

EDWARD CAMPBELL SLATED FOR OFFICE OF "CHIEF RANGER"

Court Marina Will Hold Elections at Meeting Next Monday Evening.

The annual Ladies' Night and entertainment of Court Marina, F. of A. which will be held Monday night, Dec. 20, in the lodge room on Broad street, is being pleasantly anticipated by hundreds who will be guests at the affair.

The entertainment will be in the form of a Christmas celebration in honor of the wives, sweethearts and children of the members and each child attending will be presented with a souvenir of the occasion. The guests of the evening will include Grand Chief Ranger Thomas F. Dowd of Norwalk, Grand Sub-Chief Ranger W. T. Meyer, and Grand Auditor Michael J. Clabby.

A highly selected musical program will be rendered by Vincent Clabby's orchestra of ten pieces. Following the entertainment a hot supper will be served in the banquet hall by a well known caterer after which dancing will be the order of the evening.

The committee in charge is William J. Nolan, chairman; Edward Campbell, L. P. Farrell, G. Farrell, George Peterson, John Griffin, Samuel Barker, Lester Parlett, Harry Elliott, Harry Garmsay, George O'Rourke, A. L. Vagnott, Frank Ledé, F. T. Langenheim, William Dougherty and Gus Hunkeler.

The regular meeting of the court, which falls on the same night, will be held at 7:30 p. m. sharp in order that all necessary business may be transacted and officers elected for the ensuing term.

Among the candidates who will be advanced to a higher office are Edward Campbell to chief ranger; Lester Parlett to sub-chief ranger; Harry Elliott to senior woodward; Harry Garmsay to junior woodward; L. P. Farrell to secretary; William Dougherty, Sr., who has been junior leader for the last 29 years, will be unanimously elected to office as a reward for faithful service rendered.

William J. Nolan, who has served as chief ranger for the last six months, will retire to advance the honors of a past chief ranger.

Mayor's Committee Not Ready Yet To Recommend Anything

The new citizens' committee named by Mayor Wilson and headed by John T. King, which will look over the needs of Bridgeport as to pavements, schools, sewers, lights and other public improvements, will be asked to report for organization in the common council chamber of the city hall Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The mayor said today that general matters will be discussed and it is doubtful if the committee will have anything to recommend by the next meeting of the council. The names of the committee will be found in another column. It is expected that looking for more than a million dollars in improvements will be recommended.

East Main Street Man Is Held Up And Blackjacked

Held up by two masked robbers under the railroad viaduct at Sterling street and Noble avenue at 3 o'clock this morning Angelo Valley of 19 East Main street, was relieved of his watch and some money. On offering resistance to the robbers Valley received a stunning blow on the head from a blackjack and he suffered a two-inch laceration of the scalp and several contusions about the shoulders. He received treatment at the Emergency hospital and then reported the matter to the police.

Health Officer Says City Is Almost Free of Dreaded Diseases

Health Officer E. A. McLellan said today that the city is almost free from scarlet fever. There are only 13 cases of the disease now. There have been only two new cases of typhoid and diphtheria and measles is almost now extinct.

JAMES HAZOR WELDER

Owing to the seriousness of the assault committed by Preston Lewis, colored, of 91 State street, when he almost severed the nose of Leonard Epps, colored, of 676 Main street, with a slash from a razor, Judge Frank W. Wilder in city court today imposed a fine of \$1 and a jail sentence of five months upon the assailant. In city court Lewis said that Epps and another man attempted to rob him and in self defense he wielded the razor.

DEED

MCCARTHY—In this city, Dec. 12, 1915, Edward J., son of Edward J. and Mary E. Driscoll McCarthy, aged 7 years, 5 months, 10 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the residence of his parents, No. 22 West avenue on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 8:30 a. m., and from Sacred Heart church at 9 a. m. Interment St. Michael's cemetery.

LOST—Sunday morning Duplex envelope containing money marked Trinity church. Finder return to E. Bishop, 174 Courtland street, reward.

MITS—Lady has several suits, dresses and fur coat, sacrifice any, offer also handsome set of valuable furs worth \$65; will take \$9 if sold at once, 524 State St.

