

Westerly Church Entertainments

Pleasant Evening Provided for Many Patrons—Arranging for Lincoln Day—How the Law Against Boxing is Evaded—Gift for Past Secretary of Hancock Relief Corps—Personals.

Westerly people are interested in the action taken by the general assembly toward securing a canal from Watch Hill to Narragansett bay, a resolution being passed by both senate and house, requesting the Rhode Island delegation in congress to urge an appropriation for making a preliminary survey of the proposed route.

Mrs. Ralph W. Briggs of Ashaway, soprano soloist, took an important part in the well attended concert in the Broad Street Christian church, Thursday evening, under the direction of the young people of the church. Mrs. Briggs and the others who furnished a most enjoyable musical and literary entertainment, received merited applause.

Although boxing and wrestling matches are not permitted in model Westerly, the residents are not seriously inconvenienced on that account owing to the fact that such sporting exhibitions are given just over the boundary line in the orderly village of Pawtucket, in the thirty town of Stonington. Last week there was a wrestling bout in the building on the bridge, and this week there was another with a boxing bout preliminary.

The exercises opened with an organ selection by A. J. Robinson of Plymouth, followed by these numbers of a well balanced programme: Aria from Samson and Delilah, My Heart is in the Highlands, St. Simeon, by Miss Bertha A. Hall, contra; reading, by Miss Rose Eccleston; duet, with violin obbligato, Angela Serenade, G. Braxton, by Mrs. Ralph M. Briggs and Miss Maud Briggs; piano solo, Aufschwung, Schumann, by Miss Bertha A. Hall; reading, by Miss Rose Eccleston; Russian Volkslied, The Scarlet Sarafan, Tliff, from the Arabian, Allah, Chadwick and an Irish Song, Come Back to Erin, Claribel, by Mrs. Ralph M. Briggs; piano solo, 'Tis a Dream, Hayley, The Hills of Sive, Harris, and Springtide, Brecker, by Miss Bertha A. Hall; reading, by Miss Rose Eccleston; piano solo, Valse Romantique, Charninade, by Miss Lucy Lee West; organ selections, by A. J. Robinson.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

New Britain.—The Day nursery has issued an appeal for financial assistance.

Stamford.—Robert F. Adams, proprietor of the Stamford house, is negotiating for the purchase of the Clifford hotel in South Norwalk.

Westport.—A committee has been appointed by Aspetuck lodge, K. of P., to make arrangements for the thirtieth anniversary celebration Feb. 16.

Milford.—J. L. Miles, acting for the Game Protective association, has distributed from Wheeler's Farms to Beaver Brook a flock of Hungarian partridges.

Hartford.—The secretary of state has announced the appointment of Attorney Eimer H. Lounsbury of Bridgeport as clerk of the department, vice Mr. Dwyer, made deputy secretary.

Danbury.—The death rate in December was 12.9 per 1,000 of population as against 12.7 for the entire state. The only report of any infectious disease during the month was one case of diphtheria.

New Haven.—Senator Dennis A. Blakeslee of New Haven heads a movement to have the state purchase a famous collection of Connecticut historical relics. The collection would cost about \$25,000.

Meriden.—The members of the A. J. Audrey Gun club are awakening an interest in trap shooting among local sportsmen. When the season opens in the spring they anticipate a revival of trap shooting in this city.

Hartford.—Gen. Thomas McManus, who yearly visits the battlefields about New Orleans, where he fought in the Civil war as major of the Twenty-fifth C. V., has visited on the trip and is at present in Washington.

Wallingford.—The school at North Branford was closed Wednesday for mourning at the instigation of Dr. L. E. Brainard of Wallingford, who is the North Branford health officer. There is a pupil of the school ill with diphtheria.

Bridgeport.—There are 512 licensed automobiles owned in Bridgeport, according to the books of the board of assessors, representing an aggregate cost to the owners of \$274,325. This is 26 more than a year ago and an increased investment of \$26,750.

Wallingford.—Rev. Charles L. Pardee of South Orange, N. J., who was

given a call to the rectorship of St. Michael's Episcopal church in this place, has accepted his acceptance. He succeeds Rev. W. J. Garth, who has gone to Islip, L. I., and will preach his first sermon on Feb. 15.

Public Ownership.

The city of Seattle is at present furnishing an awful warning against the municipal ownership of electric lighting plants. In response to persistent public demand, that progressive city set about the establishment of municipal lighting facilities and appropriated \$1,000,000 for building expenses. The sum of \$1,754,806 has already been spent and half a million more will be needed. Meanwhile the plant lost \$300,000 in operating expenses, despite the fact that the rates were graded from 8 1-2 cents to 1-2 cents per kilowatt, against a charge of 10 cents to 8 cents in neighboring city of Tacoma, where a private company supplies the current. Mr. Young, auditor of the municipal plant, sums up the situation thus tersely:

"The most dangerous thing a city can take hold of is its electric management. Unless all politics is cut out, unless your department is admirably systematized, and unless you have the proper men to head it, it can never pay."

