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STRATFORD

Home Made Art—Mrs. Cogswell's Still Life—Clergymen—Weatherwise—Letter from Mr. Beach—The Passion Play.

Several ladies in town have contributed to the success of the Stratford Art League, the works of which are now on exhibition at the Public Library. Mrs. Emily M. Cornwall, wife of the pastor of Christ church, sends three landscapes, all of which reflect the spirit of New England hills, woods, water and rocks. Besides the Mill Pond is a fascinating picture in apple blossom time when the trees are loaded with pink and white bloom. The grass of the foreground has the lush freshness of the season, and the sky is tender and soft. Another picture from the same brush, represents a brook flowing in the midst of a wilderness of gray rocks, while the middle distance is filled with trees which are lovingly over the water. The third picture by Mrs. Cornwall is called "October's Bright Blue Weather." The sky is certainly blue, and the meadows on either side of a strip of water which looks like an inlet from the sound, are soft and fluffy with yellow and brown, indicating the turn in the season of the year. The forest trees in the distance begin to show their foliage in brilliant colors of autumn. Altogether the picture is well painted and pleasing.

Mrs. William G. Cogswell has seven or eight pictures, bits of still life, painted under the tuition of Mr. Fry, a New York gentleman who appears to delight in Van Dyke brown, bituminous and vermillion. He uses a full brush and dashes on the paint in raw tones, seeking evidently for brilliant effects, rather than accurate representation of the thing depicted. It may be doubted if impressionism in still life is appropriate. It is better suited for a landscape. Mrs. Cogswell is evidently a good pupil of her teacher, and follows his methods with success. Her pictures represent domestic work baskets, glasses, tankards, and similar articles. A copper dish is a favorite utensil with Mr. Fry, and now and then he introduces a vegetable or fruit as a green pepper or an onion.

Miss Hattie A. Alvord contributes the only hand woven rug in the exhibition. It is made of cotton strips, closely woven, the major portion of the rug being white, with black and there stripes of black and pink. The effect is artistic.

Mr. Kelly of Northampton, Mass., passed Sunday in town with a friend. Miss Lettie Bennett of the High school is able to resume her duties as teacher.

Mrs. Dr. Cogswell and Miss Vivian Falken were among those who went over to Stratford to attend the opening of the art exhibition.

Several Methodist clergymen, on their way to Stamford to attend the conference, have been stopping over in town with friends. The pastor of the Stratford Methodist church, was the guest on Tuesday of Robert Brandt of Warwick avenue.

Rev. H. C. Gilman and Rev. Calvin E. Ford of Milford were in town on Tuesday, on their way to the conference at Stamford. There will be services at Christ church tomorrow evening at 7:45, at which time Rev. L. R. Sheffield, rector of Grace church, Long Hill, will preach. A couple of young men were in town yesterday dragging around on a small cart a vacuum house cleaner, gotten up on the same principle as the big concerns which are drawn by horses. The machine is said to run by electricity generated by a battery. It is a new way of sweeping carpets, but most housewives had rather use a broom. The fashion now is to have hard wood floors, with rugs which can be easily taken up and shaken. Weather wise people were saying in February that the last Friday of the month controls or indicates what the weather will be for the next month. The last Friday in February was clear and cool all day. But March has proved to be full of storms, blizzards, freezing weather, cold nights and mornings, and not at all like the last Friday in February. So that prediction can be laid on the shelf with the 4th of March "fareback" at Washington.

After all it seems the late Richard Carroll did not leave a widow, as he was a single man.

The channel of the Housatonic river is being surveyed. Why, no one seems to know, unless a new line of steamboats is to run to Ansonia. Frank Bunnell with his family is visiting in town.

William and Grace Wakelee were both home over Sunday. Friends are expecting Donald Falken home for the Easter holidays. Dr. Packard has received an interesting letter from Fred C. Beach, Esq., who was on the way home from Colorado where the snow was two feet deep. He will be at home on Saturday and will manage the lantern at the illustrated lecture on Monday evening on the Passion Play at Oberammergau, at the Congregational church. After witnessing the great religious play in 1898, Dr. Packard, the lecturer, wrote in the Boston Congregationalist:

"The question is often asked, Is the Passion Play a religious observance or is it a spectacle? With those who enact its scenes it is unquestionably a religious ceremony. With those who go to see it, it may be either. It depends entirely on the auditor and beholder. Viewed in the right spirit, it brings vividly to one's mind and heart the story that has transformed the life of the world.

