

FAIRFIELD PUPILS RECEIVE INCENTIVE FOR IMPROVEMENT

Four Prizes Offered By Citizens and Society to School Children.

(Special to The Farmer) Fairfield, Dec. 10.—In order to promote greater efficiency among the pupils in the Sherman school two residents and a local organization have donated prizes to be distributed to the children who attain the highest average in English, history, spelling and penmanship.

Rev. William J. Blake, pastor of St. Thomas R. C. church, has donated \$10 in gold for the pupil in the High school who receives the highest average for the year in English.

William Smith, superintendent of schools, has given \$25.00 in gold for the pupil in the eighth grade attaining the highest average in English. The Eunice Denny Burr Chapter, E. A. H., has given three prizes of \$2.50 each for the scholars who get the highest mark in spelling and history and the pupil showing the greatest improvement in penmanship.

Joseph P. Berry, janitor of the town hall, and deacon of the Fairfield Baptist church, had a narrow escape from serious injury last night when the rig in which he was driving collided near the Congregational church with an automobile owned by the Ungrova garage. Berry was coming from the town hall and the automobile was proceeding along Main street.

Seeing that an accident was unavoidable, Berry turned the horse quickly but in doing so the machine smashed into the wagon, demolishing it. The driver and the horse were unhurt. The automobile was slightly damaged.

The teachers of Fairfield had a star holiday Wednesday and went to Norway to visit the schools.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE HOLDS FIRST MEETING. The claims committee of the common council will hold its first meeting in the council chamber at 7:30 this evening and will consider about 30 claims mostly for the abatement of taxes, assessments or interest on property. There are several petitions for personal damages.

DEED. WALSH.—In this city, Dec. 10, 1915. Mary E. wife of Edward J. Walsh. Friends are invited to attend the funeral at her late residence, 932 Helen street on Monday, Dec. 13, at 3:30 a. m., and from St. Charles' church at 9 a. m. Interment St. Michael's cemetery. T 10 b\*

COSTELLO.—In this city, Dec. 9, 1915. William H. son of the late William and Catherine Costello. Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the undertaking parlors of Cullinan & Mullins, 844 Main St., on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3:30 p. m. Interment at St. Michael's cemetery. T 10 b\*

O'CONNOR.—In this city, Dec. 9, 1915. Dennis M. O'Connor. Friends are invited to attend the funeral at his late residence, No. 248 Madison avenue, on Monday, Dec. 13, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Augustine's church at 9 a. m. Interment at St. Michael's cemetery. T 10 b\*

LILLA.—In this city, Dec. 9, 1915. Lawrence Lilla, aged 71 years. Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Martin Dopahue, No. 73 Black Rock avenue on Saturday, Dec. 11th at 8:30 a. m., and from Sacred Heart church at 9 a. m. Interment St. Rose's cemetery, Newtown. Automobile cortege. T 9 b\*

EMMA.—In this city, Dec. 8, 1915. Patrick H. Emma, aged 89 years. Friends are invited to attend the funeral at his late residence at No. 47 Cedar Street, on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 3 p. m. Interment at Lakeview cemetery. T 9 b\*

WANTED—Home for fine new upright piano. Do not want to send to outside. Address at 2825, Plano, Farmer. T 10 u\*

WANTED—Some responsible party to assume liability on very high grade upright piano, nearly paid for. Opportunity to secure almost new piano of best make for almost nothing. Address Plano, Farmer. T 10 u\*

WANTED—A few women to canvass Bridgeport and vicinity. A new plan, 100 per cent commission, (or salary). No money advanced. Permanent work. Call District Office, 411, Connecticut Bank Building, Phone 2347. T 10 s\*

WE NEED AMBITIOUS MEN who have a part or all of each day to spare. Object to sell a live line of articles to the consumer. Resident men preferred. Call at once. Branch office 411, Connecticut National Bank Building, Phone 2347. T 10 s\*

LOST—On Broad street between Fairfield and State about ten o'clock Thursday night, Dec. 9th, lady's card case containing bills. Reward if returned to Miss Julia O. Morrill, Care of Bryant Electric Co. T 10 b\*

LOST—A lady's gold watch on Broad street on Wednesday. Initials M. N. Finder please return to Mrs. Wabler, 107 Howard avenue, City. Valued as a keep sake. Reward. T 10 b\*

NOTICE A special meeting of Bricklayers & Plasterers Union No. 2 will be held this evening at 7:30, 1119 Broad St. All members requested to attend. Business of importance. JAMES FITZPATRICK Pres. GEORGE SPICER, Secy.

