

WESTERLY BARBERS UNION RULES

Being Openly Violated—Hopes of Tin Can Industry Vanish—Political—Dissatisfaction Manifest—\$200 Fire Loss in Chapman Building

About a week ago the Westerly Central Labor union secured a charter for the Barbers' union, after agreement had been received from the majority of the shavers that they would adhere to the union rules for at least one year. Among other things the rules provided that all union shops would close on all work days at 8 o'clock in the evening, except on Saturday, when the working limit was extended three hours.

The year's agreement is at an end, and one of the union shops now has no regard for union rules, and it is said that others will follow suit, which will mean disruption of the Barbers' union. Several efforts have been made to unionize the barber business in Westerly, but all have failed. The last movement was more successful than any that preceded. Effort is being made to get the barber back into line before the break becomes general, but to make the union a unanimity is an impossibility, for there are some barbers who openly declare they will never associate themselves with some of their fellow tradesmen, and these have a following of supporting customers.

The tin can has evidently been tied to that canning industry that, according to the promoters, was surely to locate in Westerly. It was given out that property in Main street had been purchased as a location for the mill buildings and that work thereon would begin without delay. This was a year ago, and now there is nothing heard of that tin can industry for Westerly.

The property mentioned was owned by the state of Joshua Thompson, and comprised a wharf, water rights and two dwelling houses, at present leased by the F. H. & H. Chappell Coal Co. of New London.

This property has just been sold, but not to the promoters of that tin can industry. The purchase has been made by the Smith Granite company, and will be used in connection with the shipment of paving stones and granite stock, when such can be made to the best advantage by water.

There is always political activity in Westerly, which increases as election day draws nearer, and this is all within the republican ranks, as there is only a remnant, and a small one at that, of the democratic party in this border town. Of course there are rings within rings, and groups opposed to those selected as party managers; and some opponents of the party organization are already framing up a councilmanic slate for the June election.

One faction of the party has held three sessions in a law office, and another is scheduled for next Saturday evening.

The present town council is composed of William L. Clark (president), Dr. Michael H. Scanton, Albert H. Langworthy, Horace Burdick, C. Clarence Maxson, William Culley and Weyland Saunders. All are favored for re-nomination by the town committee, and all except Dr. Scanton would accept, but he has announced that he is not a candidate for re-election.

The dissatisfied element has decided to put the political boot to Messrs. Clark, Scanton and Burdick, but are favorable to Messrs. Culley, Langworthy, Saunders and Maxson. They will try to nominate in the place of Clark, Scanton and Burdick, James McFonnes, Martin H. Spillman and Frank S. Aldrich.

James W. Stillman is persistent in his legal contest over the alleged unsatisfactory settlement of the estate of his mother, Harriet M. Uter. The matter has traveled in various forms from the Westerly probate court to the supreme court of Rhode Island and back again. Mr. Stillman is a full-fledged lawyer, and heretofore has personally conducted his side of the case. In the supreme court Wednesday he was represented by Washington R. Prescott in his case against the probate court of Westerly in accepting the final report of Joseph C. Moore, administrator de bonis non. The case was heard and brief submitted on petition for writ of certiorari. Judge John W. Sweeney represented respondent.

There was excitement in Dyer square Thursday noon, when smoke was seen even pouring out of the open window of J. Pellegrini's tailor shop in the second story of the Chapman building, corner of Broad and Main streets. Some one in the building shouted "Fire in the fire alarm," and a young man made a dash for box 56, near the postoffice, although there was no real need for calling out the fire department.

Mr. Pellegrini was cleaning clothes with naphtha near a gas flame used for heating the room, when there was an ignition, and almost instantly the room was filled with smoke from burning clothing.

There was prompt work on the part of the other occupants of the building and the fire was quickly extinguished, and even then many more buckets of water than necessary were used. All the clothing in the shop, there for repair and cleaning, was damaged by fire, smoke or water, or a combination of the three. There was no fire when the department apparatus arrived.

Water leaked through the floor into the store of Laddie Woodmanse, doing considerable injury to the ceiling and damaging some of his stock. The fire loss will probably not exceed \$200.

The Westerly high school baseball nine plays its first game of the 1909 season this (Friday) afternoon at Riverside park against the South Kings-ton high school nine from Wakefield, R. I. The game will be called at 3 p. m. and will be umpired by William J. Donahue, known to all Westerly ball players as "Rube" Donahue. The local team will be made up of these players:

Captain Foley, F. F. Burrows, P. Burrows, F. F. Burrows, W. W. L. Foley, S. Chapman, B. Wheeler, H. Flynn, G. Spargo, et.

