

John Delevan of Westerly Drops Dead

Question of Collecting Fees for Public Amusements to be Considered by Town Council - Local Students at State Normal School - Administrator Coy Takes an Appeal - News in General.

John Delevan, who until about eighteen months ago was one of the best known residents of Westerly, when he disposed of his real estate here and removed to Woonsocket, dropped dead in the street in that city Saturday morning from heart failure.

Mr. Delevan arose at his usual time and after breakfast started for the Longley building, where he was employed as elevator tender. Leaving his home in Grove street shortly after 9 o'clock, and after going down Crawford street to Park avenue, continued on the car tracks, where a passenger car had been made through the snow.

Mr. Delevan came to Westerly from Woonsocket soon after the close of the Civil war and for twenty years worked as machinist at the C. E. Cottrell Sons' printing press plant. He was the first to be appointed letter carrier in Westerly and served for seventeen years, when he resigned by reason of failing health.

The matter of extending Noyes avenue to the Pawcatuck river and, perhaps, to the Pawcatuck bridge, is to be considered by the citizens of Stonington, as a petition is now being circulated for signatures calling for a special town meeting for that purpose.

Mr. Delevan was born in Lowell, Mass., and served three years in the Civil war, enlisting in Battery B, First Rhode Island Light Artillery, serving with distinction. Mr. Delevan sighted the famous Green Island, which he recently transferred from the old stationhouse to the marble capitol in Providence, and he took prominent part in the exercises when the statue was taken to place in the lobby of the new capitol.

Mr. Delevan was instrumental in organizing the Smith post, G. A. R., of Woonsocket. He was a member and past master of Pawcatuck lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Westerly, and a member of the Grand Mason. He was also a member of Ames lodge, Ancient Order United Workmen, of Woonsocket.

The review of the First artillery district corps by Governor Pothier, accompanied by his staff, will take place this (Monday) evening in the Providence armory and will be a gala military-dancing occasion. The entire command of field and staff, band and eight companies will participate, arrangements having been made for the transportation of the Westerly, Woonsocket and Pawcatuck companies to Providence.

Aside from this feature, the extension would be of general public benefit, as it would greatly shorten the routes to these sections of both towns. Although both towns are at larger heads over two bridges, it is believed there would be united action on the proposed extension of the Pawcatuck river, thereby extending Noyes to Canal street at a point near the Westerly Light and Power company's plant. An incentive for the work of extension is done at the expense of the town of Stonington, that the town bear its proportion of the cost of constructing a bridge over the Pawcatuck river, thereby extending Noyes to Canal street at a point near the Westerly Light and Power company's plant.

There will probably be early issue of the new city regulations covering the coats to the Rhode Island National guard, regulation having been made.

The matter of collecting license fees for public amusements will be further considered at the meeting of the Westerly town council this (Monday) morning. At the last council meeting it was voted to issue license for the fifteen cents, and to be \$1 for each performance, and payments to be made weekly. Since that time there has been a change in the management of the house, and no license has been taken out fees paid. The matter of collecting the license fees will probably be explained to the town council.



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St. Andrew's Guild Gives Successful Whist—Mrs. William Gleason's Death—Views of Italian Sculpture at Library.

The ladies of St. Andrew's guild gave one of their pleasant whist parties at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell O'Connell, on Pleasant street, Friday evening. There was a good attendance, although the weather was bad. A few came from Moodus, Fitchville and other surrounding towns.

Death of Mrs. William Gleason. Charles H. Dawley went to Hartford Friday and returned Saturday with the body of Mrs. William Gleason, who died at the Hartford hospital, after having undergone an operation. The funeral was held at her home in Westchester Sunday afternoon.

New Views at Library. The Cragin library has received a new set of views of Italian sculpture, which have been placed on the rack. There are about one hundred views of different works of art which adorn the walls of cathedrals and palaces in Italy.

John Brown of East Haddam was a visitor here Saturday.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Meriden.—The Meriden mission study institute will open this (Monday) evening at the Y. W. C. A.

Windsor Locks.—Tax Commissioner W. H. Corbin will address the heavy taxpayers of the town in a memorial hall this (Monday) evening.

Stamford.—The resolution providing for a state armory in Stamford, introduced by Representative Eckhardt, calls for an appropriation of \$75,000 for site and building.

Danbury.—Rev. Walter J. Shanley will be tendered a reception and banquet at the Hotel Green on Tuesday evening, February 2, by the men connected with St. Peter's church.

New Haven.—Dr. Green, president of the American Society of Musicians, and Edward Payson Vining, LL.D., the noted orientalist, have been guests at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. D. D. Monroe.

Redding.—Miss Jean Clemens, daughter of Mark Twain, has arrived from Europe, where she has been traveling several months for her health. She is to make her first visit to her father's home here.

Hartford.—The Rocky River Power Co. is considering petitioning the legislature for a broad franchise to harness the Housatonic river in Litchfield county; dams will be erected at Cornwall and Sharon.

Derby.—The town tax list shows an increase of nearly half a million dollars over the list for 1907, as finally revised by the board of relief, and about a quarter of a million over the 1907 list as made up by the assessors.

Bridgewater.—An addition to the Stratfield, large enough to provide 100 more rooms is being considered by Samuel H. Wheeler, the proprietor of what has come to be known as one of the finest hotels between New York and Boston.

An Important Conviction. We are beginning to realize here in Connecticut the importance which is attached to the movement of the better class of monthly publications started for the purpose of putting an end to the so-called white slave traffic of the larger cities. The conviction of Mrs.

Addie Burns of Norwich and her subsequent indeterminate prison sentence of not less than twelve years nor more than twenty years to the state prison is of interest wherever the people of the commonwealth are sensible to the importance of improving the morals of the cities, and is of particular interest in New Haven, which furnished the more child which was dragged into a life of shame, as alleged, by the woman who is now sentenced to prison. The white slave traffic is something which the police find hard to battle with owing to the modesty of the victims, which makes them reluctant about making complaints, and the skillful manner in which the unscrupulous traffickers ply their trade. But since the white slave trade of the country has been so glaringly exposed, revealing conditions more horrible than even the police were aware of, by the investigation of charitable organizations, reformers of national reputation and the magazines, there has been more of a disposition on the part of the authorities to become active in slouching upon and arresting those engaged in luring young girls from their homes for the purpose of selling them into slavery to such persons as the court found Mrs. Burns to be. It is encouraging that Connecticut has brought to an abrupt end at least one of the most heinous of the white slave trade has been flourishing. The Burns case has been one particularly offensive and one in which womanhood has been portrayed in the lowest roles of society, and her own admissions on the witness stand, where she revealed her business occupation, were shameful examples of the vice depths to which a woman can fall. It was damaging enough to this woman's character to harbor iniquity under her roof without the shame being added of aiding and plotting the ruination of a good girl of only 17 years of age. While the guilty woman is being made to suffer for her conduct and offense against the state, it will not return to her innocent victim that which the girl just blossoming into womanhood has been cherished most—her purity.—New Haven Palladium.

Liberian Boom. This interest in Africa may yet do something toward promoting a boom in Liberian real estate.—Washington Star.

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