

LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

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

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

LEBANON. Miss Emily Huntington, of Kitchen Garden, Famously Ill—Social and Religious Interests.

Rev. Mr. Grimes of Windham preached in the First Congregational church last Sunday morning and evening. The discourses were interesting and soul teaching.

Reported Rev. Brewer Eddy's Address. Friday afternoon at 2.30 Mrs. Grimes of Windham met the members of the Woman's Auxiliary branch of the Board of Foreign Missions at Mrs. M. S. Williams Throp's house, to give a report of the Rev. Brewer Eddy's address to the American Board of Foreign Missions, at Park church, Boston, Nov. 11, subject, "After the Vision—What?"

Miss Hattie E. Hewitt entertained sixteen of her kind and kin on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Clara Abel has been at home for Thanksgiving day. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Royall, and other friends from New York were guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Royall.

Miss Sarah Peckham of Westbury is in town. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Abel and son are at the home of Mr. Abel's mother, Mrs. J. P. Abel.

Miss Sarah Danielson, daughter of Dr. Edwin L. Danielson, is at home.

Miss Emily Huntington, formerly of Norwich, daughter of Deacon Daniel Huntington and sister of Rev. George W. Huntington, now of Brooklyn, N. Y., lies critically ill at Windham. She will be remembered as an active worker in the Ebenezer Mission, West Side, Norwich, in years gone by, and also in St. Mark's mission, New York City, and in the "Kitchen Garden," which has crossed the ocean with its fame. Her ancestry was from Lebanon and links back to revolutionary days.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wilcox and daughter of the Congregational church, who are the chairman of the social committee. Mrs. Irish has been ill for several days, but is improving.

A rally day was held at the Sunday school of the Baptist church, Dr. B. C. Calkins is the superintendent. Deacon A. L. Babcock addressed the school, giving some reminiscences of seventy years ago.

Deacons Gurley and A. A. Boothby, of the First Baptist church, gave some helpful talks to the children. The children gave some very pleasing exercises.

At the close of the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting held at the home of B. F. York at Hill Larn farm on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 27. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in a social time, and refreshments were served. It was Mr. York's 60th birthday.

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LEDYARD

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George Caswell of North Stonington, who has been visiting his brother, Samuel Caswell, returned home Sunday.

Wanted to Be Married Again. Callano de Penna, arrested in Norwich on Saturday last for marrying a girl of thirteen, came to a local justice on Friday with a paper secured in Norwich, wishing the justice to sign for the marriage of the girl in question. The justice refused to sign the printed paper, but told him if he would undergo a successful operation in the Auburn hospital. Since he was able to leave the hospital, the justice will sign the paper if he is married two days, when he wished to be married again.

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VOLUNTOWN.

Village Now Has Seven Motor Cars—Foresters' Ball a Great Success.

An anniversary high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Thomas church on Saturday evening, November 25, for Louis Richards. The pastor, Father Belanger, was celebrant and music was by the regular choir.

Thanksgiving holidays with relatives in Pawtucket.

Miss Helen Coffey and Miss Mary D. O. Groves.

During the administration of Mayor Armstrong there was more auditing of public accounts than ever before and a general system of bookkeeping was adopted that resulted for the public benefit.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Maine returned after spending several days with relatives in Danielson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarah Shattuck and Miss G. B. Bowerwood.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell.

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ISSUE OVER THE AUDITORS

Auditor Washburne Has Given Satisfaction but Mr. Fengar Wants the Job and is the Choice of Mahan—Ald. Kirkland Favors the Gamewell Police Signal System—Industrial Progress New London's Slogan—The Authorities Should Get Busy or the Grand Trunk Terminal Matter May Be Lost for Neglect.

There is evidence of gross neglect in the street department in Ocean avenue at the junction of the avenue where there is a covered or pipe gutter, placed there for the purpose of not only making an easy crossing for teams, but also to prevent the collection of surface water at that point.

When there was a deputy highway commissioner it was part of his duties to drive about the city and inspect just such places and keep them in proper repair. The mouth of the pipe runs lengthwise with Ocean avenue and was finally completely clogged and the surface water now overflows the gutter, and the gutter is a nuisance and destroys the macadam road. A little attention to this obstruction a month ago would have prevented the present trouble and not destroyed the road's surface.

It now appears that the present mayor wants a change and a substitute has been named for Mr. Washburne, the new candidate for the place being Frederick C. Fengar, who declined the nomination. Mr. Fengar is a well known citizen and has held several positions and is at present in the employ of the Ferguson at Fishers Island.

Mr. Fengar of late years has drilled in the Mahan squad of the democratic party and has served the city as a councilman. When the office of clerk of the board of assessors with a salary of \$1,500 was created, it was common talk that the creation was for Mr. Fengar, but it is now known that the office went to Mr. J. LaCasse, T. McDonald and A. Bergeron.

