municipal campaign got underway today as the city convention last night of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Dr. Joseph A. Cooke, a leading physician, was unanimously nominated by the Democrats at a convenient address by more than 50 voters. Dr. Cooke was nominated by former Congressman Thomas L. Reilly, and there were no other candidates.

A stiff fight marked the Republican convention which nominated Mayor Donovan in the popular vote, as a "protest" by Republican electors against nine phases of the present administration. Donovan received 37 of the 60 delegates' votes.

Philharmonic Orchestra of New York Engaged For Samson and Delilah

The engagement of the New York Philharmonic orchestra to appear with the Bridgeport Oratorio society in the coming concert has been announced. The famous New York orchestra will consist of pieces of music, a harper of note and will in itself offer entertainment of unusual merit.

This in connection with the vast chorus of 350 voices and a quartet of the most able soloists will provide a musical event second to nothing that has ever been presented in the city.

The oratorio concerts conducted by the local society are proving to be a succession of musical triumphs and have easily gained the reputation of being the foremost musical events of the state.

The census taken by the New York police department shows that New York city has a population of 5,267,855, which is 244,773 more than that given by the state census.

CHILDREN HATE PILLS, CALOMEL AND CASTOR OIL

If cross, feverish, constipated, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children, it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do to their children's system.

Under their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicate "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children clean to take it; that it never fails to cleanse the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach; and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeiters sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.—Adv.

SUMMONED WRONG MAN TO ANSWER FOR INTOXICATION

Similarity of Names Brings Innocent Chauffeur Before State Secretary.

(Special to The Farmer.)

Hartford, Dec. 1.—Frank H. Richardson, a chauffeur living at 50 Elm street, was summoned by mistake to appear before Secretary of State Charles D. Burnes yesterday to answer a charge of having operated an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Frank A. Richardson, also a chauffeur, who rooms at 144 East Main street, is the man who should have been summoned. The hearing was continued until the right man can be summoned.

Solomon Benson of Bridgeport was arrested Nov. 19 by state policeman Anthony Fellows, who testified that Benson's machine was a wrecked car. Witnesses testified that Benson was unable to stand up at the time of the accident. His license was continued under indefinite suspension. He failed to appear at police hearing.

J. W. Meloche of South Norwalk was charged with evading responsibility. He was going from Bridgeport to South Norwalk, when he struck a car which was in the way. He was taken to hospital for two miles before getting him to stop. His license was continued under indefinite suspension.

Solomon Dryor of Bridgeport was concerned in a fatal accident in that city on November 13. Dryor alleged that he was not going faster than ten miles an hour. It developed that his car went about 20 feet from the curb when he struck. The coroner found that Dryor was reckless in his driving. The case is still pending. Secretary Burnes reserved his decision until the case has been decided by the court.

Charles Nabaum of Bridgeport, who was in the automobile with Solomon Benson and who was also intoxicated, testified that he was in the car when the accident occurred. His license indefinitely suspended.

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MONDAY UNLUCKY FOR AUTOISTS IN NEWTOWN VICINITY

Skidding Nearly Causes Two Fatal Accidents and Collision Another.

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Newtown, Dec. 1.—Monday was an unfortunate day for automobilists hereabouts. About 5 a. m. Postmaster E. C. Page's car turned over on its side while skidding. With him was his granddaughter, Miss Florence Page, a student at High school, and a schoolmate of hers, but after the car was sprung and the occupants were found to be more frightened than hurt. The top of the car, mud-guards and wind shield were demolished. The car was taken to Danbury for repairs by its owner the same day.

About 5 o'clock in the evening a large car with a party of eight Waterburyans turned over on its side on Wells Hill on the state road near Sandy Hill. The car was going at a fast clip when at the turn of the brow teams slowly ascending, one passing of the hill it was confronted by two other. The driver of the car put on the brakes with the result that the car turned at right angles and struck the opposite bank, bucked back, a few feet from the horses' heads.

A crowd of pedestrians and teamsters helped pull out the imprisoned occupants, none of whom was seriously hurt. The car was towed to the local garage and the passengers took the 7:30 train for the Brass City that night.

Howard Bassett, coming from Botford to Newtown at 8:45 a. m. Tuesday in his touring car, collided with one of the south bound Stowe motor trucks loaded with milk, at Farrell's corner on the Newtown and Bridgeport turnpike. Bassett's car lost a wheel while the shock toppled six full cans of milk and spilled them. Neither driver was hurt, and both were able to hold their seats. Each blames the other for the collision.

SOUTHERN TRAIN DERAILED

Washington, Dec. 1.—Several passengers in the observation car of the Southern Railway's northbound New York and New Orleans Limited train were cut by broken glass last night when the train was derailed near Pelham, N. C., according to a statement issued today. A broken rail was the cause of the accident.

