Willimantic, Danielson and Putnam

WILLIMANTIC.

Rev. Ralph G. Hartley Accepts Call to Baptist Church.

According to a letter received by Clerk W. N. Potter of the First Baptist church Wednesday, Rev. Ralph G. Hartley of Yonkers, N. Y., has accepted the unanimous call to the pastorate of the local church tendered him as a result of the action taken at a business meeting of the church Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Hartley will assume his pastoral duties June 1, succeeding the Rev. Oscar R. O. Farel, who resigned to go west. The church people are pleased to secure such a bright young preacher. He comes highly recommended and appears to be endowed with exceptional ability.

Invited to Participate in Drill on St. John's Day.

Garde Florimond is in receipt of an invitation to take part in a competitive drill at the celebration to be held at Rocky Point, R. I., on Thursday, June 24. The celebration is in honor of St. Jean Baptiste, whose feast day falls on that date.

Many French societies from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut will be present and participate in the festivities. Action will be taken upon the invitation at an early date, and it is thought that the local Garde will accept, as it is said that some very tempting prizes have been offered.

Burial of Mrs. Martha M. Camp.

Mrs. Martha M. Camp's body was removed from the receiving vault at the Willimantic cemetery Wednesday forenoon and taken to North Coventry for burial in the cemetery of that village. She was a relative of Walter T. Chamberlain and Mrs. Frank Earrabee of this city and died several weeks ago in Durham. Rev. Mr. McKnight of North Coventry conducted the committal service at 12 o'clock noon. Elmore & Shepard of this city were in charge.

SUPERIOR COURT

To Come In at Willimantic for Short Calendar and Assignment of Cases.

The Windham county superior court will come in for short calendar and assignment of cases at Willimantic, Hon. Joel H. Reed, judge, on Friday, April 30, at 10 a. m. Clerk Warner has issued the following notice to members of the bar:

The jury for May term will be drawn on Friday, April 30, 1909, at 10 a. m. at Willimantic.

Business, civil or criminal, will be arranged for the first week at that time. Assignment of cases and short calendar will be held that day at 10.15 a. m.

Criminals will be put to plea Tuesday, May 4, at 10 a. m.

It is probable that E. Frank Bugbee will act as state's attorney and he gives notice that he will be at the court room at Willimantic from 10 a. m. to 12 m. Friday, April 30, 1909, and at his office in Willimantic on Saturday, May 1, from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m. for consultation with reference to criminal cases.

Short calendar assignments: Arthur DeBruycker vs. Anthony Blum; George C. Topliff's appeal from probate; Ernestine Dussaume vs. The French River Textile Co.; Edwin A. Bowen vs. the Connecticut Co.; Lester H. Burnham vs. Frank H. Deming.

Uncontested Divorces: Margery Dilworth vs. Otto Dilworth.

Trial List.

To Jury: Calvin Wilcox vs. Dwight W. Thrall; Ernestine Dussaume vs. the French River Textile Co.; St. Paul's Episcopal church et al. vs. W. T. Field and Burton Mansfield, exrs., et al.; C. Edwin Bowen vs. Connecticut Co.; James M. Grant, appeal from probate.

To Court: Stowell L. Burnham vs. N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.; C. E. Macfarlane vs. Willimantic Gas and Electric Light Co.; Waterman Brown vs. N.Y.,N.H. & H.R.R. Co.; Lester H. Burnham vs. Frank H. Deming.

Criminal List.

Continued Cases: State vs. George W. Butts, illegal sale of intoxicating liquors; state vs. Paul St. George, receiving stolen goods; state vs. Eugene Oster, receiving stolen goods; state vs. Adelard Dupre, breaking and entering; state vs. Adelard Dupre, receiving stolen goods; state vs. Louis Dupre, receiving stolen goods; state vs. John Lynch, cruelty to animals; state vs. Charles Miller, breaking and entering; state vs. Matt Kroll, robbery and assault.

New Cases: State vs. Thomas Delileux and William St. Audry, theft from person and assault with intent to rob; state vs. H. F. Thompson, false pretenses and forgery; state vs. Farland and Joseph Megery, breaking and entering; state vs. Frank Gordon, larceny; state vs. Frederick H. Wood, larceny and receiving stolen property; state vs. Thomas Ryall and James Hughes, breaking and entering.

