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"Nowhere can a finer or more complete club building be found than the Elks have here."—P. W. Wren.

"The boys are surely housed in first class style, and don't they know how to cater to their friends?"—W. H. Marzoid.

"Well, this is swell and up to date in every particular for the Elks."—Ralph Beers.

"Isn't it good to be here and enjoy the hospitality of the Elks?"—M. J. Flanagan.

"Fast Exalted Ruler Ivers was ubiquitous and enjoyed to the full, looking after the comfort of the many guests as did our own Sheriff Doolan."—S. E. Hawley.

"Now will you be good?"—S. T. Davis, Jr.

"Wasn't there a bunch of 'em caught in that Darien trap?"—F. A. Strong.

"Had they charged admission to that auto trial they would have made as much money as they did robbing us autoists for standing room was at a premium."—A. W. Falge.

"We'll take good care that all autoists are fully warned to be on guard for that Darien trap."—F. T. Staples.

"I've gone and done it; joined the big majority of autoists."—Dr. E. F. Blank.

"I've lost forty pounds in weight, but I am not worrying, I'm going fishing."—John Quinlivan.

"That is a natty looking loco chemical for the Waterbury Fire Department."—Chief Mooney.

"The many friends of Mr. W. V. Devitt, clerk of the probate office will be glad to know that he is steadily improving in health and strength and anticipates returning from Great Barrington, at the end of the month."

Speaking of the Oyster theory, "that men should be chloroformed after reaching the age of forty," it is true, many men and women too, might be chloroformed long before they reached forty, without loss to the world, but in the majority of cases, man's usefulness has been most fully demonstrated after that period. It is interesting to know that from statistics gathered by investigators among the government employees at Washington, as to percentage and character of work the average man does at the various periods of his life, the following cheering statistics are recorded, (perfect percentage 100) At 20 to 25 years of age, 80 per cent.; 25 to 30 per cent.; 30 to 35, 95 per cent.; 35 to 40, 100 per cent.; 40 to 45, 90 per cent.; 45 to 50, 85 per cent.; 50 to 55, 75 per cent.; 55 to 60, 60 per cent.; 60 to 65, 50 per cent.; 65 to 70, 35 per cent.; 70 to 75, 20 per cent.; over 75, 12 per cent. Now those who think they are "down and out" because they have passed forty, had better take fresh courage, paste these figures in their hat and "be up and doing."

The new Elks' home on State street, was the center of attraction last evening and exceedingly well did our local boys entertain the immense throng of callers that kept coming and going from the hour of opening until long after the announced time for closing. It was a huge undertaking, this inviting the general public to enjoy the beauties of their new building, and at the same time partake of their boundless hospitality. The task to the Elks it was a delight, might well make a less confident board of managers fear for the success of an affair of such magnitude, but they must justly feel a thrill of pride, in the fact that not the slightest hitch occurred to mar the extreme pleasure afforded the thousands of visitors, who availed themselves of the privilege. On all sides, nothing but warmest words of praise and honor are heard for each individual Elk from Exalted Ruler, down, who made every visitor feel that he or she were among their own. The string by Loren Deibridge, was thoroughly enjoyed and brought forth

rounds of applause as did the playing of Organist William Weidenhammer and the entire musical programme. Hon. W. E. Burnham was in his hospitable vein and exerted great influence toward the success of the event. The bountiful lunch, the beautiful flowers, so freely distributed, the inspiring music and general feeling of spontaneous good will exhibited throughout, made a lasting impression upon the favored guests who were fortunate in being present.

What prevented a more serious accident at the Hammond building yesterday is a mystery, and the sooner the Building Inspector makes a visit to the place and orders the necessary safeguards to prevent a repetition in worse form, the better. In many places there are fissures in the wall and for some time its condition has been a matter of comment.

Why all this fuss over a member of a city board securing all the patronage he can? Isn't it a well-known fact, that from time immemorial, every influence was brought to bear by certain knowing ones, for just this purpose. It is not right according to the charter but it does make a difference "whose ox is gored."—LEW.

A concert which will be followed by a dance is the attraction at Seaside Club this evening. Miss Vera Cameron Curtis, the talented soprano singer; Hans Letz, the well known violinist, and Miss Mabel Adams Bennett, pianist, have been engaged for the concert. The dance program contains 14 numbers. Music will be furnished by Bentley's orchestra.

Miss Bessie Blake was tendered a surprise party at her home Monday evening. She was presented with a silk umbrella. The occasion was in honor of her 14th birthday. Among those present were: Misses Alice Abercrombie, Nellie Oliver, Arline Malley, Helen Oliver, May Brunau, Florence Brunau, Esther Rumage, Annie Polkinghorn, and Charlotte Blake, the Masters Harold Gregory, Homer Colton, John Rundle, John Alken, Ralph Road, George Wagstaff, Percy Weaver, Clifford Roberts and Gordon Housle.

The Woman's Guild of Christ Church will give a salad supper in the church parlors, to-morrow evening, a table will be reserved for business men until 6:30 p. m.

