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BULLETIN NEWS LETTERS FROM ITS BROADENING FIELD

LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

The Business and Social Life of Every Town and Settlement Reflected in These Columns.

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

UNCASVILLE.

Social Happenings of the Week—Suit Against Hebrew Farmers' Federation—Burial of Mrs. William Fitch.

William Smiddy has purchased of the woolen mill company the house and land opposite the Palmer Bros. company's mill in Palmertown.

Arthur J. Newton, who is employed in Norwich, is at the home of his mother, Mrs. G. L. Newton, ill with grip.

Frank H. Rogers the Host.

Frank H. Rogers entertained friends at his home in Palmertown Friday evening with games and music. Miss Marian Lynch was the successful one in pinning the tail on the buffalo. March Furber coming in second. In the potato race, Orrin Gay was first. A feature of the evening was selections on the violin by Orrin Gay and piano selections by Fred Chapel. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch, Mrs. Ellen Clifford, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Woodmansee, Miss Mabel Browning, Misses Helen Lynch and Marian Lynch, Mark Furber, Orrin Gay and Fred W. Chapel.

Ralph Seigel of Palmertown, injured a year ago by being thrown from a horse, suffering injuries which effected his mind, was taken Saturday to Brewsters Neck for treatment, which it is hoped will be effective. Seigel is about 18 years of age.

Sale and Supper.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Montville Center Congregational church held a supper at which oyster stew, baked beans and cake were on sale. Eight dollars was the receipts for the sale. After the supper a spelling match was held. After a lively contest Mrs. Frank Scholfield was the last to go down. Mrs. Glassbrenner and Mr. Fellows stood next longest.

Bid $1 Less Than Fox.

Harry Auwood, ural carrier from the Oakdale postoffice, has also been awarded the contract to carry the mail between the Oakdale and Montville postoffices. This route has been in charge for several years past of Joel Fox. Mr. Fox has given good satisfaction but in sending in a bid for the route Auwood underbid Fox one dollar. The term of Mr. Fox does not expire until July 1.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Allen in Palmertown there was a surprise party Friday evening in honor of their son Leon Allen. Games were played and music enjoyed; refreshments were served. The affair was planned by Miss Lena Miner and Miss Minnie Chapel.

Student From Newton Preaches.

The pulpit of the Union Baptist church, Palmertown, was occupied by Mr. Fox, a student at the theological seminary at Newton, Mass., for both morning and evening sermons. Mr. Fox is a friend of Mr. Whittemore of the same school school, who will occupy the pulpit in this church next Sunday at that time, giving the church his decision in regard to accepting the call which the church has extended.

Mr. Fox was entertained durine his stay in town at the home of Mrs. Joseph Latimer.

Mrs. Elisabeth Burchard entertained the woman's home mission study class of the Union Baptist church Thursday afternoon. Miss Grace Lyon was reader.

Burial of Mrs. William Fitch.

Mrs. Lucy Angell Fitch, whose death occurred in New York last Saturday, was a former resident of this town being the daughter of Adonijah Fitch and Anna Fox, who owned a farm in the town of Montville near Trading Cove. She was born March 8, 1819. She married Capt. William Fitch April 7, 1845, and was the mother of three children, but one of whom lived to grow up, the Rev. James W. Fitch, who died about three weeks ago, and at whose home she was living at the time of her death. Her body was brought on Wednesday for burial in the family plot in Comstock's cemetery, the Rev. S. T. Maine conducting the services.

The initiatory degree was worked on a class of three candidates Tuesday night by Thames lodge, I. O. O. F.

The Massasoit company at Oakdale started up the mill Tuesday morning, after a shut down for repairs.

Appeal Taken.

In the case of L. Weinstein against Louis Cohen, tried before George O. Allen on Saturday, judgment was rendered that Weinstein recover the full amount of $20. The suit was to recover a bill for labor. Cohen gave notice of an appeal from the decision.

Federation Sued.

A preliminary hearing was heard Saturday afternoon before William Smiddy, justice of the peace, in a suit brought against the Hebrew Farmers' federation by L. Weinstein this postponed for two weeks. The Farmers' federation made a plea of abatement, alleging that the service of papers had been made at a late hour. This suit is brought to recover from the federation certain commissions for service rendered in real estate. Attorney Charles W. Comstock represents Weinstein.

About twenty friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch met at their home in Palmertown and spent a pleasant social evening Monday. There were several selections on the mandolin by James E. Murphy, principal of Palmer Memorial school. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Lynch.

GOSHEN.

Surprise for Musical Director—Project to Organize O. U. A. M. Lodge—A February Woodchuck.

A surprise was given Charles D. Geer, teacher of the choral class on Friday, when at the close of the exercises Friday evening, he and the members of the class were invited to the church kitchen, upstairs, where an oyster supper was served. After supper a social time was enjoyed.

