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LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

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

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

OLD MYSTIC

Fourteen Friends Hospitably Entertained at Hillside Cottage—News in General.

Charles H. Lamphere recently entertained at Hillside cottage, Burnett's Corners, a party of fourteen friends from Mystic, Old Mystic and Providence. In the forenoon a social time was enjoyed. At 12.30 a fine dinner was served by Mr. Lamphere, which was much enjoyed by all. After dinner was served some of the guests took a walk to the Cold Spring and Horse pounds. At six o'clock supper was served.

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Bacon Hutchins left Wednesday for their home at Lewiston, Me., after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Horace O. Williams of West Main street and other local friends.

Miss Adaline E. Dean of New York city was a guest last week of her mother and sister.

Miss Clara Mae Brown was at over-Sunday guest of friends at Willimantic.

Miss Mary Williams of Providence is the guest this week of her aunt, Miss Lucy Gallup.

Judge Willis E. Heaton of Troy, N. Y., has been spending the past week as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Q. Eldredge at Riverview.

Mrs. Wallace A. Phillips returned Monday to Bridgeport after a month's visit to Miss Susan H. Babcock and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Babcock.

Mrs. Effie J. Chesebro of Providence is a guest of friends at the Holloway homestead on the river road.

Miss DeWolf of Black Hall is visiting Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin M. Denniston at the Methodist parsonage.

Rev. Jeptha M. Oldmstead is spending his vacation at the Olmstead farm at Short Falls, N. H.

Miss Daisy Mills returned Wednesday to her home in Bridgeport after a month's visit with Mrs. Sidney Siswick.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church met Wednesday evening with the president, Mrs. Oscar F. Crumb.

James Dean has returned to McIndoes Falls, Vt., after a week's visit at the Dean homestead.

George G. Welles and brother, ex-mayor T. Everett Welles of Pensacola, Fla., attended the races at Readville on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jarvis of South Manchester and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Cardinal of Worcester, Mass., were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Lambert.

Mrs. Elisa Geer of Preston City is visiting Mrs. Fannie C. Lamb and family of Ledyard.

Miss Matthews has returned to Pennsylvania after two weeks' visit with her cousins, Postmaster and Mrs. Abel H. Hinckley.

Mrs. Edward Campbell and son, Stephen Campbell, and Ebenezer Crandall were over-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Everett of Essex.

FITCHVILLE.

Entertainment and Social for St. John's Church—Personal Items.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Miller were in Providence last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson were recent visitors in Hartford.

Misses Nellie and Mary Shea of Colchester were recent guests of Miss Mary McCarthy.

The Misses Healey of Warren, Mass., spent Thursday with their aunt, Mrs. Cornelius Kane.

Miss Rose McManus and her niece Miss Katie McManus have returned to Ascole, R. I., after being guests of the former's brother, John McManus.

Mrs. Harvey Fisher and daughter Miss Gracia Fisher have returned to New York after spending August with Mrs. Fisher's sister, Mrs. Albert Harris.

$60 CLEARED.

An Entertainment and Social for St. John's Church.

The ladies of St. John's church gave an entertainment and social for the benefit of the church in Palmer hall last week, clearing sixty dollars. The following programme was carried out: Song, Don't Take Me Home, Miss Gertrude Anthier; recitation, The Mister Nobody, Miss Mary Lynch; song, The Holy City, Miss Rena Brown; recitation, the Last Cape, Mary Kelley; song, the Longest Way Round, Miss Mabelle Rogers; recitation, To the Letter, Miss Helen Foley; song, The Longing, Miss Dora Anthier; recitation, the Land of Rest, Ruth Eastland; duet, The Story the Picture Blocks Told, Josephine Kingberger and Willie Kane; song, Sweethearts for Ever, Miss Annie Kingbearer; song, I Love My Wife, Gertrude Anthier; song, Love Makes the World go Round, Miss Rena Brown.

Mrs. Clara Whittemore and daughter Miss Oriel Whittemore of Willimantic spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Chapman.

Mrs. Charles Youngs of Willimantic was the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson.

Mrs. Hattie Casey of Norwich was a recent guest of Mrs. George Adams.

WATERFORD.

Calves Chased by Dogs—Rustic Fence an Attraction.

Thomas Wood and Thomas Rice each had a calf chewed up by dogs. One of the calves had to be killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sterry of Mystic were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Avery over Sunday.

George Shipman and family returned Thursday from a trip to Hartford.

William Williams has returned from New Britain where he set up a monument.

The Sunshine society had a chilly time at the bazar sale Wednesday night owing to the cold weather.

