POLICE COURT DOINGS

Pierpont Dog Case on To-Day and He Appealed to the District Court.

The case against A. J. Pierpont of East Farms for keeping a dog without being licensed was heard by Judge Burpee in the city court to-day. Pierpont pleaded not guilty, notwithstanding that last Monday he was willing to plead otherwise and settle. To-day he fought the case and Attorney J. A. Peasley was his counsel. Officers Hickey and McCarthy, the bow-wow officers, testified that they saw the dog on Pierponts farm and he said he had the animal about a year. When they suggested to him that he get it licensed he replied that it was not worth the money, $1.15, and he would kill it. However, a few days later he thought better of the matter for the records show that he had it licensed. Having told this much he started off on a long story about his efforts to have the case settled and was pulled up by the court, who wondered why the prosecutor did not stop the man. Prosecutor Durant replied that he thought Attorney Peasley had him on trial. Further than this there was no interchange of compliments between the gentlemen. Pierpont was fined $5 and costs which means $25 in all. He took an appeal to the district court, thereby following Judge Cowell's famous advice, "If you don't get a fair show here, take an appeal to the district court where justice will be done you."

Jerry Dow was fined $5 and costs for intoxication yesterday. Thomas Nailer was fined the same for the same offense.

A small boy named Patrick Mahoney was placed on probation. He was charged with truancy. The boy's mother said his absence from school was all her fault. Sickness in the family and one thing and another caused her to keep him home. If the boy does not go to school he will be committed to the state school.

Rose Sweeney, aged 14 years, was charged with incorrigibility. Her mother stated that three weeks ago she ran away from home to Bridgeport and returned a few days ago. She was committed to the industrial school.

CORNER-STONE LAYING.

Ceremony Will Be Held Sunday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

The corner-stone of the new Italian church of Our Lady of Lourdes will be laid on next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Right Rev Michael Tierney, bishop of Hartford. The sermon of the day will be preached by the Rev William J. Slocum, pastor of the Immaculate Conception church. For many weeks the Rev Michael Angelo Karam, rector of Our Lady of Lourdes church, and his parishioners have been anxiously awaiting this event. For weeks they have been making preparations to have it an event of imposing and impressive solemnity. All arrangements have not been completed. Mayor E. G. Kilduff and the city officials have been invited to attend. Invitations have also been issued to many persons of prominence throughout the state. All the local clergy and many clergymen from out of town will be present at the laying of the corner-stone. Rudolph Vignoli, United States correspondent of the organ La Voce Della Verita of Rome, will also be present. All the Catholic societies in the city will participate in the exercises. The six divisions of the A. O. H. Company E, Hibernian Rifles, the four councils of the Knights of Columbus, the Holy Name societies of the different churches, St Jean Baptiste, St Joseph and other French societies, the German Sick Benefit, Holy Family, St Joseph's T. A. and the Italian societies have accepted invitations to attend the exercises in a body. The Italian Marine band and several drum corps will furnish music for the occasion. It will be a memorable day for the Italian Catholics of Waterbury.

CIRCUS IN QUARANTINE.

Forepaugh & Sells Trains Held Up in Texas Because of Yellow Fever.

Houston, Oct 22.—The three special trains of the Forepaugh & Sells circus were held up at the city limits at noon yesterday and forbidden to enter or pass through the city. The circus was to have exhibited here to-day. Tuesday it was in San Antonio, and the quarantine that was established yesterday against that city because of yellow fever was made effective against the circus.

Last night the management of the circus decided to abandon the state, cancel the remainder of its engagements and pull out for its winter quarters in the north. It was permitted to go through a suburb of the city and take the Houston and Texas Central tracks for the north. It cancels four engagements, one in Texas and three in Louisiana.

THE EAGLES' CARNIVAL.

Another Big Crowd Last Night—To-night's Program.

Crowded to the doors was City hall last evening and a gala time there was in the old hall celebrating the third night of the Eagles' fair. Fun reigned every minute of the time and everybody seemed to be right in the game for all the sport there was in it. The floor was filled with dancers and the band never played better music. The committee was kept busy taking care of the unusual rush and when the hour for closing arrived all left the hall feeling satisfied.

From now to the end of the week the people will flock to the Eagles' nest in City hall, and there will not be one person who will not feel he or she has been rewarded by attending. It is a delightful place to pass an evening and you will find plenty of attractions there to interest you. To-night will be another night of entertainment as well as dancing. The program of entertainment will be as follows: Bottinere in miracles of modern times, an act full of comedy, clever in conception, novel in execution; Marcu B. King and his champion acrobatic trick dog; Rivers Tropp, automobile agent. The program for the dancing is one that will interest you.