Spoke on O. U. A. M.

Thomas Gilmore, connected with the order of United American Mechanics, gave an interesting address on the objects and principles of the order in Academy hall, Saturday evening. It is understood a number of applications for membership was received on the same evening.

A deer was recently seen crossing Maple Hill at a rapid pace, hotly pursued by two hounds.

A Lincoln Prize Winner.

Miss Bessie H. Randall received a Lincoln medal from the Norwich Bulletin as a reward of merit in the recent prize essay competition, offered by The Bulletin.

A local hunter and trapper shot a woodchuck Thursday, February 22, which is a very unusual occurrence.

Mrs. W. G. Thomas, who has been seriously ill, is convalescent.

CLARK'S FALLS.

Death and Funeral of George W. Nason—Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard Entertain Friends in Enjoyable Manner—M. M. Maine Has Rheumatism.

George W. Nason, a former resident of this village, died at his home in Ashaway on Saturday. On Monday the funeral was held at his late home on High street, Rev. E. P. Mathewson of Hopkinton City officiating. T. W. Johnson, D. E. Blake, M. H. Kenyon and Henry Bromley acted as bearers. The interment was in the Brown cemetery, a short distance south of this village. Mr. Nason leaves a wife and one son to mourn his death.

Returns to Woman's Exchange.

Miss Annie Perney of the Woman's Exchange, New York, who has been the guest of Mrs. Henry F. Babcock a week, has returned to her work in that city.

Elmer Merritt Resigns.

Elmer Merritt, who started and has kept up a delivery route for E. L. Moulton's store of general merchandise in Ashaway, finished his work for that store Tuesday. Mr. Moulton had another man on the route, F. H. Brown of Niantic.

Entertained Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stoddard and son, Fred Sisson, entertained a large number of their friends Saturday evening. The time was passed pleasantly with music and dancing, until a late hour. George Goodhue of Carolina was pianist, Will Nye, Arthur M. Coon, violinist, while E. W. Sisson played the banjo. Among the guests from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. John Hoxsie, Will Lawton, wife sister and friends of Westerly, Henry Walton, Mr. and Mrs. William King and son John of the same place, George Goodhue, George Pilmpton, Byron Cole and Joe Broughton of Carolina, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sisson and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Moulton of Ashaway, Mr. and Mrs. George Hoxsie of Hopkinton City and Mrs. Hattie Fatbbun of Waterford. An oyster supper was served during the evening.

Local Matters.

Mrs. Charles Thomas and grandson John O'Neil, have returned to Newport on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Thomas' husband's mother.

M. M. Maine has had a severe attack of grip; now he is suffering with rheumatism in one of his knees so that he is unable to leave the house. Mr. Maine's wife has been an invalid for many years and unable to help herself at all, and the care of her has fallen heaviest on Mr. Maine. They have the sympathy of the Sunshine people, who have helped what they could.

Zebulon Y. Brown and son Elmer are entertaining Mr. Brown's daughter, Mrs. Joseph Northup of Wakefield, R. I., who arrived Wednesday.

At the Sabbath school in Clarks Falls on Sunday Elmer Brown distributed leaflets, Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. The leaflet is a gem, and a wonderful portrayal of the thoughts of God. The author, Annie M. Burdick of Westerly, R. I., offers it "without money and without price" to all who will write for it. We are thankful for a copy of this valuable leaflet.

LEDYARD.

Board of Relief Finishes Work—Grand List $416,633.48—Numerous Sales of Oxen.

Mr. Gilbert and family of Montville have moved to Frederick Cook's house and will improve his farm the coming year.

John Cooper has moved to the Etheridge farm, owned by the Spicer estate.

George Fanning and Miss Fannie Fannin, and Mrs. Susan Brown of Hartford were recent callers in town.

Charles A. Gray, who has been staying several days in Boston, has returned home.

Miner Bromley of Ashwillett has moved to the Stanton farm.

Buying Oxen for Spring Work.

Several yoke of oxen have changed hands during the past week. James B. Gray has sold a large pair to Mr. Slocum of Rhode Island and purchased another pair of Charles W. Hewitt. Luther C. Gray and James Holdridge have each purchased a pair of Matt Tinker of Montville and Representative Frank W. Brewster has purchased a pair of George W. Palmer.

Reduction of $3,642.12.

The board of relief has finished their work and have left the grand list $3,642.12 less than the assessors left it, which leaves the grand list at present $416 833.48.

Rev. W. F. White delivered the sermon at the fellowship meeting held at Westerly on Wednesday.

Miss Nellie Geer of Groton spent Sunday at the Geer homestead.

Mrs. Ellen Stoddard of Gales Ferry was a Sunday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac G. Geer.

