

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

180-50-20 YEARS AGO.

(Taken From The Files of The Bridgeport Farmer)

Edited by "OLD MAN GRUMP."

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

TO BE LET. The subscriber has a good and convenient shoe-maker's shop to let...

SAMUEL HODGES. Who wants two country lads of about 14 or 15 years of age...

S. H. Who also wishes to inform the public that he has taken the shop formerly occupied by Spinning & Pettibone...

In the town of Bridgeport, February 4th, 1815.

The subscribers would inform all those that have unsettled accounts with them...

KIRTLAND & WORDIN. Bridgeport, February 4th, 1815.

WANTED TO PURCHASE. A quantity of white oak boat boards...

ELIZABETH WILCOX of Bridgeport.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

BITE BABY CASE IN TRUMBULL.

In the Farmer of Jan. 6th, 1865, a correspondent gave the particulars of the ending of a female infant child...

Deputy Sheriff Sanford of Redding, was called upon to hunt up Booth...

HAVE YOU A SUBSTITUTE?—If not, George C. Batesman, of the Franklin House...

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

While the Wilcox and Hobbs fire was raging in Bremen...

Private J. H. Condit of Company E, has been appointed corporal...

GREEN-BARSKKE.

Rev. Father Arlene of St. Joseph's church this morning married Theodore B. Green...

AT THE EMERGENCY.

James Kitzer, 17 years old, of Hancock avenue, had his left ear badly frozen...

It was currently reported this morning that Jimmy McNally was dead...

More than one person was compelled to trudge off to his work this morning without breaking his feet...

THE 12th ANNUAL SOCIAL GIVEN BY PROPRIETOR GEORGE C. CARR AND MRS. CARR WAS GIVEN AT THE GOLDEN HILL

hotel last night. A large number of their friends were present and a concert of instrumental and vocal music was enjoyed.

A COLD WAVE COMING. The weather today asserted itself in a more chilling way than did that of yesterday...

MERRITT-REYNOLDS MATCH. John G. Ford having withdrawn, William Reardon has taken the Merritt end of the wager...

John G. Ford having withdrawn, William Reardon has taken the Merritt end of the wager in the go-as-you-please 27 hour contest between Frank Reynolds and Sam Merritt...

TELLS HOW U. S. BUSINESS MAN CAN HELP BRING PEACE. Washington, Feb. 4.—In a discussion of trade expansion and the European war...

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ROMANCES OF THE RING

True Tales of Hard-Hitting Heroes of Past and Present

(By Tim)

The Bruiser and the Beauty

"He's only a bruiser."

The speaker was a youth whose face expressed vacuity and vulgarity, but whose slender body was clad in all the sartorial embellishments that a "smart" tailor of the '60s could devise.

He was seated at a small table in a flashy restaurant frequented by the "sporty" and theatrical set. Across from him sat one of the most ravishing, flashing, dashing beauties that masculine eyes ever gazed upon.

Her dark, glorious, expressive eyes were turned in scornfully veiled admiration upon a tall, handsome athletic man who had just entered the room.

The newcomer was a veritable giant; for he stood well over six feet, but he carried himself with an easy grace, and without a trace of awkwardness.

"A bruiser?" repeated the lady. "A pugilist?"

The empty face youth nodded assent. It was plain that the little steel was filled with peevishness, for he was madly in love with the little beauty who sat so near him, and yet was as distant as a star.

That another man, and that man a professional fighter, could arouse her interest, was to him gall and wormwood.

The lady spoke again. "A bruiser? That makes him all the more interesting. Bring him to me!"

Reluctant, sulky and petulant, the gilded youth obeyed. A moment later John Carmel Heenan, better known to the "fancy" as "The Banished Boy," was introduced to the lovely, charming, talented, actress, Adah Isaacs Menken, the reigning beauty of America, and soon to be the pet of two continents, and the most celebrated heart-breaker of modern times.