Labor Bureau Here Denies Hindering Arms Manufacture

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but also very large numbers who are not exactly skilled tradesmen but are quite competent to run a machine that works automatically. The character of the men as a rule is of a high standard, as evinced by the very fact of their giving up a well paid job for the sake of honor and conscience.

The principal object of this office is to place the applicants. For this reason it needs the co-operation of the employers and I have appealed to them again and again to notify me of any vacancies they might have to fill. A fair number have even gone so far as to create positions on purpose to help our cause. I should not try to solicit labor for an employer, but it is my best aim to bring the men applying for work in touch with such employers who are anxious to have them to fill to the best advantage mutually.

We have from the outset endeavored to co-operate with other similar institutions on a mutual basis and have obtained good results in some instances. Some time ago I called on the Federal Department of Labor in Washington. In consequence we could set up a quite satisfactory relation with the U. S. Barge Office in New York, where Mr. Green is entirely falling in with our views and has on various occasions helped us to place men in positions available to the Barge Office.

I have arranged with the Salvation Army hotel in the Bowery that I can send men there with lodging and meal tickets for which I pay in monthly accounts and the Municipal Lodging House has at times been similarly called into requisition. The bureau plans by some means to help tide over the inevitable interval between two employments.

Also railway fares are provided, and in a great many cases the new place is locally more or less distant from the one given up, and many of the applicants are not in a position to pay for their own transportation. Such pecuniary aid is always considered as a loan, to be repaid whenever circumstances may permit.

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Auld Ayr, whom ne'er a town surpasses For honest men and honest trades, George Ferguson Munro is a newspaper person who writes articles for a Scottish newspaper. Munro wanted to live a free, untrammelled, outdoor life. He began last spring. He wandered over hill and dale, doing nothing, finding enough to eat and drink, lying on a shaded hillside reading a good book. He interfered with no one. The earth was his bed, the stars his roof.

When it rained he went into a barn. Yet for leading this simple life he was taken by the rough hand of the law as a vagabond and sentenced by the magistrate of Ayr to three months' hard labor.—Indianapolis News.

Dumas an Enigma.

The older Dumas was the greatest original in the literary world of Paris, for who has ever been able to explain just how and when all the books that bear his name were written? He loved the mysterious for its own sake. He told us how he had dabbled in magnetism and mesmeric experiments. He spoke with absolute conviction of the power of magnetism and declared that the whole of life and society was, to his way of thinking, nothing but a mass of lines of magnetic force.

His talk was like the man himself, calm, unobtrusive, without a trace of emotion. He was so far above discussion as to ignore it. When he was speaking he seemed to imply by his look and manner that it made no difference to him whether you believed what he was saying or not.—Francis Gilson in Century Magazine.

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The Pass of the Balmain was the first ship of foreign registry to change to American registry in the port of Connecticut. The change was made while she was at Stamford less than a year ago and the ceremonies were attended by Collector of Port James L. McGovern, Deputy Collector John H. Shannon and other officials. Later Captain Richard Lee, who had commanded the ship for many years, resigned rather than to run a card of cotton through the British lines to Germany. He is English and considered it aiding his country's enemies.

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Ruskin in the Kitchen. In her book of reminiscences, "Thirteen Years of a Busy Woman's Life," Mrs. Alec Tweedie says that her father, Dr. Harley, a well known London physician, was a great friend of Ruskin and often stayed at Brantwood. One night Ruskin asked Dr. Harley whether he liked tea or coffee before he got up.

"A cup of tea," he replied. "Why don't you choose coffee?" "Well, to tell the truth, I have lived so much abroad that I don't fancy English coffee. It is generally so badly made."

His host said nothing. The next morning Dr. Harley was awakened, and a strong smell of coffee permeated the room. Turning to a servant, he asked, "Is that my cup of tea?" "No, sir; it is Mr. Ruskin's coffee." "Mr. Ruskin's coffee! What do you mean?" "The master was up early. He roasted the coffee himself, he ground the coffee himself, and he made the coffee himself, and he hopes you will like it."