"Breezy Point" is the title of an interesting entertainment which will be given by the Girls' Mission Band, South Congregational Church, in the lecture room, to-morrow evening.

Mrs. E. G. Whitney, 215 William street, entertained the Universalist Women's club, Tuesday afternoon. Beautiful May baskets were distributed among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mallett quietly observed their 56th wedding anniversary, yesterday. Many flowers were sent by friends who bore the day in recollection.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Henshaw and family, who are in Europe, will sail on the Amerika, June 4, for home.

During the past year Miss Mary Mills has been in charge of the Kindergarten in Hall Home and of the Girls' club for two years, and her pupils have done the teaching without charge. The report made at the annual meeting of the Associated Charities omitted to mention this fact and to give credit to Miss Mills for her splendid efforts.

At the meeting of Gen. Stillman Branch, Sons of the American Revolution, which will be held to-morrow night, it is believed that some action will be taken in recognition of the honor that has been paid to Judge Morris B. Beardsley in selecting him to be national president-general of the order. It is probable that the recognition will be in the form of a reception, at which he will be the guest of honor.

Miss Helen McDonald, Connecticut avenue, entertained her friends Monday evening.

James Neary, 467 Bunnell street, was pleasantly surprised by his friends Tuesday evening. A large party called and were entertained with music and games. A collation was served at 11 o'clock. Those present were: Misses

Loretta Keough, Loretta Biersch, Selina Smith, Clara Bibeau, Rose Sheehan, George Bibeau, Ethel Hull, Anna Neary, Lillian Youngs, Gertrude Neary, Marion Harper, Irene Moore, Evelyn Breene, Adeline Ward and the Messrs. James Neary, John Kane, John Cunningham, Leo Hatch, Joseph Brammer, Carl Lindquist, Herbert Walsh, Edward Cudahy, John Moran, Edward Moran, Francis Dunning, Joseph Mayne, John Neary, Frank Goery, Harold Davis, Ray Keating, Robert Christie, Vincent Coates, Christopher Hurley, James Lynch.

The members of the Jolly Tudor Whist Club were entertained by Harry Jewett at his home, 94 Noble avenue, Tuesday. At the end of two hours play the whist prizes were awarded to Miss Mabel Weed, Charles A. Hopwood, Miss Irene Probert and Frank Howard.

Over 125 couples, the guests of the class of '05 of the City Normal School, enjoyed a select dance last evening in the Court Exchange ball room. The music for the evening was furnished by Spidel's orchestra. The patronesses were Mrs. Henry Lee and Miss Euphrosyne Bown.

Tuesday evening at the Stocum gym, the Elite Club, composed of a number of Bridgeport's well known young ladies, entertained their friends with a social dance, at which there were over 150 couples present. Music for the evening was by Spidel.

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Captain John Smith and Rats. The intrepid navigator Captain John Smith in the course of his journeying in the Bermudas had some experience of the rat as a destructive force. "But the great God of heaven," he writes, "caused such an increase of silly rats in the space of two years so to abound before they regarded them that they filled not only those places where they were first landed, but swimming from place to place, spread themselves into all parts of the country, inasmuch that there was no land but it was pestered with them, and some fishes have been taken with rats in their bellies which they caught in swimming from lie to lie. Their nests they had in almost every tree and in most places their burrows in the ground like cones. They spared not the fruits of the plants or trees or the very plants themselves, but ate them up." All efforts to exterminate these vermin proved unsuccessful, and the unfortunate colonists "were destitute of bread for a yeere or two."

The Traveler's Joy. The cream of tartar tree, which is also called the "sour ground," grows in northern Australia and has a trunk which measures from seventy to eighty-five feet in circumference, but which is only twenty or thirty feet high. The wood is soft and juicy and when steeped in water provides the thirsty traveler with a refreshing and cooling drink. The fruit is about six inches long, shaped like a lemon and contains a gently acid pulp, which tastes like cream of tartar. Wherever it is to be found a small encampment of weary wayfarers unfurl their tents. When sighted in the bush the famous tree is always greeted with a song written by the early bushrangers called "Sing Hey For the Traveler's Joy."—New York Telegram.

All Unrecipited. A titled Englishman was speaking of the impoverished nobility of the old world.

"What a German friend of mine said of his family is true of too many families. My friend was a graf. I was visiting his castle on the Rhine. He showed me there one day many proofs of his race's antiquity. "Dear me," said I, stifling a yawn. "I had no idea you went back so far." "He pointed proudly to an old steel bound chest of black oak. "Why, my boy," said he, "I've got bills in there dating back to the twelfth century."

Salting a Diamond Mine. A man in South Africa while walking one day over his property with a party of prospectors suggested that they assay some of the soil. In the search that ensued eight rough diamonds were found, and offers began to fly through the air at a rapid rate for the land, when the host's wife called out to her husband, "Why, John, where are the other two?" The sequel to the story is left to the imagination.—Boston Record.

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