Alonzo Main and Luther C. Gray have been appointed administrators of the estate of the late Ira D. Main.

Mr. and Mrs. Euijah Morgan of Hartford are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Enos M. Gray.

Miss Sarah Holdridge has been confined to her bed with chickenpox.

Mrs. Adam Larrabee and daughter Alice of Gallup hill, are visiting Mrs. Larrabee's sister, Mrs. Russell Gallup.

Albert Gallup and daughter, Miss Grace Gallup were in Norwich Monday.

LEFFINGWELL.

Sunshine Band Meets With Miss Palmer—Other Notes.

Elliott Dolbeare attended the auction at G. Brown's in Salem on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gardner of Fitchville were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Ross Sunday.

The mission study class met at the parsonage Tuesday afternoon.

The Ladies' Missionary society met with Mrs. George Rogers Wednesday.

The Sunshine band will meet today (Saturday) with Miss Ruth Palmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Whiting of Norwich were the guests of relatives in town Sunday.

Mr. Hammond and Miss Elizabeth Park of Norwich were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross Sunday.

LeGrand Chappelle of Palmertown was a recent caller on Miss E. G. Austin.

GARDNER LAKE.

Earl Maynard is visiting local relatives.

Mrs. Bolender was called to New York recently on account of the illness of her daughter, Mrs. Harry Buffington.

Clarence Bailey and family visited relatives in Bozrah Sunday.

ASHWILLETT.

Death of Mrs. R. E. Turner Pained Local Friends—Mrs. Billings Died in Kansas—Notes.

Friends, acquaintances and former neighbors here of Mrs. Turner, wife of the Rev. R. E. Turner, were pained to learn of her death Friday morning at her home in Lebanon. Mrs. Turner was born in the Latham district, near this place, 34 years s the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Courtland R. Swan. After finishing her studies in the local schools she became a student at the normal school at Willimantic, graduating from that institution with honors. For thirteen years or more Mrs. Turner was a successful school teacher, having taught in North Stonington, her native town, Griswold, Preston and other towns. About two years ago she became the wife of the Rev. Robert E. Turner, pastor of the Baptist church at Lebanon and besides her husband the only immediate surviving relatives are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Swan. The deceased was prominent socially and religiously and was decidedly active in all church work, and was a beautiful Christian woman in every sense of the word. Her death is regretted by a wide circle of friends.

Notes.

Miss Hattie E. White, who teaches the Bethel school in Griswold, was a Sunday guest of Mrs. W. W. Billings and family in Ashwillett.

Mrs. Mary L. E. Roode is the guest of local friends and former neighbors. Mrs. Roode is making her home at present in Worcester.

Deeds, transferring the L. M. Pierce property here to Rhode Island parties, were executed and passed Tuesday.

W. E. Tolhurst had as his guest on Sunday his sister, Mrs. McLean of Providence.

Death of Mrs. Abbie S. Billings.

It was with sorrow and regret that the residents of Ashwillett learned of the death of Mrs. Abbie Starkweather Billings, which occurred at her home in Manhattan, Kansas, Monday, Feb. 22. The church activity and many acts of love, kindness and friendship of Mrs. Billings during her residence here will ever be cherished in the hearts of every citizen here as long as life lasts. Her sweet disposition and noble Christian character are worthy of emulation. A grand life of Christianity and love for others is ended. B. F. Billings, her husband, died about eighteen years aga.

Prize for Perfect Spelling.

The prize on perfect spelling in the Ashwillett school has been awarded to Miss Annie Brown Caswell. Miss Caswell is a leading scholar in North Stonington and is 14 years of age.

The Rev. John Sheffield place, so-called, here has been rented to Locklin McLean of Attleboro, Mass., for the coming year.

Nathan Sands Morgan of Ledyard has hired the Truman Chapman place, so-called, in Ashwillett, for the year beginning April 1.

LEBANON.

Abell House Threatened by Fire—Mrs. R. E. Turner's Funeral—Address on O. U. A. M.

The pastor-elect, Eugene B. Smith, was with the First Congregational church last Sunday, and his sermons were practical and helpful. Next Sunday it is expected that Prof. A. R. Merriam of Hartford Theological Seminary will preach.

On Thursday of last week, while the wind was blowing a gale, the home of C. J. Abell, town clerk and treasurer, came near having a destructive fire. The chimney burned out and the flames burst out in one or two rooms. But the cool heads and quick hands of the family and a few neighbors proved equal to the emergency, and the damage was comparatively light.

Funeral of Mrs. R. E. Turner.

The funeral services of Mrs. Turner, wife of Rev. R. E. Turner, were held in the Baptist church at 12 o'clock Wednesday, Rev. P. C. Wright of Norwich officiating. A large number of sympathizing friends were in attendance. The burial was in the new cemetery.

