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That the files of the News should be kept as a record of the good deeds of my own town and of the weakness of my fellow-men.
—J. M. Bailey.

and Vicinity

Mr. Collins has started a general business at his house, 7 Hill street.

Money of the Keller Jewelry Company of New York city, is with the Danbury Company for the holidays.

H. Ellwood, of 32 Foster street in Farmingdale, N. J., attended the funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth M. Merson.

Mr. Marion and Clara Merchant, of 107 Avenue, have gone to East Danbury, N. J., to spend the week-end.

Mr. Conklin, of the Adventist church, will speak at the school house to-morrow afternoon at 7:30.

Mr. Z. Ellis has been confined to his bed at 297 White street, by illness for a week but expects to be able to resume his pulpit to-morrow.

A high mass for the repose of the late Ella F. Bennett will be celebrated at St. Joseph's church Monday morning at eight o'clock.

Whitlock, whose leg was amputated by Dr. Recoules

**CITY SETTLES
MERSON CASE**

Will Pay \$30,500 for Water Rights and Interest Since Litigation Began.

Mayor N. Burton Rogers and the water committee of the common council made public to-day the terms of an agreement that has been made with William Merson for the purchase of his interest in Boggs pond and the settlement of his claim for damages caused by diversion of water from the stream that supplies his millpond, together with accrued interest upon the amount for which settlement was made.

The city will pay Mr. Merson \$30,500 and the condemnation proceedings, which were brought in the superior court in 1905 and have been pending since that time, will be discontinued. Settlement upon this basis was advised by three lawyers who acted as counsel for the city and was consented to by Mr. Merson after a long conference with the mayor and water committee. Papers defining the terms of the agreement have been signed by the mayor, members of the water committee and Mr. Merson and it remains now for the agreement to be ratified by the common council.

Mayor Rogers and counsel for the city said to-day that the settlement was based practically upon Mr. Merson's acceptance of \$20,000 as the value of his interest in Boggs pond and the amount of damage resulting from diversion of water. The remainder of the amount agreed upon in settlement of the claim represents interest upon the amount of the claim for the time that has elapsed since the city took possession of Mr. Merson's water rights.

Mr. Merson's claim at the time of the hearing upon the condemnation proceedings was approximately \$60,000 and the witnesses called to give expert testimony in his behalf figured the dam-

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TRUNK LINE HIGHWAY.

Route East of Danbury is Yet to be Decided Upon.

CITY COURT CASES.

Two Offenders Before Judge Booth This Morning.

Herman Erickson was fined five dollars and costs for committing a nuisance, by Judge John R. Booth in the City court this morning. He was arrested on White street last night, about 11:30 o'clock, by Patrolman Amos E. Mead. When the patrolman reached the corner of Main street with his prisoner John J. Collins, it was alleged, grabbed the officer by the arm, and said: "Let that man go!" Mead testified that when he threatened to arrest Collins, also, Collins said: "You wouldn't be able to take me if you wanted to." To demonstrate that the youth was laboring under a false impression as to his prowess, Mead grabbed Collins by the coat collar and renewed his trip to the police station, with a prisoner in each hand. Just then Patrolman Marlin Ballard came along and took charge of Collins, who was charged with interfering with an officer.

Both Erickson and Collins pleaded not guilty when they faced the court this morning. Erickson, who was tried first, was quickly convicted and fined. After hearing the evidence of the two policemen against Collins, Judge Booth informed Attorney Charles W. Murphy, who represented both defendants, that on the strength of the officers' testimony Collins was guilty, but that he would administer no penalty as he believed the youth had been punished enough by being compelled to spend the night in a cell. The court offered Attorney Murphy the privilege of proceeding with the defense, if he desired to try to have his client exonerated, but the lawyer said he was satisfied. The court then found Collins guilty and suspended sentence.

DICKENS' XMAS CAROL

Subject of Illustrated Lecture at Universalist Church.

