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Wishes All A Happy New Year

TO-DAY'S PROGRAM
LARRY REILLEY & CO.
A VISION OF IRELAND
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MADGE KENNEDY
In "BABY MINE" 1,000 Laughs
THE SWIFTEST COMEDY EVER SCREENED

FRANCIS WILLIAMS AND CO.
A BIG SKETCH

MUSICAL SHIRLEYS
GILLETTE'S MONKEYS

FRANCES DYER

ANIMATED NEWS

KEENEY'S EMPIRE

THE SHRINE OF THE SILENT DRAMA

TODAY, TOMORROW AND WEDNESDAY

AIRCRAFT FEATURE PLAY
The Screen Star Supreme

Geraldine Farrar

And An All Star Cast In

"The Devil Stone"

A Drama of Tremendous Intensity and Unusual Appeal
A Play of
GREATER THAN "THE WOMAN GOD FORGOT"

INTERNATIONAL EGG CONTEST

The best in the laying contest are now getting their balance on the right side of the ledger. For the past few weeks they have not been equaling previous records for the corresponding period. In the eighth week, they laid nearly 300 more than for the preceding week and ten dozen more eggs than for the corresponding week last year, or a total of 1847 for the week.

Another good sign is the fact that one Leghorn pen is included in the home roll for the eighth week. The Leghorns, of course, have been handicapped by the zero weather more than the other breeds because they seem naturally more susceptible to climatic changes. Not only this, but their combs are more readily frozen and hens with frozen combs do not lay the maximum number of eggs.

Just as the "Francis" pen of Barred Rocks from West-Hampton Beach, E. L. was in first place for the fourth successive week with a yield of 45 eggs, Strayman Farm's White Wyandottes from Westville, N. H., came second with 42 eggs to their credit. F. W. Harv's pen of the same breed from Melrose, N. H., were just a little behind with a production of 41 eggs.

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In addition to the laying contest, there are other poultry experiments conducted at the same time. As a result of these experiments there are available at this time the following bulletins which can be obtained gratis by addressing the Poultry Department, Storrs, Conn.

- 61 Poultry Selection, Care and Management
- 77 White Disease of Young Chickens
- 88 Chickens: Influence of Milk Feeding
- 89 Poultry House Construction
- 90 Graduation of White Diphtheria in Chickens
- 91 Lice and Mites of the Hen
- 92 Fourth Egg Laying Contest
- 93 Fifth Egg Laying Contest
- 94 Egg Production in White Leghorns

The three best pens in each of the principal varieties are as follows:

Barred Plymouth Rocks
Julius P. Francis, West Hampton Beach, N. Y., 1874

Black Game Fowls, Katoah, N. Y., 1874

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| X. Rodman Schaaf, Pittsfield, Mass., | 211 |
| H. White Wyandottes, Brayman Farm, Westville, N. H., | 204 |
| Obed G. Knight, Bridgton, E. L., | 199 |
| J. Frank Dubois, East Lynn, Mass., | 199 |
| Rhode Island Reds, Pinecrest Orchards, Groton, Mass., | 206 |
| Philstone Farm, Dalton, Mass., | 213 |
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| Miscellaneous, Cook & Porter, (Buff. Wyandottes) Easthampton, Mass., | 272 |
| Ora, Agricultural College (Oregon) Corvallis, Ore., | 245 |
| Dr. N. W. Sanborn (Buff. Wyandottes) Holden, Mass., | 172 |