Thomas F. Gilmore of New Haven, a veteran of the civil war and an officer in the Order of United American Mechanics, has been spending a few days in town in the interests of the order. Last Wednesday evening at an open meeting Mr. Gilmore gave an interesting address in Grange hall on the principles and object of the order.

On Friday evening of last week the ladies of the First Congregational chudch gave a supper, entertainment and social in the parlors of the church. The entertainment consisted mainly of songs and recitations by Fred and Fannie Smith, twins, 13 years old, children of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Smith; also a recitation by Sarah C. Danielson. Then followed a pleasant social hour, interspersed with singing by the young people.

Late Ice Cutting.

A number of farmers failed to fill their ice houses in February, when the ice was at its best, but have been securing a sufficient quantity this week.

Mrs. LeRoy Church has been called to Westchester on account of the illness of her mother.

O. C. Tucker has been ill with grip for nearly two weeks. Latest reports seem more favorable.

WATERFORD.

Fierce March Storm—Matters of Personal Interest.

The unusual annual storm due on or before March 6 struck town Wednesday night in full force, making night hideous with cracking, screeching blasts.

W. H. Moore is busily engaged on the contract on the J. B. Palmer estate, Pleasure beach, C. D. Howard, proprietor.

Mrs. H. Willis Manwarring was in Westerly Thursday, attendin gthe funeral of a relative, Mrs. Elizabeth Burdick.

Miss Nellie Williams of Ocean View was recently in Kansas City, Mo.

Jacob Morin has entered the employ of the B. B. and H. Isle Granite company at Great Neck.

James B. Cottrell of New London was a business caller in Graniteville Wednesday.

Frederick Williams entered the employ of Horace P. Lanphear March 1.

Capt. Charles Edwards is seriously ill at his Jordan home.

Mrs. James McNaughton of Graniteville is ill at the home of relatives at Niantic.

A Waterford woman drove up to the postoffice Wednesday afternoon went in, and came out in time to see a bird dog get up on the side of the wagon, take out a bag of doughnuts and sail to the eastward in a hurry.

The Only Objection.

The only objection to it is that the other members of the cabinet can reproach Knox with being a cheap skate.—Omaha World-Herald

OLD MYSTIC.

Queens of Avilon Society Formed with Nine Members—Miscellaneous Social with Fine Programme Given by Epworth League.

A society called the Queens of Avilon, or the Ladies of King Arthur's Court, was organized Thursday evening, Feb. 22, at the Baptist parsonage by Mrs. Jeptha Montrose Olmstead. Mrs. Olmstead was Lady of the Lake, and Delia Williams, Sadie Kennedy, Maude Tinker, Emma Williams, Etta May Lamphere, Ruth Allen, Gladys Mary Olmstead, Maude Williams and Ada Kennedy.

Entertainment in Groton Center.

An entertainment was held in Center Groton chapel on Wednesday evening at 7.30. An interesting programme was rendered, after which cake, sandwiches, coffee and ice cream were for sale. Association proceeds for benefit of the chapel.

The Epworth league of the village Methodist church held a miscellaneous social in the M. E. rooms over Horace O. Williams' store on Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The following programme was rendered: Chorus, Auld Lang Syne; reading, Miss Christine Avery; solo, Mrs. Benjamin, Miss Deniston; reading, Miss Lydia Green; patriotic drill, Esther Barnes, Fay Johnson, Sadie Kennedy, Helen Main, Mabel Greene, Laura Avery; duet, The Quaker Wooing: Miss Lottie Marchand, Ernest Johnson; reading, Miss Florence Johnson; reading, Miss Virgia Hull; chorus, Star Spangled Banner; reading, Miss Maude Horton; chorus, Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean.

Temperance Meeting.

The Junior Loyal Temperance league met Thursday at 4 p. m. in the Methodist conference room.

Personals.

Mrs. Oscar F. Crumb has returned from a visit to relatives in Poquonoc.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church met Tuesday evening with Mrs. Calvin H. Hoxie on Main street.

Mrs. A. Zephaniah Brown of Pleasant View farm, Ledyard, was a local caller Monday afternoon.

Miss Rachel Welsh of Westerly was an over-Sunday guest of Miss Mabel A. Haley.

Mrs. John William Shank and children, Edna, Maude and John Williams, Jr., were guests of Mrs. Shank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shedwood R. Swan of Preston City.

The United Workers of the M. E. church met Wednesday at 2 p. m. with Mrs. William C. Harris.

Miss Elizabeth Harris Hoxie of Norwich was an over-Sunday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin H. Hoxie of Main street.

Mrs. Moses Colver of Center Groton is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Caroline Turner.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union will meet Friday at 2.30 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. Jane H. Dean on Main street.

Mrs. Ellery Davis and youngest child, Benajah, are visiting Mrs. Davis' parents in New Hampshire.