Joseph Weeks of Spithead has built a rustic fence in front of his property, the most ornamental on the line.

Joseph Rowland is spending his vacation with Mrs. Owen C. Williams.

The Grange picnic at E. J. Hempstead's this week was a great success.

YAWBUX VALLEY.

Picnic Party to Mystic—Gypsies in Camp.

Thomas Gould has commenced his duties as boss farmer for T. B. Hewitt, and with his family is occupying one of Mr. Hewitt's houses.

A party numbering about twenty-five from this vicinity held a picnic at Mystic on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Miner have been spending this week with their son and family at Norwich.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yerrington of Westerly were the guests of Charles Chapman and family Saturday.

Miss Emma Worden has returned home after a visit with relatives at Hope Valley.

John H. Thompson has moved from Westerly into a tenement house of T. B. Hewitt.

Mrs. S. C. Egglestone and daughter of South Lyme have been guests of relatives here this week.

A band of gypsies were camped here for a few days this week.

GOSHEN.

Sale of McGrath Farm—Appointment of Town Teachers.

Mrs. Frank E. Hyde and children of Lisbon were recent visitors with friends here.

Miss Hattie M. York is a guest of friends in New Haven.

James McGrath has sold his farm of over two hundred acres to Jacob Fox of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Thomas spent Friday at Watch Hill.

The town officials are putting the school houses in first class repair for the school year. Schools begin Tuesday, Sept. 7th. Leo Cummings has engaged to teach in district No. 12, Miss Clara Gillette in district No. 10, Miss Lillian Mahoney in district No. 9. Miss Alice Mahoney teaches in the Johnson district in Bozrah.

Mission Band Elects Officers.

The Mission Band of Workers met Tuesday afternoon. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Miss Bertha A. Lathrop, president; Miss Ruth Curry, secretary; Miss Bessie H. Randall, treasurer. The Mission Band has raised $15 this year which amount has been forwarded to the Women's oBard of Missions.

Mrs. Edwin K. Jones and daughter Miss Mary A. Jones, who have been with relatives in this place, left on Tuesday afternoon for their home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

F. H. Browning began filling his silo on Tuesday.

Miss Maud Washburn and Miss Ruby Schofield of New Haven are visiting at W. I. Motts.

Mr. and Mrs. Sands with their two children and a niece from Boston were recent visitors at the home of J. Stark.

LISBON

Surprise Party and Gift for Mrs. Henry Kendall.

Martin Seidel is in New York, visiting his brother, Henry Seidel.

Emil Hoelck, Ervin Fowler and Wilbur Kennerson of Norwich were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoelck recently.

Mrs. Henry Kendall was agreeably surprised at her home Saturday evening by a number of friends. Games were played. Miss Sarah Thomas was the pianist. A solo was rendered by Miss Thomas. Cake and lemonade were served. The hostess was presented a beautiful tablecloth. Those present were Misses Lizzie and Lena Bradlow, Maggie and Annie Hoelck, May Broughton, Alice McNeely, Sarah Thomas, Mrs. Edmund Weeks, Mrs. Fred Irons, Pauline Erlbeck, Vesta Kendall and Ethel Kennedy, Messrs. August Hoelck, William and John McNeely, Charlie Budelt, Charlie Banker, Harry Corbett, Fred Irons, William Kendall and Herman Learned.

August Hoelck was in Greeneville Sunday.

Miss Alice E. Kennedy is improving rapidly and is expected home in four weeks.

Ralph Chapman of Montville visited friends in town Sunday.

GRISWOLD

Church Uses Norman Gifts at Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyler of Mystic attended the conference at Pachaug Wednesday.

Frank Eccleston and family of Boston have been in town this week and attended the Ecclestone family reunion held at the home of N. W. Ecclestone near Glasgo last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Meech of Danielson were in town Sunday guests of Deacon and Mrs. A. H. Meech.

Deacon A. H. Meech is enjoying a visit from his sister, Mrs. Mary Avery of Laurel Hill, Norwich.

Mrs. Norman's Bequests to Church.

Prior to her death last January, Mrs. Prudence Norman made generous provision for the Griswold church, a gift of $2000 and an ample supply of silver ware to meet the needs of the largest social occasions. Her plans for the church have been promptly carried out by her son, who has also repaired the parsonage and assisted in the purchase of new dishes, these and the silverware having been used for the first time at the conference of churches, Sept. 1.

SALEM

Norwich Preacher at Congregational Church—Schools to Open Sept. 7.