Growth of Wealth. The wealth of the world grows very slowly, and the amount of real saving is amazingly small. If, for example, the wealth of the United States when George Washington became president was equivalent to a billion dollars—and that perhaps is not a bad guess—and this amount could have steadily earned a little over 5 per cent every year since, this gain, compounded, would exceed the present estimated wealth of this country. This means that all the rest of the saving and the gains from new enterprises and a rapidly increasing population have only just about balanced the annual waste and loss. True, more than two-thirds of the wealth of nations is still the human machine and not the visible taxable property, but the fact serves to show how slight is the annual gain even in the premier rich quick country of the world, the United States.—Carl Snyder in Collier's Weekly.

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HOWLAND'S Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street. Bridgeport, Conn. Monday, Dec. 13, 1915. The Weather:—Snow or rain to-night. Tuesday partly cloudy.

Our new phone number is 6820. Change is made to improve the service. Haven't had enough wires running into the store. All too often folks have been told: "All wires are busy." To get more, we have to take a new number. Mark it on your list of most-used numbers and save delay always. Here it is: 6820

Demand makes fur-care needed. Very fact that demand is greatest in years, makes extra care needful in choosing furs. Furs that haven't seen light for years came hurrying out this season. Such may be all right for use as trimming—but they certainly are not wanted for scarf or muff. Yet, 'tis whispered, that some have been used for those very things.

- STERLING SILVER—Pie knives—75c to \$1.50. Cheese knives—50c and 75c. Napkin rings—50c to \$2. Sandwich trays—\$2 to \$10. Tea-ball sets—\$4.75. Pepper and salt—50c to \$2. Teaspoons—\$2.50 to \$12. Child's cups—\$1.75 to \$7. Cold-meat forks—\$1.50. Set sharbat cups—\$25. Sugar holders—\$1.50 to \$2. Comports—\$2 to \$13. Salt sets—\$8. CUT GLASS—Bonbon dishes—\$1 to \$5. Fern dishes—\$2.25 to \$10. Vases—\$1 to \$25. Comports—\$1.50 to \$6. Bowls—\$1.85 to \$12. Vinegar bottles—\$1.25 to \$2. Mayonnaise sets—\$2.50. Celery trays—\$1.75 to \$4. Electric lamps—\$5.50 to \$25. Salt and peppers—25c to 50c. Candy boxes—\$2c to \$5. Water sets—\$4.25 to \$15. Footed dishes—\$1.50 to \$2.50. Take elevator.

- None here; we know that. Howland furs are up to the standard we've maintained for years. MUFFS—Beaver—\$35 and \$40. Hudson seal—\$40 and \$10. Raccoon—\$15 to \$25. Taupe fox—\$25. Black fox—\$25. Muffs—\$40. Skunk—\$25 to \$40. Near seal—\$12.50 and \$15. Brown marten—\$25. White fox—\$10 and \$12.50. Natural wolf—\$12.50. Moxolin—\$5 to \$15. Red fox combination—\$40. SCARFS—Black fox—\$13.50 to \$20. Mole—\$15 and \$20. Fitch—\$17.50. Taupe fox—\$25. Skunk—\$15 to \$22.50. Beaver—\$25. Hudson seal—\$12.50 to \$20. Near seal—\$15. Black wolf—\$10 to \$20. Dyed raccoon—\$18 and \$12.50. Natural wolf—\$12.50. Natural raccoon—\$5.75 to \$15. Skunk with civet oil—\$17.50. Natural opossum—\$10. White fox—\$10.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO. Some handsome and well-matched sets of fox and lynx are of impressive value—\$25 \$40 and \$50. Children's sets are of the pure white furs-like angora and thibet mostly; a few such as lynx and tiger coney—\$1.50 to \$15. Handsome separate muffs for children include beaver and coney and mole and squirrel and thibet, \$5 to \$30. Richest coats are Hudson seal Hudson seal coat is most-beautiful of all the season's furs. And it is ready in a number of patterns and styles. Hudson seal is finest selected musk rat, sheared expertly, dyed handsomely, made with wonderful skill. One has collar of skunk; is very graceful—\$125. One is cut in new flaring model, plain but remarkably rich—\$225. Distinctive style is made with trimming of skunk at collar and cuffs and around skirt—\$225. A white coney collar gives youthful and delicious air to another at \$145. Persian Lamb coats with rich luster and deep blackness—\$150 and \$200. Nearsel coats, some with contrasting collar, \$75 to \$125. Full-length coats of skunk-dyed raccoon—\$125. Caracul coats—\$85 and \$125. Black ponyskin coats of nice appearance, \$32.50 and \$45.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO. "Onyx" Hosiery THE Best Hose for the entire family, Men, Women and Children, can always be found in the "Onyx" brand. FOR Quality, Style and Wear, get a pair of "Onyx" Ho in Cotton, Lisle, Silk or Pure Silk, from 25c. to \$5.00 per pair—no genuine without trade-mark stamped on every pair. Sold by all dealers. Lord & Taylor - - New York Wholesale Distributors