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Crepe de Chine Corset Covers Are every bit as durable as muslin covers and when combined with fine Val or shadow lace, make a bit of finery that every woman will want. In white or pale pink 79c to \$1.25

Crepe and Nainsook Gowns Nainsook of fine soft quality in Empire style with ribbon and beading and others with round neck, embroidered and lace trimmed—Crepe gowns with round neck or in pajama style, fastening with colored silk frogs. Each in fancy gift box \$1.00

Crepe de Chine and Lace Blouses Charming in their softness—yet durable too. Crepe de chine waists in tailored style with collar which may be worn high or low to suit the wearer. In old rose, flesh, white and colored striped effects \$2.00

Sweaters for Little Folks For school wear, for play or for better occasions—these all wool sweaters will be warm and comfortable. In green, old rose, crimson and Copenhagen blue. Sizes 30 to 36. \$2.25 and \$3.00

Flannelette Kimonos Full length, in dainty floral patterns. Waist band with elastic to assure proper fit. For house wear on chilly mornings, a flannelette kimono is a most comfortable garment. Price \$1.00



A Photograph As a Xmas Gift Would you like to give an enlarged picture of yourself, mother, or father as a Christmas gift? It would surely be thought much of and would be an everlasting reminder of the giver. Save your purchase checks until they amount to \$3.00 and receive an 11x14 in. oval convex portrait FREE of charge—made from any photograph you wish to bring.

THE SMITH-MURRAY CO.

THE FAIRCHILD STORE Christmas Suggestion, No. 3.

Odd Pieces of Table Silver

Appropriate for Christmas as well as the wedding day. Every housewife appreciates additions to her supply of table silver, especially those whose slender store has grown less with the years of service, and who rather enjoy the shining display that Mrs. Newlywed so proudly shows.

A SLY PEEP AT MOTHER'S SILVER Will show many gaps in the original lineup which a small outlay will help to fill. EVEN ONE DOLLAR will purchase a dainty little ladle or pickle fork. Two dollars will buy something twice as good, and five dollars will make a splendid showing.

We make no charge for marking silver purchased here.

We gladly mark all silver free.

BRISTOL AND HILL SCRAP OVER PAYING FOR RUINED SUITS

Three Commissioners Overrule Railroad Man Who Says Cops Should Settle.

The meeting of the police board last night was somewhat enlivened by tilts between Chairman Hill, Commissioners Stanley and Murphy on one side and Lou P. Bristol on the other. The discussion arose over replacing a pair of trousers for Policeman John McGuire and a suit for Policeman John Gerrity, each of which were destroyed in the pursuit and capture of offenders.

Following a motion by Stanley, seconded by Murphy, to replace the wardrobe, Bristol decried the practice of giving policemen new clothes for the clothing ruined in the performance of duty, saying that persons in commercial pursuits did not have the same privilege. He declared strongly that had precedent might be established.

Commissioners Hill and Stanley inquired whether or not passengers or employes on railroad trains, whose clothing was ruined, did not get complete reimbursement. Bristol admitted that sometimes they did but insisted the point was not parallel, for the police are well paid for their services and in his opinion get enough remuneration to buy their own clothing.

A vote was called for by the chairman with some asperity and resulted in a distinct "Yes!" from Stanley and Murphy and an equally distinct "No!" from Bristol.

"Three to one," said Commissioner

Hill. "Please record the vote, Mr. Clerk," he continued.

Many policemen were reported on the sick list during the period, some of whom had returned. Among these was Patrick Sheehy, reported off duty on sick leave to Department Surgeon F. J. Adams. A report submitted to the commissioners shows that he called Sheehy's house but could not get in, and though the policeman has returned to duty the physician has not yet ascertained the cause of illness.

Policeman John E. Barton was given the \$50 reward offered for the capture of Fred Vitale, an escaped convict.

It was decided that enough money remained in the building appropriation of last year to thoroughly repaint and varnish the lower floors of the police building. The clerk was instructed to procure bids through the Board of Contract & Supply.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

MASTER CUMMINGS ARRIVES. A nine pound son arrived last night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Cummings, 287 Capitol avenue. Mrs. Cummings and Master Cummings are getting along nicely. The baby's mother was Miss Anna Buck before her marriage.

Court Marina, F. of A., is making extensive preparations for the annual Ladies' Night and entertainment to be held at the hall, 1087 Broad street on Monday evening, December 20, at 8:30. The members, wives, sweethearts and children of the court have been invited to attend. Each child and lady will receive a souvenir and a hot roast beef supper will be served in the banquet hall following the entertainment.

Subscriptions to the new French war loan were opened in London.