

# BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

### A BLOODY MURDER.

On Sunday, N. Y., Aug. 22—A man by the name of Waldron, from Skaneateles, was committed to goal on Friday last for the murder of his son, a lad just 18 years old the morning he was killed. Waldron had been uncommonly dejected for some weeks and had frequently expressed the wish that he, himself and family were all dead, lest they should come to what. On Friday morning he arose first of the family, took an axe, went to the bedside of his son and beat out his brains. His wife awoke, found out what was done and made her escape, being pursued by her husband, who was secured without further harm. It is supposed that he intended to have killed his whole family, consisting of several children and then to have dispatched himself. He is about 30 years of age, and has always sustained a high character and been remarkably fond of his family. It may, therefore, be reasonably supposed that he was insane at the time the dreadful act was done.

## THEY HAD LAST SEASON IT WILL INDEED BE WORTH ATTENDING FOR THAT WAS NO PLUS ULTRA.

### EXCURSION ON SCHUYLER.

The steamer Schuyler will make a grand excursion tomorrow evening. It is expected to steam out of the lightboat and then along Long Island shore. Goodsell's Full Quadrille band are engaged to supply music for the occasion and new arrangements will be made for dancing. This will be one of the finest excursions of the season and perhaps the last. We advise all who desire to spend a pleasant evening to avail themselves of this opportunity.

### AMERICUS HOSE.

The members of the Americus Hose meet at their carriage house for the transaction of very important business this evening. Every member is particularly requested to be on hand.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO

#### STATE UNDERTAKERS.

At the afternoon session of the State Undertakers' association held at Stamford yesterday, George B. Hawley of Bridgeport was elected a member of the executive committee and also a delegate to the national convention to be held in Boston, Oct. 14, 15 and 16th.

#### TWO SILVER MEETINGS.

The meeting of the Second District Bryan and Sewall club at the Old Restaurant at Seaside park promises to be of unusual interest. Besides the local speakers engaged for the series of meetings which will take place every Thursday night, men of national reputation have been engaged.

#### FOR SALE.

A farm, of about 40 acres of land, with a dwelling house and barn thereon standing. Said farm lies in William, at a place called Belden's hill. The land is of excellent quality and is well proportioned for plowing, mowing, etc. Unless sooner disposed of, it will be sold at public auction on Monday, Sept. 3, next. For particulars, inquire of Stephen Abbott, of Westport.

#### FOR CARRIAGE OWNERS.

The laws of the United States require that every person having or keeping a carriage, wagon, etc., for use, not exclusively employed in husbandry or the transportation of goods, shall enter the same, and pay a duty thereon, under a penalty, which will be required of every person failing to comply with the law.

#### JESSE WAKEMAN.

Collector of the Revenue.

#### FIFTY YEARS AGO.

#### FOR SOLDIERS MONUMENT.

The corner stone of the Soldiers' Monument is to be laid on Wednesday, Aug. 23, at Seaside park. The brigade of militia that was then being encamped near Pembroke Lake was to parade in honor of the event. Also the five departments and the Maine Brigade Co. of New London will be here as guests of Fountain House and they will be in the procession. The stores and the manufacturers are all to be closed in the afternoon. The exercises will commence about 2 p. m. Several prominent citizens from abroad are expected here.

#### PREPARED TO FIGHT.

We are requested to state that the Roman Church of this city, will hold their annual picnic at Fry's grove Tuesday, Sept. 11, and they intend to make it the most enjoyable one of the season. They are making arrangements on the most pretentious scale to produce the most amusing and health giving spectacle ever witnessed in this latitude. If the picnic of this organization excels the one

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Mayor Clark has appointed a committee authorized by the last meeting of the board of aldermen to investigate the water supply at the almshouse. The members are N. J. Phelan, W. H. Thomas and Philip L. Hoizer. A meeting will be held next week on a thorough investigation of the water supply.

#### COST OF LIVING IN NAVY GROWS LESS THIS YEAR

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The Philippine bill, granting an increased measure of independence, passed the House by a vote of 24 to 1.

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Dr. Oliver A. Howard, a leading physician of Marlinton, W. Va., was held on a charge of murder, following a coroner's inquest into the death of his wife.

