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Did you ever unhook your feet from the rungs of your porch chair, descend from the Portico, and visit West Hartford? If you didn't, try it some time; it is amusing to watch us try to follow the walk that wabbles along the west side of South Main street. —RSK.

Punctuality.

"Early broilers pay if you buy Smith's sturdy chicks. Incubators now running. Hatches every Tuesday. Stuart Smith."

—Adv. in Shore Line Times.

Joe B. says "No wonder the printer fell in love with Annabelle; she was just the right type."

Perhaps the fact that Pola Negri has named her perfume-cocktail "Reconciliation" is because she is reconciled to the fact that it is only perfume. Anyway, the New York customs shouldn't vex her when returning this time.

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STATIC AND VENERABLE PLANT BY FREDERICK P. LATIMER

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If politics had lost some of the bitterness of the immediate post war days it was still an exceedingly lively and rough and tumble enterprise. In 1869 there was no question about the nomination of Marshall Jewell for the governorship and he was elected, although Hartford, as usual, was democratic. The democrats took Dixon up and nominated him for congress. Hawley had the satisfaction of seeing him defeated and playing a large part in it. Julius L. Strong was the successful republican nominee.

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Poverty is annoying until you think of those who feel excited when a year's search rewards them with another antique foot stool.

Nobody knows what started the fires in Washington; but if the town's naughtiness is accurately reported, the story of Sodom may throw some light on the subject.

Correct this sentence: "I know it's your dinner time," said the feminine caller, "so I'll stay only a minute."

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Work a while at \$10 a week, dear girl, and matrimony will be a blessed state that affords three squares.

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Lomond Concert company as special feature.

"Jack and the Beanstalk," hailed as "the greatest motion picture ever made; 1,500 feet of film," shown at the Hartford Opera house.

Alexander W. Creedon elected president of the Hartford Public High School Glee club.

U. S. Senator Morgan G. Bulkeley makes his first public address, since election to senate by general assembly, before annual meeting of Manchester Business Men's association. The subject of the senator's speech was "The Business Man in Politics."

Bob Fitzsimmons insists that promoters guarantee purse of \$5,000 for proposed bout with Jack O'Brien.

Sebastian P. Keppler, who served during entire period of the Civil war, and leader in G. A. R. activities in state, dies in Norwich at age of 69.

THE "INS" AND THE "OUTS."

(Duluth Herald.)

There are only two kinds of people in California—those who know the inside story of the William Desmond Taylor murder and those who wish they did.

to receive donations, of my letters, would the proprietor or ma- tablishment and a che- collected would be giv- instead of cash and treasurer of the Wor- In so doing, matters up to satisfy the pub- Moreover, in order interest at this time in engaging through a Dr. Charles Francis P- city to debate with- Potter will take for- Rise of Humanism—a New Age," and I will- ter's views by taking fundamentalist in a- not of a dogmatic na- will take place not la- 2 or 3. I believe the of interest to the pub- G

Hartford, Jan. 17.

Owner Descri-

To the Editor of The

The article in The- 13, 1930, citing Ruff, by Miss Lotta E. Ell- sor, as being of a bit- stand correction.

Ruff did acquire a bitten a half a doz- was not true. Ruff slandered. He bit- counting the incid- Lord. He scratched also interfering with scratch only.

Ruff did not live in the means of teaching she has made the m- those most concern- estimation than they

As to the incident c- attendant at Dr. Prog- have not at any time did the biting. The lightning that at the occurred, there was i- care, a dog that had i- for many months, li- or anything it could becomes wild when at- tic care, and as Dr. l- long time, and with- caught the dog, one- state to which the ani- I did not want Dr. F- Ruff but there is con- in the knowledge that confined in a cage, ch- chain, and has esca- axe handle hanging or

Warehouse Point, Ct

The President and

To the Editor of The T

On March 4, 1929, the oath of office. Cl- administered the oath- ident-elect placed his- bible. "I do solemnly- faithfully execute the o- of the United States, and defend the consti- ted States." In tak- president had no thou- exception in the ca- amendment. Suppos- to the chief justice, "I- of my ability, preserve, fend the constitutio- states with the ex- 18th amendment." It- that Mr. Taft would that a valid oath and- sumption of the office- the United States. Th- has decided that the- is a constituent part- tion and Mr. Hoover w- ventured to place hi- against that of the su- president is a man of- acter and of fine inte- keen sense of moral a- sponsibility. Is it not- tion upon the charac- dent to assume that- to his oath of office- to oppose his person- that of the supreme c- nate branch of the go- an imputation of po- strikes at the very cen- ermental system. It is- how any citizen can- ident capable of such a- trust conferred upon hi-

Those who are oppo- amendment should ma- president and the pub- cal solution of the pres- is easy enough to den- amendment but what- do about it? The const- for the adoption of am- of course includes the- any amendment that- I have no criticism wh- of those who carry on a- ing to the elimination- amendment. As a matte- not myself in favor of- the 18th amendment. A- adopted and had been- states, I favored the rat- Connecticut legislature- not in any way have ad- idation of the 18th ame- people of Connecticut, b- encouraged our citizens- law.

The 18th amendment- stead act are not the o- the president is finding- force. The anti-narcotic- so-called white slave la- respects quite as difficul- tion is by no means sir- tion of counterfeiting, s- income tax returns, et- the government to keep- of detectives and agents- Those who rail at the 11- are raising serious ques- many of the other prov- constitution and acts of- us be frank about this- and see whether we- push the right of privat- its limit. If so, the cons- United States and the a- will soon become scraps

EDWIN KNOX

Hartford, Jan. 15.