

CONTEST OVER A WILL.

Arguments Were Heard In Probate Court This Morning.

A will was filed in the probate court this forenoon which occasioned a great deal of contention between Attorney Cole of this city and Attorney O'Connor of New Haven. The latter represented the Farmers' Loan and Trust company of New York and indicated by the will in question which he purported to be the last will and testament of the late Edward S. Smith, a member of the button manufacturing company of Smith & Griggs in Simonsville. In view of their having been a will which was said to be the last will of Mr. Smith probated some time ago the introduction of this second document occasioned much surprise and opposition between the lawyers named.

HELP THE POOR.

Many Needy Cases Come to the Attention of the Selection.

The selection were busy the past week endeavoring to meet the demands of those who called upon them for something to help them make up a decent Christmas dinner for themselves and those who are looking for them for their bread. Most of the callers were women who were short for various reasons, their husbands had not worked in a long time, some of them had no one to provide for the home but themselves, the demon of disease having seized the heads of the families apart, while others were engaged in a struggle to keep house and control a man possessed of an insatiable thirst for liquor. Of course, the evidence is all one-sided, and whether they mean it or not, they say some terrible things about their neighbors, many of whom not only refuse to work, but come home drunk and raise Cain in the presence of the little ones. One little woman told a sad tale of woe in the lobby of City hall this morning. She said there was not a bit in the house, and she had not a cent of money anywhere that she could call her own. She displayed a hand and arm that had been severely scalded and stated that had it not been for that she would earn enough to meet the wants of her house for the Christmas time without looking for charity from the town or anybody else. The woman's horny hands showed unmistakable evidence that she had been earning her bread by the sweat of her brow, and as she wiped her eyes in her apron and limped away she was lamented could not help being reminded of the old saying: "One half the world does not know how the other half lives." And, after all, the wants of these people are not many. No doubt a couple of dollars' worth of goods would suffice for the present, but the trouble with these cases is that spring up suddenly in due entirety to the fact that there are so many frauds, so that in order to guard against imposition every case has to be investigated before relief is given.

DEATH OF MULLHALL.

The Great Irish Catholic Journalist and Statistician Passes Away. A cable dispatch from Dublin on Thursday, December 13, announced the death there of the distinguished Irish Catholic statistician and journalist, Michael G. Mullhall. He was born in Roscommon town, County Roscommon, Ireland, in 1829, and was educated at the Irish college in Rome. For many years he lived in the Argentine Republic, where he was engaged in journalism. The Buenos Ayres Standard, the first English daily paper printed in South America, was founded in 1851 by Mr. Mullhall, and was edited and published by him until 1880. He contributed articles on scientific and statistical subjects to various Irish, American and English magazines and newspapers.

Mullhall's first important work, published in 1880, was entitled, "The Progress of the World." His greatest work, the "Dictionary of Statistics," was published in 1886, and has gone through many editions. It is regarded as the best work on the subject published. One of Mr. Mullhall's latest performances was a paper on the progress of the Catholic church in the last half of the nineteenth century, which was read at the recent Catholic congress in Australia and published a few weeks ago in the Irish World. Not long ago he made a remarkable prediction about the United States census. Writing in the North American Review last July he said that the figures would be 75,200,000 a "Statistical Abstract," having forecasted it at 77,500,000. The result of the actual count has been 75,235,000, only a trifle comparatively above Mullhall's estimate.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

The following program will be rendered at St. Francis Xavier's church to-morrow morning at 10:30: Father's Mass in E. O. Cor Amor's Victim. Lambillotte As an offertory. Roserov's Musical Vespers in C at 7:30 p. m. Solists for both services, Misses L. Dunn, S. Dunn, Messrs Thomas Maher, W. Costello. MISS M. E. GORMAN, Organist and Directress.

KITCHENER HOPEFUL.

Believes the Cape Colony Invasion Checked.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener's dispatch, breathing a confidence having been justified by their contents, are almost the only available news from the seat of hostilities in South Africa, but telegrams from Cape Town depict the situation in anything but rosy views.