CARD OF THANKS We wish to extend heart-felt thanks to our kind friends and neighbors for the many kind and generous contributions shown to us in the loss of our beloved mother, Catherine Kenna, who was called to her reward on Saturday last. Especially to those who sent the beautiful floral all who helped lessen the burden of sorrow in our dark hour. MRS. CHRISTOPHER L. CURRAN ELIZABETH M. KENNA. ROSE L. KENNA. 294 Olive street.

Official VIEWS OF World's War

AUSTRIAN

Vienna, Dec. 10.—The following statement was given out by the Austrian war office tonight: "Russian theatre: There have been no special events.

"Italian theatre: Unsuccessful attacks by the Italians against some sectors of our front in the region of Gorizia have continued. Such attacks near Ostavia, on San Michele mountain and near San Martino, were repulsed. Near Dolje, northwest of Tolmino, our troops improved their positions by capturing part of the enemy front. In the southern Tyrol the Italian artillery has been bombarding some positions in the region of Lardaro and Riva.

"Southeastern theatre: On the heights south of Plevlja, Montenegrin bands have been annihilated. In the frontier region north of Berane we forced the left wing of the Montenegrins to retreat. Battles against the right wing also were successful. On the heights west of Ipek the Serbian rear guard was repulsed. The number of prisoners taken yesterday was two officers and a thousand men.

"Regarding events on the sea, one of our submarines on Tuesday captured in the Bay of Drin an Albanian ship named 'Abd'ul 30 Serbian military refugees with rifles, four guns and munitions. The ship was taken to Cattaro."

TURKISH Constantinople, Dec. 10.—An official report given out here indicates that the Turks are steadily gaining the ascendancy in Mesopotamia and that the British expedition, following its long retreat from the vicinity of Baghdad is now offering less effective resistance. An allied monitor was hit twice and compelled to withdraw. The war office announcement follows:

"Mesopotamian front: The enemy's resistance is decreasing sensibly. Our troops repulsed all British sorties with heavy losses to the attackers. Six airplanes which we captured have been repaired and are now being used against the enemy.

"Caucasian front: The enemy attacked our westerly detachment near Alach-Gereh but was repulsed. Only skirmishes occurred on the other portions of the front.

"Dardanelles front: Near Anafarta hostile artillery opened fire from sea, from several directions. Our artillery replied, scattered hostile troops and drove transport ships to the shoals of Kinikli Liman Bay.

"Near Ari Burnu there was violent firing on our right wing. A hostile cruiser participated in the engagement. An ironclad monitor and a torpedo boat of the enemy opened fire in many directions. Our artillery replied and compelled the monitor to withdraw after being hit twice.

"In the vicinity of Seddul there was the customary artillery duel. A larger number of air torpedoes than usual was discharged against our ships. Our artillery destroyed some munition depots of the enemy' artillery. Near Akbach we brought down a British aeroplane which was completely burned."

Estimate Kiefer Estate at \$10,000

Jacob Kiefer was named administrator of the estate of his deceased wife by Judge Miller in the probate court today. It is estimated the estate will be \$10,000 mostly cash in banks, personal property and securities. Mrs. Kiefer died November 24. Besides her husband, a son, William G. Cooper of Brooklyn, N. Y., survives her. Mrs. Kiefer left no will and under the probate law after her debts have been paid, the son will receive two-thirds and the husband, one-third of the estate.

Report on U. M. C. Case Is Expected To Be Made Sunday

Owing to the fact that no audience has been obtained with Remington officials, by the officers of the International Association of Machinists, no report will be made to the employees of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. until that time no action is expected to be taken by the men. Robert Fechner and Frank Jennings, members of the general executive board of the machinists, came to this city today to attempt to effect a settlement.

Mr. Jennings said this afternoon that there is no change in the situation.

Mondrzewski, Victim of Shooting, Leaves \$1,635 in Property

Robert Mondrzewski, the bartender who was mysteriously murdered in his lodgings more than a week ago, left an estate of \$1,635.53 in personal property, according to an inventory filed in the probate court today by the appraiser, Martin J. Plukas and Robert G. DeForest. The estate consists of \$85.60 which Mondrzewski had on his person when he was shot; cash in bank, \$1,549.93; watch chain and chain, \$10, and diamond chips, \$19.