Mrs. Alpheus H. Schoonover and Mrs. Joseph M. Olmstead visited in New London Tuesday afternoon.

FRANKLIN.

Miss Gager Benefited by Stay in North Carolina—Sale of Bailey Place Reported—Whist Club Entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry N. Hyde of Willimantic and Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Hyde of St. Albans were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel N. Hyde on Friday.

Miss May Gibbs of Norwich was the guest of Mrs. Louis Smith last week.

Ezra B. Bailey of Windsor Locks spent Saturday last in Franklin on a business trip.

Mrs. L. P. Ayer was in Norwich Monday.

U. M. Bowers spent Saturday in Willimantic.

Mrs. Hermon A. Gager was a visitor in Willimantic Tuesday.

Constable Samuel N. Hyde is able to be out after being confined for a few days with an attack of rheumatism. Mr. Hyde was in Norwich Monday.

Miss Jessie Campbell and Mrs. Frank A. Rockwood and daughter Florence attended Professor Miller's reception in Norwich on Monday.

Miss Nellie Dunleavy and Miss Rena Murdock of South Windham spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. F. A. Rockwood.

Miss Faith N. Gager, who is in North Carolina for her health, is very much improved and expects to return home in April.

A party of young people from the western part of the town visited Bailey's Ravine and The Devil's Den in North Franklin on Saturday last. The party included Misses Elsie Maine, Alice Maine, Eleanor Beckwith, Blanche Smith, May Gibbs and Arthur Smith, Leslie Baldwin, Ernest Smith and Huntington Lathrop.

Charles Woodward and Mr. Waterman of Hartford were guests over Sunday of Walter S. Vail.

Charles Briggs of Lebanon attended church in Franklin Sunday.

The road leading through Whippoorwill Hollow is in bad condition.

Lavius A. Robinson was a Norwich visitor Monday.

Miss E. D. Leonard has been confined to her home at the parsonage during the past week by illness.

Mrs. O. L. Johnson is visiting relatives in Norwich.

Building Dam in Wyoming Canyon.

Several pictures and postcards have been received from Hermon A. Gager, who is now in Wyoming. Mr. Gager is a carpenter on the construction of a dam. The pictures show that the dam is being built in a canyon, the sides of which are about 500 feet high.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Smith of Lebanon road (Franklin) spent one day the early part of this week with Deacon and Mrs. L. A. Robinson at Mountain View.

Critically Ill With Pneumonia.

Mrs. John Engstrom was taken suddenly ill with pneumonia on Tuesday and removed at once to St. Joseph's hospital, Willimantic, where it was found that she was in a critical condition. On Friday she was resting comfortably.

Edward F. Bates spent Tuesday in South Windham, the guest of friends.

Mrs. M. A. Bolander and Miss Anna M. Engstrom were Willimantic visitors Tuesday.

A large number of Franklin ladies have attended or atiempted to attend the fire sale of the Boston store in Norwich. A very few of the multitude were successful in gaining entrance to the store.

Rumored Real Estate Sale.

It has been reported that the house and land belonging to E. B. Bailey and formerly occupied by Frank Jackson has been sold to a purchaser from Baltic, but the transfer has not been made yet.

Honors at Whist.

On Saturday evening of last week the local whist club was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Abiel Browning, the guests occupying nine tables. The first lady's prize was carried off by Mrs. Theodore Crandall, while the second prize went to Mrs. Frank Sherman. The first prize for the gentlemen was won by Frank A. Rockwood and the second was claimed by Frank Sherman. During the evening refreshments were passed and were followed by music and games.

NEW LONDON'S INDUSTRIAL BUILDING SCHEME.

Public-Spirited Citizens Ready to Take Stock—Cruelty to Animals—The Rev. Mr. Bixler's Activity in the Interest of a Cleaner City—The Request of the Knights of Pythias to Use the Niantic Camp Grounds—Newspaper Improvement—The Efficient Firemen of New London.

The unexpected happened at a meeting of the public-spirited citizens who are ready to contribute cash for the erection of an industrial building or buildings, for the Industrial company was fully organized and Mayor Benjamin Lloyd Armstrong was elected a director and president of the company, although among the stockholders are many who have been the most pronounced enemies of the mayor. Instead of organization it was believed there would be disorganization, the mayor being the prime mover in this special enterprise. It really looks like a case of lion and the lamb, but may terminate in the wolf in sheep's clothing. Associated with the mayor on the board of officers are some of his staunchest supporters as well as his bitterest enemies. It may be that in this particular work for the betterment of the city the hatchet has been buried and that all will work unitedly for the industrial development of New London.