"No, it is not the drama nor the acting, nor the spectacle, that holds and moves one. It is the story itself. The story of one who loved, who suffered and died for sinful men. Sinful men are listening to the story. They have been moved by it for two thousand years—moved to penitence, to love, to suffering and to sacrifice. And they are moved today. The Passion Play at Oberammergau, witnessed in a reverent spirit, awakens a profound religious feeling, a deep love for the Saviour of the world, a waakens a deepest longings and the finest aspirations of the human soul."

Who is who in Bridgeport? Read the Evening Farmer Monday, April 5, 1909, then you know.

CLAN CAMPBELL'S 23RD ANNIVERSARY
HAWTHORNE LODGE, D. OF S., ASSISTANTS IN MAKING CELEBRATION SUCCESSFUL.

The twenty-third anniversary of Clan Campbell, O. S. C., was fittingly observed last evening in Pioneer hall, with a supper, entertainment, and dance. The clan was ably assisted by its sister society, Hawthorne lodge, D. of S., about 200 sat down to the supper. The feast was presided over by Chief, Alanson Donald Nicholson. After the meal came an excellent program during which songs were rendered by Mrs. Margaret Lawrie, Mrs. J. Prain, Mrs. Mary Bigelow and the Messrs. John Japp, R. Campbell, J. Burn, H. McQuilton, William Fankie and G. Pearson.

HARRIMAN SUIT SUSPENDED FOR TIME
(Special from United Press.)
Washington, April 1.—The taking of testimony in the government's dissolution suit against the Harriman lines has been temporarily suspended, pending a brief conference with the attorney general, C. A. Severance, special counsel in charge of the suit has just left for the west and it is likely that the taking of testimony will be resumed within a fortnight at Salt Lake City. Before leaving, he stated that the government's case was very strong and that the testimony thoroughly backs up the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission made previous to the advent of the action.

DOG TAXES DUE
Dog taxes are due to-day. Town Clerk Weber has received 3,800 tags at his office ready for distribution. The fee for male dogs is \$1.25 and \$1.50 for females. All those who fail to license before May 1 will be taxed an additional dollar under the state law. There were 3,690 dog licenses issued by the local office last year.

PALM SUNDAY WITHOUT PALMS

SUPPLY IS SO SHORT THAT SOME CHURCHES MUST DO WITHOUT.

New York, April 1.—There is such a scarcity of palms for Palm Sunday that many churches must do without them, and many others must be content with a very limited supply. Friends of Catholic churches and ministers of those Episcopal churches which use them have been vainly hunting for several days and have found it hard to get a supply.

It is said by some of the dealers that there is not more than one-half the regular supply in New York, Boston or Philadelphia now.

The situation is such that many churches will not be able to give away the large pieces of palm to their communicants as they have customarily given on Palm Sunday.

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"Nothing like 'Fair Week,' to bring out the fair sex and they are certainly here in great numbers."—D. F. Read.

"Business is on the increase daily. Join the Optimist Club."—T. W. Grant.

"That Baby Farming Case will be sifted thoroughly."—Alex. Morrissey.

"I shall use every effort to induce Borgenicht & Korndel Co., the largest dress manufacturers in the country, to locate here."—Fred Enos.

Miss Ethel Hurd of the City National Bank, has returned to her duties after a week's vacation spent in New York.

Miss Hannah Mulvihill, daughter of ex-Mayor Mulvihill, a student at Smith's college, is at her home in this city for the Easter vacation.

Word has been received from Jimmie O'Rourke who left here last week to join the Columbus baseball team. He is pleased with his surroundings, but says the weather is extremely cold and snow on the ground, "not much like the ideal baseball weather we want to get into trim."

The People's Presbyterian church ladies open their three days sale of fancy goods and groceries this evening in Lincoln Hall.

The Optimists' Club of America, lately organized in New York city gave a dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria last evening. The club has for its object the spreading of the doctrine, that everything is for a better condition. Andrew Carnegie is honorary president, and among its members are found the names of President Taft, Ex-President Roosevelt and many other prominent persons. They plan to do away with All Fools' Day and to make April 1 Optimists' Day instead. With this end in view, the secretary has communicated with the presidents of the various colleges and the heads of all school boards, asking them to have announcements made in their respective institutions, on the morning of April 1 that the day is Optimists' Day, and that everyone should do some kind act or say some cheering word. To make it a day on which to send out cards bearing hopeful messages and "try to lift the darkness which falls on many and that the testimony thoroughly backs up the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission made previous to the advent of the action."

