

LATEST FAIR HAVEN NEWS

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES IN THE SCHOOLS.

Donations Made by Pupils for the Poor
—Christmas News from the Churches
—Programme for Music at Morning Service of Grand Avenue Baptist Church—Personal Notes.

The schools closed yesterday for the holiday vacation. Exercises were held suitable for the Christmas season in several of the schools. There was an attendance of 490, including many parents of the pupils, in Grannis hall yesterday afternoon and the programme as published in this paper was carried out in an excellent manner under the direction of Miss Story, teacher in the VIII grade. There were twenty-two numbers on the programme. The hall was prettily trimmed with holly and red ribbons, with a number of palms near the stage. The kindergarten of this school held suitable exercises for the children in the morning. There was also an excellent programme rendered at Woolsey school.

The contributions for Christmas gifts for deserving families brought to Strong school, amounted to twenty-five bushel baskets in volume and consisted of groceries, vegetables, clothing and toys for the children. Quinlan school also joined in the donations. Fourteen bushels of potatoes were deposited in the potato march of the hundreds of children. Masters Bretz and Erickson, by the aid of a horse and wagon, distributed the supplies to seventeen families, and Mrs. S. B. Ives distributed the toys to a number of poor children.

The force of employees at station A was busy enough yesterday, two substitute carriers adding the regular force. To-day will mark a still heavier business. A large amount of Christmas mail was forwarded from station A yesterday. There will be a large volume of incoming Christmas parcels for distribution.

The Christmas exercises for the primary department will be held in the East Pearl street M. E. church this evening. There will be appropriate exercises and gifts for the little ones. On Monday evening will occur the usual Christmas concert for the Sunday school. The usual Christmas gifts will be omitted this year. The young people have been at work evenings during the week winding evergreens for decorating the church, which is being handsomely trimmed.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Farr announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Martha Farr, to James Mincher, Jr., on December 15.

Loyal council, K. of C., initiated five candidates last evening.

Lauren H. Humiston of Houston street has returned from a business trip of several months in Oregon.

The services at St. James' Episcopal church in East Grand avenue on the occasion of Christmas are morning prayer, sermon and holy communion at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 12:15 o'clock; evening prayer and cantata at 7:30 p. m. The special music for both morning and evening is said to be pleasing and abounds with the spirit of Christmas.

On these occasions the excellent choir of St. James' will be assisted by Miss Belle Marross Sigourney, violinist, and a second quartette of solo voices. The evening service deserves special mention for it will indeed be a service of song and praise. In place of the sermon by the rector a new Christmas cantata entitled "The New Born King" will be sung. Those who have listened at the preparatory rehearsals pronounce the composition excellent. Doubtless there will be a large attendance at these services.

At the Grand avenue Baptist church to-morrow the pastor, Rev. E. W. Stone, will preach sermons appropriate to Christmas, both morning and evening. In the morning at 10:30 his subject will be: "The Wonderful," and in the evening at 7:30 he will preach on "The Star of Bethlehem."

The Christmas music at the Grand avenue Baptist church to-morrow will be as follows:

- Morning. Organ prelude—Andante Religioso, Opus 14, No. 3. Pierno Choir hymn—Joy to the World. Holy, Holy, Holy. Anthem—O, Come, All ye Faithful. Novello Choir response—Emmelaar. Offertory duet—Love Divine. Stalner Miss Hende, soprano; Mr. Perkins, bass Postlude. Clark Evening.

- Organ prelude—Opus 14, No. 2—Andante. Beethoven Choir hymn—Herald Angels. Mendelssohn Doxology. Cantata—Immanuel. Doane Offertory solo—Hark! What Mean Those Heavenly Voices. Stock Miss Hende. Organ postlude—Grand offertory. Batiste Miss Ida May Hende, leader; Miss Ruth Wilson, organist.

At the Grand avenue Congregational church Sunday at 10:30 a. m. preaching by the pastor; theme, "On Earth Peace Among Men." Also reception of thirteen young people into the church. At noon the Sunday school and at 6:15 P. M. Y. P. E. C. E. meeting; at 7:30, Christmas song service, with address by the pastor on "An Evening in Modern Bethlehem." Christmas exercises for the primary department of the sabbath school this afternoon and for the adult department on Wednesday evening. The prayer meeting on Tuesday evening.