Among the heaviest stockholders, five in number, who subscribed $500 each, is the mayor and his father, The F. H. & A. H. Chappell company, Sebastian D. Lawrence and The New London Gas and Electric Light company, while Theodore Bodenwein is one of eight to subscribe $200, another being George F. Tinker, and so on down the list of the $100, $50, and $25 stockholders there is a large sprinkling of those who in the past have opposed every project that Mayor Armstrong proposed.

There are names of gentlemen prominent in public affairs that become conspicuous by their absence in the list of stockholders. But this is a case where money talks, the money from the private and not the public purse, and that may account for the inactivity of some prominent citizens in this movement to increase the importance of New London as an industrial center.

As has been before stated, Mayor Armstrong started this industrial building scheme as an alderman, and it was coldly received. Then he tried to have the New London board of trade take the matter up, but it was turned down then, as in the council, by men personally opposed to Mr. Armstrong on general principles.

When he became mayor, among his first acts was the appointment of a special committee on industrial building. This committee canvassed the citizens and the result is the formation of the Industrial company with about $9,000 capital subscribed and almost $4,000 more promised.

If the present apparent harmony continues, it is believed that within a year there will be several additions to the New London industries. For the good of the city personal spite may be set aside and the city and the citizens be the beneficiaries. So mote it be.

It is not believed that there is a town or city in Connecticut whose horses are so brutally treated as in New London, and without the slightest protest from public officials or private individuals, the agents of the Connecticut Humane society not excented, and there are four of them appointed for the city. Reference is made to the manner in which horses drawing fire apparatus are driven.

It is expected that horses will travel faster with a hose wagon than with a hearse, and it may be all right to drive the horses at their full speed for a short distance, but when horses are doing their very best, it is the height of cruelty for the driver, and his assistant, too, in some cases, to beat the horses with whips at almost every step. This is done on almost every occasion when the fire alarm is sounded, and there is no need for it, as the horses cannot increase their speed when they are already doing their level best, and the continued laying on of the gad is cussed cruelty—simply that and nothing more.

Perhaps this condition is caused by frequent change of drivers, and does not apply to the driver for every hose company, as some drivers are competent and can get the best possible speed out of the horses without the continual application of the whip.

This cruelty to animals should be stopped forthwith, and the apparatus would reach the fire just as quickly if the horses were humanely driven, instead of being constantly goaded to do the impossible, travel faster than their limit.

Notice how fast and free the Threes' horses go to a fire, and the whip not taken from the socket. An object lesson for some drivers to study and profit thereby. If drivers, other than those seated on a fire apparatus, used the whip so freely there would be immediate arrest and prompt prosecution in the police court.

Pastor Bixler of the Second Congregational church was close student of the reform work of the Committee of Fifteen, and attended the sessions of the county commissioners, when objections were being heard against the issuance of liquor licenses to parties suspected of violating law. He kept close tab on the work of the committee and the testimony given before the commissioners by members of the police force and others.

In his sermon Sunday he commended the work done and being done for the purification of the city by the committee of fifteen and their fellow members and made strong accusation against the police for dereliction of duty, going so far as to say that it was necessary to drag policemen to the scene of crime and then argue with them, and then be unable to convince them that crime had been committed. He said he had ample proof of what he stated, that could be produced for the asking.

Rev. Mr. Bixler is an earnest pastor and eloquent preacher and far removed from sensational preaching or from seeking public notoriety. Therefore his really sensational statement last Sunday has created quite a stir among the law-breakers, the law-enforcing policemen and general public.

Captain Haven stated that he knew of no instances where policemen had acted as his friend, Dr. Bixler, had stated, and that if proofs were furnished, the offenders would be investigated, and if found guilty, be punished. This statement was made in the public press, but Dr. Bixler made no reply to Captain Haven, although it was intimated that all desired information, and some that was not desired, would be given, if asked for by Mayor Armstrong who is, by virtue of that office, chief of police of the city of New London. Up to date the mayor has not requested the minister to submit his proof that the police of New London refused to do their duty, even when dragged by the arm to the scene of the crime.

There are some who believe that Rev. Dr. Bixler's remarks were intended as illustrative rather than literal, and all would like to have the reverend gentleman explain what he meant, and place the blame for dereliction of duty where it rightly belongs.

There is precedent for the request of the Knights of Pythias to hold their annual encampment of the state military campground at Niantic, as those same grounds have been permitted to be used for other than state military purposes since the property has been acquired by the state. Some thirty years ago, more or less, the Grand Army of the Republic went into camp there for a full week, including Sunday. The civil war veterans went into camp the week after it was vacated by the state troops, and used the tents and camp equipage of the state. During the week the annual state encampment and many regimental reunions were held, including the Seventh, which was attended by Gen. Joseph R. Hawley. The encampment was a source of enjoyment to many of the veterans, but there were some happenings that made it inadvisable to continue the custom.