The bruiser and the beauty talked only in commonplace, but when they parted it was with the light of mutual admiration burning in their eyes, and with the whispered promise to meet again soon.

It was a hurried, impassioned, violent wooing, and before the New Year of 1860 had been ushered in Adah Isaacs Menken had become Mrs. John C. Heenan, the wife of the famous American pugilist who had just defeated Tom Sayers, the champion of England, to do battle for the world's title.

The bruiser who thus captivated the heart of the woman who had refused dozens of the richest young bloods of America was described by a college professor of that period as "a tall, grave, urbane gentleman, with reddish-brown hair and a dark mustache. He wore black broadcloth and a tall hat, and diamonds sparkled here and there."

A dashing couple they must have made, but not for long. The bruiser soon left for England to prepare for his battle with Sayers. Incidentally, the American was victorious, but was robbed of the world's title which was rightfully his.

The gifted, Adah was as fickle as she was beautiful, and she soon tired of her stalwart fighter husband. Within three years she secured a divorce, and again returned to her destined task of breaking masculine hearts.

The gallant "Banished Boy," defeated by Tom King in another battle for the world's championship, deprived of his charming wife, was for a time incomsolable. Time healed his wounds, however, and he married another actress, Sara Stevens, in England.

The whole career of Adah Isaacs Menken was a mingling of folly and tragedy. A woman of rare intellect as well as remarkable beauty, she was fickle and restless in love as in everything. She went through her brief life like a flaming meteor, unsatisfied, heart-hungry, seeking always for a change.

In her beautiful body mirrored the blood of a French mother and a Spanish Jew father. Dolores Adios Fuentes was the name she bore in her maiden days in her native city of Orleans. At seven she went on the stage as a dancer and at thirteen she became a full-fledged actress.

From the first she was immensely popular, and her marvellous, victim doubling number, sold thousands. Now Orleans hailed her as the Queen of the South, and Havana crowned her "Queen of the Plaza."

She was a merry widow, and twenty-four years old, when she met and married John C. Heenan. Four years before she had become the bride of Alexander Isaacs Menken at Galveston, Texas, and ever after she was generally known as Adah Isaacs Menken. After her first marriage she quit the stage and published a volume of really creditable verse, "Memories," under the pen name of "Indianna."

Her first dream of love was soon rudely shattered, and in 1858 it ended in the divorce courts. Adah returned to the stage, and in the intervals of her theatrical tours of the South studied sculpture in Cincinnati.

Then came her romance with Heenan. She went abroad with her husband, and when they separated, she remained in Europe. Playing in the role of "Massapa," at Astley's Theatre in London, she broke the hearts of half the fast youths of the British metropolis. Men of title, and others internationally celebrated as authors, poets, and artists, were in her train of admirers. In Paris she was the center around which flocked many famous men. The elder Dumas was said to have been deeply attracted by her. She carried on a correspondence with Charles Dickens, and her volume of verse, "Intellect," published in London in 1867, was dedicated to the great novelist.

Adah Menken died in Paris in 1888, at the age of thirty-three, and she sleeps the long sleep in a modest grave in the French capital. Another grave on the Troy-Albany road marks the last resting place of John C. Heenan, who was a native of Troy, N. Y. He was "only a bruiser," but a gentleman for all that.

The romance of the bruiser and the beauty was from the first doomed to bring disappointment and disillusion, for Heenan was a man of action, a born fighter, and Adah Menken was a dreamer and an idealist. In her quest for the ideal she found only emptiness. Shortly before her death she wrote these verses:

Visions of beauty, of light, and of love, Born in the soul of a dream, Lost like the phantom bird, under the dove, When she flies over the stream, Leaves pallid, and sombre, and ruddy, Dead fruits of the fastive years; Some stained as with wine and made bloody, And some as with tears

Frederick Sharer, an American, arrested in London for having run over and killed a boy with his automobile, was exonerated by a coroner's jury.