The Cape Colony cabinet had an important sitting yesterday. It appears that the Boers have destroyed a railway bridge 90 feet long about 12 miles south of De Aar and that no Cape mails have arrived at Bloemfontein for three days.

Further anxiety has been caused by Cape Town by the discovery that during the last two months public bodies in out of the way places have requisitioned supplies of dynamite. The colonial government is now endeavoring to recover possession of these explosives and is removing all stores of arms and ammunition from suspected depots.

Other advices from Cape Town represent the Dutch element in Cape Colony as greatly alarmed over the southward progress of the Boers and as boasting that the whole district of Victoria West will join the raiders. It is suspected in Cape Town that the force traveling from Grahamstown is not a body of Boers, but one of colonials hastening to join the invaders.

The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The Boers are active between Johannesburg and Pretoria, exchanging shots with the British outposts, and it is reported that parties of Boers are hovering around Johannesburg."

The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22:

"So far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from the reports of officers on the spot, I think the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the colony, the eastern is still north of the Zoutpannsberg range, while the one that entered west appears to have been turned in the direction of Krifsvaart and Pekaia. Our troops are getting around both bodies, and a special column is also being organized which will be dispatched immediately when I know where its services are most wanted."

"The Boers here have not received much assistance in Cape Colony, so far as my information goes. We have armed some of the colonists, who are assisting our forces. Railway and telegraph communication has been much interrupted by the very bad weather."

"De Wet is in the neighborhood of Senekal, General French, in conjunction with General Clements, attacked a force under Beyers south of the Magoosbaai. The Boers broke away in a southwesterly direction toward Patefstrroom and were followed by General Gordon with a column of French's force."

"Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Clements' force was engaged south of Oliphant's Nek, but I do not yet know the result."

A later dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22, says: "The western column of Boers occupied Bristow and cut the railway south of De Aar Junction. The enemy is being followed up."

The Cuddey Case.

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—The mysterious "dark" man in the Cuddey kidnaping case was arrested yesterday afternoon by the police from the description given by Miss Maud Musgrave, who lives near the home in which Eddie Cuddey was held for ransom by his abductors. His name is Ed Johnson. He is a laborer in the Cuddey packing plant and resides at Twenty-sixth and Walnut streets. He admitted having gone out to the Grover street house three times for the purpose of renting the building, which he found already let to the "light" man and his accomplices. Johnson was easily able to prove to the satisfaction of the police and Mr. Cuddey, who was called in, that he had nothing to do with the case and was allowed to return to his wife and family. In the meantime the city is being diligently scoured for any sign of the other men described by persons living in the vicinity of the abductor's prison house.

GOVERNOR TANNER PARDONS FURLONG.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Former Police-Inspector Patrick Furlong, who in February, 1890, killed Edward Leach, a police officer, and was sentenced to the penitentiary for 14 years, has been pardoned by Governor Tanner and will take his Christmas dinner with his family in Chicago. Furlong, who is of Irish parentage, and Leach, an Englishman, were both involved in an argument about the Boer war. Leach's declaration that England could whip any country on earth led to blows, and both men drew revolvers. Furlong shot first, with fatal effect.

Crazy Man Shoots Two.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—John Gallen, a Brooklyn mechanic who has recently shown evidence of insanity, became violent in his home and, taking a revolver, ran out of his house. At the time Nathan Ruth, 9 years old, and Lawrence Kelly, a man, were passing. Gallen, without warning fired at both of them. Ruth was shot under the right eye and Kelly in the breast. The boy may die, but the man is not seriously injured.

Germany Wants Her Pay First.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 24.—The expected imperial irade authorizing the signature of a cruiser for the Ottoman navy by the German shipbuilding company, together with the initial deposit of £100,000, has not yet been issued. It appears that the German embassy has protested to the porte against the payment to the Germans before the amount owing to Herr Krupp for naval guns has been paid.

Troops Home For Christmas.

HALIFAX, Dec. 24.—The steamer Lake Champlain, having on board Colonel Otter and 350 Canadian troops returning from South Africa, arrived from Liverpool and disembarked here. The order to land at St. John, N. B., has been canceled by the militia department. The time saved by the change will enable the western men to get home for Christmas.