Grangers See Stereopticon Views.

Border grange, No. 92, Patrons of Husbandry, held an enjoyable meeting Wednesday evening and same will long be remembered. The programme for the lecturer's hour comprised an entertaining reading, music and a series of stereopticon slides showing among others the following local scenes: The ice storm, practice at the Gun club grounds, Roosevelt in Willimantic, fishing scenes at the Rangeley lakes, trip down New London harbor, with warships, etc., views at Martha's Vineyard and old Edgartown fishing village, North Carolina scenes, lumbering operations and barbecue, old plantation and slave cabins, Washington public buildings, views of Lake Hogagogmanchogagochabungamangamaug in Massachusetts, fishing and resort views and camping life and others.

E. F. Whitmore and George Andrews comprised the committee in charge of the arrangements for the evening's entertainment.

Ready for May Carnival.

Everything is practically in readiness for St. Joseph's May carnival at the town hall. New attractions are booked for every night and many of the older ones will also be provided for the patrons. Dancing will be a feature several nights. The hall is being handsomely decorated for the festival by P. L. Donahue.

Appointment in House of Representatives.

Dwight H. Barstow of Scotland, well known here and a brother of John C. Barstow, registrar of voters of this city, has been appointed either messenger or doorkeeper of the house of representatives at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Barstow will leave for Washington Friday, but his family will continue to reside in Scotland. The appointment came as a surprise to many of his friends and they were delighted to learn of his good fortune. It is a remunerative position and one that many men would be only too glad to obtain. It is optional with him whether he accepts either messenger or doorkeeper and he will decide that matter after arriving in Washington.

Mr. Barstow has always been very active in the interests of the republican party and has filled various offices in his town with credit to himself and constituents. For several months past he has been yard foreman for the Willimantic Lumber and Coal company, but had recently resigned that position.

Rifle Practice and Guard Duty.

Capt. Eugene J. Ashton of Company L, First regiment, C. N. G., of this city, has issued the order for rifle practice and guard duty on May 17th. The men are to appear at their armory at 5.30 a. m., in service uniform, armed and equipped, for one day's instruction in rifle practice and guard duty. No officer or enlisted man will be excused from attending this parade. A fine of $5 will be imposed and promptly collected.

The company will go to Danielson for rifle practice and guard duty and will leave this city by special car at 6.20 in the morning.

Four new recruits were mustered into the company the past week and from present indications the company will go to camp this summer with a full complement of men. Nelson Kelgwin has received the official appointment of company cook and Thomas Meunier has been appointed musician.

Various Notes.

Elmer H. Gordon has been taken to the Norwich hospital for the insane. He was committed by Judge James P. Shea and taken to Norwich by Constable William J. Hastings.

That the wrestling match between Jack McGrath, the Irish Giant, of Norwich, and Bill Collins of Central Village for Monday evening in the rooms of the Windham Athletic club in this city is for keeps, is evidenced by the fact that $250 has already been posted; the remaining $50 must be posted before Saturday or the same is forfeited. Collins has many supporters in town who are willing to wager that McGrath cannot throw him twice in an hour, as called for in the articles that have been signed.

Miss Katherine Gooth, who has been staying for several months in this city with her sister, Mrs. M. A. Sullivan, left Wednesday morning for her home in Roanoke, Va. M. A. Sullivan, her brother-in-law, accompanied her as far as New York.

Personals.

Miss Marian Hall was a Hartford visitor Wednesday.

Miss Mathilda O'Neill was in Hartford on business Wednesday.

Mrs. J. F. Claffey of Hartford called on friends in town Wednesday.

H. C. Trombly of Holyoke, Mass., was a Willimantic visitor Wednesday.

Senator W. L. Higgins of South Coventry was a Willimantic visitor on Wednesday.

Miss Ida E. Louks of Warrenville is the guest of relatives in Pawtucket, R. I., for a few days.

W. B. Knight, superintendent of the Windham Manufacturing company, is in Boston on a business trip.

Mrs. Bessie Vaughan of Worcester is the guest of her parents, Judge and Mrs. A. J. Bowen of Church street.

