

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

### NEW YORK PACKET.

The fast sailing sloop Lapwing, Joel Goodell, Master, with good accommodations for passengers, will continue her trips to New York, during the winter on the following days:

Saturday, Jan. 13, 1816; Saturday, Jan. 27, 1816; Saturday, Feb. 10, 1816 and Saturday, February 24, 1816.

Freight will be received at the store of Burroughs & Sherman and Fayerweather & Hubbell, who will do all in their power to accommodate freighters and passengers. The accounts of the above business will be kept at the store of Fayerweather & Hubbell.

### U. S. LIQUOR LAWS.

Notice is hereby given, that the laws of the United States require that all persons who deal in retailing wines, distilled spirits, liquors, or merchandise, shall, before they begin to sell by retail any wines, distilled spirits, liquors, or merchandise, apply for, and obtain a license from the collector of the district.

Inn-keepers who retail for consumption exclusively in their houses, as well as other inn-keepers, are required to take licenses. Keepers of boarding houses, who charge for liquor used in their houses are also required to take license. A strict compliance with the laws is expected by

### JESUP WAKEMAN,

Collector of the Revenue, for the 2nd District of Connecticut, Fairfield, January 1, 1816.

### TAKEN UP—A HEIFER.

Taken up by the subscriber, a pied, yearling heifer, marked a crop in the near ear. The owner is desired to prove property, pay charges and take her away.

### SAMUEL WHEELER,

of Greenfield.

## FIFTY YEARS AGO.

### MORE LARGE PORK.

Messrs. Editors:—I send you the weight of nine hogs butchered in the neighborhood of Stepney Depot, with the names of the owners, as follows:—Ed. H. Johnson, two weighing 510.384; E. French, two weighing 456.443; P. Hawley, one weighing 413.5; E. Beard, one weighing 424; S. Hawley, one weighing 409; J. Benedict, one weighing 433; E. Curtis, one spring pig weighing 32. Average 425.

Yours truly,  
Hiram Johnson of Stepney Depot.

### "BIGELOW'S BURGLAR ALARM"

Beach has a little Yankee invention called "Bigelow's Patent Burglar Alarm," which appears to be admirably adapted for the purpose intended. It is so contrived that it may be shoved into the crack of a door, and if anyone opens it, "pop goes the weasel," loud and sharp as the crack of a rifle—and loud enough, of course, to wake any occupant of the room, unless it be one so drunk that the trumpet of Gabriel would not alarm him. Call and examine it at the City Auction Room, Wall street.

### INSTALLATION AT

#### NORTH CHURCH.

There was a large congregation of people at the North Church, last evening, to witness the ceremony of installing Rev. Mr. Richards as pastor of the church. The introductory services were performed by Rev. Mr. Merwin; the ceremony was delivered by Rev. M. Hooper; installing prayer by Rev. T. T. Waterman; charge of the pastor by Rev. E. C. Jones; right hand of fellowship by Rev. A. L. Friesee; address to the people by Rev. Dr. Hewitt; concluding prayer by Rev. E. Cotton and benediction by the pastor.

### THE LATEST SONGS.

Rowland, the enterprising music seller at 285 Main street, makes it a point to secure all the latest songs and popular pieces of music. Among the new songs to be found at his store are: "Five o'clock in the Morning;" "Sing, Birdie, Sing;" "Annie, Dear, I'll Never Forget Thee;" "Dearest, I'll Think of Thee;" and "Angels Friends."

## TWENTY YEARS AGO.

### HACKETT'S HEAD IN DANGER.

That Roundsman Peter Hackett is alive and well to-day is due more to the interference of Providence than anything else, and in consequence of his narrow escape from an awful death he is one of the most thankful of men to-day.

The affair happened in Lee avenue about 10 o'clock Thursday evening. Residents of that section had been annoyed by the actions of a fellow of late loitering about the corners, following and insulting ladies whenever he found them alone.