REV. MR. TONGUE'S ESTATE.

Administration to be Taken Upon it. Meriden, Dec. 23.—In the probate court this afternoon Mrs. Minnie W. Tongue applied for letters of administration upon the estate of her husband, the late Rev. Robert C. Tongue and a hearing in the application will take place before Judge Thayer on December 28 at 10 a. m. The estate upon which administration must be taken is a small amount of insurance in the New York Mutual Life company, the policy being payable to Mr. Tongue's heirs.

OBITUARY NOTES.

Death of Miss Margaret Dickinson.

Miss Margaret Dickinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dickinson of 92 Dixwell avenue, died yesterday morning after a long and painful illness. Miss Dickinson was a young lady of rare qualities of mind and heart, and had hosts of friends who will be greatly saddened to hear of her death. She was a beautiful looking girl and before her sickness her smiling face and sunny disposition charmed all of those who met her, and won for her friends in great numbers. She bore up bravely during her long sickness and although suffering much pain she maintained a composure and serenity which evinced her Christian character and sublime faith, and also trust in her heavenly father. She will be greatly missed by her friends and associates and most of all by her mother and father, who loved her devotedly, and who now are almost prostrated by their loss. Much sympathy is extended to them in their bereavement.

The funeral will take place from her late home Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The rector of St. Paul's P. E. church, of which Miss Dickinson was a member, will officiate.

CAPT. CHARLES D. HALL.

The funeral of Captain Charles D. Hall was held yesterday afternoon from his late residence, 115 Dewitt street. The services were conducted at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. W. J. Mutch, pastor of the Howard avenue Congregational church, and were attended by many friends of the family, including vessel owners and vessel masters, among whom Captain Hall was widely known. The bearers were E. Harris Weaver, Charles Clark, Robert Scoble and Joseph W. Farrar. The funeral was in the family plot in Evergreen cemetery. The William H. Graham company had charge of the funeral arrangements.

The funeral of Mrs. Katherine Kirby, widow of the late Timothy Kirby, was attended yesterday morning by a large concourse of sympathizing friends at her late residence, and later at St. Patrick's church, where the Rev. Father O'Brien celebrated the solemn mass of requiem and paid a merited tribute to the deceased.

Mrs. Kirby is survived by four sisters, Miss Margaret Leary, who through her long illness tenderly cared for her sister and the children; Mrs. O'Connell, of this city, and Mrs. John Sullivan and Miss Mary Leary, of New London, who have been very devoted to Mrs. Kirby and the little ones.

On the casket was a cross from the children, a wreath from her sisters, and plaques from Mrs. T. Hoolohan, the bearers were: Michael O'Connell, Daniel Hagerty, T. Hoolohan, Michael Kirby, John Sullivan and Michael Leary.

The interment was in St. Lawrence cemetery, and Sisk Brothers had charge of the arrangements.

OLIVER L. JOHNSON.

The funeral of Oliver L. Johnson was held yesterday afternoon from his late home in Franklin.

ELTON WILCOX IN MILFORD. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends at the funeral of the late Elton Wilcox, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox, of Brooklyn, who died in that city Monday evening. The remains and a party of sorrowing relatives came to Milford on the 2:15 p. m. train Thursday afternoon and the service was held immediately after in St. Peter's church. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Roosevelt. The unusually large display of flowers seen at this service marks in a small way the sympathy of the afflicted family in this, the death of their fourth child. One child is still left to comfort them in their overpowering sorrow.

FEMININE PHILOSOPHY.

It takes a woman to say "dear" in a tone that makes it sound like a cuss word. In lots of homes the family skeleton sits at the foot of the table and does the carving. The difference between a skin and a complexion is that you can get the latter at a drug store. Lots of women would like to be unhappily married, so that they would like the heroine of one of those tearful novels. When a pretty girl is careful to pull her skirts down so that her feet won't show it is a sign that she has on an old pair of shoes. There are lots of old bachelors who would charge at the belching cannon's mouth who will tremble at the approach of a baby. If a girl wears less than a No. 2 shoe you are sure to find it out within an hour after you have first been introduced to her. A fellow may be said to be thoroughly domesticated when he can allow the baby to pull his hair at four o'clock in the morning without getting mad about it. A man doesn't realize his own unimportance until he has attended a meeting where his wife "reads a paper." Then he finds out that he is only "Mrs. So-and-so's husband."—Woman's Magazine.