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Just 10 days for gift-choosing! Who realizes how close Christmas actually is? Just think how the days have flown! and how fast they'll fly! Only ten of them now to complete all Christmas gift-choosing! Isn't it good to feel that the store service will be at its highest efficiency, those 10 days; that the store force is eager to give you quick and sure help in the hurried days!

Table-gifts please home-keeper mightly. Average man thinks a Christmas gift is only appreciated by a woman if it is for her personal use. Women know better. They know, for example, that every home-keeper appreciates articles which will find place upon her table. Here are such, new in pattern and beauty, picked from the big gathering on the bright and cheery fourth floor:

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Beautiful Oriental rugs are lasting gift. Silken prayer rug from the Orient, transported to a Bridgeport library and used as a table-mat, adds touch of distinctive beauty to entire appearance of that library. It has remarkable luster. Its design and color are combination of art and Oriental ideas. Such rugs, too, used as hangings add dignity and an individual atmosphere. Just now—A collection of rare excellence at \$27 to \$75. Some handsome Belouchistan small rugs of convenient size for mats—\$13.50 and \$15. Small Shirvan rugs of special excellence—\$16.50. Kazak hall rugs, 3 by 10 feet, \$45. Fine Mossoul rugs of unusual value—\$27 and \$32. Third floor.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO. Anglo-French Invasion of Macedonia Falls (Continued from Page One.) troops there. At the same time, Greek soldiers along the railway will be withdrawn to avoid complications wherever Germans, Austrians or Bulgarians enter Greek territory. So far as is known the hard fought attacks on the British in Macedonia thus far have been delivered entirely by Bulgarians without German assistance. A despatch to the Times says the Bulgarians left more than 8,000 dead or wounded on the field after two assaults on the British line. "On this attack," the despatch continues, "the combined fire of artillery, rifles and rapid-fires was opened on the advancing masses at a range of about 500 yards. The Bulgarians faced the murderous hail at a run for 200 yards, then broke in a flight, which quickly became a heiter-skitter rout." The possibility of the various flanking movements through Greek territory is opened by the Greek decision to permit the country to become a field for the belligerents. It is rumored, for example, that British troops are landing at Kavala, and that the first detachment of Serbians have been brought around from Durazzo, Albania, to Saloniki. Allied squadrons continue to pay close attention to the Greek coasts, and depredations on Greek commerce are unabated. Russian troops have defeated Persian rebels at Avah and are now near movement through Greek territory against Turkish troops in the Sea of Marmora. On the western front minor successes are reported for British artillery and air squadrons. The Italian government has received a vote of confidence by a large majority. In the German parliament discussion of food problems are being continued. Relaxation of censorship in England naturally meets with enthusiastic approval from the press, although it is not yet clear how far this is to extend.

STEAMER, REPORTED TORPEDOED, IS SAFE Deal For Ground on Which To Erect New Hotel Is Progressing. It became known in reality circles today that negotiations are being made rapidly for the erection of the big hotel that will rise on the site of the present First Methodist church, Fairfield avenue and Broad streets. The Stevens Hotel Co. of New York and Chicago is now known to be the backers of the project. This concern runs a string of commercial hotels extending from Chicago East 29 in number, including houses in Toledo, Cleveland, Dayton, Ohio, Scranton, Penna., and elsewhere. A son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Frances T. Dempsey of 1122 State street. Mr. Dempsey is the well known teacher and pianist of the West End theatre.