# BROTHERHOODS DECLARE FEW OWN R. R. LINES

## Employees Representatives Deny Small Investors Are Real Owners

Willful misrepresentations by the steam railroads as to their stockholders is charged by the four big railway brotherhoods in their official bulletin, "The Eight Hour Day," sent to the newspapers yesterday. The public has been led to believe, the bulletin says, that the eight-hour workday would inflict harm on "widows and orphans," whereas the operating officials know that the roads themselves and not small investors are the real owners of railway shares.

"The railroads of the United States have organized executive committees and bureaus with the avowed purpose of creating a public sentiment in opposition to the eight-hour workday movement for the freight employees," the bulletin says. "In their campaign of publicity these committees and bureaus are consciously striving to create the impression in the public mind that this movement of the railway employees is antagonistic to the welfare of the public stockholder."

"To this end they are making use of public addresses of railway officials, of magazines, of newspaper articles and interviews and like means of reaching the public. And in all of these and other ways they are endeavoring to create in the public mind the impression that the American public and the railway stockholders are one and the same. And to drive home these efforts align the public against the just demands of the train employees, these publicity agents are endeavoring to show that shorter workday means an additional burden to the public in increased rates and a deprivation to the stockholder in a loss of dividends."

The bulletin quotes the following statement by the railroad officials as an example of misrepresentation: "The total net dividends paid by the railways of the United States considered as a system, in 1914, amounted to \$339,000,000, according to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Thirty-five per cent of the railway stock paid no dividends. A wage increase of \$322,000,000 would wipe out over 97 per cent of all that stockholders received as a return on their investment."

#### Call It Exaggeration.

"Ignoring as a piece of extravagant exaggeration by a partisan," the bulletin says, "the imaginary increase in wages which the above statement says would result to the railway stockholder in the United States by the establishment of the eight-hour workday in freight train service, it is of prime importance that we first understand clearly who these 600,000 stockholders really are."

"In the first place there are not that many stockholders in American railways, the number of \$32,374 reported as the total in the entire United States in 1914 by the statistics of the Interstate Commerce Commission include many thousand duplications. One individual or corporation may, and in cases does, own stock in scores and hundreds of times as a separate stockholder."

"Let us illustrate in the case of one corporate stockholder—the Pennsylvania Railroad. This company on June 29, 1915, was a stockholder in at least 72 other transportation companies. Thus this one corporation is counted in the statistics as 72 different stockholders. Of these 72 companies in which the Pennsylvania Railroad is a stockholder as many as 15 are in turn stockholders in 174 railway corporations; 23 of these 174 are in turn stockholders in 54 other companies; 3 of the 15 are in turn stockholders in 7 other companies."

"This single railway corporation—the Pennsylvania Railroad Company—owns directly a majority interest in the stock of 38 companies, and its subsidiaries, combined with those of its subsidiaries, give a controlling interest in 12 other transportation companies. The subsidiaries of the Pennsylvania Company, own a direct majority interest in the stock of 47 transportation companies. The Pennsylvania Company owns a majority of the capital stock of 27 roads, and through the holdings of its subsidiaries has a controlling interest in 12 other transportation companies. Thus the total majority holdings of the Pennsylvania system comprise 133 roads."

#### Pennsylvania Subsidiaries

"The Pennsylvania subsidiaries likewise have important joint holdings with other systems. The Lake Erie & Pittsburgh, for example, is jointly owned by the Pennsylvania Company and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern; the Central Indiana by the Pennsylvania Company and the Cleveland, Chicago & St. Louis; the Calumet Western by the Pennsylvania Company, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, and the Indiana Harbor Belt, the latter being controlled by the New York Central Lines. The Dayton Ohio Railway is controlled by the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati & Cleveland, a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania Company, by the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, one of the New York Central Lines, and by the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton, which is controlled by the Baltimore & Ohio; each of these roads owns one-third of the stock of this railway. The Washington Terminal Company is jointly owned by the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington and the Baltimore & Ohio. In the Norfolk & Portsmouth Belt Line the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk holds one-seventh of the stock, the other parties to the joint control being the Atlantic Coast Line, the Southern Railway, the Seaboard Air Line, the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Norfolk & Western, and the Norfolk Southern. The Lehigh & Hudson is jointly owned by the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, the Erie, the Lehigh Valley and the Central of New Jersey."