ODD SOUTHERN REMEDIES.

What is one man's food is another man's poison, but it is vouched for by an old southerner that the following remedies will benefit seven out of ten persons: For alcoholism try buttermilk. It will kill desire for whiskey. Why will greatly relieve drowsy. Calomel applied to cuts or sores relieves pain and heals wounds. Not too much and don't get wet. Kerosene will cure sore throat. Consumptives should try it. Take a tablespoonful at a time. Hold nose. Bathing head in cold water every morning will prevent one from taking colds easily. Better commence in the summer time. Ice applied between shoulders and back of head will stop bleeding at the nose. Baisam apple applied to dogbite will afford relief. Keep cut-onions in all sick rooms. Onions will turn black where contagious diseases exist and disinfect the room. Try cold water for tired feet.—Exchange.

IN AND ABOUT THE COURTS

MAY SELL READY BITS COMPANY.

Such Power Given Receiver Bushnell—Demurrer of Yeomans & Dill Sustained—Suit for \$15,000 Against Pabst Brewing Company—Affairs of Meriden Malleable Iron Company—Other Superior Court Doings.

Judge George W. Wheeler in the superior court yesterday issued an order empowering Receiver Frank C. Bushnell, of the Ready Bits company, to sell that plant, including the real and personal property, the latter to be sold in whole or in parcels, at private sale by the second Tuesday in January, and the balance remaining unsold to be sold at public auction by the fourth Tuesday in January, providing that no sale shall be for less than the appraisal of the goods.

It is also provided in the order of the court that the buildings and land of the company on Quinlan avenue shall be sold, if possible, for as much as the mortgage on them, and that the proceeds from the sale shall go to pay the mortgage.

It is understood that next week an effort will be made to reorganize the company by the men who are now members of it, and it is likely that the reorganization plans will be perfected.

ISSUE OF LAW FIRST.

Motion that the issue of law first be tried was yesterday granted by Judge Wheeler in the superior court in the action of A. Nelson Lewis against Charles H. Trowbridge, trustee for the old Elm City company, plaintiff claiming to be the assignee of Charles B. Stoughton and seeking to recover \$10,000 for services rendered by Mr. Stoughton. The Elm City company got into financial difficulties some thirty years ago.

DEMURRER SUSTAINED.

Judge George W. Wheeler, of the superior court, has sustained the demurrer of Attorney J. Birney Tuttle to the substituted complaints in the cases of Anthony Blum and John G. Molloy against Yeomans & Dill, the local stock brokers, for \$5,000 each.

PABST BREWING COMPANY SUED.

The Pabst Brewing company, of this city, has been made defendant in a suit for \$15,000 brought by Attorney Goodhart in behalf of Joseph and Dora Freedman, of New York city.

MERIDEN MALLEABLE IRON.

It developed in the superior court at the short calendar term yesterday that the Meriden Malleable Iron company, which is encumbered by first and second mortgages upon its plant of \$200,000, is about to be sold to the Sears-Roebuck company, of Chicago, which will begin the manufacture of guns and revolvers. The new concern will employ about 1,500 men. The purpose of bringing the matter into the court was to secure an unclouded title for the Chicago concern.

ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED.

Charles F. Clark was appointed by Judge Cleveland in the probate court yesterday as administrator on the estate of Elizabeth Craddock. There is about \$300 in the estate.

SMALL DAMAGES AWARDED.

Judge G. W. Wheeler yesterday awarded Almazano Bacon \$25, he having sued the city of New Haven to recover \$3,000 for injuries received by a fall in front of the Westville Congregational church a year ago.

SUPERIOR COURT DOINGS.

There were only two ex-parte divorce cases brought to the attention of Judge G. W. Wheeler in the civil side of the superior court yesterday. One was that of Mrs. Mary Baum against Peter Baum, the grounds alleged being desertion, habitual intemperance and intolerable cruelty.

In the case of Candee & Morse against George H. Woodruff, to recover \$5,000, the basis of action being a claim that the defendant induced a client of the plaintiff to seek the counsel of the defendant, the court ordered that the defendant be given one week in which to file an answer to the complaint.