DINGBAT CLUB PLEASURES WITH AN OYSTER SUPPER

(Special to The Farmer.) Stratford, Dec. 10.—More than 400 persons attended the oyster supper given by the Dingbat club in the town hall last night. The supper was enjoyed by all. About \$200 was obtained and this amount will go to purchase clothing and shoes for the poor children of the town. The hall was prettily decorated for the festivity. The Stratford orchestra furnished music during the meal.

Charles D. Wheeler acted as general chairman. Those in charge of the tables were Henry B. Wells, Olaf Unbehagen, Fred Bevans, A. C. Clinton, George A. Bateman, Arthur Parks and Harry Buck.

The regular meeting of the House- tonic grange will be held Saturday evening in the Grange hall at which the annual election of officers will be held. After the business session, there will be an auction sale of lunch boxes and a most enjoyable evening is promised.

FRANCES HEFT DECLARES SHE WAS DECEIVED

Says Her Alimony Ought to Be Greater, in Superior Court Today.

The fight over the estate of the late Col. N. H. Heft was carried to the superior court today when there was a hearing on motions in the action of Frances Helene Heft against Mary Josephine M. Heft and other executors of the estate.

Frances Heft, who was granted a divorce from Col. Heft some years ago, claims she was deceived regarding the size of the estate. She was told the value of the estate was \$100,000 when as a matter of fact it was worth \$100,000. Under the law she was entitled to one-third of the estate as alimony and she received alimony on a basis of \$100,000 value. If the estate had been appraised at \$500,000 her alimony would have been considerably increased. She has brought suit in the superior court to have the case reopened. Judge John S. Pullman, representing the estate, filed a demurrer and also a motion for the plaintiff to make her complaint more specific. Judge Case took the papers.

Tug Captain Falls Off Plank and Gets Bath in the Harbor

Because of the fact that the railroad has closed the door at the south end of the railroad shed to keep dock free of the railroad during this cold weather, James Pickett, captain of the tug Texaco, of Baltimore, had an icy bath last evening.

With the door closed, it is necessary for boatmen whose boats are docked below the shed to cross a planking a foot in width to reach them. The plank has been made unsafe by tug boats crashing against it and cracking it. Captain Pickett had been to the Bridgeport Towing office, telephoning and was returning to his tug about 6:45 last evening when, because of the dusk, he missed his footing on the planking and fell into the water. He managed to climb to one of the piles and his cries for help brought Thomas Deacon, mate on the Texaco, who succeeded in rescuing his captain by means of a life line.

Captain Pickett, who is a very large man, was given immediate treatment by the members of his crew and is little the worse for his experience today.

That there may be no recurrences of Captain Pickett's accident the door at the end of the shed will now be left partly open.

Fleeing Fire, Kossa Is Severely Injured

Attempting to get through the window of his boarding house upon seeing smoke issuing through the doorway of his bedroom Mike Kossa, aged 35, of 137 Sterling street, poked his arm through a pane of glass and suffered a four inch laceration of the right arm and several of the tendons of the arm. Kossa was taken to the emergency hospital ambulance.

OBITUARY MARY E. WALSH.

Following an illness of three weeks' duration Mary E. Britto, wife of Edward J. Walsh of 322 Helen street, died early today at St. Vincent's hospital. The deceased was 29 years of age and was beloved by all. Mrs. Walsh was a faithful mother, as well as assisted by her constant attendance to her five small children. She was a devout communicant of St. Charles' R. C. church. Besides her husband, she is survived by her father, George E. Britto and five children, three girls, Mildred, Edith and Gladys, six months old, and two boys, Francis and William.

WILLIAM H. COSTELLO. William H. Costello, son of the late William Costello died yesterday at the Bridgeport hospital after a brief illness. Mr. Costello, who was 38 years of age, was well known in the city. He is survived by an aunt. The funeral will be held from the undertaking parlors of Cullinan & Mullins.

EMILY A. HAGGERTY. The funeral of Emily A. wife of George E. Haggerty, was held from home, 54 Freeman avenue, at 3:30 this morning and a half later from St. Patrick's church where the mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Thomas J. Pickett at 9 o'clock. The services were attended by hundreds of friends of Mrs. Haggerty. Schmidt's mass was sung by the choir. As the body was carried from the church, the choir sang, "Some Sweet Day." A delegation was present from the Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 4, Letter Carriers' association. The bearers included George Burns, F. G. Breckbill, Patrick H. Howard, Thomas J. Keegan, Howard Bogie, and Thomas Sheedy. Father Pickett read the committal service at the grave in St. Michael's cemetery.