Hackett, who was hunting for him, called at the home of a Lee avenue resident Thursday evening. He saw a lady in the house through a side window and going to the door rang the bell. There was no response and he repeated the summons several times. He went around by the back way and tried the rear door. Finally he passed by the window and to attract the lady's attention he tapped on the window, which is precisely what the "peeper" had been doing. He noticed the woman leave her place and he supposed that she was going to the door. Hackett started for the rear and thinking she had gone to the front door turned just in time to avoid having his skull split open by an axe in the hands of a determined man, the woman's husband. The latter mistook Hackett for the "peeper," who had the previous evening insulted his wife, and the axe was just on the point of descending on Hackett's head, when the officer caught it by the helve, and thrust it away. After the man had recovered from the shock he attendant upon his discovery, he shook hands with the officer and each congratulated the other. It was a narrow escape from receiving a fatal blow and Hackett is thankful to the Almighty that he is alive to tell about it.

### AT THE EMERGENCY HOSPITAL.

Hugh Gregory yesterday afternoon called and had a wound dressed. A large rat had attempted to bite off

little finger on the left hand.

Johnnie McNulty of 24 Allen St., has no love for bull dogs. One attacked him yesterday and bit him badly on the thigh. Before the dog would release his hold, he had to be kicked loose. The wound was cauterized.

Lee Whatman, of Elias Street, had his left arm caught in a pulley shaft shortly after 7 this morning at the Ashcroft Mill. A cut about 4 inches long and quite deep, on the forearm, was the result. This was an ambulance call.

John McLarney, of 44 Housatonic avenue, had a scalp wound about 3 inches long dressed. He fell down stairs.

Edward J. Lyons, of 33 Middle street, had a punctured wound of his left forearm dressed. He was cutting a carpet and the knife slipped.

### MARRIAGE CARDS.

Cards are being issued for the marriage of Michael Levery and Miss Mary McCarthy, which is to be solemnized February 15 at St. Augustine church.

### FATHER COLEMAN'S VISITOR.

The burglar who entered the residence of Father Coleman early yesterday morning and escaped after a tussle with Miss Krebs, the housekeeper, succeeded in securing five cigars, in his nocturnal prowling. The local police are looking for him.

### SEAMSTRESS ENGINE ELECTORS.

Seamstress Engine Co., connected with the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co., elected officers for the coming year at a meeting held last evening. The election was followed by a social session. The following are the chosen members: Foreman, Jack Gordon; first assistant, Terrence B. McMahon; second assistant, Jeremiah Cavanaugh; secretary, Arnold Laubscher; assistant secretary, James Hartley; treasurer, Frederick Brill; steward, Albert Ryckman; finance committee, Dan McCarthy, Patrick Buggie, and Andrew Eaton; engineer, Abraham Heaton; assistant engineer, Sam Bayless, D. W. Green and Chas. Stegman; commissioners, Samuel Wheeler and Frederick Hurd. Finance committee members are both in good condition. The company's steamer is now at the Pacific Iron Works for repairs.

### SOCIETY NOTES.

Mrs. Benjamin Fletcher entertained the O. S. Whist club on Saturday afternoon at her home in Cottage St. The first prize was taken by Mrs. Zalmon Goodsell and the second by Mrs. Andrew H. Doolittle. Lunch was served after the playing.

The Misses Bessie and Sadie Welch entertained at their home in West avenue last evening.

The Eureka Whist club was entertained by Mrs. Nellie Bradley at her home in Franklin street yesterday afternoon. Miss Pauline Ball and Mrs. George H. Arnold won the prizes.

Mrs. David A. Tarbell of Cottage St. entertained a number of her friends Thursday afternoon at whist and lunch.

The Ladies' Whist club met with Mrs. Edwin M. Parker of Fairfield avenue last week. The prize takers were Mrs. Comstock, Mrs. E. A. Hawley and Mrs. S. N. Smith. The next meeting of the club will be held at the residence of Mrs. John Hubbell on Tuesday.