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MECHANICAL FOREMEN WILL HEAR LECTURE

The Society of Mechanical Foremen, which has rooms in the Lincoln building, and which is composed mostly of the foremen of the different factories of the city, held a meeting last evening at which arrangements were completed for the first of a series of lectures on mechanical topics to be held in their rooms Friday evening. The principal speaker will be Dudley P. Bullard, who will have as his theme "Modern Machine Tools and Their Construction." Addresses at a later date will be by Prof. Winder of England, the famous high speed steel man, and also a New York editor of an American Machine. The lectures will be open to all interested.

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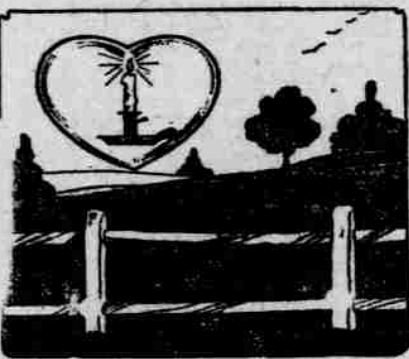
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Why? Well simply because there is wide spread feeling among shoe manufacturers that the tariff changes will be sure to effect the shoe trade very materially, and therefore it would be wise to turn all shoe into cash at once. Thing & Co.'s real money at the logical moment brings about a shoe sale that will be a genuine bargain carnival. Men's Women's, Boys', Girls' and Children's shoes all bright and new will be sold at prices you cannot afford to ignore. A few of the bargains mentioned below.

SALE BEGINS FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 2.

Men's Shoes	Men's Shoes	Women's Shoes	Women's Shoes
\$2.29	\$2.75	\$1.95	\$1.39
Goodyear welt, in all leathers, regular \$3.00 and \$3.50 grade. Snappy styles.	The famous Burt & Packard Kor-rect Shape shoes \$4.00 and \$5.00 grade in all leathers. They are factory imperfect. Only an expert could detect the imperfections. That do not injure the style or wear in the least degree.	A great lot of shoes and oxfords in Russian calf, Gun Metal, Tan kid and patent leather, light and heavy soles. Not a pair worth less than \$2.50 and most of them were \$3.00 and \$2.50 grades.	Patent leather dongola kid and box calf, heel and low heels. Regular \$1.50 grade.

Women's Pumps \$1.25

Made of fine kid in patent leather, brown shade with one strap. The shoe thing out this season. Worth \$1.75, you get them now at \$1.25.

Women's Julietts \$9c

72 pairs of soft dongola kid Julietts with elastic sides and rubber heels. All have patent leather tips. Worth \$1.50. A grand bargain while they last at \$9c.

Women's Oxfords \$9c

Black kid and tan kid blucher cut. Worth \$1.50 all sizes.

Women's Shoes \$1.45

High and low cut. Tan kid, black kid and patent leather. Regular \$2.00 grade.

Bargains in Our Hooley Dept.

Women's plain black hose 15c
Women's lace hose 18c
Men's fancy hose 25c
Men's tan cotton hose 25c
Men's black cotton hose 15c
Men's black cotton hose 15c
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Men's Velvet house slippers, leather sole, 50c kind at \$1.00

Men's heavy leather work shoes, buckle and lace, \$1.75 grade at \$1.15
Men's satin calf lace shoes with solid leather soles, \$2.00 grade at \$1.25
Little boys' satin calf lace shoes worth \$1.00, sizes 9 to 12 at 50c
Little boys all solid leather shoes, \$1.50 kind, sizes 9 to 12 at 75c
Girls' tan calf oxford, regular \$1.25 kind are here at 50c
Girls' vicci kid oxfords with patent leather tips, 1.00 kind at 50c
Children's kid and box calf shoes, spring heels, sizes 6 to 8 at 50c
Children's white top patent leather button shoes, \$1.00 kind at 50c
Children's dongola kid shoes \$1.25 grade, sizes 8 1/2 to 11 at 50c

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