Mrs. Frank Alpaugh and Mrs. Lucinda Hayden were among those from this city to visit Hartford on Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Colgrove, F. C. Moulton, Miss Adelle Moulton, Miss Henrietta McCullock and Miss Caroline Colgrove attended the funeral of Frederick P. LePard in Hartford on Wednesday afternoon.

DANIELSON.

K. H. S. Defeated by Webster—Ensign and Mrs. Jacobs Come East—Deaths, Joseph Codding, Caleb B. Tillinghast, Sylvanus M. Woodward.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S Maynard are at their cottage at Oakland Beach.

Thomas Curtis was a visitor in Woonsocket Wednesday.

Daniel Larkin was a visitor in Hartford Wednesday.

Deputy Judge on the Bench.

Deputy Judge James Tucker presided at Wednesday morning's session of the town court, Judge Harry E. Back being out of town.

James D. Leroy of Fall River was a visitor in Danielson Wednesday.

Mrs. Cora Perkins of Occum was a visitor in Danielson Wednesday.

A. F. Wood was a visitor in Boston Wednesday.

Misses Mary Weaver and Anna Durn were in Norwich Wednesday.

Ensign Jacobs and Bride Arrive.

Ensign and Mrs. Walter Jacobs, who were recently married in San Francisco, are visiting with Hon. and Mrs. F. A. Jacobs, arriving in Danielson from their wedding trip Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Alice Woodward of Hartford is visiting in Danielson.

Dr. Patrick Cassidy of Norwich was a visitor here Wednesday.

Recovering from Hiccoughs.

Fred Reed, who has been suffering from an attack of hiccoughs since a week ago today, is gradually recovering.

Julius C. Wisner of Providence visited with friends in Danielson Wednesday.

K. H. S. 1, Webster 6.

Killingly High school's basketball team was defeated 6 to 1 by Webster High school Wednesday at that place in the opening game of the season.

FUNERAL.

Mrs. Marvin Sanger.

The funeral of Mrs. Marvin Sanger, widow of Hon. Marvin Sanger, of Canterbury, was held from her home on Main street Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Clarence H. Barber of the Congregational church officiating. The bearers were Henry Danielson, Simeon Danielson, David Witter and Charles Potter. Burial was at Canterbury.

OBITUARY.

Joseph Codding.

Joseph Codding, for many years a resident of Danielson, died at his home on Winter street Wednesday morning. Mr. Codding was born in 1834 at West Mansfield, Mass. His principal occupation during his residence in Danielson has been basket making. Mr. Codding was a model, earnest Christian and his death removes a citizen of sterling value. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Herbert of Athol, Mass., C. Chester of Danielson, and three daughters, Mrs. W. Frank Sheldon of Mosup, Misses Hattie A. and Myra M. of Danielson.

Caleb B. Tillinghast.

Caleb Benjamin Tillinghast, state librarian of Massachusetts and a brother of Mrs. A. F. Wood of Danielson, died at the Homeopathic hospital in Boston Wednesday morning. He had been ill for some time and failed to recover from a surgical operation.

A Boston paper on Wednesday said of him:

Born in West Greenwich, R. I., April 3, 1843, the son of Pardon and Eunice Tillinghast (his mother's maiden name being also Tillinghast), he was a lineal descendant of the noted Elder Pardon Tillinghast, a man of mark in the early days of the Rhode Island colony.

At an early age his family removed to Danielson, Windham county, Conn., where he was educated and for some years taught school.

In the spring of 1870 Mr. Tillinghast came to Boston and became a reporter on the Journal, of which paper he soon became city editor, serving in that capacity until 1879, when he accepted a position as acting librarian of the state library, of which at that time the secretary of the state board of education was by law the titular librarian.

Mr. Tillinghast was but 36 years old when he received his appointments, but his omnivorous reading, his thorough acquaintance with the best in literature, the careful system with which he did everything, and his friendly and even intimate relations with authors and publishers had given him a rare equipment for the task, as had his journalistic experience prepared him for the responsibility of the New England Historic-Genealogical society's publications, and as his pedagogic career had fitted him for his important position on the Massachusetts board of education.

Appointed Librarian in 1833.

When he entered upon the duties of his office the late John W. Dickinson was secretary of the board of education and therefore the nominal head of the library.