Judge Wheeler authorized Receiver Jacob Ullman to dispose of property of the Ottenheimer Brothers company to the following: Clark-Milan Cotton Spool company, \$40; I. Newman & Sons, \$30.50; M. Segar, \$3; J. Davidson, \$2.

Judge Wheeler caused to be stricken from the docket of the superior court yesterday, on a motion for transfer to the Waterbury court, the action of the state against Arthur D. Warner and others.

SEVEN NEW ATTORNEYS.

A meeting of the New Haven County Bar association was held prior to the opening of the short calendar term of the superior court yesterday morning. John K. Beach, the president, presiding. The following were admitted to practice, having fully passed the requisite examinations: Frederick McCarthy, Thomas J. O'Brien, Sidney E. Rosenberg, George E. Mix, Louis M. Rosenbluth, Francis L. Driscoll and Israel H. Mag.

TEMPORARY RECEIVER APPOINTED.

Applications was yesterday made to Judge Gager in the superior court for the appointment of a temporary receiver for the Cheshire Coal and Feed company, of Cheshire, the request being granted on the announcement that internal dissensions seriously threatened the financial stability of the concern. After some discussion on the subject Judge Gager accented the suggestion of Mr. Harriman, of Williams & Harriman, counsel for the complainants, and Howard C. Webb, counsel for Abner Hende, and named Henry E. Terrell, of Cheshire, as temporary receiver under bonds of \$10,000, at the same time appointing next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock for further hearing on the matter.

EMPOWERED TO PAY INTEREST.

By an order passed by Judge Wheeler yesterday Receiver Jacob E. Ullman is empowered to pay interest amounting to \$1,250 on a mortgage for \$25,000 held by the Farmington Savings bank

on property of the Ottenheimer Brothers Corset company.

WILL FORECLOSE MORTGAGE.

Margaret E. McClure, wife of Thomas McClure, has given notice that she intends to foreclose a mortgage which Florence V. and Ella A. Hotchkiss gave her in 1897 as security for a loan on the property on Whalley avenue and Blake street. There is a frontage of 76 feet on Whalley avenue and 170 on Blake street.

CITY COURT CASES.

In the city court yesterday morning Donald E. Gardner, Jay S. Davis and Walter S. Tribble, the three youngsters arrested for burglary and theft, had their cases continued until next Tuesday. While in court the mother of the Davis boy fainted. She was carried into the judges' room and attended by Matron McGann.

John Stringer, charged with theft was fined \$1 and costs.

John Jansky, for failure to clean his sidewalk, was fined \$2.

DIE WHEN EXPOSED TO LIGHT.

Strange Fish and Insects That Live in Perpetual Darkness.

The cavern beetle was first discovered some seventy years ago in an Austrian cave, the grotto of Adelberg. One specimen only was caught, and though the discoverer offered a prize of \$5 for another, it was fourteen years before a second was found.

The cavern beetle has a little round body, very long legs and absolutely no eyes at all. Brought out from its gloomy haunts into the light of the sun, it dies almost immediately. Yet, in its pitch-dark home, far beneath the surface of the earth, it moves with as great rapidity and certainty as any of its eyed relatives on the upper soil.

To make up for its lack of sight, it is provided with antennae of extraordinary length and delicacy. By means of these it feels its way over the rough surface of the stone and hunts its prey—other smaller blind insects—with great rapidity and absolute certainty.

The cavern beetle has its enemies. The blotchus (a species of scorpion) and the great eyeless spider hunt it remorselessly. Prince Khevenhuller, who thoroughly explored these caves some years ago, describes it as a most extraordinary sight to watch by the light of a candle a scorpion, absolutely eyeless, hunting a beetle, equally blind, along the cavern wall. Although the beetle was several feet in front of the scorpion, and divided from it by a fissure in the rock yet the scorpion tracked it with absolute and almost appalling certainty.

The spider found in these caves is of a lovely ivory white, and is able like other insects which inhabit the same subterranean depths, to run very rapidly and find its way with as positive certainty as if it had eyes and light to use them. Like several of the others it, too, perishes if taken out of the cave. Sunlight seems to wither and shrivel up these insects, just as though they had been paced in front of a hot fire.

Yet, in spite of this fact, it is known that the blind cave creatures are descended from others which originally lived in the light of day.