While Mr. Fengar may be well qualified for the office, it is not clear that he can members of the finance committee see no valid reason why he should replace Mr. Washburne, whose competence and integrity are well known. The money more than does the seeker for the appointment. The finance committee is composed of two of the most prominent citizens of the city, Mayor Mahan a member ex-officio. The mayor and the democratic member want Fengar and Fengar wants the appointment while the two republicans favor Washburne and he is favorable to holding the position.

So at this writing, Washburne continues an auditor. He is sure to remain, provided the republican members of the finance committee remain steadfast. In the event of the appointment being referred to the court of common council, Mr. Washburne would stand to put Fengar in Washburne's place and should be succeeded it would be traveling a long distance to get another auditor because it was put up to him to assume the accounts of the city.

Charles Goodrich has entered the employ of W. H. Lincoln in Hampton.

The summer morning congestion in Bank street, between Golden and Pearl streets, and caused by the assembling of the teams of fruit peddlers securing their wares from a wholesale fruit house, is to be retained and this will be a disadvantage to the city.

It is expected that the committee will make a report of some kind to the board of common council in the near future. It is to be hoped that the board will take a month ago on the police alarm system, but an influence prevailed that held up action at that time.

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OLD MYSTIC

Entertainment and Oyster Supper—Rev. Frank L. Hayward in Maine Woods Recovering from Operation—Personals.

Rev. Jephthah Olmstead's class in expression held an entertainment and served an oyster supper in the auditorium of the church. One half the proceeds will be given to the church to help pay the bill for shingling the church roof.

Recovering from Operation. Rev. Frank L. Hayward, a former pastor of the Methodist church of this village, now pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church at Auburn, Me., has recently undergone a successful operation in the Auburn hospital. Since he was able to leave the hospital, the justice will sign the paper if he is married two days, when he wished to be married again.

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LIBERTY HILL

Kennedy-James Marriage—Death of Miss Conlin—Surprise Visit and Anniversary Gift.

Miss Vivian James, daughter of John James, and her marriage with Arthur Kennedy of Rhode Island, was celebrated on Friday last.

Miss Conlin, a young girl, died on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. William Watson have gone to Tennessee for the winter.

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CLARK'S FALLS

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GALES FERRY

Village Hears of Sudden Death—Plans for Christmas Observance.

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in due to families removing from the city for business purposes. More than one-fifth of the loss has been gained by the village of Westerly, although business is considered dull in that little place.

It would be a pity to see New London get back into that unprogressive condition that prevailed some forty or more years ago, when the whole decade, from one national census to another, that there was but a gain of just one in the population of the city. In those days there was a standing advertisement of a "Boy wanted at the Evening Star office," and when the result of the census was officially announced the wit of The Norwich Bulletin had the temerity to state that David Scott Huddock, editor and proprietor of the Star, had finally got that boy and gave the city a gain instead of that little place.

Albert Daniels, a Meriden printer, has committed suicide by a drink of alcohol, and his death recalls the fact that he learned the trade in the old Star office in New London about 1850. He was a native of New London, from Sag Harbor and lived in the family of C. Strong Holt in Truman street, doing chores for the family. He was a printer and worked for a while in New London and then returned to his home in Sag Harbor. He went to one of the printing houses in New London and worked for a while in Bank street in the house now owned and occupied by the Stoll Brothers.

Unless Mayor Mahan gets busy and appoints that committee in behalf of the city, the city will be in a bad way. The Grand Trunk terminal matter, the opportunity may be lost. As the court of common council has taken hold of this project direct, it is practically taken out of the hands of the semi-public committee of the Board of Trade and the New London Business Men's association and a citizens' committee representing the city. The Grand Trunk officials some time ago adopted a plan to secure an entrance into that city and the effort has received the endorsement of the Board of Trade and the New London Board of Trade and the New London Business Men's association and a citizens' committee representing the city.

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Children Solicit Funds. The plan which proved successful last year of each member of the younger set of the Gales Ferry town school acting as a soliciting committee for funds for the Christmas tree, has been adopted this season. Committees for classes were appointed Tuesday morning to assist in the decorating work and Rufus and Irving Hurlbutt were appointed to assist in the tree to provide a tree for the entertainment. Miss Alice Satterlee left Tuesday to spend a few days with her brother and his wife in North Haven.

GARDNER LAKE. William James of Norwich was here several days on a hunting trip. William P. Maynard of Norwich is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Maynard. Orrin Gardner was in Colchester on Wednesday of last week. Norman Boynton of Branford visited a few days with his parents last week. Mrs. Susan Latimer and family spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Norwich