In 1883 a change in the law was made in which the title of his position was made "state librarian," and he was appointed to that office, and during the more than a quarter of a century that has elapsed since that time he has been unwearied in his labors to make it the best reference library in the country, his ambition in this direction having been so nearly gratified that in the matter of laws, at least, no other library in the United States, if, indeed, in the world, has so large a collection, covering every country in the civilized globe.

Mr. Tillinghast's services to the cause of letters were recognized by Harvard university, which gave him the honorary degree of A. M. in 1897, and by Tufts college, which gave him the degree of Litt. D. in 1905.

He was a member of the American Historical association, Colonial society of Massachusetts, American Antiquarian society, New England Historic-Genealogical society and other organizations of similar character, and of the Boston Art and Appalachian Mountain clubs.

In 1886 he married Mrs. Martha A. Wonson of Gloucester, who survives him.

Sylvanus M. Woodward.

Sylvanus Martin Woodward, 81, died at the home of his son-in-law, Judge Milton A. Shumway, on Main street, Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. Mr. Woodward was seriously ill during February, but was practically recovered when again taken ill a few days ago. He was born at Plainfield, N. H., March 28, 1828, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Woodward. Though a native of New Hampshire, the greater part of his life was lived in Brooklyn, where his great-great-grandfather, John Woodward, of Newton, Mass., settled in 1707, and built the colonial dwelling in which the greater number of his descendants were born. Mr. Woodward was a veteran of the Civil war, enlisting Dec. 7, 1861, under Col. Henry M. Denning in the Twelfth Connecticut volunteers. He served through the Louisiana campaign under General Butler and was wounded at the battle of Georgia Landing. He was discharged from the service March 23, 1863, with an excellent record. Since the organization of McGregor post, No. 27, G. A. R., he has been one of its most active and enthusiastic members. He seldom missed a meeting or Memorial service. He served as commander of the post and was for 18 years and up to the time of his death its efficient adjutant. Mr. Woodward came of a family prominently identified with early colonial days and Revolutionary events, many of the family members making history as soldiers fighting for American liberty. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mary Shumway of Danielson and Mrs. E. J. Brooks of Westwood, Mass., and one son, Leon A., of Litchfield, Conn.

PUTNAM.

Coroner's Inquest in Case of Charles F. McComber, Found Murdered at West Woodstock—News About the City—Personal Items.

Murdered with merciless savagery, with robbery or revenge as the probable motives—slashed to death, possibly with his own pocket knife, the body of Charles F. McComber lay in a little outbuilding at the town farm in West Woodstock, Wednesday when the coroner, medical examiner and state police arrived to begin the inquest and weld the chain of evidence that should bring a mysterious criminal to justice. With the head half severed from the body by a hideous gash across the throat, the windpipe and jugular vein cleanly cut, McComber rested on an improvised cot, death due to such a crime as has seldom startled the historic town. Only meager clues exist for the state police to use in unraveling the crime, the secret of which is probably shared between the dead man and his slayer. The solution of the case promises to develop excessive difficulty for the police.

The location of the crime is about nine miles from Putnam far over in a sparsely populated section of the town of Woodstock, near the Massachusetts line. On an unfrequented road, near the old town farm, the body was found lying face downward beside a wall. The ghastly find was made about six o'clock Tuesday evening by Louis Harrington, a teamster in the employ of Thomas Hedges.

Medical Examiner's Finding.

Medical Examiner Joseph Spalding, M.D., who lives on Woodstock Hill, was notified and after viewing the body ordered it removed to the town farm, where Coroner A. G. Bill of Danielson conducted the inquest Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Spalding, after his examination, stated that the man had been dead since Monday. In all probability McComber was killed on the afternoon or night of that day and the body remained undiscovered for twenty-four hours.

As to the dead man's movements since last Friday and his companions during that time very little is yet known. Locating where he spent the time between that when he was last seen alive and the finding of his body will mark the beginning of the investigation by the police.

Struck Down from Behind.

Such deductions as could be made Wednesday from an inspection of the place where McComber's death occurred and from his wounds and clothing would indicate that he was struck down, probably from behind, and his throat cut while he lay helpless on the ground.

A great pool of blood, saturating the leaves and turf, marks the spot where the man's life ebbed away.

