

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

The vote to reduce the army to 6,000 men (14,000 less than was recommended by the war minister), was yesterday confirmed in the House. Appearances warrant a doubt whether any bill will pass at the present session to reduce the military establishment. If no such bill passes an extra session probably will be authorized.

Bills have already passed both houses of Congress for repealing the acts concerning the militia service; for repealing the act authorizing to be built or purchased a number of fast sailing vessels of war; for causing great part of our gunboats to be sold; for repealing the acts authorizing the acceptance of volunteers and sea-fencibles, and authorizing the enlistment of officers engaged in the above service.

MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE

Vote of Thanks to the Defenders of New Orleans: Resolved, That the State of Massachusetts entertain a high sense of the achievements and valor of Major General Andrew Jackson and his brave victory gained on the 8th day of January last over the British troops under the command of Lieut. General Pakenham, in an attack on the lines near New Orleans, and that while they participated in the general satisfaction which this event is calculated to produce, they are impressed with a deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God for his signal interposition in behalf of our country, and above all for that Divine favor, with which he has vouchsafed to us the return of peace.—Read and accepted.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

THE WHEELER & WILSON SEWING MACHINE.

We know that the American Agriculturist was standard authority on all farm matters, but we were not till now aware that its judgment was as good on the subject of sewing machines. The famous number calls the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine—"Woman's Greatest Boon," and adds an invaluable testimony to the excellence of that leading article of Bridgeport manufacture.

THE FAIR.—There was a good attendance at the fair of St. James church, yesterday afternoon and evening, and there is little doubt that it will be visited by hundreds this evening. Among the articles on exhibition presented to the Church Society, and to be sold or awarded by lot are two Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machines, a set of trunk harness, a beautiful chamber suit of furniture, a cooking stove, a fine rifle and two sets of fine china. Among the fancy work is a pair of ottomans, worked by Miss Katie Cianey, an elaborate worked alb, a large doll, made and elegantly dressed by Mrs. James Carey and many other attractive articles. Go and see for yourselves.

Mr. Reamer has another of the dumpy steam passenger cars about completed and expects soon to make a trial trip with it on the Naugatuck railroad as far up as, perhaps, Winsted. Like its predecessor, it is a fine specimen of workmanship and was built for running on the same road as the other.

The pieces to be presented to the public at Bayley's hall, this evening, are the historical drama of "La Tour de Nesle," and the farce entitled the "Happy Man."

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

RAILROAD POLICE.

Governor Coffin has appointed the following railroad policemen upon the application of the Consolidated road: L. McDermott, of Winsted; A. A. Tolles, Fred H. Gregory, T. Daley, D. Maloney, F. K. Woodruff, C. P. Lane, R. O. Ives, J. E. Murphy, E. Barton and William Flynn of Bridgeport; C. V. Spencer, F. W. Tanner and H. G. Arnold of Pittsfield; E. B. Bradley of Ansonia; William LaMont of West Stockbridge; William Casey and John Panning, of Great Barrington, Mass.

JOSEPH DOWDALL LODGE.

Joseph Dowdall lodge, K. of P., celebrated its anniversary last evening. Senator Mitchell acted as toastmaster. The program contained Miss Maud Kapril and Miss Abbie Pastree, in vocal selections; Prof. Izant, ventriloquist; F. J. Abernethy and M. T. Sison, mandolin and guitar; Misses Jennie and Nettie Kupper, skirt dancing; Master Oscar Berg, violin solo. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Cutler concluded the entertainment with the amusing farce "A Happy Pair."

Joseph Gully died today at the hospital. He was about 40 years old and lived at 48 Willard street.

BREAK THE GLASS AND TURN THE KEY.

The fire department are putting in the new fire alarm boxes and something like 25 have already been put in. Over the box doors there is a glass box protecting the key. To open the box and send in an alarm, people are advised to break the glass, turn the key, and send in an alarm—provided it is necessary to do so.

The clerical force of the local post office organized Saturday evening a branch of the National Post Office Clerks' association. The following officers were elected: Assistant Postmaster E. L. Smith, president; J. C. Gormley, vice-president; Benjamin Root, secretary, and C. G. Strandburg, treasurer.