The camp was conducted in military style and under established rules and discipline, as far as possible, but of course, strict enforcement was impossible, for the old comrades insisted on enjoying the reunion as best suited to themselves. The encampment was held during a presidential campaign and a rule prevailed that politics must not be publicly discussed. But at some of the regimental reunions an occasional speaker would be in the midst of a political speech, only to be called down when his remarks became objectionable to adherents of the opposite party.

Norwich was prominent at that encampment, as the department commander, Smith, was a Norwich man, and another, named Durfee, of Norwich, was provost marshal, or chief of police of the camp, and in the performance of duty became somewhat disliked by enforcing camp rules and stopping the sale of intoxicating drink.

Chaplain Walker had charge of the spiritual affairs of the camp.

"Things have changed for the better," especially in the newspaper line, for in the long ago if anonymous communications were printed, attacking individuals or an organization, the unsubstantiated accusation was not "set in a box" and featured as a ton of column article, perhaps because the term "box" was not known to the craft. Years ago, not so many of them, if a newspaper saw fit to make charges of dereliction of duty against public officials it was the custom to assume full responsibility and not get under cover of an extract from an anonymous correspondence, so far as the general public is concerned, as seems to be the rule today. That old-fashioned newspaper fearlessness was not the proper caper, however, for it is not adopted by some newspapers; the ambush, or get-behind-the-other-fellow style is substituted; and perhaps it's the better way, for it is certainly the easiest for the newspaper.

It used to be the custom, for instance, if a police officer did not do his duty, to report the fact to his superior officer. If proper notice was not given or complaint ignored, then, and not till then, was complaint to the newspaper made in the form of a letter to the editor. Then that decrepit knight of the scissors and paste pot, and perhaps a quill pen, would give the communication consideration and decide whether the subject matter was unbiased, trustworthy and proper to print. It might take the old fossil a day or two to reach decision, for it used to be an old rule in newspaper work not to print in a communication sent for publication anything that would not be printed as regular news if obtained in the customary way. But that was the old-fashioned way of doing newspaper work and therefore out of date and would not be tolerated in newspapers of today, i. e., some newspapers.

Although there have been about four times as many fires in New London in the past two years than in any previous years, the ratio being about 130 as against 40 a year, there has been practically no increase in the cost of maintenance of the fire department, and the total losses were very light, the only one of consequence being the Pequot house. This, of course, is due to the efficiency of the volunteer department, and the appropriation for the department is only $10,000 a year.

Outside of the larger cities, there is no fire department that can expel the New London fire fighters in efficiency, and there is always an adequate number at all fires, many more than would report for service in a paid department. Still there are some people in New London, for personal reasons, who are continually advocating a paid fire department. If the present efficiency is maintained, however, it will be a long, long time before the volunteer will be discarded for a paid fire department.

After being mustered out of the service of the army of the United States for nearly 47 years Thomas M. Waller, a former governor of Connecticut, is to be mustered in as a member of Perkins Post, Grand Army of the Republic. The governor was among the very first to respond to the call for troops and was sergeant of Company E, Second regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, enlisting for a term of three months. He was discharged, however, by reason of disability, deficient eyesight, after five weeks' service. Although willing to serve the full enlistment, he was mustered out and sent home.

The governor never felt very proud over his war record, but through no fault of his own, yet he never would consider invitations to become a member of the Grand Army of the Republic until recently, and finally yielded to the wishes of members.

Forty-seven years ago Governor Waller was just blossoming out as a lawyer and had gained local fame as an actor and private tutor and was a very popular young fellow. As soon as the call came for troops to defend the union, young Waller was among the very first to respond and in words of patriotic eloquence called upon the young men to fall in and answer the roll call. He left New London expecting to share the fate of his comrades on the battlefield, and is therefore entitled to all credit, as his intentions were as patriotic as any soldier who ever shouldered a musket.

There are men in the Grand Army ranks right here in New London whose war records are not superior to Governor Waller's. There have been officers of the post who never had a real good look in upon an actual battle, by reason of short service, or special detail far removed from the scene of hostile action.

Governor Waller is entitled to the honor of being a Grand Army man, and the pity is that he did not become affiliated with the organization years ago, when in the youth and vigor of his manhood he could have honored the organization by his membership and receive the honor due him as one who volunteered and was ready and willing to risk his life in defense of his country.

HANOVER.

Plainfield Man Cutting Off Timber on Witter Farm—Mrs. Angus Park Hostess for Missionary Society.

Charles L. Phillips of Plainfield has bought the timber on the Witter farm, covering a hundred acres. Under the supervision of G. W. Kemp of Hampton, more than a score of men are cutting lumber. They occupy the Witter house.

Missionary Society Entertained.