THE WAR A BENEFIT TO GERMAN FINANCE

The official Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung (Oct. 1) reproduces what it describes as very interesting comments on the part of Gwinner, of the Deutsche Bank, on the inexhaustible finances of Germany. "German means would long since have been exhausted had the English not cut Germany off from world commerce, but contented themselves with placing an embargo on her import of arms, ammunition, and other war necessities. Instead of prohibiting also that of pleasure and luxury articles. As it is, Germany has saved her strength. Capital can only be created by working and saving. The German people have been working and saving to their utmost capacity. The saving on beer and alcohol alone, calculated on the peace basis, amounts to 134 milliards (of marks) a year, and proportionate in other directions has been the saving of clothes, lighting, food and luxuries. Germany is living on the accumulated stores of 13 years of peace. These stores will suffice for years to come. Such for commodities which she possessed in insufficient quantities she has learned to replace by substitutes, as, for instance, nitrogen for explosives and manure. Through the general bringing of these necessary stores into the market, such enormous sums in capital have become liquid and have been continuously into banks and having been the demand for an interest-bearing investment of these moneys is once again automatically

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| reduced and strengthened. Since the beginning of the war the number of the creditors of all German banks together has doubled. The deposits in the savings banks and outstanding bonds of the poor and pensioned soldiers have increased. The war, even though from their arms also billions have been subscribed to war loans." |
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3 ELECTRIC PLANTS SEIZED BY WILSON

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Wilson has requisitioned the three large plants at Niagara Falls. This action was announced as follows: "Under authority of the President, the electric power produced, imported and distributed by the Niagara Falls Power Co., the Hydraulic Power Co. of Niagara Falls and the Cliff Electrical Distributing Co. was today requisitioned by the government. This step was taken to assure the adequate supply of electric power for the establishments engaged in war work at Niagara Falls and Buffalo."

Canadian demand that approximately 100,000 horse power of current imported from the Canadian side should be applied exclusively to war work was said to have been a factor in the government's decision to requisition the power.

Onions are five cents a pound in New York.

For Skins Affected By Winds and Weather

This is the season when one who would have a spotless, lily-white, healthy complexion should turn her thoughts to mercurized wax, the firm friend of the winter girl. Nothing so effectively overcomes the scorching effects of piercing winds and biting cold temperatures. The wax literally absorbs the chapped, reddened or sunken-out skin, bringing forth a smooth, new skin, clear, soft and irresistibly beautiful. An ounce of mercurized wax, obtainable at any drug store, applied nightly like cold cream, and washed off mornings, will gradually impress the most complexion. She who obeys herself all day in an overhated house and finds her skin flushed and sabby as a consequence, can quickly freshen up for the evening by just bathing her face in a lotion made by dissolving an ounce of powdered mercurized wax in a pint of witch hazel. She'll find this most refreshing. It smooths out wrinkles and craves in the saggy tissue.—Ad.

PLAZA

AN ALL-HEADLINE BILL FOR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION
A SCREEN PLAY THAT WILL APPEAL TO YOUR FINER INSTINCTS

"BECAUSE OF A WOMAN"

STARRING THE FASCINATING HEROINE OF THE SILENT DRAMA
BELLE BENNETT IN A DIFFERENT KIND OF VAMPIRE ROLE

Seven of Hearts
A CONCOCTION OF SONGS, DANCES AND HILARITY WITH DREAMS OF GIRLS

BILLIE BURKE PRESENTS
LEVITATION
THE LATEST LAUGHING NOVELTY

MURPHY, VAN AND KENYON
BEST TRIO IN VAUDEVILLE

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Shows New Year's
1, 3:15, 6:15, 8:30

GARDNER & BARTELL
BLACK FACE FUNSTERS

STRATFORD

(Special to The Farmer)
Stratford, Dec. 31.—At the annual election of officers of the Oranogue Lodge of Odd Fellows held Friday evening at the club rooms in the town hall, George Hale was elected Noble Grand. Other officers elected were: Vice-grand, Eli Beach, recording secretary, Harry L. Hunt; financial secretary, Archie Cranson; treasurer, James Mallette. The meeting was largely attended. These officers will be installed Thursday, Jan. 10. A social, entertainment and general reunion of all members will take place.

Receives New Appointment
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Packard of Pleasantville, N. Y., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Packard's parents, Dr. and Mrs. William B. Cogwell, Main street, Stratford. Dr. Packard, for the past eight years professor in Columbia University has been recently appointed to take charge of the Biological department of the Union Medical school, Peking, China. Dr. Packard will leave with Mrs. Packard for his new charge, July 1, 1918.