### NEW YEAR'S AFTERNOON.

New Year's afternoon, Mrs. W. E. Seeley entertained a dozen of her women friends at progressive duplicate whist. A delicious supper followed the playing.

### THAT ALGONQUIN XMAS TREE.

The little Christmas tree party at the Algonquin club the other night was a merrier one than the printed reports would indicate, and the gifts were more appropriate to the recipients than the accounts showed. For instance, Dave Read got an hour glass, the hint being behind it "to get a move on." John Giles received a watch and chain. The chain was a rough for an ox and the watch was in keeping. It contained an alarm clock. Mayor Frank E. Clark received a check for \$10,000 from the Consolidated road "for valuable services." The signatures were no good. Frank W. Beers received a present of a check for \$500 to pay his expenses to Cincinnati and return with instructions to return the balance to the City treasury.

Henry A. Bishop's present was a train of cars. John M. Hawley was presented with a plumed hat. On the plume was the inscription: "Independent Republican." Goller Will Haviland received a 25-pound driving club. Sid Hawley's present was an appropriate one. It was a string of (Call) birds. Many of the presents naturally, were of such a nature that one would have to know the recipient to appreciate the point.

### Many Teachers Ill, Educators Call For More Substitutes

Because of the fact that many teachers in this city are ill of grip, frantic efforts are being made to get substitutes. Many former teachers who have married and settled into house-keeping, have been urged to assist.

In many of the schools "doubling up" has solved the problem. The classes of two or more rooms have been placed together. Because of the absence among pupils caused by the epidemic, two combined classes make one class of normal times.

Thirty-two teachers are said to be ill.

### RESTAURATEURS NEGLIGENT

Only 33 of the restaurants of the city have registered their shops with the health department, according to Health Inspector C. Howard Dunbar. He says there are 144 owners of restaurants in this city who will have to get certificates of sanitation.

### FUNERAL DESIGNS AND BOUQUETS,

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## CELEBRATE CHANGE FROM VAGRANT TO MISSION EXECUTIVE

Joseph W. McConnell's Reformation and Success Object of Praise.

Joseph W. McConnell, assistant superintendent of the Bridgeport Christian Union mission on Bank street, last evening celebrated his third anniversary as a member of the mission.

McConnell is acting at present as assistant to Probation Officer C. W. Simpson and has made many friends among the attendees of the city court. Three years ago yesterday McConnell wandered into the mission in a helpless manner and suffering from hunger. He had no home and no place to work and the pangs of hunger were beginning to tell on him. He was a heavy drinker.

He received some spiritual advice from Superintendent Simpson and was given a night's lodging. After a week's respite he braced up and went to work in a local factory. He then studied nights in the mission rooms and soon obtained a fair education. He was later appointed assistant superintendent of the mission.

McConnell is now married and the father of two children.

At the services in his honor last evening were eight other reformed members of the union mission and they assisted in the choir which was led by Mrs. Laura Wray. Mrs. Wray pinned carnations on every member as is her usual custom on occasions of this kind.

In view of the many accidents on the highways, conservative citizens will soon be buying ambulances in place of automobiles.

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## EXPERTS STUDY TRAFFIC PUZZLE IN BRIDGEPORT

Chamber of Commerce and Auto Club Officials To Suggest Changes.

Traffic ordinances recently adopted by the board of aldermen soon may be abrogated and others may be changed. Entire control of street traffic may be placed under the superintendent of police, who, if plans are carried out, may be empowered to make minor rules and regulations as conditions require.

This change is likely to be made at the recommendation of the traffic committee of the chamber of commerce, now actively engaged in studying the situation in this city, which is said to have become acute. Frank T. Staples, head of the Automobile Club of Bridgeport for several years, and others equally well versed in the street situation, are expected to report soon on local conditions, stating the changes that might be made through street openings, establishing one-way thoroughfares, and through other changes.