CITY NEWS

There will be an anniversary mass Saturday morning at 7 o'clock for Bernard H. Bolan.

Miss Hazel's dancing class will be held in Frendly league hall on Friday afternoon, October 23, at 4:30 o'clock.

A month's mind mass for the late James Horigan will be celebrated at 8 o'clock to-morrow morning at St Thomas's church.

All members of Stampers' union, No 207, are requested to attend an important meeting Friday evening at Polishers' and Buffers' hall.

The committee in charge of the Eagles' fair requests that members shall return the stubs of their combination tickets as soon as possible.

The American band orchestra will furnish music at the annual fair and entertainment of Court Hamilton, F. of A., which will be held next week in their new hall at Mill Plain.

Timothy O'Brien and Miss Mary Igo were married this morning at the Immaculate Conception church by the Rev Father Slocum. The witnesses were John O'Brien and Miss Mary Kelly.

If you want the November number of the Woman's Home Companion free, hand in your name to Democrat office. Remember there is no extra charge and you get the magazine and paper for the one price.

Henry Littlejohn has been appointed manager of the High school basketball team. The first practice was held yesterday afternoon and a number of candidates appeared. There is plenty of material for a first-class team.

St Cecilia's parish will most likely begin the erection of a parochial residence next week. The new building will stand west of the church on Scovill street. In point of architecture it will be in keeping with St Cecilia's church edifice, purely Gothic.

A big crowd collected in the lot near the Barnard school yesterday afternoon, where a test was made of the engine at the new fire house on Washington avenue. The exhibition was a very creditable affair, the apparatus proving satisfactory in every particular.

St Cecilia's parish fair will open at the City hall on next Monday night and run the full week. The admission will be 15 cents. A stage entertainment, with dancing each evening, will furnish the attractions of the fair. Lallier's orchestra will furnish the music.

The old and reliable Guarantee Credit Clothing Co at 33 and 35 East Main street is still doing business at the old stand, and will continue to do so. They are not in any way connected with the other credit clothing houses, and wish their old customers to know this and not be alarmed about goods or payments.

"Where are you going to-morrow night?" said one lady to another to-day. "I am going to take a stroll out to Grange hall and attend the promenade of the Mad River grange. Won't you come along?" was the reply. "Certainly, I always like to attend the sociables at Mill Plain, for you can have a jolly time." A 'bus will convey the people from the end of the East Main street trolley line to the hall.

SAILED FOR A CRUISE.

San Francisco, Oct 22.—The cruiser Marblehead and the training ship Mohican have sailed for a cruise along the coast of Mexico. The monitor Wyoming, the gunboat Concord and the cruiser Boston will follow. The Pacific squadron will mobilize later at Acapulco.

MIDDLEBURY ROAD.

Does Highway Commissioner MacDonald Wield Imperial Power?

The board of public works is getting Hail Columbia in certain quarters because it is not taking more kindly to the arbitrary methods of the state highway commissioner with reference as to where and in what manner Waterbury shall improve its highways. But from all accounts the members of that body are not wondering at what has been said; what they cannot understand is why they have not received a worse scoring. They know who is back of this project and are fully aware of the fact that they are in a position to create a strong sentiment in favor of their pet scheme and a bitter feeling towards those who are standing between them and what they so much desire. From the inception of this matter everything that has taken place in connection with it has furnished a splendid example of how things ought not to be done. It has been a case of endeavoring to coerce public officials into diverting money from its proper channels for the special benefit of a few men, who think that because they have the state machine and a few millionaires back of them that no man or body of men should dare take sides against them. It is plainly the intention of the law that municipalities shall select such roads as are to be improved under the good roads act subject to the approval of the highway commissioner, but in this case the commissioner usurped the rights of the local authorities and did the selecting as well as the approving. It may be wise for cities to permit Mr MacDonald to ride roughshod over them and take what he is willing to give them rather than go without anything, but it might surprise some enthusiastic admirers of the Middlebury road question to know that many very good citizens believe exactly as the department of public works does on this matter and hope to see good come of it. The state has made an autocrat of Mr MacDonald; he wields imperial power, and while nobody doubts his honesty of purpose it would be manifestly unfair to assume that he is infallible, and for this reason it does seem that there should be some tribunal before which the highway commissioner and municipalities who could not agree might appear and settle their differences. But in the meantime we should make the best we can of the situation as we find it, and viewing it from this standpoint some claim that it would be wise to go ahead with the work and when the proper time comes take such steps as are necessary to get towns and cities from under the highway commissioner's grasp. It is said that some such action as this will be taken at the next session of the board, but there is nothing certain about that. One thing that can be said without running any risk of being accused of getting wide of the mark is that "heaven and earth" is being moved to club the "pigheaded" members of the board into submission.