HUBERT HULTON. The funeral of Hubert Hulton, was held from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Carroll of 45 Colorado avenue at 8:30 this morning and a half hour later from St. Peter's church where Rev. Thomas J. Kelley sang the mass of requiem, assisted by Rev. Father Baumelster of New Milford. At the offertory, Mrs. William B. Prendergast sang "Ave Maria," and after the mass John Hughes sang "Face to Face." After the services Mrs. Prendergast sang "Some Sweet Day." Mrs. Kennedy presided at the organ. The bearers were George, James and William Hulton, Frederick Davis, John Fitzgerald and M. J. Mohr. Rev. Father Kelley and Rev. Father Baumelster read the committal services at the grave in St. Michael's cemetery.

A certificate of incorporation of the Goddard Co., which is authorized to buy, sell and deal generally in real estate, was filed today in the town clerk's office by Attorney Fred E. Morgan, to Margaret Russell, and Ethel M. Lake are the incorporators.

HOWLAND'S Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street.

Bridgeport, Conn. The Weather:—Fair and cold to-night; Saturday cloudy and snow.



Money comparison is not enough.

When we say, that these suits and overcoats at \$19 are the same as our regular \$25 and better suits; that is not enough.

We cannot be satisfied until men come in and see. Comparison in type and in the newspapers is one thing. It is not a satisfactory thing.

Comparison under keen eyes and alongside other merchandise, is another thing. And it is a satisfactory thing. That is the sort we like.

Will you, Men Who Know Clothes, come and make that comparison?

Then you'll see the same excellent fabrics, and good clever styles, and thorough careful tailoring.—See the combination that makes clothes actually worth-while.

Yes; all this season's styles—all fresh from Kuppenheimer or from Hart Schaffner and Marx—and all under-price only because we took our pick of the season's clean-up.

Every good style Every good fabric Every good color Of full \$25 value or more And a man can pick at—

\$19 Main floor, rear.

Buy only best-grade arctics or boots.

It pays to buy the best sort. It doesn't pay to buy any other.

This is notably true of rubber boots and of arctics.

The best grade have strength and elasticity and durability which others do not. Appearance is very much alike. But appearance counts for least in choosing rubber footwear.

Arctics keep feet warm and dry, are easily slipped on over usual footwear, save many a chill and cold.

Different styles for children, girls, women, boys and men,—according to size—\$1.50 to \$3.

Rubber boots in similar range of sizes and styles, including those of special height—\$1.50 to \$3.50.

Main floor, rear.

Quickly-chosen gift a man will like.

All ready to hand, in attractive box of holiday air: Tie socks and handkerchiefs of harmonizing color—\$1.

Suspenders, arm-bands garters of same shade and good effect,—\$1.

New-pattern four-in-hand ties with the big wide open end—hundreds of patterns—50c.

These are safe to buy. They are sort a man would buy himself.

Main floor, front.

Robinson Is Good "Organization Man", Braithwaite Stays

City Clerk J. Alex H. Robinson has announced the reappointment of Frank Braithwaite for a term of one year from Jan. 1. He will also retain Clarence O. Lester as stenographer. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Braithwaite are not on what might be called strictly friendly terms. Because Mr. Braithwaite sought to get the nomination as city clerk there has been ill feeling between the pair and there was some question as to whether Mr. Braithwaite would get a reappointment. Mr. Robinson would not comment on this situation but said: "Mr. Braithwaite is going back because I am a good organization man and I consider his reappointment for the best interests of the party."

FATHER OF SIX KILLED BY ENGINE AT WATERBURY

Waterbury, Dec. 10.—Joseph Marri-fino, aged 40 years of this city, was struck and instantly killed by an engine today, a short distance from the

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Fine and unusual waists at \$3.

A group of waists, just arrived, presents five different styles; almost all of those five in different color effects.

Each is distinctly new in style. Each is tasteful, and of fine quality, and would sell usually at \$5 or even more.

Fine fancy lace combined with a heavy net of unusual beauty in uncommon fashion. Has front and 1-2 length sleeves of Georgette crepe. Square flat collar and cuffs are edged with a narrow furlike decoration of beaver plush.

Fine net and fancy lace made with flat collar and broad girde of rich satin.

Bolero waist of net with bolero made of handsome lace; finished with deep girde of lustrous satin.