President Wilson refused to send to the Senate the State Department's correspondence with foreign governments over the seizure of copper shipments.

Some of the girls feel that if charitably disposed person would give them the new flannelette skirts, they would be suitably clothed to go to Sunday school.

The Last Lot Is Here Today, Gentlemen. consisting of nearly TWO THOUSAND \$15 all-wool Suits and Overcoats—all right from the Factory and comprising the very newest and most desirable models and patterns. We Told You In Previous Announcements We Had Something Unusual,—and the Garments proved our claim. It didn't take long to dispose of the first lot of Suits and Overcoats after they began to advertise themselves. Out of the entire 5,500 we sold, there were only thirteen customers who didn't buy after they examined the garments. Some of these wanted certain patterns in certain models. The other customers had similar reasons. But just think!—only thirteen sales were lost out of about 5,500. That speaks well for the garments, doesn't it? Well, that's the report from our Five Stores. Now Here Are 2000 More—Guaranteed All-Wool \$15 Suits and Overcoats at \$7.50. You Can Attend This Sale With Assurance That You Won't Be Disappointed for a written guarantee goes with every sale—and besides you have the recommendation of customers who have seen and bought garments from the same lot. We have already told you how our Factory bought up at half price from over-loaded mills a big line of suitings and overcoatings intended for \$15 Suits and Overcoats. Well, this is the second shipment of the finished garments made from these materials—and you should see them, even if you are not in need of one.

Nobody Can Fail to Appreciate These Items From OUR END OF SEASON CLEARANCE SALE. Read them—and see some of the reasons why this semi-annual event is recommended by every one who has attended it.

Men's Furnishings Shirts at 44c. Work Shirts 39c. Flannel Shirts 79c. Underwear 39c. Socks at 8c. Collars 8c. Handkerchiefs 3c. Suspenders 17c.

Men's Pants. Here are a few of the pants offers that have helped to prove that our End of Season Clearance is a sale out of the ordinary. Pants at \$1.00. Pants at \$1.50. Pants at \$2.00. Pants at \$2.50.

Boys' Clothing Suits & O'coats \$1.45. Worth \$2 and \$2.50. Suits & O'coats \$1.95. Good \$3 grades. Suits & O'coats \$2.95. Actual \$3.50 Garments. Suits & O'coats \$3.95. All Worth \$4.50.

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The Capital Traction Company of Washington, D. C., for the year ended December 31, 1914, reports gross earnings to have been \$2,255,992, against \$2,310,166 in 1913, net earnings amounting to \$1,105,300, against \$1,150,857. The surplus after charges and dividends was \$37,126, against \$3,004 in 1913. The company taxes in 1914 were \$306,238, against \$138,559 in 1913 and only \$13,967 in 1912. The American Gas Company reports for the same period gross income of \$3,794,837 and net income of \$1,797,133. Fixed charges for the year amounted to \$1,007,894. Depreciation charges were \$173,420. The surplus after payment of dividends was \$177,492. President Morris W. Stroud states that the company earned more than 10 per cent on its capital stock, and that there was an increase of more than 8 per cent in gross and net earnings over 1913. For the year 1914 the Northern States Power Company reports gross income of \$4,505,246, against \$4,058,143 in 1913, and net income of \$2,431,951, against \$2,035,538. The surplus after charges for the year amounted to \$1,024,714, and after payment of preferred dividends was \$437,946. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company reports an increase of \$222,095 in gross income during 1914 to \$4,890,107. Net earnings amounted to \$1,131,931, a decrease of \$2,154. Fixed charges amounted to \$584,223, an increase of \$35,254, leaving net profits of \$542,708 for the year, a decrease of \$41,408. The surplus after dividends amounted to \$92,716, a decrease of \$41,388. The college student does not write notes on his cuffs in preparation for the mid-year exams, after the good old fashion, as the writing would not be legible on the modern soft shirts. Daffodils & Tulips, 75c per doz. JOHN RECK & SON