"The total number of transportation companies in which the Pennsylvania Railroad has a direct and indirect majority and minority interest through stock ownership is 264."

"If the reader will repeat these details in imagination for each of the thirty principal railway systems controlling the greater part of the mileage of the country, some slight conception will be had of the large number of duplications among the recorded lists of stockholders in the railroads of the United States."

# PRESIDENT TAKES PRIDE IN AIDING AGRICULTURISTS

## Executive, in Letter, Reviews Work of that Nature in His Administration

What has been accomplished by President Wilson and a Democratic Congress for the relief of farmers is set forth in a letter from the President to A. F. Lever, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the House of Representatives, made public yesterday by the Democratic National Campaign Committee. Chairman McCormick explained that it was to the general aid of the producing citizens of the country that the President had most persistently dedicated his attention. The letter follows:

The White House, Washington, Aug. 11, 1916.

My Dear Mr. Lever.—It has given me much satisfaction to approve today the bill making appropriations for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes, because the bill not only makes very generous provision for the improvement of farm production in the nation and for investigations and demonstrations in the field of the marketing of farm crops and of the organization of rural life, but also contains three well-conceived measures designed to improve market practices and the storage and financing of staple crops. As the passage of this bill marks the practical completion of an important part of the program for the betterment of rural life, which was mapped out at the beginning of the Administration, I feel that I cannot let the occasion pass without conveying to you and to your associates in both houses my appreciation of the service rendered to the nation in strengthening its great agricultural foundations.

#### Items of Record.

The record, legislative as well as administrative, is a remarkable one. It speaks for itself and needs only to be set forth.

1. Appreciation of the importance of agriculture has been shown through greatly and intelligently increased appropriations for its support.

2. Particular pains have been taken to foster production by every promising means, and careful thought has been given especially to the matter of increasing the meat supply of the nation.

3. Greatly increased provision has been made, through the enactment of the Co-operative Agricultural Extension Act, for conveying agricultural information to farmers and for inducing them to apply it. This piece of legislation is one of the most significant and far-reaching measures for the education of adults ever adopted by any Government. This is a highly important and significant principle. When the act is in full operation there will be expended annually under its terms, from Federal and State sources alone, a total of over \$8,400,000 in the direct education of the farmer; and this amount is being and will be increasingly supplemented by contributions from local sources. It will permit the placing in each of the 350 rural counties of the nation two farm demonstrators and specialists who will assist the demonstrators in the more difficult problems confronting them.

#### Distribution and Finance.

4. Systematic provision for the first time has been made for the solution of problems in that important half of agriculture which concerns distribution—marketing, rural finance, and rural organization.

5. Provision was made promptly for the creation of an office of market and rural organization, and the appropriations for this office, including those for enforcing new laws designed to promote better marketing, have been increased to \$1,200,000. The more difficult problems of marketing are being investigated and plans are in operation for each such assistance to producers of perishables through a market news service. A similar service for live-stock interests will be inaugurated during the year.

6. The problem of securing the uniform grading of staple crops, of regulating dealers and traffic in them, of developing a better system of warehouses, and of providing more available collateral for farm loans has been successfully dealt with.

7. Under the Cotton Futures Act standards for cotton have been established, the operations of the futures exchanges have been put under supervision, and the sale of cotton has been placed on a firmer basis.

8. The United States Grain Standards act will secure uniformity in the grading of grain, enable the farmer to obtain fairer prices for his product, and afford him an incentive to raise better grades of grain.

9. The United States Warehouse act will enable the Department of Agriculture to license bonded warehouses in various States. It will lead to the development of better storage facilities for staple crops and will make possible the issuance of reliable warehouse receipts which will be widely

and easily negotiable.

10. Of no less importance for agriculture and for the national development is the Federal Aid Road Act. This measure will conduce to the establishment of more effective highway machinery in each State, strongly influence the development of good road building along right lines, stimulate larger production and better marketing, promote a fuller and more attractive rural life, add greatly to the convenience and economic welfare of all the people and strengthen the national foundations. The act embodies sound principles of road legislation and will not only safeguard the expenditure of the funds arising under the act but will also result in the more efficient use of the large additional sums made available by States and localities.