Wash silk waist in handsome stripes. Many combinations of color in the stripes; foundation for them always white. Has the new very-high collar finished with tie of black satin.

Plain and simple but beautiful waist of a new crepe-like silk marked by rich luster and soft weave. Made with the high-and-low collar. Pure white or delicate flesh tint.

Choice of favored style brings sureness of a saving and choice is made at that one price of \$3.

Second floor.

Little toes are toasty—warm in these slippers.

Little red slippers of fine soft felt are as warm and grateful to little feet as an open wood-fire. According to size—\$1 and \$1.15.

Indian moccasins for little folks are wonderfully soft and fine and warm. Have in-sole and padding, are shaped to fit,—\$1 and \$1.25.

Main floor, rear.

Just time enough for this fancywork.

Stripes of scrim are stamped for cross-stitch embroidery. They are remarkably tasteful and effective when finished.

Right lengths for bedspreads or scarfs or pillow-tops.

To be made up with alternate plain stripes of other material.

50c to \$1 each. Crepe de chine corset-covers and combinations are completely made and ready for embroidery in French-knot designs.

Excellent stationery it styles,—75c and \$1.50.

Third floor.

Fittings to make sewing-basket complete.

Not needles and pins—for they're never forgotten. But little and clever things just as necessary.

Sewing-wax, for example, shaped and colored to look like fruit or flowers—5c and 10c.

Emery in unusual shapes, and tape-measures—5c to 25c.

Stocking-darners and scissors and thimbles—5c to 25c.

Needle-cases of silk and of leather—not empty—10c to 50c.

Sterling silver thimbles—25c.

And complete work-baskets and sewing-boxes, some especially for little needle-women—25c to \$4.

Left aisle, front.

Nice stationery in nice box.

The handsome box appeals to the eye.

Excellent stationery in contains appeals to the taste.

Many sorts and sizes of boxes. Contain from one to many quires of paper. Some include two or three sizes—and correspondence cards as well.

50c to \$2.50.

Main floor, rear.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Have Housewarming

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel N. Stanley, who recently moved into a beautiful home at 2294 East Main street gave a housewarming party last night. They were presented with a beautiful cut glass set. The presentation speech was made by Assistant City Clerk Frank Braithwaite. Both Mr. and Mrs. Stanley expressed their thanks.

There were songs by Miss Jessie Murray, Jack Carroll, Frank Braithwaite, Mrs. W. H. Wadhams; piano selections by Misses Irene Stanley, Marie Poole, and Mrs. Edwin Costello. Music for dancing was furnished by Murray's orchestra. A collation was served and the party broke up at 2 a. m.

Those present: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Costello, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Willard H. Wadhams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Youd, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mulaney, Mrs. F. Dowd, Mrs. Susan Rock, Mrs. J. Shaughnessy, Mrs. Mary McBride, Mrs. Louis Dorrey, Mrs. E. Skinner, Mrs. Emma

Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Braithwaite, Misses Sarah Beyerhoff, Edna Shaughnessy, Marie Poole, Marguerite Poole, Jessie Murray, Mary Murray, Lucile Dowd, Irene Stanley, M. E. Pennington, Marion Stanley, Ethel Stanley, and Messrs. J. McDonald, D. E. Dalton, Jack Carroll, Charles Poole, J. E. Cahill, James Murray, Charles Poole, John McBride, Frank Donlin, Frank Pratt, Nathan Stanley, John Stanley, Samuel N. Stanley, Jr.

CASE TO ACT IN LING MATTER

Assistant State's Attorney Carter appeared before Judge Case in the superior court this morning and asked for judgment in the disbarment proceedings brought by the grievance committee of the Fairfield county bar against Attorney C. H. King. Judge Case reserved decision.

Mr. Carter said the two charges upon which the lawyer was sentenced to state's prison were the same as those filed against Attorney King by the grievance committee. He thought the lawyer should be disbarred. Attorney John F. Gray told the court that Attorney King would not contest the action.

OF DESERTING HIS WIFE

Charged with abandoning his family in Bristol and then living with another woman in this city, Joseph Brodevich was arraigned before Judge Curtis and a jury in the criminal superior court this morning. It was alleged that he was living with a woman in Gregory street. Brodevich denies his guilt. He declares he was only a boarder in the house. The trial was resumed this afternoon after the noon recess.

An extra dividend of 15 per cent payable Dec. 31, was declared on the common and preferred stock by the Electric Boat Co.