GAME VERY SCARCE.

Local Hunter Says Partridge and Quail Will Soon Be Extinct.

A Waterbury sporting man told a Democrat reporter to-day that so far as he knew game never was scarcer in Waterbury than it is this season. He said that quail and partridge will soon be things of the past in this part of the state if something is not done to save them when the law is on and that he couldn't account for the absence of squirrels. The only consolation he could see for the man with the gun was in the flight of the woodcock and he was not sure whether this would amount to much, either. This particular disciple of Nimrod almost shed tears at what he called the passing of the quail and told how hard he had labored last winter to keep a covy from perishing in the woods not far from the center. By constant attention he got them over the bad weather and during the spring and a portion of the summer took a keen delight in listening to them shouting "Bob White" to each other in the tall grass. He lost track of them a few months ago and cannot understand what became of them. They had skipped or were killed before the law was off. He was of the opinion that cats, weasels and snakes are fast killing off partridges and quail and hoped to see something done to protect the birds from their natural enemies.

DESERTER WELL FED.

Stealing from Refrigerators at Army Officers' Homes.

New York, Oct 22.—The mysterious disappearance of juicy beefsteaks and various edibles from refrigerators from the army officers' homes on Governo's Island has been solved by the captue of John Linden, a deserter.

Linden, who was serving a sentence of five years for desertion, made his escape one week ago and was believed to have got away from the island on a scow. Nevertheless, a thorough search was made, but it bore no fruit. Since then large quantities of meats and other good things have disappeared nightly from the ice chests in the areas about the officers' houses and the affair was stirring up much excitement about the post when a captain, after searching every foot of the island, entered the greenhouse and discovered a trap door in the floor. He sent the keeper into the hole and there Linden was found hiding. Remnants of his raids on the refrigerators, including empty wine bottles, showed that he had been faring sumptuously during his week of freedom.

SURGICAL INSTRUMENT TRADE.

Chicago, Oct 22.—Members of the American Surgical Instrument Trade association closed their annual business meeting here last night after deciding to hold the next session in June at St Louis. It was decided to ask manufacturers to refuse to sell to mail order houses that cut prices.

PARALYZED AT FOOTBALL.

St Louis, Oct 22.—John Withevill, a student of St Louis university has been paralyzed by an injury received in a practice game of football and is lying in a dangerous condition at the hospital. An operation was performed, but the physicians state that there is slight chance for recovery.

NUTMEG GRATINGS

Interesting Items Boiled Down for the Benefit of Our Busy Readers.

While driving on the road to Bolton yesterday, Letter Carrier Charles Marsh, William Brown and Roy Bidwell saw a moose in a field nearby.

The freight steamer P. C. Van Wyck, at anchor in Stamford harbor, was boarded by thieves Tuesday night and $50 in cash and three watches were stolen from members of the crew.

The body of Edward J. Kantack, who disappeared from Wallingford on Sunday, October 11, when he started out after nuts, was found yesterday in the Quinnipiac river about a mile and a half from the village.

William D. Bishop, long time president of the Naugatuck railroad, resigned the office yesterday and his son, Willam D. Bishop, Jr, was elected his successor. Young Mr Bishop is the secretary of the New York, New Haven & Hartford, and was the democratic candidate for congress last fall against Congressman Hill.

A man who acted as if he was mentally unsound entered the store of H. F. Daskam at Stamford yesterday and, without saying anything, mounted a box and wrenched a large six-day clock from the wall. Then he demolished the timepiece and remarked to the clerk that the police could arrest him if they wanted to.

Under the weight of two tons of onions the top floor of Stiles D. Woodruff's barn in Orange gave way Saturday and fell to the floor below. A workman in Mr Woodruff's employ who was working on the floor happened to be near the barn door at the time and he jumped to the ground below, a distance of some 15 feet, and escaped uninjured. He had a bag of onions on his back when he jumped and he hung on to it until he reached the ground.

WOULDN'T HAVE PHYSICIAN.

Woman School Principal, a Christian Scientist, Died of Pneumonia.

Providence, R. I., Oct 22.—Miss Mary Fannie Otis, aged 44 years, principal of the Bellevue avenue grammar school, died at her home, 58 Wendell street, on Monday, after about three days' sickness with double pneumonia, during which she was without the attendance of a physician. Miss Otis was a Christian Scientist. At her own request, and with the full consent of her family, she received only the treatment of the Christian Science course administered by the believers.