

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

ON CATHOLIC EMANCIPATION.
Counsellor Phillip's Speech on the Catholic Emancipation, delivered before a large and respectable meeting of the leading Catholics of Ireland in October, 1813:

"If ever there was an opportunity for England to do justice with dignity to the present—now is the time. Irish blood has crimsoned the cross upon her naval flag, and an Irish hero strikes the harp of victory upon the summit of the Pyrenees."

"England, England, do not hesitate; this hour of triumph may be but an hour of trial; the caprices of fortune are not to be trusted; one season more may show the panorama of European vassalage, arrayed by your ruthless enemy, and glittering beneath the ruins of another capitol—perhaps of London."

"A few months since MOSCOW stood as splendid and patriarchal city, the Empress of her Nation, the Queen of Commerce and the Sanctuary of Strangers—her thousand spires pointed to the heavens and her domes of gold enriched the suburbs."

"The tyrant came—he marked her for his residence—and, as if every glance was destiny, with all her pride and pomp, and happiness, she faded from the world. Merciful God, if this embroidered butcher of the human race heading his locust legions, were to land in Ireland! I do not ask what would be the consequence—I am sure you would oppose him in the language of your young enthusiast, with a torch in one hand and a sword in the other. But I do ask upon what principle could the advocates of your excision solicit your assistance? Would they may, reconquer our ascendancy, and we will repay you with bondage?"

"It has been said that there is a faction in Ireland, who would in this moment—a French party. There is no Irish party in Ireland but there is an Irish party, and would it not be strange, if there were not men who cannot bear to see their country trampled with the name of a constitution she has not—men, who will be content with no connection without an equality of benefits, but who would die in defense of the connection if they had them—men, who sooner than see this lovely green island polluted with the footsteps of a slave, would wish the ocean ways to become its sepulchre, and that the orb of heaven forget we existed."

"It has been said, too, (and when we were to be calumniated, what has not been said) that Irishmen are never fit for freedom, nor grateful for favors. In the first place I deny that to be a favor which is a right, and in the next place, Irishmen were never tried—they were, and my life on it, they will be found grateful."

"I think I know my countrymen—they cannot help being grateful for a benefit and there is no nation on earth where one would be conferred with more disinterested benevolence—they are emphatically the schoolboys of the heart—a people, who, ready, they act spring instinctively brave—by inheritance, generous—the children of impulse, they cannot avoid their virtues, and to be other than noble, they must not only be unnatural but unnatural."

"Enter the hovel of an Irish peasant: I do not say you will find the frugality of the Scotch, the comfort of the English, or the trifling or fantastic decorations of the French cottager—but I do say that within those wretched garrets of mud and misery, you will find sensibility the most affecting; politeness, the most natural; hospitality, the most grateful; merit, the most unobscured; their look is eloquence; their smile is love; their report is wit; their remarks are wisdom; not a wisdom borrowed from the dead, but that which nature herself has inspired them; an acute observance of the passing scene and a keen insight into the motive of its agents."

"God seems to have formed our people like our island; he has tumbled round the one, its wild, magnificent, decorated rudeness—he has infused into the other, the simplicity of virtue and the seeds of genius; and he says audibly to us, give them cultivation."

(Continued Tomorrow.)

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day according to the proclamation issued some time ago by President Andrew Johnson. There will be appropriate services in all the churches of the city after which turkey and the mince pie will be served to the friends of the club. We hope all the readers of The Farmer will be as thankful as possible.

Pratt of the Lake House informs the sportsmen that there will be a "turkey shoot" over that way tomorrow. Drop around and bring your guns with you; also baskets to take away the remains of the "slewed" turkeys.

NOTICE TO READERS.

We put our evening edition to press early this morning in order to lay the President's Message before our readers in advance of its receipt by the New York papers. Of course we shall issue no other paper today, nor again until Friday evening, tomorrow being Thanksgiving Day.

OUR COPY OF THE MESSAGE. We are indebted to Edward O. Paige of Darien, for our first copy of President Andrew Johnson's Message—advance copies of which were sent to the New Haven editors, and published by them early in the afternoon. The first evening editions of the New York papers did not contain the document.

The President was wise in having the message printed and sent in advance to principal points in different sections of the country but we do not quite understand how the New Haven editors were enabled to get hold of it earlier than those of New York. Nor do we understand why Bridgeport was not included among the places to receive the first copies.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

MAHER AND FITZSIMMONS. New York, 6, 1895.—The long delayed conference between Dan Stuart and Mahler William A. Brady took place yesterday. Stuart said that he had at last found a place for the battle between Corbett and Fitzsimmons. The place was Juarez, Mexico, directly opposite El Paso. The articles called for \$20,000, the winner to take all and the contest to take place at any time mentioned by Corbett. After listening to the proposition Brady said that Corbett had retired from the ring and would not make a match with Fitz or anybody else for the present.