—Waterbury Republican.

Some Gain.

The Mayors' association and the State grange have taken up the matter of collection of poll and military taxes. A bill will be presented to the legislature. Intended to improve the situation. There is plenty of room for improvement. About every phase of the question is discussed except the exemptions. These are so numerous, and often absurd, that they constitute one of the greatest weaknesses in this system. However, it is some time to get these organizations interested.—Bristol Free.

PECULIAR STATUES OF KINGS.

Rulers of Dahome Represented in Guise of Beasts.

In Man Prof. J. G. Frazer discusses three remarkable statues of kings of Dahome now deposited in the Trocadero museum. The figures are symbolical, each king being represented in the guise of an animal. Thus, Guezo, who reigned from 1818 to 1858, and was known as "the cock," is represented by a man covered with feathers; Guelo (1858-89), "the lion," as a lion rampant; Behanzin, his successor, who was finally deposed by the French, known as "the shark," appears as a dogfish graced with the arms and supported by human legs. The "feathers" which once covered the statue of Guezo are nothing but metal plates, nails, gullets and scraps of old iron. Prof. Frazer observes that the existence of these statues seems to prove that certain kings of Dahome habitually posed as certain fierce animals or as birds. They possibly intended by this means to serve some magical purpose. At any rate, they cannot be totems hereditary in the male line, since they differed in three successive generations traced from father to son.

A Fearful Tale.

The confession of Rev. John H. Carmichael of Battle Run church in his neighbor, of the terrible and grisly deed which he committed in the little wooden church around the fire that was to play its part in the tragedy, each fearing, each watching the other. Nothing simpler in all of Poe's tales of family and disaster.—Boston Record.

Thought He Was Talking to Roosevelt.

A confederate veteran from Thompson, Ga., who called on Mr. Taft informed him that he had been the husband of four wives, was the father of 19 children and had lost all count of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. But just as an example, he added, one of his grandchildren was the father of seven. The man must have thought that he was talking to Roosevelt.—Waterbury American.

Should Pool Their Emotions.

Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, who is "pledged" over the selection of Professor Lowell to be president of Harvard, and Hon. Frank Bosworth Brandegee, whom the outcome of the senatorial caucus is expected to be "picked" for his seat in the senate, are standing on my head or on my heels. They should pool their distinguished emotions in a vaudeville sketch.—New Haven Register.

"What is It, Between Friends?"

The shah's habit of revoking the constitution ought to have been a lesson of congratulation from another potentate who, like the Persians of old, can ride, shoot and speak the truth at the same time.—New York Sun.

Tried in the Same Court.

Wilhelm of Germany might cable his diplomatic condolences to Mr. Roosevelt on the persistence in an hour of embarrassment of the javali which some have remarked in their characters and careers.—Providence Journal.

Might Have Been Worse.

It has been ascertained that 1,500,000 voters failed to cast their ballots at the late presidential election. That is why the result does not look worse for Br'er Bryan.—Los Angeles Times.

One of Marsé Henri's.

A gray wolf is running loose in southern Illinois. It is believed to have escaped from the den of Colonel Watterson, who has the finest pack in captivity.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

An Expensive Whistle.

Fifteen thousand dollars for detecting the hills in the Brownsville case looks like a lot of money, considering what was got for it.—New Bedford Standard, Rep.

At the Summit.

"Who is the most important person in the world?" asks the Wichita Eagle. One answer, based on observation, is the head waiter of a dining car.—New York Mail.

A Future Possibility.

Encouraged by the example of congress even the amiable African zulus may turn it up upon.—Providence Journal.

The International Stomach.

Judge Taft has tried meals in all lands, including the land of the possum, and his stomach is now international.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Explaining the Mystery.

Dr. Bigger has arranged for Mr. Rockefeller to live 100 years. Is this so that Miss Tarbell will not be here to write his obituary?—Pittsburg Gazette.

Would Change His Mind.

If Tom Hood were alive he would revise those lines depicting the martyr of Christian charity under the sun.—Rochester Post-Express.

A Difference.

The sultan of Turkey is said to be worth \$60,000,000. There's a difference between having that much money and being worth it.—Omaha Bee.

A Presidential Cabinet.

That tall structure they are building over in Augusta, Ga., is not a skyscraper; it is a presidential cabinet.—Memphis News-Scholar.

Not That Kind.

Castro says he is going back to face the music. Well, there's music in a funeral march.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Proof of His Wealth.

Richard Croker must still possess considerable wealth if he can afford to raise chickens.—Toledo Blade.

LIKE UNTO OTHER CAUCUSES.

Fashion Set by Hannibal Hamlin Not Infrequently Followed.

The old saw says that "politics makes strange bedfellows," and it is likewise a fact that the professional politician is frequently moved by the "exigencies of the case," to acts that will not stand close scrutiny. Not alone is this so in the present day, but it was so "in the days of the fathers." When Hannibal Hamlin first began his political career he was once at a caucus in Hampden, the only attendant besides himself being a citizen of very tall stature and ponderous build. Mr. Hamlin had some resolutions to pass which began by representing that they were presented to a "large and respectable" gathering of voters, and he proceeded to read and "vote" them onto the records of the caucus.