The wonderful Christmas story, Dickens' "Christmas Carol," which has held an age-long place in literature and which has alike charmed and entertained thousands, will be told on the screen at the illustrated lecture at the Universalist church vesper to-morrow afternoon at five o'clock by the pastor of the church, Rev. E. B. Barber. About fifty slides will be shown to relate and illustrate the chief incidents of Dickens' narrative, all of them true to life.

NEW FIRE

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MISSION CIRCLE BAZAR.

Congregational Church Promises Inviting Fair Next Week.

The ladies of the Mission Circle, of the Congregational church, are anticipating that their bazar next Wednesday evening will offer quite as many attractions as any previous year.

The L. Clark Seelye society is preparing a little play for entertainment and the various booths will have useful and fancy articles for sale to meet the varied tastes and purses of the people in attendance. The ladies announce that it will be a mistake if the people buy their Christmas gifts before seeing the choice articles which will be offered at the bazar next week.

It has been asked that the ladies contributing articles for the sale see that they are left at Mrs. George Hickok's on Chestnut street, on Monday.

WON THE GAME.

L. Clarke Seelye Girls Defeated Danbury Basketball Team.

That it will take a fast team to defeat the first basketball team of the L. Clark Seelye girls was demonstrated beyond doubt last night when they won against the First church, Danbury, girls' team by a score of 23 to 4. The game was full of "go" from the moment the referee's whistle blew for the opening play till it blew to end the contest. The Bethel girls showed the results of their faithful practice. It was a pretty contest to watch. It is a question whether the game as played under the girls' rules isn't fully as interesting as the boys' game; it certainly is as exciting at times. The Seelye girls are athletic in form and they made a splendid showing in their first game. There certainly ought to be more girls at basketball, for under their rules the game is beyond question physically wholesome.

PARCEL POST STAMPS.

Local Post Office Receives Its Consignment for New System.

Postmaster Bailey has received a consignment of the new parcel post stamps and also the postage due stamps. This

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MERSON CASE

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ages at that amount, while the city's experts testified that the water rights involved in the litigation were worth very much less than that amount. While the proceedings before the commission appointed by the superior court to fix the damages were pending the city, through its counsel, made a proposition to counsel for Mr. Merson to settle the matter for \$20,000. This proposition was refused by Mr. Merson and the case has been standing in the courts nearly eight years.

A short time ago steps were taken by the city to have the commission take the case up and end it. Some time afterwards Mayor Rogers received from Mr. Merson a proposition for the adjustment to the claim.

He said in his proposition: Whereas, it is my desire, and I believe also of the Water Committee representing the general public, that a fair adjustment should be reached in the determination of the amount of money due me from the City on account of the injury to my water privilege and the taking over of property owned by me, land and water, at Boggs Pond so-called, together with the use of water prior to condemnation proceedings, I have, on request, prepared the following proposition:

"I will surrender all my rights and claims, of whatever character, for use of water at the pumping station, diversion of water, responsibility of interference with my lease to the Danbury Ice Company for the sum of \$36,000, the same to be payable on or before the first day of January, 1913, or with interest at six per cent. to be added for a period of time for deferred payment, not to exceed one year, it is desired by the City, in order to provide the necessary funds."

Mr. Merson estimated his general damage from the building of Westlake reservoir under condemnation proceedings and the taking of Boggs pond at \$20,000 and interest on that amount to January 1, 1912, at \$8,976.67. His liability to the Danbury Ice Co. he estimated at \$1,500 and his bill for the use of water at pumping station, with interest, amounted to \$6,517, a total of \$36,994.33. He offered, in event of settlement, to omit the \$1,500 item of liability to the Danbury Ice Co.

The matter was presented to the common council in what, because of the nature of the business, amounted to an executive session, and the council authorized the mayor and water committee to arrange terms of settlement with Mr. Merson, subject to ratification

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route through that city was changed so as to turn the travel from Wakelee avenue through Main street and on to the north through the valley on the east side of the river to Seymour. Otherwise the routes stand as originally laid out.

The question of the form of bond to be offered in connection with this improvement was considered and the matter was left in the hands of the legal committee to prepare a bond which will come up for approval by another meeting of the directors to be held probably before January 1. It having been intimated to some of the directors that some expression of the association would be acceptable to Governor Baldwin, a resolution was passed asking him to appoint a committee to inquire into the systems of road building as carried on in Connecticut and also to investigate similar conditions existing in other states.