"If I match Fitzsimmons and Mahler, will Corbett meet the winner?" said Stuart. "Corbett will challenge Fitzsimmons if the latter wins," said Brady. In the evening Stuart met John Quinn, backer of Mahler, and Quinn said that Mahler would fight Fitz in Mexico in a reasonable purse and a side bet of \$5,000 or \$10,000. They will have another talk this evening when articles will be signed for a final fight between Mahler and Fitz for a purse of \$10,000 to take place in February in Mexico.

(Special to The Farmer.) New York, Dec. 6, 1895.—Peter Mahler and Robert Fitzsimmons were matched this evening to fight to a finish near El Paso, Texas, between Feb. 11 and Feb. 15. The purse to be fought for will be \$20,000.

GROOM 65, BRIDE 50. Conrad Becker, the East Main street clockmaker, whose wife died a little over four months ago, this morning had a marriage license issued by Town Clerk Lee. His prospective bride is Emilie Kellgren. Mr. Becker is 65 and already has buried four wives. The future Mrs. Becker is close upon the half century mark and has buried one husband. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Caspar Brunner.

EMERGENCY CASUALTIES. Thomas Ellis, a stableman employed by Peck & Lines, fell 30 feet down the elevator shaft at the stables yesterday and was taken to the Emergency hospital in the ambulance. His fall gave him a two-inch scalp wound. A heavy box fell on the right wrist of Charles Brown, a boy who works in the packing department of the Wheeler & Wilson Manufacturing Co. yesterday afternoon, and seriously injured that member.

James Hickey, an expressman, fell on the street curbing at the railroad depot yesterday afternoon and received a severe scalp wound.

EMERGENCY NOTES. Arthur Davis, of 36 Highland avenue, cut the end of his thumb on the left hand this forenoon by a large carving knife that necessitated two stitches being taken in it. Davis works at Taylor's dress shop.

G. R. Conklin, a carpenter, who lives at 154 Barnum avenue, stepped on the end of a slat stick at the other end of a saw and cut his lip. The wound was dressed by Dr. Osborn.

William Ryan of 783 William street, employed at the Acme Shear shop, caught his right hand in a power press this morning and smashed his second and third fingers so that it was found necessary to amputate them.

BIRMINGHAM AND ARNOLD. Another horse thief has fallen into the clutches of the local police authorities. This morning "Abe" Houghton, who left this city Oct. 17 to escape arrest for overdriving a horse and damaging a wagon owned by Liverman W. H. Raymond, was fined \$25 and costs. Superintendent Birmingham Captain Arnold succeeded in making Horton confess to stealing the horse. Horton is not a resident of this city.

CLARK—JUDSON. A pretty marriage occurred at noon Tuesday in Stratford when Frank F. Clark of South Norwalk, and Miss Ida E. Judson of Stratford, were united. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. G. Cornwall. The bride was attended by Miss May Wheeler of Norwalk and Elbert W. Clark, brother of the groom, was best man.

A SURPRISE PARTY. Misses Beasle and Sadie Walsh of 30 West avenue were last evening surprised at their home by a party of their young friends, who made merry until an early hour this morning. At midnight the guests enjoyed a fine repast.

BRIDGEPORT WHEEL CLUB. The monthly business meeting of the Bridgeport Wheel club was held last evening. It was voted to change the club uniform from green to dark gray. The new constitution was adopted in full. The trustees reported the gratifying fact that the club was out of debt.

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE. The function which called together a fair-sized throng at Salter's hall last night was called the ball of the Corned Beef and Cabbage club. Carnival was king and Floor Manager Alex McDonald was his prime minister. The pecuniary success of the ball was great.

TEN ROUNDS TO A DRAW. New York, Dec. 6, 1895.—At the new Manhattan club's gymnasium last night George Dixon and Frank Erne fought 10 spirited rounds to a draw. They fought at 128 rounds. In the eighth round the bell saved Erne who was outclassed by Dixon in the ninth. The tenth and last round was a running match throughout, with Erne in the lead, but to the surprise of the spectators, the referee called it a draw. It should have been Dixon by a long odds.

THE COURTLAND SCHOOL. 431 WASHINGTON AVE. MISS MARY J. MINER, Principal. Twenty-fifth year begins Thursday, Sept. 30. Booklets at the stationery shops. Office hours: 10 a. m. to 12 m., Mondays and Saturdays excepted. Others hours by appointment. L 24 12

A REMARKABLE DECEMBER SHOE SALE Over Three Thousand Pairs of Women's and Children's Shoes and Slippers Offered at Greatly Reduced Prices

A big Shoe Sale in December is a rare event, and rarer still in Bridgeport is an offering of high-grade shoes such as these are at prices so inviting. The reason is that lack of space compels us to curtail stocks to make a proper showing of Holiday Goods. We have the Christmas Goods and they must have first place—so these stocks are forced out at prices which will compel widespread attention.