A Japanese Minister Resigns.

YOKOHAMA, Dec. 24.—Hoshi Toru, minister of communications and formerly Japanese minister to the United States, has resigned his portfolio in consequence of the persistent allegations of his implication in financial scandals. He will be succeeded by Mr. Hara, former minister to Korea. It is possible that the stability of the Ito cabinet will be affected.

Blizzard in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 24.—This section of the northwest is experiencing the first blizzard of the present winter. The past week was extremely mild and pleasant. In St. Paul the snowfall has been light, but the fierce wind blows it in blinding sheets and makes things very disagreeable. The storm is general throughout the state.

DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Where Late Purchasers Will Find the Articles They Need.

Conlon Bros have a great variety of articles, but only a few of each, which will be closed out at half price this evening.

Currans Dry Goods company has reduced prices on all their Christmas goods and will deliver all goods purchased before 10 o'clock within the city limits.

The Miller & Peck company offer an unusually fine display of articles for Christmas eve. See their ad for pointers.

Slipper King Dodge has the biggest trade on his records and wishes all his patrons a Merry Christmas. He will be at your service until midnight to-night.

The L. F. Haase company offer some valuable Christmas suggestions to those who have not yet made all their Christmas purchases.

A Mailhull will have a closing out sale all this week. Excellent New Year's presents in his stock.

There is a big reduction in holiday shippers at the Connecticut Boot and Shoe company.

Tumblull & Co have cast profits to the wind for to-night. All Christmas articles will go at half price or less.

J. B. Mullings wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, and incidentally informs the public that his store will be open this evening until every purchaser has been satisfied. Store closed to-morrow.

Castle, the corner marketman, has a few choice turkeys and chickens left. Call early as they are being bought up rapidly. Prices from 8 to 16 cents.

Jones, Morgan & Co call attention today to a nice line of steam warts, which make a very suitable Christmas gift. Store will be closed all day to-morrow.

CHAPLAIN FATHER CHIDWICK.

He Is Assigned to the Flagship New York.

New York, Dec. 24.—Father J. P. Chidwick, who was chaplain of the battleship Maine when she was blown up in the harbor of Havana and who for two years has been chaplain in the receiving ship Vermont at the Brooklyn navy yard, has been assigned to the cruiser New York, which is to go into commission about February 1. It is understood that Rear Admiral Rodgers, whose flagship the New York is to be, made a special request that Father Chidwick be assigned to his ship.

YALE STUDENT TAKEN HOME.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 24.—Rowman Fisher, of Chicago, the Yale freshman, who fell sixty feet from Pierson hall, a college dormitory, last October, while trying to assist a fellow classmate in the latter's effort to gain access to his room, was removed to his home in Chicago today. Physicians state that no permanent injury will result from the frightful fall.

BRITISH STEAMER GROUNDED.

London, Dec. 24.—Dense fogs on the coasts are generally interfering with navigation and several vessels have been grounded. The British steamer Brunswick grounded in the Bristol channel, keeled over and sank. Seven of her crew were drowned. The steamer Brunswick, Captain Brown, left Liverpool December 10 for Maranhiam, and was at Penarth December 13.

SHOOTER MCDONALD BETTER.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Samuel McDonald, the treasury clerk who on Saturday shot and killed Frank H. Morris, auditor for the war department, and then attempted suicide, was reported to be better this morning. Last night he had a sinking spell and it was thought at the hospital that he could not survive until morning.

W. J. SCHLEGEL.

In Lewis Building, No 65 Bank street.

NOTICE.

The Bureau of Assessment of the city of Waterbury in the matter of assessment and determination of benefits damages and expenses in relation to the proposed public improvement in all respects pursuant to the provisions of the charter of said city, to appear before them and be heard in reference thereto, and that they fully heard at the time and place specified in said notice all persons who appeared before them.