11. The Federal Reserve Act benefits the farmer, as it does all the other people of the nation, by guaranteeing better banking, safeguarding the credit structure of the country and preventing panics. It takes particular note of the special means of the farmer by making larger provision for loans through national banks on farm mortgages and by giving farm paper a maturity period of six months.

12. It was essential, however, that banking machinery be devised which would reach intimately into the rural districts, that it should operate on terms suited to the farmer's needs, and should be under sympathetic management. The need was for machinery which would introduce business methods into farm finance, bring order out of chaos, reduce the cost of handling farm loans, place upon the market mortgages which would be a safe investment for private funds, attract to agricultural operations a fair share of the capital of the nation, and lead to a reduction of interest. These needs and these ideals have been met by the enactment of the Federal Farm Loan act.

I am glad to have had an opportunity to take part in the execution of this large program, which I believe will result in making agriculture more profitable and country life more comfortable and attractive, and, therefore, insure the retention in rural districts of an efficient and contented population. Faithfully yours,

WOODROW WILSON,

Hon. A. F. LEVER, Chairman,

Committee on Agriculture,

House of Representatives.

The letter will be used by the National Committee as a campaign document.

#### The Kaiser's Religion

Most religious of all the monarchs, at least in his public professions, is Emperor William of Germany. While all the rulers and governments of warring Europe, with the sole exception of republican France, have on occasion expressed their faith in the Deity, their professions of piety lack the fervid and picturesque characteristics of the Kaiser's devotional utterances. The Russian Czar is extremely religious, in a mystical way, but Victor Emmanuel and King George of Great Britain are inclined toward liberalism in their religious views, while President Poincare of France and Premier Briand are avowed unbelievers. The balance of religious fervor seems to be on the side of the Central Empire, for the Austrian Emperor is a devout Catholic, and his Turkish ally, the Sultan, has been surnamed "The Pious" because of his devotion to Mohammedanism. The Hohenzollerns have always been notably religious, with the sole exception of Frederick the great, but the present Emperor has surpassed all his predecessors in the frequency and warmth of his public declarations of faith. To the world he has seemed to carry his piety to ridiculous extremes, and for this he has often been satirized, notably in the poem, "Me and Gott," the recital of which got one of Uncle Sam's naval officers into trouble some years ago. From the beginning of his reign the Kaiser has been a stalwart in his devotion to "our good old God up there"—as he expressed it not long ago—and in addressing his soldiers and subjects he never neglects to call upon them to "look up to God" and "to realize that one cannot do without Him."

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## When Editors Were Doctors.

Keene's Bath Journal was one of the oldest weekly newspapers in the province. Known as the Bath Journal, it was founded in 1742 by Thomas Roddey, whose portrait in wig and ruffles, by Hoare, forms a picturesque reminder of the period. His daughter married John Keene, the journal from the union passing on to and through a succession of Keenes; hence its title Keene's Bath Journal.

As was the custom in bygone days patent medicines were sold in provincial newspaper offices, and the drawers in which the pills and medicines were kept at the Journal office were there until the paper suspended. It was nothing unusual for the editor in the throes of writing his editorials to have to step down from his seat to serve a box of pills.

The pages of the Journal were for a long period largely taken up by advertisements of various "cure alls."—London Times.

## Persian Words Naturalized.

Regarding the Persian language, we all have a few words from that source in our vocabularies, although we may not be aware of our indebtedness. There are about a dozen words in the English dictionary which trace to Persian, the most common being perhaps "orange" (although this was thought by some to be derived from the Latin "aurum"—gold). "Sash," meaning a ribbon or band (the "sash" of a window is the Latin "capra"), "shawl" and "taffeta" are other Persian words which have become thoroughly acclimatized, as have "cheese," "caravan," "haci," "dervish" and "lac," while "emerald" and "indigo," "azur," "bazaar," "jackal," "mtsk," "parade" and "scimitar" have also been traced to the same source.—London Opinion.

His Limit. "What's Thingemob good for?" "If it's checkers, he's good for all day."—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

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