These are not jobs, nor manufacturers' samples—they're our own high-grade lines, all new and fresh, made by the best shoemakers, and never sold before under regular prices. All are new styles, and there are complete range of sizes, so that even at these extremely low prices we can fit any foot from 2 1/2 to 7, in widths from AA to D.

Read for yourself the most interesting items listed below:

Women's High-grade \$5.00 Dress Boots In This Sale at \$3.95

At this special price are included Bronze Kid lace and button Boots; Vici Kid and Gunmetal Boots, cloth or kid top, and some with grey tops; Blue Glace Kid Boots. Three styles of heels—Louis XV., French and broad leather. Complete range of sizes. These shoes are regular lines and have never sold at less than \$5.00 the pair. Special Sale Price, \$3.95 Pair



Women's Fine \$4.00 Boots at \$2.95 Pair

This offering includes Patent Leather Dress Boots, Vici Kid, Dull Kid, cloth or kid top, lace or button style. All are the popular Belmont last, with Louis XV., French and broad leather heels. Fully thirty-five styles to select from in all sizes and widths. Never sold for less than \$4.00 pair. Special Sale Price, \$2.95 pair



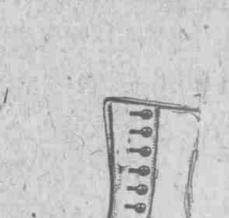
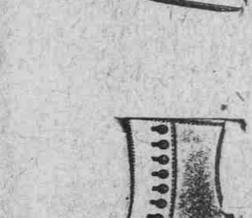
Women's \$3.50 Boots at \$2.29 Pair

A splendid line of Lace and Button Boots in Glace Kid, Patent Leather, Dull Gunmetal Calfskin. Fully twenty-four styles in the lot, in all sizes and widths. Our regular \$3.50 Shoes—Special Sale Price, \$2.29 Pair



Children's \$2.50 Shoes at \$1.85 Pair

Five hundred pairs of Children's Lace and Button Shoes, in high cut Kid and Patent Leather, on broad easy lasts; also regular cut with cloth and kid tops, and broad toe. Our regular \$2.50 Shoes, in all sizes up to No. 2—Special Sale Price, \$1.85 Pair



Women's \$3.00 and \$2.50 Boots at \$1.65

In this lot are Gunmetal Boots with cloth tops; Kid Boots with cloth top; Vici Kid with patent tip, and kid tip; in French heels and low heels for growing girls; Patent Leather with high heels, and grey and brown cloth tops. Regular \$3.00 and \$2.50 Shoes—Special Sale Price, \$1.65 Pair.

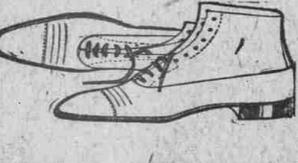
Women's \$3.00 Dancing Pumps at \$1.85 Pair

Patent Leather, Vici Kid and Satin Dancing Pumps and Evening Slippers, on stylish last with French heels; all sizes. Regularly sold at \$3.00—Special Sale Price, \$1.85 Pair

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Five hundred pairs of Lace, Button and Blucher style Shoes for men, in twelve different styles to select from. Fine Vici Gunmetal and Patent Leather Shoes, all sizes, that sell regular at \$3.50—and are splendid values at that figure—Special Sale Price, \$2.45 Pair



RUBBERS—A Rare Bargain!

Women's and Children's genuine Glove Rubbers, Good-year make, all sizes; regular 75c grade—Special Sale Price, 45c Pair



RAILROAD SHED IN STRATFORD BURNED IN MIDNIGHT FIRE

Matches Carelessly Thrown In Inflammables May Have Caused Blaze.

(Special to The Farmer.) Stratford, Dec. 6.—Fire believed to have been started from matches thrown by "tramps" destroyed the railroad shed in the rear of the local railroad station at midnight last night. The loss is estimated at \$200. It was discovered by a passerby who telephoned to the chemical engine house. Chief Allen D. Judson and the chemical crew responded and had the blaze soon under control. The railroad police are now making an investigation.

The Azalia chapter, O. E. S., will hold its annual election of officers Wednesday evening, Dec. 8. It is expected that a number of candidates will be initiated into the order. The meeting will be called to order at 7:45. The second annual oyster supper of the Dingbat club will be held in the dining hall, Thursday evening. A large number of tickets have already been sold. The purpose of the supper is to help aid the deserving poor of the town. The supper will be served from 5 until 8 p. m. An orchestra will furnish the music during the meal.