Services in the Congregational church Sunday morning were conducted by Rev. L. W. Frink of Norwich, who preached a splendid sermon. The evening service was in charge of Mrs. William Darling.

An interesting meeting of Salem grange was held in their hall on Tuesday evening. Arrangements were made to give a social and entertainment.

Schools in town will commence the fall term on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Rogers and son Gorton spent several days this week at Hillside farm, their country home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rogers entertained a company of friends last Friday evening at their home, The Maples.

Miss Dorothy Fuller of Saybrook is the guest of Mrs. Sherwood Miner.

George S. Gadbois of New London was the guest of friends at Crystal Spring farm

Miss Kittie L. Ray spent a few days this week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. F. R. Bailey.

CAMPBELL'S MILLS

Mrs. Luther Tanner has gone to Westerly, R. I., for two weeks' visit with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Tanner attended the funeral of Mrs. Tanner's sister at Westerly last Tuesday.

H. M. Wilcox lost a valuable cow Monday last from tuberculosis.

Judge Waldo Tillinghast and son Arthur were here Wednesday negotiating for timber land

GALES FERRY

Artist Looks Over New Purchase—Miss Mabel Martin Swims to Navy Yard—Cottage Season Waning.

Rev. Oliver C. Morse of Port Washington, L. I., gave an interesting address on the story of Jonah at a special service at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at his summer home at the Yale 'varsity quarters.

Inspecting Property.

The artist, Henry Singlewood Bisbing, of Philadelphia, who has purchased the building site formerly occupied by the Adams homestead at River Bend place, was here Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, looking over the property.

Miss Florence E. Fellows of Norwich, with her sister from Washington, D. C., called on friends in the village Monday.

Miss Martin's Long Swim.

Miss Mabel Martin of Meriden made a long distance swim Monday from the village to the navy yard, a distance of between two and one-half and three miles. Miss Martin, who made the swim alone, was attended by her father, James Martin, who is spending his vacation with his family at their cottage, Leisure Hour.

Miss Fannie Bill Hurlbutt, a former resident here, arrived last week from her brother's home in Corona, L. I., to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hurlbutt.

Miss Richardson of Boston is the guest of Miss Emma D. Lewis at Allyn's Point.

Cottagers Leaving for Home.

Several of the summer residents have returned to their homes this week. Mrs. Frank A. Alpin, with her daugnter Helen and son Frank, who have occupied the Davis house, left for their home in Mount Vernon, N. Y., Tuesday noon.

Mrs. Ellsworth Meech, with her children and maids, who have spent the season at the Meech homestead, also returned to their home in Middletown Tuesday.

Mrs. Clarence Latham and sons of Essex were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Latham Wednesday.

Dr. W. F. Gilroy, who has been spending his vacation with his family at The Pines, returned to his home in Mount Vernon, N. Y., Thursday.

Mrs. Edwin Leech of New York, who has been spending the season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Allyn, of the Ledyard Center road, is the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. E. A. James, of Allyn's Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson and daughter of Brooklyn, N. Y., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Voorhees.

Picnic Dinner.

Members of the Jolly Fourteen club, with guests, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Latham Smith at a picnic dinner at their home in the village Monday. Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Noland of New London, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beckwith of Niantic and Mrs. Edwin Leech of New York, were guests from out of town.

Charles Turner of Hartford arrived last week to spend his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Alonzo Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnschaw and daughter, Miss Marion, who have spent the season on the bluff, returned to Putnam last week.

Capt. Benjamin Stark, U. S. A., of New London, who served in the Philippines for eight years, was an over-Sunday guest of James D. Copp at his farm near the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beckwith of Niantic were over-Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Chapman at Allyn's Point. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beckwith of Moodus were also guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman for several days last week.

Mrs. Curtis Gates of New London visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Perkins, Wednesday.

Mrs. Fannie Adams Molthrop of River Bend place made a business trip to New Haven the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Treat and son William, who have spent the season at the Hitchon cottage, returned to Norwich Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Rogers and daughters, who have spent the month at the Wigwam, have also returned to Norwich.

Miss Jennie Perkins is visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Maynard, in Anthony, R. I.

Mrs. Charles Hoyt, who has spent the season with her mother, Mrs. Lydia Maynard, at Allyn's Point, left last week to join Mr. Hoyt in Washington, D. C.

LIBERTY HILL

C.E. Society to Picnic—Assessors Visit School District.

Mrs. Julia Verplanck of South Manchester is the guest of Mrs. E. A. Noyes.

The C. E. society had a picnic at the Columbia reservoir Wednesday. It rained very hard for an hour and Mrs. Brown kindly opened her house for the picnickers, who had their dinner there.