An ordinary proof of this is that, though no faintest ray marks the difference between day and darkness in the depths they live in yet it has been ascertained beyond shadow of doubt that those whose ancestors were nocturnal in their habits still prefer to move about during those hours when the surface of the earth is in darkness.

Numbers of different kinds of fish are known to live in the gloomy rivers and lakes which exist in all large caves.

At San Marcos, Tex., borings were recently made to provide a water supply for some new fresh hatcheries. At a depth of 188 feet a great stream of water was struck which shot up at the rate of 1,200 gallons a minute. With it came thousands of tiny shrimp like creatures, and also a large number of curious little, pale colored reptiles, provided with long tails and each having



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Gloves as Gifts.

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Furs as Gifts.

It is particularly noteworthy that, while prices are soaring in the Fur markets, we have a well-selected stock on which we have not advanced prices.

Pictures as Gifts.

Pictures for nursery, hall, dining-room, sitting-room or library; pictures for old or young, hundreds of them artistically framed. All sorts of fine qualities at all sorts of low prices.

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WHY NOT BOOKS FOR XMAS?

After Christmas, the Aeolian Orchestrelle will be exhibited, with pianos and other musical instruments, at M. Steinert & Sons', 777 Chapel St., New Haven, Conn.

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four legs. These tiny monsters were absolutely eyeless. The only trace that they ever possessed such organs are two little black spots above the nostrils. A similar creature known as the elm inhabits the rivers in the Austrian Alps, already mentioned. In the depths of the Fianina Cave, nearly a mile and a half from the entrance, the elm is most abundant. The waters are fairly alive with them, and when, some years ago, the Archduke Ferdinand paid a visit to this cave, a net was let down and a number of the little reptiles caught for his benefit.—Tit-Bits.

CHILDREN'S PARTY DRESSES.

Although a little more time and money is usually expended upon the children's party dresses than upon those for general wear, mothers should look to the utilitarian side, as well as to the attractive. Many mothers of small girls will listen to none of the pleas for silks and new fancy materials, but adhere to the white materials which may be put in the tub, laundered and emerge fresh and crisp as though purchased anew. Of these materials in plain white the India mull, French cambric and Paris muslins are perhaps the sheerest and most dainty. There are also Persian lawns and India linsens and the fine namsooks which are among the wear-resisting. Very delicate, too, are those with a fine lace stripe.

Where colors are preferred, there are the flowered organdies, which always make up so prettily, with ribbons of the same shade to correspond with the flower or leaf, and many novelty goods which are new this season. China and India silks are always to be recommended, for they develop prettily and may be cleaned or laundered to look like new, if care is exercised in this work. One little dress was developed of white India mull and valenciennes lace and

insertion. Two rows of valenciennes insertion were arranged above the hem of the skirt. This insertion was half an inch wide. Two rows were similarly arranged on the blouse and three perpendicular rows were stitched on the front bodice. This mull was cut away from under the lace so as to produce a transparent effect.

On account of the low neck the short puff sleeves are most appropriate. They may simply be finished with a band of the insertion, or a frill of deep lace may be allowed to extend below. Deep valenciennes lace forms the berthia which so becomingly completes the finish for the low-cut neck.

Instead of this lace berthia a delightful effect may be produced by cutting a berthia from the material of the dress, cutting the lower edge in scallops. This edge is finished preferably with a whip-stitch and the lace gathered and sewed on a trifle full. If this cannot be readily accomplished, an ordinary hem, very narrow, has the lace sewed to the edge. A second row is arranged above the first. This may also be adapted to a circular berthia.

As has already been mentioned, handkerchiefs are especially fashionable for children's dresses at present, and the possibilities of French knots and feather-stitching are almost infinite. Even the simplest tuck yoke becomes daintiness personified when it is decorated with rows of feather-stitching between the tucks, French knots, arranged to form medallions and surrounded by a row of the same useful feather-stitching, form a very cheap but effective trimming for children's party and dancing school dresses.

There are at present to be seen in the shops such a multitude of dainty braids, insertions, silk gimps, laces and buttons that even the most particular of mothers is sure to find some-

Christmas Umbrellas.

Umbrellas! A stupendous collection of them! Something to suit every taste and every purse. Look at the silk ones. Have you ever seen them equalled for style and quality? Just examine the handles. They are the most beautiful shown this season. Then look at the prices. Never lower!

Christmas Hats for Men.

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