And thereupon they did assess and determine that the city of Waterbury pay to the following named persons in full of all damages according to them by reason of the proposed public improvement the sum written opposite their names, respectively, to-wit:

Table listing names and amounts: Herbert P. Camp \$1,100.00, E. G. Wood 128.00, William Thompson \$50.00, Ellen Callaghan 85.00, Adele Lefevre 40.00, Frederick J. Kingsbury 40.00, Louis P. Haase 40.00, Mary A. Barlow 40.00, George S. Abbott 539.00, Heirs of Maria Spencer 125.83, Herbert P. Camp 663.50, Edith G. Wood 237.96, Frank G. and James H. Bryan 114.00, Charles H. Payne 125.98, Charles Newmann 123.98, Susan Spencer 177.00, John W. Garrity 43.00, June D. Cashman 40.00, Henry J. Mattoon 40.00, Michael A. Hoelter 50.00.

Total \$2,571.35. Report accepted, assessment of benefits and damages confirmed and adopted by the Board of Aldermen, December 19, 1900.

Approved December 22, 1900. Payable January 4, 1901, at the office of the collector of taxes, W. E. Thoms, room 20, Odd Fellows building, No 36 North Main street.

Attest: MICHAEL J. RYAN, City Clerk. 12-24-3

HARDING'S

Boston 99c Store

72-74 SOUTH MAIN ST.

Large Dolls

Special lot of Jointed Dolls, in large sizes which we will close out very cheap, as the following list will show: 18-inch Dolls, curled wigs, former price \$3. Now \$2.

20-inch Dolls, curled wigs, full jointed, with bisque heads; former price \$3.75. Now \$2.75.

24-inch Dolls, curled wigs, full jointed, with bisque heads, pretty faces, dark eyes; former price \$5. Now \$3.75.

27-inch Dolls, curled wigs, full jointed, with handsome bisque heads, dark eyes; former price \$6. Now \$4.50.

30-inch Dolls, long curled wigs, dark blue eyes, pretty faces; former price \$8.50. Now \$5.50.

All are perfect. No better Dolls were ever shown in Waterbury.

If In Doubt

As to what to give for Christmas Presents call on F. P. Becton & Co and the array of

Choice Jewelry

In their stock will please you and offer and excellent medium to please your friends.

F. P. Becton & Co.

22 North Main Street.

Everybody welcome.

McGaughey's Bargains.

The Store and Tenement Property, No 276 Dublin St., the two-family house, with large lot, No 268 Dublin St., the two double houses with large lots, No 263 Dublin St., the two-family house with large grounds, Nos 63 and 67 Dublin street.

At the prices asked and on the terms they can be secured ought to enable us to close a deal on all the said places within the next few days.

The owner of the said properties means business, as he expects to make his home in the future on the other side of the water.

For the above bargains, Loans on Real Estate, Fire and Plate Glass Insurance, Offices and Tenements. See

W. J. SCHLEGEL, In Lewis Building, No 65 Bank street.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

We have a large lot of FANCY CALIFORNIA NAVAL ORANGES, which we shall sell EXCEEDINGLY LOW. Prices per dozen: 25c, 30c, 35c and 40c. LARGE SWEET FLORIDA ORANGES, 25c and 30c per doz. Finest quality Mixed Nuts, 15c lb; Finest Quality English Walnuts, 15c lb; Fancy Malaga Grapes, 10c and 12c lb; Fancy Figs, 10c lb; Broken Candy, 13c 2 lbs 25c. FRIDAY AND SATURDAY of this week and MONDAY, DEC 24, we shall give a COFFEE DEMONSTRATION. We have engaged the services of an EXPERIENCED YOUNG LADY to serve the same, and we trust everyone who reads this ad will avail themselves of the opportunity of sampling our Mocha and Java Coffee. Price per lb 35c. You get no better if you pay 40c.

No 6419 and 7174 remain unaltered for.

The White-Simmons Co.

This is our last week to give coupons.

163-165 Bank street Waterbury Conn.

OPEN EVERY EVENING.

„Christmas Days„

What a time is this, when the world lays aside its cares and worries, its sadness and disappointments, and brings forth its smiles and joyous greetings; when sympathy and good will is abroad and actively engaged in making the world brighter, merrier and happier.