It is not expected at this time that the more deep-seated problems occasioned by old lay-outs will be considered but that adequate means for directing traffic, diverting it at congested points, routing Connecticut Co. cars so they do not meet at Main and Fairfield avenues in a bunch thereby holding up vehicular traffic, and similar matters of immediate import will be mentioned as requiring improvement.

Secretary George Gove of the chamber of commerce refused this morning to confirm the report of investigations by members of the committee, but admitted that the system of traffic movement in New York had been considered by the members, owing to its elasticity.

"In that city," said Mr. Gove, "the head of the police commission is em-

powered to make laws governing traffic and to change them at will. In this way he is held responsible for quick dispatch and clearance of blockades, which could not be effected if the council were waited for.

"I am not prepared to say that this plan will be urged here but our committee, after carefully going into the situation, will of course visit the mayor and members of the council and it is hoped that the suggestions to be made by our committee will be so well conceived that their benefit will be seen by the aldermen."

### Wallace A. Smith

Heads Men's Club

At the first meeting of the year for the Men's club of Trinity church, Wallace A. Smith, deputy collector of port was elected president; Charles Chownhill was chosen vice president; L. R. O'Neil, secretary and James M. Saxton, treasurer.

The election of officers followed a dinner at which the Very Rev. Wilford L. Robbins, D.D., dean of the General Theological seminary in New York, was the speaker. The dinner was largely attended and the interesting talk of Rev. Mr. Robbins was greatly enjoyed. The committee in charge of the affair included J. M. Saxton, George H. Edwards, Wallace A. Smith, H. S. Pearson and R. D. Goddard.

### Edward Lamphan

Names Two Men

As Co-Respondents

Edward Lamphan of this city has brought divorce proceedings against Maude Fannie Lamphan of this city, alleging infidelity and naming Howard S. Hoyt and one Rubin as co-respondents. The couple were married June 23, 1902. Mrs. Lamphan's maiden name was Maude Toisey.

Victoria Amanda Reeves of Greenwich, also filed divorce proceedings in the superior court today against Robert Reeves of parts unknown. Description on December 15, 1909, was alleged. The couple were married June 21, 1891. Mrs. Reeves' maiden name was Victoria Shands.

## MEAT SPECIALS

Bonanza Hams (Boneless)..... 15c per lb.  
Corned Rump Butts ..... 13c per lb.  
Sugar Cured Bacon ..... 17c per lb.

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## CANNED GOODS DEPARTMENT

Asparagus Tips ..... 20c per can  
Good Prunes ..... 7c per lb., 4 lbs. for 25c  
Evaporated Peaches... 7c per lb., 4 lbs. for 25c  
Pineapple (Grated) ..... 10c per can  
Spinach ..... 10c per can  
Franco-American Reamymaid Soup 3 cans for 25c

## CRACKER DEPARTMENT

Educator Wheat Bran ..... 15c per pkg.  
Educator Bran Meal ..... 20c per pkg.  
Educator Toasterettes ..... 25c per lb.  
Takhomas ..... 4 pkg. for 15c

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# January Clearance Sale

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The saving you make in this sale is more than we say. Because the regular prices are now much lower than they will be later on, owing to the extraordinary conditions, now existing, which you all know about, and which we or no one else can control. We are simply giving you a good tip—Take it if you will—

## 20% Off All The Latest FURNITURE

Lace Curtains, Portieres, Couch Covers, Pictures, Baby Carriages, Go-Carts, Sulkies, Parlor Heating Stoves, Fireless Cookers, Refrigerators, etc.

## 10% Off GLENWOOD RANGES

Rugs, Carpets, Linoleum, Oil Cloth, Mattresses, Springs, Pillows, Office Cabinets.

## 20 to 30% Off On Close-Out Patterns of Rugs, (some fine Whittall's included)

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