The intent of the resolution is to gain information that may be more valuable in future road building in Connecticut. There has been considerable discussion in the newspapers and otherwise relative to the form of management of highway work, as to whether the state shall have a single commissioner or a triple-headed committee, with other suggestions of county supervision, etc.

It is stated that the chief desire of the Connecticut Good Roads association is that this work shall be carried on in such manner as will bring the best results to the state in more durable roads at the minimum of expenditure. This was the inspiration on which the association was founded and its best efforts will be expended in the attainment of this object.

The following resolution was adopted: "That the association recommends to Governor Baldwin the appointment of a committee of three to investigate the efficiency of the highway department of the state of Connecticut and the systems of other states, for the purpose of suggesting to the legislature of 1913 such changes in our department as may seem advisable.

The Beauty of Clean Teeth.

Not only is it necessary to strive constantly to preserve the natural beauty of the teeth, but it is equally important to increase their whiteness and general appearance by every remedy or aid science and students of dentistry are able to discover.

For keeping the teeth in good condition chewing dry toast, hard bread or crackers is recommended. Coarse foods tend to give a stability to the "grinders" which keeps them from early decay. For the purpose of

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To the bride who is now before
range her first biscuit is a most seri-
ous undertaking. In a recent case,
however, her first pancakes proved
more disastrous than all the green
hued soda biscuit ever baked by nov-
ices at the art.

A young stenographer, recently
married, took her husband home to
board with mamma. Mamma was a
real cook but the bride was not. How-
ever, she was an artist in frying pan-
cakes, which she never ate herself be-
cause "the greasy things just upset
her," she said.

A few days ago she prevailed upon
her mother to permit her to make the
coffee and "some nice pancakes" and
was given full possession of the kitch-
en so she could have all the credit.
The bridegroom ate heartily of the
pancakes; in fact, he managed to con-
sume all his wife cooked.

"What were you doing with this can
of plaster of paris in here?" asked the
mother an hour or so later.

"Can of what?" replied the bride,
puzzled.

"Plaster of paris," said her mother.
"What made you take that down from
the shelf?"

By that time the young bride had
bounded into the kitchen.

"Is that plaster of paris?" she shriek-
er, "it's in a baking powder can. Why
I used that to bake dearie's pancakes.
Heavens, he must be getting mummified
by this time." And she promptly
had hysterics.

Grabbing a scarf the bride, now pale
and excited, ran for the corner drug
store.

"What's the antidote for plaster of
paris?" she wailed at the clerk.

"Never heard of any," he replied.
"You don't mean paris green, do you?
Who's been eating it?"

"My husband. And the worst of it
all is that I fed it to him, too."

"Brand new husband, too," mused
the pharmacist, sottish voice. "How
much did he get of it?"

"Between a dessert and a table-spoon-
ful, I think."

"Well, let him have it. It will not
hurt him. You might give him an
emetic."

The distressed wife got little con-
solation out of these instructions. She
also could see that the druggist was
amused—heartless, unfeeling wretch
that he was. A brighter idea seized
the bride and she ran for the tele-
phone.

"Dearie, you are filled with plaster
of paris. Run for the doctor and get
an emetic before it hardens in you,"
she shouted.

**Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA**

Danbury, said county and state, grow-
ing out of the diversion of water from
my property and mill which are now in
the course of adjustment in condem-
nation proceedings in the Superior court
of Fairfield county, and any responsi-
bility which I may have incurred with
the Danbury Ice company by reason of
a lease given by me to said company,
and for any and all damages which
have resulted to me from the construc-
tion and maintenance of the Westlake
reservoir by said city, past or future,
excluding however, any legal claim
which I may have against said city in
consequence of damages to my prop-
erty by reason of the defective con-
struction of, or by reason of accident
to the dams owned and controlled by
said city and located above my said
property, for the sum of thirty thous-
and five hundred dollars (\$30,500), said
sum to be paid to me on or before the
first day of January, 1913, together
with interest at the rate of six per cent.
per annum from the date of the sign-
ing of this agreement, to the first day
of January, 1913."