"Yellowstone Park and Its Beauties" will be the subject of the lecture to be given by Rev. Ernest C. Carpenter, pastor of the Stratford Methodist church, this evening at Red Men's hall, Church street. The lecture is under the auspices of the Ocenuck tribe of Red Men.

IRISH MINSTRELS WILL BE PRESENTED BY LOCAL MEMBERS OF HIBERNIANS

Cleverly combining the new and the old of minstrelsy of Ireland, the original home of the bards and minstrels, Division No. 1, A. O. H., is planning for a unique and pleasant entertainment to be given Thursday and Friday evenings of this week at Eagles' hall for the benefit of the funds of the division.

Among the soloists who will appear will be Misses Kathryn M. Lombard, Mary V. McNamara, and Julia Sullivan, John P. Martin, George Rajotte and Edward Cosgrove. The end men, in original costume, will include Bernard Monahan, Michael Broderick, William Toomey, Thomas Lynch, Finton P. Dunn, and John Swords. Attorney Daniel E. Brennan will be interlocutor. Fritz Berger is musical director. The performance will be staged under the direction of John J. O'Neill, assisted by D. J. O'Connor. The full chorus will number 50.

Included in the company are Misses Kathryn M. Lombard, Mary V. McNamara, Julia Sullivan, May Whaley, Irene May, Anna O'Connell, Anna T. Book, Catherine T. McGuire, Anna O'Neill, Mamie O'Neill, Mary E. Fenton, Ethel M. Kraft, Kathleen Daly, Mary E. Cummins, Sarah E. Ray, Elsie M. Ray, May Skane, Marion A. McCarthy, Tillie Ray, Helena McGuire, and Katherine I. Rourke, John P. Martin, Michael Broderick, Finton P. Dunn, Peter Brady, Edward Cosgrove, George Rajotte, Bernard Monahan, William Toomey, Thomas Lynch, John Swords, John Cook, William Devine, William F. Rawley, Dennis McCarthy, William H. Mooney, John J. Fee, Peter J. Devine, John P. Murphy, Frank Brady, J. O'Connor, Jr., John Hartnett, John Devine, Philip Jordan and Martin Coleman.

One of the special features will be music upon the Irish bagpipes, rendered by William F. Maher, Irish clog dances by Dunn Brothers, and Irish jig and reels by David Sullivan and Patrick Moriarty, with music upon the bagpipes.

STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 6.—Opening—Stocks manifested general strength on the resumption of trading today, specialties being most prominent. General Motors rose to the new record of 500, later advancing to 525, with a rise of 4 3/4 for the pfd. at 121. Mercantile Paper pfd. Bessemer-Rosebuck, Anaconda, Colorado Fuel, U. S. Rubber and Goodrich were a point or more over last week's final prices.

Noon.—Trading broadened after the opening, an unusual variety of issues being embraced in the 200,000 share turnover of the first hour. Copper, oil, sugar and motor stocks made gains and Baldwin Locomotive, General Electric and Crucible Steel assumed some of their recent prominence. Advances in express stocks were materially extended, Adams rising 7 to 129 and American 6 1/2. Investments were more active, but another speculation of the Interstate Commerce Commission, adverse to the coal roads, caused some restraint in that quarter. United Fruit was weak despite its favorable annual report. Bonds were steady.

(T. L. Watson & Co.)

Values in the country are undisturbed—are in fact increasing. But speculation's check is just a recurrence of old-time conditions. When Congress meets, fiery speech-making and oratorical efforts, sometimes for political effect, will attract attention from the public and investment and speculative buyers. As a consequence an unsettled condition is likely during the early days of the session in December but the surplus "steam" will have been blown off by January, when we may look for increased activity in the market and an improvement in prices.

CHAUTAQUA WILL BE HELD HERE FEB. 14 TO 18. Announcement has been made that the annual Chautauqua assembly will be held here on Feb. 14 to 18.

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SERBIANS TO FIGHT UNDER FRENCH LEAD.

Paris, Dec. 6.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following under date of Sunday: "According to news from Saloniki the Serbian troops retiring from Monastir arrived at Gjevel, yesterday and will fight under the orders of General Sarrail (commander-in-chief of the French army in the Orient) in junction with the French troops. "A band of Turkish and Bulgarian irregulars is reported to be between Monastir and Kavadar, seeking to harass the enemy."

CROPSY HERE TOMORROW.

Hon. James C. Cropsy, district attorney of Brooklyn and former police commissioner of New York, will speak to the men of the city at a mass meeting tomorrow night at the People's church, Laurel and Park avenues, at

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