Former Pastor Dies
Rev. Dr. Frank S. Fitch, former pastor of the Stratford Congregational church died Sunday, Dec. 23 at Berkeley, Cal., according to word received here Saturday. Dr. Fitch was pastor of a church in Buffalo up to the time of his illness.

Urgent Appeal
An urgent appeal comes from the Stratford Surgical Dressings association for a large number of helpers to assist in the making of bandages and other surgical dressings. The women of the town are asked to save their old linen and similar clothes and contribute them to the association. A letter from the headquarters of the surgical dressings association stated that the need for dressings was extremely urgent, as in France there is such a scarcity of bandages and dressings that there is no cloth to be had and sawdust is poured on the wound.

Johnson-Hyder
A very quiet wedding was solemnized Thursday afternoon when Miss De Hyder of Sutton avenue became the bride of Joseph Johnson of North street. Mr. Johnson is the proprietor of the Central Meat market and Miss Hyder was employed as cashier at the Newton J. Reed grocery establishment. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are now spending their honeymoon at Norfolk, Va. Both are widely known in Stratford.

Baseball Schedule
Manager Helen Follett of the Girls' baseball team of the Stratford High school has announced the following schedule for the coming season: Jan. 4, Stratford vs Bridgeport at Bridgeport; Jan. 12, Stratford vs Stamford at Bridgeport; Jan. 19, Stratford vs Norwalk at Bridgeport; Jan. 26, Stratford vs Milford at Milford; Feb. 2, Stratford vs Westport at Westport; Feb. 9, Stratford vs Bridgeport at Stratford; Feb. 16, Stratford vs Stamford at Stamford; Feb. 23, Stratford vs Westport at Stratford.

Miss Brown Entertains
A dance at which about 50 persons attended was given by Miss Carolyn Brown of East Broadway Friday evening at the Westgate Country club, Paradise Green. Of this number many were present from Bridgeport and Milford. A local orchestra furnished the music. Luncheon was served. Mrs. Harold Brown was the patroness.

Night Watch Service
Tonight at the Stratford Methodist church night watch service will be observed. Prayer service will also be held under the direction of Rev. Ernest C. Carpenter, pastor. At midnight, the church bell will be rung ushering in the New Year.

34 Visit Morehouse
More than 300 young men who received their questionnaires have reported to Attorney Ivan L. Morehouse since he opened up an office at the town hall two weeks ago and were instructed how to fill them out properly. On Friday evening 34 sought advice.

The names of sixteen delinquents who have failed to return their questionnaires within the prescribed time limits have been handed to Attorney Morehouse and warrants will be issued for their arrests if the documents are delayed after this week. All delinquents have been notified to this effect by Attorney Ivan L. Morehouse.

Transferred
Henry Wells of Warwick avenue who enlisted in the Ordnance department has written to his friends that he has been transferred to the cavalry at Aberdeen, Md.

Funerals
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lawler and family of Avon street are visiting Mrs. Lawler's parents, Richmond Hill, N. Y.
Miss Elsie Wheeler is entertaining the Misses Helen and Rachel Meurer of Summit, N. J., at her home Academy Hill.
Mrs. Laura Reid of North Carolina

PARK NOW

TONIGHT AT 8:15



FIVE DAYS BEGINNING TONIGHT AT MIDNIGHT
Special Performance to Permit the Public to Welcome the New Year
MATINEES DAILY
THE 3 RING OF BURLESQUE

Hip
Hip
Hoorah
Girls
WITH
Ben
Pierce
AND THE
Six
Diving
Belles

As Presented at the Columbia Theatre, N. Y. All Last Summer. RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW FOR THE MIDNIGHT SHOW

Night Watch Service
A night watch service will be held at Christ Episcopal church Monday evening commencing at 11 o'clock. Rev. H. P. Lyman-Whitson, rector, will officiate at all these services.