Body Placed Where Found.

It was not there, however, that the body was found, but 22 feet away, beside the wall where Harrington's startled gaze fell upon the limp form. In Dr. Spalding's opinion, no man could suffer the wound that McComber did and thereafter be able to walk. Nor does any blood stain the earth where the body rested near the wall or the space between that and the place where it is plainly evident the man bled to death. The conclusion remains that the murderer returned, in the opinion of the medical examiner, about six hours after McComber died, and carried the body over beside the wall.

Watch and Wallet Missing.

Robbery may have been the motive; at least the dead man's watch is missing and also a wallet which he always carried. In the inside pocket of his vest however, and in a small purse in an outside pocket of his vest, bills and currency amounting to $53.35 were found when the clothes were searched. If robbery was the sole motive it is probable that in his haste the murderer overlooked the money.

Knife Also Missing.

McComber's knife is also missing and it is probable that it may have been used to end his life. He certainly could not inflict on himself such a wound as would cause his death with any implement found on his person. That he always carried a knife is known and also indicated by partly used plugs of tobacco found in his pockets.

The cut in the throat is about six inches across and extends back even with the ears. It is a clean cut, made with a sharp instrument in the hand of a man who did not falter at the frightful act he was committing.

Another wound is noticeable on the back of the man's head and may have been inflicted when he was struck down. The fact that there is only a very small amount of blood on McComber's clothing indicates that he was prostrate while he was bleeding to death.

Motive Perhaps Revenge.

That McComber was killed for revenge is another theory that enters into the case; but his brother, H. B. McComber, of Woodstock, said Wednesday that he never knew Charles to have an enemy in the world. That there had been threats on his brother's life Herbert said he had never heard.

Sister's Statement.

Mrs. Imogene McKinstry of 63 South street, Southbridge, Mass., a sister of the dead man, also stated that she never heard of any threats to kill her brother. Mrs. McKinstry said that her brother had been working for a year past and up to March 1 as a farm hand for Fred Morse at Southbridge. She had not seen him for several months and the last time she talked with him was over the telephone several weeks ago. His brother Herbert knew nothing whatever about his whereabouts for the past few weeks. The dead man was 52 years of age and a native of Woodstock, where he has spent the greater part of his life. He has been employed generally as a farm hand and was well known for miles around the section where his death occurred. He was given to drinking occasionally, but was never regarded as of a quarrelsome disposition.

Has Divorced Wife and Two Children

McComber's home was in Sprucedale, a small village in the west part of Woodstock and it is in that place that his wife, from whom he was divorced a few years ago, and his two children live.

The Inquest.

The inquest held at the town farm occupied a good part of Wednesday afternoon. It was conducted by the coroner and attended by the brother and sister of the dead man. Medical Examiner Spalding, State Policeman Robert V. Hurley of Hartford, Sheriff James McCabe of Hartford county and a few others. The facts developed were heard with close attention by the detectives who may be hampered in their work by lack of evidence.

State Policemen Jackson and Downey also took up the case Wednesday afternoon and every possible clue will be run down.

White Glove Unstained by Blood.

Among the many peculiar things in connection with the finding of the body was that on the left hand, which is completely covered with dry blood, a white cotton glove was found upon which there was no blood inside or out. Henry McEwen, a photographer of Danielson, was with Coroner Bill at West Woodstock and took views of the scene of the crime and of the body that are to be preserved for use in the case.

It is many years since such a crime has been committed within the limits of the town of Woodstock and it has created great interest through all that part of the county.

Another Brother and Sister.

Besides the brother and sister mentioned the dead man is survived by another brother, Albert McComber of Bridgeport, and another sister, Mrs. Ella Miller of Springfield.

The inquest was not completed on Wednesday afternoon. It will be taken up again in a few days.

News in General.

Miss S. Elizabeth Clarke is the guest of Worcester friends.

Rev. F. D. Sargent, Mrs. Sargent and Harold Corbin attended the county conference of Congregational churches, held in Scotland, as delegates from the Second Congregational church of Putnam.

Rev. Mr. Kennedy of Derby has been the guest of local relatives.

A. R. Evans of Newport, N. H., has been visiting Putnam relatives.

FUNERAL.