Mrs. Angus Park entertained the Woman's Missionary society on Wednesday afternoon. Twenty guests were present. Miss S. M. Bennett was in charge of the programme, which consisted of readings concerning needs in our cities and in the south. There were two delightful solos by Miss Bertha Blackburn, accompanied by Miss Gallup. A social hour followed, when ice cream, cake and coffee were served.

Briefs.

Mrs. Lorne Greig and Mrs. Roger C. Peck have been visiting their former homes this week.

A social gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rude on Wednesday evening.

PRESTON.

Special Meetings at Baptist Church—Fine Dinner Rewards Hewers of Wood.

Nathan H. Hall, who has been confined to his home with the grip, is able to be out.

The G. R. club meets today (Saturday) with Miss Angeline H. Bates.

A. D. Zabriskie and daughter, Mary, attended the funeral of Mrs. Ida S. Turner in Lebanon on Wednesday.

William N. Wheeler has been visiting friends in Hartford.

Henry Bates spent Saturday and Sunday in Stafford Springs.

Mr. Luddington of North Stonington has been holding meetings in the Baptist church three evenings this week.

The Ladies' Sewing society met in the Congregational church Wednesday afternoon.

The gentlemen of the Baptist church met at the church Wednesday and cut their annual supply of wood. The ladies furnished a fine supper.

LEONARD BRIDGE.

Miss Fidelia Webster 94 Years Old on March 4th—Miss Geer Organist for Singing School.

Mrs. Haas, who has been spending the winter in Philadelphia, has returned to her home in this place.

Miss Rose Smith of Colchester was a week-end guest of Mrs. H. C. Leonard.

H. J. Williams was in Middletown Tuesday.

Miss Ella McCall, who is at the Middletown state hospital, is in a critical condition. She is confined to her bed and not much hopes of her getting about again. Miss McCall is a sister of the late Mrs. H. J. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. H. London went to New York Saturday to attend the wedding of a relative. They will remain a few days to attend to business.

Gilbert M. Williams spent Wednesday in New Haven at his uncle's, Samuel Johnson's.

94th Birthday.

Miss Fidelia Webster celebrated her 94th birthday March 4th in a quiet way. Although she is confined to her chair, her mind is unusually bright and active and she enjoys conversing with her neighbors and friends.

Joe Blakslee and daughter attended church in this place Sunday.

Miss Elsie Geer has been engaged as organist for the singing school in Goshen being conducted by Charles Geer of Norwich.

LISBON.

August Hoelck Surprised on Twentieth Birthday—Couldn't Get to Fire Sale.

August Hoelck was agreeably surprised at his home Saturday evening by a number of his friends, in honor of his 20th birthday. In behalf of his many friends, Martin Seidel presented the host with an umbrella. Games of all kinds were played. A supper was served at 12 o'clock. It was in charge of those waiters: Mary Dillon, Ethel Kennedy, Martin Seidel and Andrew Frohmander. They all enjoyed a good time, wishing the host many happy returns of the day.

Notes of the Week.

Mrs. Henry Kendall and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Irons and Vesta Kendall, are sick at their home. Mrs. Edmund Weeks of Versailles is caring for them.

Many business women from here started to go to the big fire sale Monday at the Boston Store, but could only get half way, because they didn't want to be one of those that fainted, but they arrived home safe.

C. H. Mell attended the auction at the Cobb place Friday.

O. H. Irons has been repairing the roads.

Miss Kennedy Entertained.

Miss Ethel Kennedy entertained on Sunday Misses Pauline Erlbeck, Cala Thoma of Taftville, Hattie Ladd, Martha Brosofske of Greeneville, Rosella Collins, Annie Wakely of Central Village, Jennie Hogge, Mary and Lena Hunt of Jewett City, Messrs. Martin and George Seidel, Andrew Frohmander, Frank Erlbeck of Tartville and Thomas Hogge of Jewett City.

Miss Susie Kanahan and Alice Kennedy have returned home, after a visit with their aunt in Willimantic.

NORTH FRANKLIN.

Ladies' Aid Society's Delightful Social Evening.

An enjoyable social was held Friday evening with Mrs. Louis H. Smith by the Ladies' Aid society. The entertaining programme, consisting of music, recitations, readings and dialogues, follows: Piano duet, Mrs. L. H. Smith and Miss Elsie Maine; reading, Taking an Elevator at Stewart's Store, Miss Caroline Davis; song, Doll's Lullaby, Misses Agnes and Ethel Brown; song, Roses, Miss Mabel Brown; dialogue, Taking the Census, Miss Edna Peck and Arthur Smith; song, Dreaming, Miss Blanche Smith; song, Two is Company but Three is None, Miss Anna Engstrom; dialogue, The Economical Boomerang, Misses Edna Peck, Caroline Davis, Blanche Smith and Messrs. Milton Beckwith, Arthur Smith and Benjamin Davis; song,