Lawrence Farrell, of East Bridgeport, through his attorney, James T. Lynch, has notified the city clerk of his intentions of bringing suit against the city for injuries sustained by a fall on an icy sidewalk on Nichols street. The petitioner represents that as the result he will be disabled for life.

Amusements

POLLY

For the last half of the week at Polly's, Manager Poll has arranged a bill of unusual attractiveness. Of equal interest with the arrangement of the big vaudeville show, is the booking here of Lew Fields, the famous comedian, in his first appearance in the "movies," in "Old Dutch," a very quaint comedy in five parts. Fields makes every bit as big a hit as a film comedian as he has been in the legitimate stage offerings.

Featured in the vaudeville program is Fred Ardath and his own company in the rural comedy skit, "Hiram." Playlet is based on an episode from rural life and is adequately presented by a large cast.

Floesie Millership, formerly of the Millership Sisters, a famous variety team, will be seen as an extra added feature in a class repertoire of songs. Miss Millership is one of the most popular entertainers in vaudeville.

Leander DeCordova and company will present the interesting dramatic playlet called "Your Flag or Mine." Tommy and Norman, a very clever team, will be seen in new songs and dances, and the Four South Americans, talented instrumentalists, will introduce the miraphophone and other novelties. George and George in a sensational acrobatic offering, complete the vaudeville program.

In addition to "Old Dutch," which will be shown after the matinee and between the evening performances, there will be other high class photoplays.

PLAZA

Manager Callen has arranged another extraordinary bill for the latter half of the week with several acts that have the headline position on other programs.

The Minstrel Four, acclaimed by critics and public alike as one of the best singing quartets on the vaudeville stage today and, incidentally, one of the highest salaried quartets as well, will occupy an important position. The Minstrel Four appear in Colonial costumes of beautiful colors and design and have arranged a repertoire of the most tuneful songs including both old-time masterpieces and present day hits.

The Four Birds, the acrobatic marvels of the age will thrill audiences with an exhibition of the most daring feats ever performed on any stage.

Dr. Burton & Co. have an odd and delightful offering that is bound to bring results, if reports from other cities in which it has appeared count for anything. The act consists of singing and dancing but is far different from the usual song and dance skit in that the artists make many beautiful costume and character changes and carry exquisite stage settings to enhance their offerings.

Mardo and Hunter in their scurrilous arrangement of odd nonsense entitled "The Crazy Recruit," will be responsible for fifteen minutes of real mirth.

The Aerial Cromwells, two young dare-devils will be here in a startling novelty that is going to be the source of much wonderment to the audiences.

"Hogan's Romance Unsett," a Keystone comedy; "The Star Boarder," and "The Vigil," a two-reel dramatic subject compose the "movie" program.

LYRIC

An exception to the rule that there shall be no matinee performances at the Lyric theater on Monday afternoons, will be made next week owing to the fact that Monday, February 22, is Washington's birthday. The first performance of "A Woman's Way," will be given at the Lyric by the Calburn Stock company, on that afternoon.

While "The Only Son" is the play which is now being shown at the theater, rehearsals for next week's play have been in progress since Tuesday morning and indications are that next week's play will prove just as big a success as the current production.

And speaking of "The Only Son," the play which is now showing at this theater, it is safe to say that no other play that has been seen in Bridgeport stock productions has been making the hit with the theater-going public of Bridgeport that this play is. This is largely due to the fact that "The Only Son" is one of the acknowledged dramatic masterpieces of the last few years, but it is also due in a great measure to the fact that every member of the Calburn company is seen in a part which is to his or her especial liking. The result has been a finished performance which compares most favorably with the Broadway production.

Opened at the main entrance of the Lyric theater where full details are being obtained by Bridgeport mothers in regard to a baby contest which is to be held at the theater during Jubilee Week—the first week in March, further announcement of which will be made later.

SCHWABEN BALL.

Tomorrow will be the night of the Schwaben ball so many have waited for and talked about. The decorators started working on the entire building today. There are to be some new features at the ball this year. There will be a very large attendance. There are 32 numbers on the program.

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