No Work on New Years
The Red Cross rooms at Christ Episcopal church parish house will be closed on New Year's Day.

CORIEE C. ROCKWELL, plumbing and heating; jobbing a specialty, 1051 Main and Hillside avenue. Phone Stratford 114-3 or 114-4. B10*tf

TO HOUSEWIVES

Unless you read Nothnagle's new advertisement on last page, there is danger that you will miss some home furnishing bargains you could, would or should have bought at a substantial saving to you. The big January Sale starts on Wednesday, with great profit-sharing benefits to all purchasers. Every department is filled with characteristic Nothnagle bargains. You know what this means—merchandise of quality at less money than cheaply and, of course, poorly made articles. The future is not promising for a like opportunity that this sale affords. The output of some of the furniture factories is being taken by the government, other factories are being converted to produce war supplies, and then the railroads forward furniture and such like only after government work and perishable goods are taken care of. All of these things make homefurnishings scarce—almost not to be had in the near future, regardless of the price you may be willing to pay. Bear these facts in mind before you decide you can afford to delay buying what you either need now or soon will need.

WOMEN'S BAGS ARE THE RAGE TODAY

Grace Margaret Gould, the fashion editor of the Woman's Home Companion, says in the January issue: "Bags are so fashionable these days that every smart woman has a private collection of her own. To add to this collection she may be interested in the new canvas bag bags. These she can make herself and thus avoid the prohibitive prices of many of the imported bag bags shown in the shops. The canvas can be purchased with the design printed in colors, and Indian beads to work out the design. There is really something new in embroidered netwear. Jabots of net now show a single motif in wool embroidery, and always in the gayest of colors. A bright conventionalized wool flower or a bit of fruit is considered a smart motif. Then again there are neckwear novelties of satin or

The Lyric

This Week This Week
The "Crook" Drama
That Is Not A "Crook" Play
"CHEATING CHEATERS"
BY
MAX MARCIN
A Play of Thrills, Laughter and Surprising Situations
Next Week Next Week
"Potash & Perlmutter"

WEST END
State Street, Near Clinton Avenue. Tel. Bar. 7773
TONIGHT 7 P. M.
JANE GREY
—IN—
"Her Fighting Chance"
(By James Oliver Curwood)—6 Acts—6
To-morrow (New Year) Continuous 2—10:30
MAXINE ELLIOTT
In the Second Goldwyn Release
"FIGHTING ODDS" 6 ACTS

New Year's Eve Celebration
At Hotel Lorraine & Annex
MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT AND FAVORS
Make Reservations Early

SHIPPORON THEATRE
STRATFORD AVENUE
Cor. Wilnot & Carroll Aves.
TO-DAY
TRIANGLE PLAY
LOUISE GLAUM
In the Stirring Drama of the West
"Golden Rule Kate"
A Red Blood Drama With Numerous Thrills
TO-MORROW
Elsie Ferguson in
"Barbary Sheep"

NEW YEAR'S SOCIAL AND DANCE
SONS OF ERIN
EAGLES HALL
TUES. EVE., JAN. 1, 1918
Music, Quigley's Orchestra
J. J. O'Neill, Prompter
ADMISSION, 25 CENTS A PERSON
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QUILTY'S PRIZE MASQUERADE
NEW YEAR'S EVE.
MONDAY
\$5 LADIES' FANCY COSTUME
\$5 GENTS' FANCY COSTUME
\$5 GROTESQUE COSTUME
GRAND BALL
NEW YEAR'S NIGHT
MURRAY'S ORCHESTRA

collar and decorating the deep cuffs were rows of heavy rope silk in tawny-negre brown. This silk was laid flat on the satin, like braids, to give the smart coaching effect the silk was caught down every three-eighths inch with an over-handing stitch in Chinese blue. This touch of embroidery is a fascinating substitute for braid.

FUNERAL BOUQUET AND DESIGNS
JOHN RECK & SON