"Hold on!" cried the other man. "We can't pass that, for it ain't true." "What isn't true?" demanded the wily Hamlin.

"It ain't a large and respectable caucus," objected the other member of the assembly. "There's only two of us."

"That's all right, brother, that's all right," assured Hamlin. "It goes as read. Just you keep still. This is a large and respectable caucus, all right. You're large and I am respectable."

And the resolution "passed" without further demur.

WATERBURY'S BIG TAX COLLECTION.

Tax Collector Francis T. Reeves of Waterbury has rendered his report for 1908 to Mayor Thoms. It shows that a total of \$936,490.96 was collected and turned over to the city treasurer. The largest item was on the list of 1907, second district inside, which yielded \$422,571. Water rents for 1908 totaled \$178,484.43. Interest in the collector's account with the Manufacturers National bank amounted to \$753.64, which was credited directly to the city's account.

Winsted.—Burr Beecher pays one-half of the taxes on his house to Winsted and on the other half to the town of Norfolk, because his home stands in both.

Superiority to All Law.

There is something servile in the habit of seeking after a law which we may obey. We may study laws of matter and for our convenience, but a successful life knows no law. It is an unfortunate discovery certainly, that of a law which binds us where we did not know before we were bound. Live free, child of the mist—and with respect to knowledge we are all children of the mist. The man who takes the liberty to live is superior to all the laws, by virtue of his relation to the lawmaker. "That is active duty," says the Vishnu Purana, "which is not for our bondage; that is knowledge which is for our liberation; all other duty is good only unto weariness; all other knowledge is only the cleverness of an artist."—Henry D. Thoreau.

Attitude in Face of Death.

A British medical man thus tells his experience of how men and women face death: Tell the man of higher type and greater intelligence, he says, that he is facing death, and he begins to fight, demands a consultation, talks about going to specialists and fights grimly to the finish. Tell a woman the same facts, and she lies back to await her fate. All women are fatalists. On the other hand tell a man that he has one chance in a thousand to recover if he will undergo an operation, and he will trust to his own strength and endurance rather than undergo the knife. The woman will choose the thousandth chance, and submit to the operation with astounding calmness.

Feeding People.

When a woman wishes to entertain guests at dinner she sets everything movable in the house out on the front porch. She drags out the rugs and hires a boy to beat them. She has the woodwork painted and the walls papered, she sweeps, scrubs, washes the windows, dusts, does up the lace curtains, changes the beds, oils the floors and the furniture, bakes, boils, roasts and stews for three days. When the dinner comes off her head aches so hard that she can't see across the table.

When a man wants to feed people he takes them to a restaurant.—Newark (N. J.) News.

Good Boy, Naughty Servant.

She had become engaged for the first time on the previous evening, and love's young dream wrapped itself around her soul with the thickness of an elderdown quilt. But she was bashful, and blushed and started like a trembling fawn whenever the name of her lover was mentioned.

At last her little bother spoke. "I wanted so much to peep through the keyhole last night while you were in the parlor with Mr. Fliplop."

"But like a good little boy you didn't, did you?"

"No; the servant got there first!"—Home Chat.

Their Brand Expensive.

Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison don't think much of the grade of free speech which costs six months and up.—Nashville American.

Truth and Fiction.

A critic is telling us that France is losing its interest in fiction. No wonder—truth is stranger, over there.—Cleveland Leader.

Calling down a kaiser who is wrong and calling down a president, right or wrong, are two very different sorts of jobs.—New York Press.

NO-LICENSE CAMPAIGN.

To Be Carried on Vigorously in Middletown.

The Middletown no-license forces have begun plans for a campaign against the saloon which for vigor and persistence are not likely to be rivaled in the state. The meeting of the committee Tuesday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium may be regarded as the opening step. It was announced directly after the November election, in which license won out by a small majority, that this was not regarded as a defeat, but would only stimulate the opponents of the saloon to greater activity. In accordance with this announcement the campaign will be prosecuted vigorously from now on.

Mgr. Slocum's Chalice Returned.

In accordance to the provisions of the will of the late Mgr. W. J. Slocum, who died some time ago in Waterbury, the chalice which the parishioners of St. Mary's church of Norwich presented him, just before he left Norwich, has been returned to that church and was used for the first time Sunday morning. This is another instance of the tact and thoughtfulness of Father Slocum, which traits made him probably one of the most beloved of pastors.

Honors for Dr. Graham Lusk.

Dr. Graham Lusk, a former resident and native of Bridgeport, was elected professor of physiology in the Cornell medical school, at a meeting of the board of trustees of that university in the Waldorf, New York city, Saturday. Dr. Lusk was born in Bridgeport February 15, 1866. He graduated from Columbia university in 1887, Munich in 1891 and later received an honorary M.A. at Yale, where he taught from 1891 to 1898. In 1900 he married Mary Woodbridge Tiffany.

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