Mrs. Hannah Cooke.

The funeral of Mrs. Hannah Cooke, aged 70, was held at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. Rev. Mr. Belcher officiated and burial was in Eastford. Mrs. Cooke is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Bates of Tatem street, at whose home she died, also by a daughter living in New York state and by three grandchildren.

Sewing Meeting.

A sewing meeting of the ladies' social circle of the Second Congregational church was held at the home of Mrs. George W. Baker in Fremont street Wednesday afternoon, which was largely attended. Tea was served by the hostess.

Going to Wauregan Meeting.

Delegates from this city will attend the meeting of the Eastern Connecticut branch of the W. B. M. to be held in Wauregan today.

JEWETT CITY.

Mrs. E. H. Smith Addresses Congregational Missionary Society—Reception to Methodist Pastor—Attempted House Breaking.

The Woman's Missionary society of the Congregational church invited the members of other missionary societies to the church vestry on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. G. W. Robinson presided at the meeting and Miss Martha Bothwell played. The secretary, Mrs. Sherman Waters, read the report of the last meeting. Mrs. G. W. Robinson was appointed delegate to the convention in Rockville, with the power of appointing others who can go.

Address by Mrs. E. H. Smith.

Mrs. Edward Huntington Smith of Norwich was introduced and gave a very entertaining and instructive view of the work in China. She described the journey to Foochow, the place where they are stationed being 45 miles from there, and where they have been for seven years. A year is given in which they are to learn the language, and they receive thousands of visits from the Chinese, whose curiosity is so great that it is hard work to draw their attention to the message they have to give. Mr. Smith's territory is as large as the state of Connecticut and has thirteen chapels, which are stations miles apart. Their work is in the boys' and girls' school. The work among the women is very interesting. The women in the country are much happier than their aristocratic sisters. As they are expected to work in the fields, their feet are not so small, and they are very healthy. The Chinese are great students, and the teachers have to watch them that they do not study too much.

Government Schools Do Good Work.

The government schools are doing a great work for the Chinese. They tried Japanese instructors, but found them lacking in good moral example. There is a fine opportunity for young men who wish to teach, in these schools. She said the medical work opened the hearts of the people more than anything else. She spoke of the educational reform and also of the prohibition of opium throughout the country and told of the great rejoicing in Foochow the Sunday before they left with regard to the latter matter.

Sang Hymn in Chinese.

Her daughter Helen was with her and sang a hymn in the Chinese language.

About Forty Present.

After a rising vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Smith, tea and cake were served by Misses Jean Burleson, Pearl and May Gane and Marguerite Bliss. There were forty ladies present at the meeting.

At Summer Home.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Rose and daughter of Wellesley, Mass., have arrived at their summer home in Lisbon.

METHODIST PASTOR

Formally Welcomed by Congregation—His Family Shares Greetings.

The entire congregation of the Methodist church united on Tuesday evening in a reception to the new pastor, Rev. N. B. Cook and his family. Rev. E. M. Anthony gave the address of welcome, and Rev. E. W. Potter of the Baptist church and Rev. W. H. Gane of the Congregational church both extended the warm welcome of their churches. Mrs. G. W. Bromley read a selection and Miss Annie Davis sang. She also presented the pastor's wife a bouquet of carnations. The pastor received a sum of money and responded to the welcome with expressive cordiality. Cake and coffee were served. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social way. The committee, who arranged the affair, included John P. Gorman, Mrs. W. H. Bennett, Mrs. Peter McArthur, and Mrs. William C. Jeffers, assisted by Mrs. S. P. Green and the young people of the church.

HOUSE BREAKERS

Make Attempt to Enter Windows of Two Residences.

It behooves the residents of the borough to look to their window fastenings, as there appears to be an epidemic of housebreaking. Tuesday morning at E. A. Faust's residence, a dining room window was found raised and chairs near the window pushed one side. There were marks on the sash where it had been pried up, and the fastening was broken entirely off. For some cause, that was evidently the extent of the operation, as nothing was missing in the house.

One of the windows in F. E. Robinson's house bore marks of an unsuccessful attempt to open it.

COLCHESTER.

Bacon Academy Team Plays Norwich—Good Trout String—Roller Skating at the Grange.