The C. E. society had a social at Isaiah Hall's Friday evening.

Miss Gladys Clarke has been the guest of her uncle Herman Strong, in Ansonia the past two weeks.

Mrs. Henry A. Spafford of Bridgeport is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Horace Foote.

Miss Edith Lewis of Guilford was the guest of her cousin, J. George Clark from Saturday until Tuesday morning.

The assessors, Charles S. Briggs, J. George Clark, Leverett Manwaring and I. W. Mott, visited the 16 school districts and assessed the school property going in an automobile Monday.

CENTER VOLUNTOWN.

Small Boy Kills Big Snake.

Harry Tourtelotte of North Scituate has moved his family to the tenement with Mr. Turner.

Mr. Spencer has five teams drawing wood from his lot to the Briggs Mfg. Co. of Voluntown. They make two trips a day.

Joel Barber, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber, who was taken suddenly ill Aug. 26th, is better.

Miss Nora Grover has returned to her home in New Haven after staying with her sister, Mrs. Henry Phiff, three months.

Mrs. Baker and daughter of Providence are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phipp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barber and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pratt and family, Mrs. William Bitgood and Lizzie Fry, Mrs. Turner and three children, Mrs. Phiff and daughter and Nora Grover had a picnic at Beach pond Wednesday, Aug. 25th.

Floyd Barber, aged 10, killed a black snake that measured four and one-half feet.

William Bitgood has finished digging his potatoes. The crop was very small this year.

Dr. Lewis' mother of Norwich is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward Pratt.

LEONARD BRIDGE.

Afternoon Tea in Honor of Nieces—Fine Field of Buckwheat.

J. N. Dauphine of Colchester was at Harold Cummings' Thursday.

Miss Geraldine Oat of Norwich is visiting Miss Flora Spaulding.

Willie Burns of Willimantic spent Sunday with Leo Cummings.

Mrs. H. C. Leonard and children were recent visitors with relatives in Providence.

Arthur Carpenter of Wethersfield was a caller on friends in this place the first of the week.

Samuel Johnson and grandchildren of New Haven are visiting at Judge A. G. Kneeland's.

Mrs. Kenneth Cummings is on a Whitcomb excursion visiting Niagara Falls and other points of interest.

Mrs. Luther Spaulding entertained at afternoon tea Wednesday in honor of her nieces, Mrs. Frank Spaulding of West Haven, Mrs. E. B. Robertson of East Norwalk and Misses Lena and Myra Manwaring.

Mrs. Jennie Loomis has returned to Scott Hill for a short visit.

The field of buckwheat on the Spaulding farm is the admiration of all who see it.

Mrs. A. C. Williams of Lebanon and Mrs. F. G. Stark of Goshen spent Thursday at Maple Corners.

Mrs. Katie Hughes of Providence is visiting her mother, Mrs. Haas.

NORTH LYME

Grangers Attend Beach Picnic—Visitor from the Golden State.

Miss Gertrude Leffingwell has returned to W. M. Sisson's after a short vacation spent at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jewett attended a meeting of the Undertakers' association at Ocean Beach last week Wednesday.

A number of grangers attended a grange picnic at None Such beach last Thursday.

Mrs. Walter Gillette of East Haddam visited at Lucius Star's Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Morgan of Providence are visiting Miss Lizzie Warren at their old home in this place.

Lauriston Stark of Bashan visited at M. J. Stark's one day last week.

Merrill Babcock left Tuesday for East Haddam, where he will be employed by Liveryman Ventress as chauffeur on his automobile route.

Marshall Gates of California has been visiting Harold Gates.

Mrs. James Warner of Hadlyme has been at C. F. Jewett's recently.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jewett were at Savin Rock last Friday with a party of friends.

A number from this place went to camp meeting at Camp Bethel, Tylerville, last Sunday.

Miss Emily Stark and Mrs. W. M. Sisson, Jr., visited friends in Chester Tuesday.

LEDYARD

Appraisal of Gallup Estate—Teachers Announced for Coming Term.

Mrs. Luther C. Gray, wife of First Selectman Gray, has been at Staten Island for several days. Mrs. Gray was called there by the illness and death of her cousin, Mrs. Havens, whose burial was in the Groton cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

William I. Allyn and Charles A. Gray appraised the real estate and personal property of the late Henry Gallup on Friday. Luther C. Gray has been appointed executor of the estate.