Later in the game, Chapman at 2b, Doyle at ss, Cahalan, Anderson, Howard, Clifford, Martin, Noves, Manley and Maddock will get into the game at different positions.

Local Laconics.

The Ladies' Aid society of the First Baptist church served supper in the vestry Thursday evening.

The Roxbury Social club gave what it termed a Folite masquerade in Red Men's hall Thursday night.

John G. Gode and family have left the West Side to reside in Arizona. The change is made in the hope of benefiting Mr. Gode's health.

The Stoningtons will play their initial game of the season with the New London Independents on the Borough baseball field, Saturday.

The Tragedy of Rip Van Winkle, is the subject selected by Bishop Quayle for his address to the Grace Methodist church this (Friday) evening.

Postoffice Inspector Charles H. Fendleton of Westerly read a paper on City Delivery Service, Wednesday at the semi-annual meeting of the New England Postmasters' association held in Boston.

The brigade staff of the Rhode Island national guard has been legislated out of office, just as that of Connecticut was a couple of years ago.

This is in accordance with the general plan of reorganization.

Benjamin Thaw, a Watch Hill summer resident, is critically ill with pneumonia at his home in Pittsburgh. He is half-brother of Harry K. Thaw.

BRIEF STATE NEWS

Oxford.—Samuel P. Sanford died at his home Tuesday. He had reached the age of 82.

Hartford.—Col. and Mrs. Charles M. Joslyn announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Joslyn, to Robert P. Butler.

Stamford.—The Corinthian Yacht club's house committee will have the clubhouse at Shilpan Point open for members probably on Saturday.

Bridgeport.—The lower basin is well filled at present with boats here to get seed oysters, the season for the same having opened with great promise.

Orange.—Representative Bush was in the house Tuesday for the first time in three weeks. He has been suffering from a slight attack of pneumonia.

Windsor Locks.—J. H. Converse post is going to improve the grounds around Memorial hall this summer by setting out shade trees and some shrubbery.

Middletown.—Rev. Elliott Bates Bar-bour of North Orange, Mass., has de-veloped the call to become pastor of the Universalist church, to which he was called about a month ago.

New Haven.—The Paint and Clay club has protested to the county commissioners against the alleged plan which shunts out an expert in the con-struction of the new county court-house.

New Britain.—Ex-Senator Andrew J. Sloper resigned as treasurer of the New Britain institute at its annual meeting after a period of thirty years' service. Edward N. Stanley was elected to succeed him.

Meriden.—John D. Roberts has re-ceived a letter from Anthony Calderon, a friend whom he thought perished in the Messina earthquake. The letter is a short one, but it is sufficient to give the Meriden man assurance that his friend is living.

Easton.—Thieves entered the barn of William Hall Monday night and stole his horse, wagon, blankets, harness, etc., even taking with them a supply of hay. Mr. Hall and George Boers tracked the team to Greenfield, after which all trace was lost.

Danbury.—Three of the national offi-cers of the United Hatters of North America, John A. Moffitt, president, James P. Maher, treasurer, and Martin G. Lay, secretary, and John W. Scully, of South Norwalk, a member of the national advisory board, addressed the members of the Hat Makers' associa-tion at a meeting held Wednesday.

CLIPPED FROM EXCHANGES.

Mathilda Haska of Budapest has broken off her engagement because her fiance, who is a non-smoker, wishes her to give up the habit.

After trundling his wife and child-ren in a pushcart one thousand miles, starting from Waterville, N. Y., last September, going to Winchester, Va., and then coming to Wilmington, Del., William W. Bishop obtained work there.

Rev. James Locke Batchelder, teach-er, minister, author, journalist and publisher, is dead in Chicago after an illness due to the infirmities of old age. Rev. Mr. Batchelder was the senior alumnus of Amherst college, re-ceiving his degree of A. B. in 1840.

Dr. Monroe Smith of Columbia uni-versity, New York, has been appointed by the state department as a delegate on the part of the United States to the international congress of public instruction in the modern languages, to convene in Paris April 14.

Rev. Dr. Edwin Wilbur Rice, editor of the American Sunday School Uni-on, Philadelphia, has completed 50 years of continuous service in the em-ploy of the union. When he entered his office he found his desk covered with flowers, gifts of associates and friends.

In one of his Interlocutory speeches last week, Congressman Champ Clark said that under a republican adminis-tration Kansas and Nebraska farmers had utilized their corn as fuel. "I have lived in Nebraska for the last 22 years from 1887 up to the present time," said Congressman Hinshaw, "and we have never burned corn at all, notwith-standing it went as low as nine cents a bushel."

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