At this time when everyone is thinking of making useful presents that will last and be of service and bring comfort, let us direct you to our large

BOYS' DEPARTMENT

where can be found at prices within the reach of all, Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Reefers, Sweaters, Caps, Gloves, Hose, that will make the boys happy.

E. G. Kilduff & Co. Leaders in Low Prices.

J. H. WHITTEMORE, PRESIDENT.

Elected to That Position in the North & Judd Factory, New Britain.

New Britain, Dec 24.—The directors of the North & Judd Manufacturing Co held a meeting at the offices of the company, Saturday, and elected J. H. Whittemore of Naugatuck, formerly a director in the company, as president, to succeed the late Charles S. Landers. Mr Whittemore is a well known business man. Charles F. Smith was elected a director, making up the full board. The officers and directors are now as follows: President, J. H. Whittemore; vice-president, treasurer and general manager, H. C. Noble; secretary, E. M. Wightman; directors, J. H. Whittemore, H. C. Noble, G. M. Landers, C. F. Smith, William A. Griffin, A. J. Sloper and W. P. Claupey.

Wants-For-Sale-To-Rent

CHRISTMAS GIFTS and Christmas customs will be found always in the window of Tom May's, 42 Bank Street, despite the protests of other so-called "reliable" liquor dealers to the contrary. 12-24-3

TO RENT—Three or four room tenement three minutes from Veterinary Manufacturing Co. Inquire corner Hill and Summer Streets. 12-24-3

TO RENT—Six room cottage, \$10, in western part of city. J. P. Pichan, 12 Bank St. 12-24-3

TO RENT—A large shop and rear building. Apply to John Moriarty. 12-24-3

TO RENT—Two tenements, seven and three rooms. Inquire Mrs. Kustan, Brighton Place. 12-24-3

WANTED—50 men to eat out the Giffers; soup, 3 kinds of meat, 3 kinds of vegetables, bread and butter, potatoes, Indian corn, coffee, tea, sugar and ice cream. Room, 323 Bank Street. 12-24-3

TO RENT—Two stores corner of Wall and East Main Street, \$5 and \$10. Inquire 21 E. Fitzpatrick St. East Main Street. 12-24-3

TO RENT—A barn of twelve stalls. Apply to P. Holohan. 12-24-3

TO RENT—One that of six rooms. P. Holohan. 12-24-3

INVESTMENT PROPERTY!

Located on Orange street; 3-family house; contains all modern improvements; size of lot 26x75 feet; rents for \$25 per month; reasonable amount down; price \$1,000. This will pay you a larger per cent on your money than bank interest. Look this up.

LANG AND PHILLAN, 125 Bank Street.

FUR CAPS FUR GLOVES

Make desirable Xmas Gifts. We have them for Ladies and Men. It will please us to show you a fine line of Holiday Presents.

GILLMOR, the Hatter

25 Exchange Place.

Catholic Religious Goods

Prayer Books, Pearl Rosaries, Emerald Rosaries, with rolled gold chains; Photo Medallions, Rosary Statuettes, Candelsticks, Crucifixes, Father Ryan's Poems, also Fabiola, by Cardinal Wiseman; also "The Football Game" by Father Finn; also "His First and Last Appearance" Father Finn; also "The Best Foot Forward" by Father Finn. Remember the place,

J. H. DEVEREAUX & CO., 25 EAST MAIN STREET.

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MONDAY, DEC. 24, 1900.

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Chafing Dishes

And Dolls,

Third Floor Specials

at HALF PRICE,

Baskets

Of All Kinds at HALF PRICE,

Shirt Waist Boxes

At greatly Reduced Prices for To-Night.

Reid & Hughes.

Christmas Poultry

We have the finest stock of Turkeys Chickens, Ducks and Geese that we ever offered and that is saying a good deal. Some are in now, more will arrive Saturday, and the balance Monday, so you are sure of choice selection at any time you wish to buy.

Native Turkeys,

7 lb to 40 lb.

Get our prices before going elsewhere on Celery, Cranberries, Grapes, Oranges, Nuts, Candy etc.

Leave your orders at either store and we will deliver it promptly.

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