Thomas P. Norman, acting school visitor, has announces these names of teachers for the several schools in town: District No. 2, Miss Maude A. Houck; district No. 3, E. Lucy Lester; district No. 4, Florence M. Bennett; district No. 5, Samuel E. Holdridge; district No. 6, Miss Eloise H. White; district No. 7, Mrs. Mabel W. Denison; district No. 8, Thomas Latham; district No. 9, Mrs. Ursula E. Avery; district No. 10, no teacher; district No. 11, Miss Lillian Gallup; district No. 12, M. Geneva Rathbun; district No. 13, Grace A. Chapman; district No. 14, Daisy Gottschalk.

Peaches are scarce and those who have them are receiving good prices for their fruit.

BOZRAH.

Preaching Services Sunday After Five Weeks' Vacation.

Mrs. C. A. Gager, Jr., and Mrs. Frank I. Royce spent Friday with Mrs. Edwin E. Lathrop.

Miss Alice A. Bishop has been spending several days in Yantic this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Abell have been spending a part of this week at Norwich Town.

Mrs. L. H. Lathrop and Mrs. George H. Penney spent Thursday with Miss Lizzie McKeag of Sherman street.

After a vacation of five weeks, preaching will be resumed in the Congregational church Sunday, Sept. 5.

On account of the fair grange meeting will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 9.

SOUTH LYME.

Mrs. F. C. Payne entertained Mrs. John Hopson of Danbury, Mrs. Annie Atwood and daughter Bessie of Kansas and Mrs. Elibeth Beers of Far Rockaway, N. Y., this week.

Mrs. Arthur White of New London visited friends in South Lyme this week.

Miss Mabel Sims and mother have returned to Montclair, N. J., after a visit with friends.

Albert Miller is operator at South Lyme tower.

Miss Elizabeth Slate has returned from New London after a week's visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gertrude Slate.

Mrs. J. W. Roath and daughters are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. J. Post in Ivoryton.

LAUREL GLEN.

Rev. L. F. Randolph of Hopkinson delivered a helpful sermon in the Laurel Glen chapel Sunday.

Mrs. Howard Martin and three children, Vera, Helen and Harry accompanied by Mrs. Roland Gavitt and son Delmar spent Wednesday with Mrs. James Maine.

The prayer meeting at the chapel Wednesday evening led by Rev. J. H. Sdams of Pendleton Hill, was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hopkins of Shannock, R. I., are visiting the family of Horace F. Palmer.

A party from this place went to Quonochontaug Beach Friday.

GARDNER LAKE

Mrs. Cleta Gardner and Mrs. Elizabeth Burchard of Montville called on local friends a few days ago.

Camp Surprise boys returned to New York Saturday after several days' camping on the shore of Gardner Lake.

Mr. Alonzo Ahorn, of Norwich is making a few days' stay with local friends.

Sidney Dolbeare visited relatives at Plain Hill a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Bentley of Yantic called on friends recently.

NEW LONDON'S FUTURE WALKS

City Accepts Legislative Act which Puts Half the Cost on City—Young Toughs who Need Caging—Rev. Thomas P. Joynt's Death—The City at Mouth of Thames Misses Pequot Hotel—A Memorial to Thomas Fitch, a Public Benefactor.

In city meeting and by a small majority it was voted to accept the legislative act which authorized the city of New London to pay one-half the cost of new sidewalks, the property owners to pay the balance. Heretofore it has been the custom for property owners to build sidewalks at their own expense when ordered by vote of the court of common council, but this ordinance has not been complied with of late years, especially since the city paid for new walks in Bank, Main and Washington streets, where the streets have been paved with vitrified brick. This unauthorized action on the part of the city authorities has had the result of general negligence in the matter of sidewalks and New London has become noted for poor sidewalks.

Even before this alleged favoritism was shown property owners in the streets named, an opinion prevailed that the council could not compel citizens to lay sidewalks and many acted on that basis, and without prosecution, although the sidewalks orders were ignored.

Governor Waller was opposed to the adoption of the special act giving the city authority to assume half the expense of the sidewalks, and Alexander J. Campbell, president of the New London Business Men's association, which favored the act in committee, was in favor of postponing action for at least two months. Neither of these gentlemen were at the city meeting and therefore their views were not explained, except in advance through the newspapers.

Had the governor been there and addressed the meeting, it is pebbles to boulders that the legislative act would have been rejected, for his force and eloquence of argument would have wiped out the small majority vote that carried the measure through the city meeting.

Ex-Mayor George F. Tinker, who was opposed to the acceptance of this amendment, was also absent from the city meeting, having gone to his native New Hampshire town to help celebrate Old Home day. He has since argued, through the newspapers, that the action taken was ill advised and impractical, as the building of sidewalks is a burden that could not be taken without a material increase in taxation, and that would be a hardship that would be unbearable to many who have now heavily mortgaged homes.