Bacon Academy baseball team went to Norwich Wednesday afternoon to play the Free Academy team. The battery for the Baconites were Shugrue and Nelkins.

Harry Wickwire and Harry Grootert went at North Plains Wednesday.

The town teams with a gang of men are at work on the New London turnpike. They began at the Salem line and are working towards town.

Abraham Agranovitch was in Salem and at Gardner Lake Tuesday.

F. E. Baker was in East Hampton Wednesday finishing up his work on the new K. of P. lodge which he expects to start in May.

Miss Ellen Williams was in Willimantic Tuesday.

Bought Farm Near Norwich.

Michael Blacker and family, who moved to Bridgeport a year ago, have purchased a farm near Norwich. They are the guests of Mr. Blacker's brother on Elmwood Heights for a few days.

Daniel T. Williams, who is staying in East Hampton, is at his residence on Broadway for a few days, painting and repairing the property.

Thomas P. Kinney has returned from Naugatuck, where he has been attending the funeral of a friend.

Mrs. J. E. Leffingwell was in New Haven Tuesday.

Amasa Darling was in town Tuesday.

Eleven Fine Trout.

Charles H. Strong brought in Tuesday evening a string of eleven trout, as nice as has been seen this season. One of them weighed about a pound, the other ten were smaller, but of a uniform size.

Miss Florence Carver has returned from a few days' visit with her sister at Leonard's Bridge.

Miss Addie May Wickwire returned to New York Tuesday after a few days' visit with her mother, Mrs. G. G. Wickwire, on Hayward avenue.

Postmaster Kellogg is having the post-office thoroughly cleaned and renovated.

Henry E. Adams was the guest of friends in Norwich Tuesday.

Juvenile Grangers on Skates.

The Colchester grange held a meeting in Grange hall Tuesday evening. The roller skates have arrived and the younger members enjoyed themselves for an hour.

A new set of views has arrived at the library and been placed on the racks. The set comprises views of Rouen cathedral.

STAFFORD SPRINGS.

Mrs. John Bissell Injured in a Runaway—Oratorio Sung by Chorus of Twenty—Notes.

Mrs. John Bissell of Wales was thrown from her wagon and badly injured on Main street Tuesday afternoon. While driving down Main street the harness broke and the horse started on a lively run down the street. The wagon struck another wagon near the bank, and Mrs. Bissell was thrown out. She was dragged several feet, and when picked up her head was cut and bruised in a number of places. She was taken into the office of a local physician and her wounds were dressed. She is suffering much pain, but it is thought that her injuries are not permanent.

M. E. Sullivan of Willimantic was a Stafford visitor on Wednesday.

Oratorio Well Sung.

The oratorio, the 91st Psalm, was sung at Masonic hall Wednesday night by a chorus of 20 voices under the direction of John T. Wood. There was a large attendance, and the production was one of the best ever given by local singers.

John Sena expects to begin moving his Main street building next week.

MURRAY'S
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Mattresses
of one or two parts, with filling of curled hair, cotton felt, silk floss, curled fiber, wool or elastic cotton; coverings are of ticking in many colorings, and offered at a reasonable price.
At $8.50—Mattresses of excelsior and cotton, made in two parts.
At $4.50—Mattresses of cotton with fancy tick covering.
At $7.50—Mattresses with filling of pure white cotton, covering of plain or fancy ticking.
At $10.50—Mattresses of indestructible fiber and cotton felt.
At $15.00—Mattresses of silk floss, a filling that is light in weight, one that is guaranteed not to lump or flatten.

Floor Coverings
China Matting, a yard 17c to 45c.
Japanese Matting, a yard 28c to 50c.
Ingrain Carpeting, a yard 50c to 75c.
Tapestry Carpeting, a yard 85c.
Velvet Carpeting, a yard 89c.
Rugs, 3 by 6 feet, $6.50.
Rugs, 7 by 9 feet, $13.50.
Rugs, 8 by 10 feet, $18.50, $25.00.
Rugs, 9 by 12 feet, $20.00 to $35.00.

Draperies
Nottingham Curtains, a pair 50c to $3.75.
Cluny or Battenberg Curtains, white or ecru, a pair $1.00 to $5.00.
Muslin Curtains, a pair 50c to $1.25.
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