The city's part of the agreement,
signed by Mayor Rogers and the mem-
bers of the committee, is as follows:

"The city of Danbury, acting herein
by its mayor and committee on water,
duly authorized by resolution No. 86,
which resolution was passed by the
common council of said city on the fifth
day of December, 1912, hereby agree to
pay to William Merson, signer of the
attached agreement, the sum of Thirty
Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$30,500)
in consideration of his release of any
and all claim he may have as contained
in said agreement, on or before the
first day of January, 1913, with inter-
est at the rate of six per cent. per an-
num, from the date of the signing of
said agreement to January 1st, 1913."

Mayor Rogers said to-day that he
considered the adjustment a satisfac-
tory one for the city, as there was lit-
tle possibility that the commission
would have awarded Mr. Merson less
than \$20,000 and the interest would
have been added to the amount of the
award. To prolong the litigation would
have meant increased expenses for both
sides, he said, and the possibility of a
much greater award against the city,
together with increased interest. The
lawyers representing the city were
unanimous, the mayor said, in advising
the city to end the matter by agree-
ing to an adjustment upon the basis of
\$20,000 damages.

CHILDREN WHO ARE SICKLY
Mothers who value their own comfort and the
welfare of their children, should never be without a
box of Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children,
for use throughout the season. They Break up
Colic, Relieve Feverishness, Constipation, Teething
Disorders, Headache and Stomach Troubles. Used by
Mothers for 25 years. THESE POWDERS NEVER
FAIL. Sold by all Drug Stores. Do Not accept
any substitutes. Sample mailed FREE. Address,
A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

remove unpleasant odors from the
breath. Dissolve two to four ounces
of borax in a pint of hot water and
add a half teaspoonful of tincture of
myrrh or spirits of camphor.

Couldn't Beat Him.

It was of Dr. Whewell, the famous
master of Trinity, that Sydney Smith
said: "If science was his forte, om-
niscience was his folbie." Concerning
this folbie an amusing story is told.
A rival talker resolved for once to get
the better of Whewell and crammed
the subject of Chinese metaphysics.
He lost no time in dexterously leading
the conversation toward the topic and
at once fluently and confidently ex-
pressed his opinions, when, to his as-
tonishment, Whewell rushed into the
subject quite at home and in direct
contradiction to his views, "Sir," said
the master, "will you have the good-
ness to give me the authority upon
which the opinions you have expressed
are based?" "Certainly," said his oppo-
nent—"an article in the Encyclopaedia
Britannica." "Oh!" said Whewell, "I
wrote the article myself ten years ago
and have since seen good reasons to
change my views!"

Precepts and Practices.

A mother had impressed upon the
mind of her little boy the importance
of keeping the commandments. One
day he was tempted to take an orange
from a basket where he could do so
without being detected. He had not,
however, gone far before it came into
his mind, "Thou shalt not steal." His
conscience was troubled. He thought
he would carry it back at once, but
then it was so nice. He, however, de-
cided at last to be honest with the
command and not to steal. So he re-
turned it and went away, if not with
the orange, with what was better,
a clear conscience. When his mother
asked him if he had been a good boy
all the day he was a little confused and
said:

"I don't know; pretty good. I guess
I haven't broken any of the command-
ments, but I guess I cracked one of
them."—Mack's Monthly.

THE CHRISTMAS DINNER.

In spite of the fact that the word dys-
pepsia means literally bad cook, it will
not be fair for many to lay the blame
on the cook if they begin the Christ-
mas Dinner with little appetite and
end it with distress or nausea. It may
not be fair for any to do that—let us
hope so for the sake of the cook! The
disease dyspepsia indicates a bad
stomach, that is a weak stomach, rather
than a bad cook, and for a weak stom-
ach there is nothing else equal to
Hood's Sarsaparilla. It gives the stom-
ach vigor and tone, cures dyspep-
sia, creates appetite, and makes eat-
ing the pleasure it should be.

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