Now that the city meeting has been held and the amendment to the city charter accepted, there are many who are of opinion that were the same matter to be voted upon again the result would be different. It is set forth that the original ordinance relative to sidewalks, which has not been repealed, will fill all the requirements if properly enforced. So when that time comes to make appropriation for the building of sidewalks to carry the amendment into effect there will be strong opposition and from present indications no appropriation will be made for that purpose.

The taking over of the sidewalks by the city, to be cared for as are the streets, is not a new idea. It was the pet scheme of the late Col. William H. Bentley, who served many terms in the court of common council. Almost every time sidewalks were mentioned in council meeting Colonel Bentley took occasion to advocate the scheme of the city building and caring for the sidewalks, not one-half, but the whole hog or none.

While he strongly advocated the measure, the gentleman never got so far as to figure the probable cost nor what it meant to the taxpayers. It was argued then, and it is argued now, that the enforcement of the present sidewalk ordinance will certainly result in improving the deplorable condition of the sidewalks of New London.

There is a gang of young toughs over in East New London that ought to be reformed or caged, and perhaps the better way would be to cage them first and then begin the difficult work of reform. This gang or its predecessor has been in existence for many years, although there is ever gradual change in membership, mere boys being trained as the older ones graduate into faster company. Their depredations are almost of continuous annoyance to the police, and as a rule they are sharp enough to keep just beyond the clutches of the law. Extra exertion on the part of the police, and these chaps would not be quite so bold.

One night this week, when the moon was at its brightest, five members of the gang tried the highway robbery act upon a young man who was returning to his home from the boat clubhouse near Winthrop's Point. They assaulted and held him up, but did not succeed in robbing him, for he did not have his watch with him, and his cash was in the inside pocket of his vest.

It is members of this same gang who congregate in the smoking room of the railway station on Sunday evenings, especially in the winter time, when it is too cold for them to be in the open, and when they are driven from their card-playing haunts by the presence of men who are away from their homes by day but who are on hand at night to drive the young hoodlums from premises that they invade. In the smoking room these fellows by their rowdyism drive respectable waiting passengers from the room, disgusted with the actions and dirty speech of these rowdies.

This congregation of toughs in the smoking room was permitted last winter witnout the slightest interference from railroad representatives or police. It is to be hoped that during the coming winter this disgraceful condition will not be permitted, for it is not only objectionable to the passengers but is in a way encouraging to young fellows who seem to imagine that rowdyism is essential to their idea of future manhood.

During the past year tribute has been paid a departed citizen in a quiet way, too quiet in the minds of some who have just learned what has been done to help perpetuate the name of one who in his day was among the most progressive of citizens. Years ago Thomas Fitch was a leader in all that went to upbuild New London. He was engaged in the whale fishery and mercantile business and ever active in city affairs. No matter of big importance would be possible unless Thomas Fitch was the captain or first lieutenant of the undertaking.

He saw a great future for the Northwest section of the city as a place for fine residences and he invested largely in property there, opening up several streets and improving the roadways. At one time he owned the whole square just next Williams park, which is now covered with fine residences on the four streets, and several other large tracts of land; and he had for himself a large farm on what was later known as the continuation of Vauxhall street. The time was when he practically owned the greater part of the now fashionable Northwest.

But, like many other men, whose desire was to advance public and private interests and without proper regard to self, Mr. Fitch met with reverses and died a poor man. There was no monument to mark his final resting place, although men for years before his time had done something historical in connection with the town had been perpetuated in granite or bronze.

This matter became a subject of conversation among a few gentlemen at the John Winthrop club, and the result was that a gentleman names Benjamin A. Armstrong then and there offered to furnish sufficient money for a suitable memorial at the grave of Thomas Fitch in Cedar Grove cemetery. It was his desire that no publicity be given to the act, as it was merely a deserved tribute to a departed and once worthy, honorable and progressive citizen, who did more good for the New London than the city or the people did for him.

There was once upon a time when Thomas Fitch was considered the war horse of the republican party, while the late John Bishop was given the same consideration on the democratic side. Both were energetic, active men, and very forcible speakers, and never failed to make pleasant personal but very bitter political reference the one to the other. If memory serves correctly, both were natives of Colchester, nearly of an age, and when these two men got together in city meeting there was a contest from the drop of the flag, and their respective political leaders, the late Augustus Brandegee and Thomas M. Waller were content to remain as ordinary participants in city meeting.

These men, Fitch and Bishop, were the lay leaders of the parties locally, and they conducted their portions of the campaigns without creating dissensions in their own party, for they were not in the game for personal advancement, but for the general good of the parties with which they were affiliated. But local politics, as well as almost everything else, have changed since Messrs. Fitch and Bishop have joined the majority. They are both good men, gone.

Rev. Thomas P. Joynt, one of the best known and most popular priests of the diocese of Hartford, and who probably bore resignedly more bodily suffering than any who survive, will be buried with impressive ceremony in New London this (Saturday) morning, where the people, regardless of denomination will assemble and pay tribute to the noble, dead priest. Father Joynt was an ordained priest for nearly thirty-five years, and all but nine years of all that long and faithful service was given in the city of New London, where he was honored and respected by almost every resident.

By his broad-minded and liberal policy he has done more for the advancement of the faith he represented than has been effectedsince the time that Father Fitton said his first mass in New London in the little story and a half house now standing at the corner of Bank and Howard streets and ed than has been effected since the time site e-rect, the site of the present brick building.

With all his years of suffering, when able to be about, he had a smile and a pleasant word for all, and it was considered a pleasure to meet the good priest. When there was united service on any public occasion, Father Joynt was always invited and took active part, notably, in the President McKinley obsequies, when he was selected as one of the speakers. His address at that time, made in his pleasing way, and without reference to notes, brought him hearty commendation from the large congregation assembled in the Lyceum theater, which for the time being was devoted to solemn and religious exercises.

Aside from his faithful church work, his interest in the societies connected directly or indirectly with the church, he was a man of the people, and among the many good people in the city there is perhaps not one that will be more universally missed than Rev. Thomas P. Joynt, for twenty-six years pastor of St. Mary's Star of the Sea church.

With the waning of the good old summer time the people of New London begin to realize what it means to be without a summer hotel to take the place of the burned Pequot house and the need of a really first class hotel at the seashore. New London has, by reason of its excellent location, long ago gained a reputation as a summer resort, but assummer resort without an ideal summer hotel is like unto the old reference made to the play of Hamlet with the principal character eliminated.

To be sure, there is a large colony of summer cottagers, and all that, but there is no accommodation for the regular or transient boarders, and this large class of heretofore welcome visitors are now compelled to go elsewhere to find rest, recreation and enjoyment of the sea breezes and marine scenery.

The absence of a suitable summer hotel has also had the effect of causing New London to be omitted in the make-up of the annual cruise of the New York yacht fleet, for the first time since the formation of this club, more than half a century ago. This summer hotel project is a matter of supreme importance to New London and should receive some attention of the band of boosters who are engaged in laudable work for the upbuilding of the industrial interests of the city.

It was in the old fogy days, referred to by some of the up-to-date pushers of today, that such men as John Bishop and Thomas Fitch, mentioned elsewhere in this correspondence, **built the** old Pequot house and advertised New London as a "watering place," and now it would be well for the modern boosters of the town to get together and try and continue the good work along that line that was so well started by their grand-daddies.

Although some people have travelled out of their way to knock the Niagara autpmobile chemical and hose wagon, and encouraged in their knocking by the unjustifiable reference occasionally made against the machine by prejudiced newspaper reporters, it is now, after a trial of five years, convincingly demonstrated that it is the most efficient apparatus in the department and has saved many times its cost and maintenance to the citizens of New London.

This fire-fighting machine was purchased and is owned by the Niagara company, but is classed as a part of the regular department and is even scheduled in the property list of the department. This is just as the Niagaras desire that it should, for as soon as the machine was put into commission it was placed subject to the orders of the chief engineer and thus it has remained ever since.

This machine has done especially good service many times for which no credit has been given, but when there was an occasional disarrangement of some little part of the machinery the incident was reported in detail and always with a big black heading. Now this is all changed, as was very notable during the present week, when deserved praise was given the work of the machine in the big black heading as well as in the body of the report.

This was in connection with the fire at the residence of Henry R. Bond, where the Niagaras succeeded in putting out the fire without the knowledge of Mr. Bond, who has been confined to his home for a long time with sickness. Within six minutes from the time the telephone number of Niagara was found in the directory the machine was at the Bond residence and the run was made up grade for nearly the whole distance of nearly a mile. The actual time from the receipt of the call to arrival was not quite five minutes. That's going some for a volunteer department.

The Niagaras get nearly all the still alarms and therefore have about eight times as many runs as the other fire companies, **and it is not at all** surprising that there is a rare **delay** by reason of some little disarrangement of machinery, and this should not be cause sufficient for knocks from even the prejudiced. In the larger cities with modern paid fire departments there is occasional mishap to fire apparatus, and even in New London the horse-drawn fire vehicles are not entirely free from accidents. So it is time that unjustified criticisms of the best firefighting machine New London ever had was at an end.

FRANKLIN

Pastor's Vacation Ended—Neighborhood Picnic to Coventry—Engagement Announced.

Mrs. Davies of Norwich is spending the week with Mrs. B. F. Greenslit on Lebanon road.

Mrs. H. E. Hart and daughter, Miss E. E. Hart, have returned to Hartford, after spending a few days with Mrs. A. D. Lamb.

Mrs. Flynn of Baltic is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Fred Kingsley.

Miss Florence Grow has returned to Boston, after spending the summer with Mrs. L. H. Smith.

Mr. Wheeler and daughter, Elizabeth, of New London, spent a few days of this week with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Wilcox.

Rev. H. A. Beadle has returned from a two weeks' vacation. Rev. C. H. Peck of Hanover occupied the pulpit in the Franklin Congregational church last Sunday during Mr. Beadle's absence.

Miss Gleason, who has been the guest of Mrs. Brassill, has returned to her home in Norwich.

Miss Bagley returned Wednesday to New York, after spending a few weeks with Mrs. Brassill.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Rockwood and their children were guests of relatives in Lebanon the early part of the week.

James D. Simpson has returned to his duties as mail carrier on R. F. D. No. 1, after taking a vacation of two weeks. His route has been covered by his son, Walter Simpson.

Fred S. Armstrong has his thrashing machine in operation and is doing a great amount of work in this section.

Miss Elsie Maine has been entertaining Miss Ashburn of Preston.

Miss Eleanor Beckwith, who has been the guest of friends in Bristol, R. I., for the past week, has returned.

The Lord's supper will be observed to morrow (Sunday) morning in the Congregational church.

Mrs. H. A. Gager spent Wednesday in Jewett City.

Misses Saidie and Marion Matteson of Providence are guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Robinson.

Miss Faith Gager is spending a few days in Providence.

Blanche Parker has returned to New London, after spending the summer at Lakeside farm.

Outing to Coventry Lake.

A large party from here visited Lake Waugunbung in Coventry last Friday. The party included Mrs. Lloyd Ayer, Miss Edna Vallette, Mrs. Hermon Gager, Miss Faith Gager, Blanche Parker, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Robinson and Master Arnd Robinson, Mrs. George Ladd, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Hyde, Mrs. Eliza Johnson, Mrs. Abbie Speeler Miss Lillie Johnson, Fred Johnson, Mrs. Frank Rockwood, Miss Ella Rockwood, Mrs. Fred Race, Mrs. Lidgren, Gustave Lindgren, Miss Johnson, Fred Race and Huntington Lathrop.

Briefs and Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis H. Smith were the guests of friends in Noank the early part of this week.

Ralph Wiseman of Hartford is the guest of his cousin, Ernest Smith.

Edward Nichols has returned to New London, after spending the summer in Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Phillips of Springfield, Mass., announce the engagement of their daughter, Elva Elizabeth, to William LeRoy Lillie of Providence. W. L. Lillie of Providence and Miss Phillips were recent visitors at the home of Mr. Lillie's father. He is now making a trip through the west, and will visit the exposition.

Mrs. E. C. Lillie has returned to her home in Lebanon, after a lengthy visit with her children.

HANOVER.

Social Ending of Missionary Meeting—Judgment for Defendant in Eviction Case.

The Woman's Missionary society met on Thursday, August 26, at the home of Mrs. Benjamin Gallup. Miss Marion Walker read from How the Other Half Lives. Some thirty guests were present and enjoyed a cordial hospitality.

Rev. Frank Fuller of Norwich Town was welcomed to the pulpit of his former parish last Sunday and preached an excellent sermon on Rest.

The pastor and Misses Ellen Peck and Florence Hope, and Roger C. Peck of Washington attended the Griswold conference on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Willimantic have been guests of Mrs. Tarbox.

Nelson Adams has bought out the quick lunch room in the Roderick block, Baltic.

Miss Theodore Peck is visiting at Mattituck, L. I.

Miss Ruth Standish and Miss Sadie Bennett have returned from their vacation.

The Hanover Baseball team won at Lebanon last Saturday by a score of six to eight. Today the game is on the home grounds with the C. A. C. Juniors of Norwich.

The eviction case of Alfred B. Cocking of Willimantic against Milo E. Burr was decided by jury on Monday last in favor of the defendant