

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

## LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

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

### NEW LONDON COUNTY.

#### GALES FERRY

Punctual Pupils Rewarded—Visitors for the Holidays—Charles H. Brown's Improvements to Property.

The Gales Ferry Sunday school was largely attended Sunday. The classes of the younger children being entitled to the banner for perfect attendance. Several members of the school exchanged their attendance rewards at this service.

Chief Engineer Charles J. Pierce of the steamer Pequot, has been spending two weeks' vacation at his home at Albany Point.

Miss Amy B. Satterlee was the guest Tuesday and Wednesday of Miss Annie Tripp in Central Village.

Mrs. Edwin Kennedy of New London was a caller here Monday.

Charles H. Brown of Norwich has erected a rustic summer house and made other improvements at Decatur Bluff farm, Albany Point.

The members of the board of assessors, who met at the town clerk's office last week, continued their duties there Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Miss Jennie Geer Perkins, who is attending Northfield seminary, with her brother, John Raymond Perkins of Mt. Hermon boys' school, arrived last week to spend the Christmas recess with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Perkins.

Mrs. Franklin H. Brown of Norwich was in the village Wednesday.

Mrs. John Thompson returned Saturday evening from a visit with her mother in the city.

Attended Grange Supper.

Tracy Smith and Irving Hurlbut, members of the Lyday grange, carried a party of the young people from the village to the farm for a supper given by the grange at the Lyday Center Congregational church, Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Frederick Richards of Norwich was the guest of her father, Jonathan Satterlee, over Tuesday night.

Mrs. Harmon L. Perkins visited her daughter, Mrs. William Harris, in Groton Tuesday.

**GOSHEN.**

Progress on New Bozrahville Mill—Work on Electric Road to Begin in the Spring.

Gilman Bros. have made good progress on their new shoddy mill at Bozrahville; part of the walls of the old mill are in good condition and will be used for the new factory, which is to be much smaller than the old mill that was burned.

### UNCASVILLE

Fraternal Societies Choose Officers—Vacation Begins—Christmas Festivals—General News.

Oxoboxo lodge, F. and A. M., at its regular meeting elected the following officers for the coming year: Worshipful master, Charles G. Turner; senior warden, Edwin Phillips; junior warden, Garland Newbury; treasurer, Charles Ramage; secretary, Charles Hope; Tyler, John C. Hope; chaplain, Edwin B. Henry; senior deacon, William W. Water; junior deacon, Melvin H. Furber; senior steward, G. Turner Loomis; junior steward, Charles Osborn; marshal, Charles E. Hamer.

The school in the Tenth district closed Thursday. This school had lost time to make up. On account of a defect in the heating apparatus school was let out during the week, which time has been made up.

The Montville Center church committee, Elizabeth Burdard, Mrs. Paul Glassbrenner and Mrs. John Lynch—have arranged for an entertainment and Christmas tree on Christmas eve at the church.

Miss Lena Lamb has returned to Lyday after a visit to her son, Miss Lillian P. Chipman of Ipswich.

The ice on the village lake is about six inches in thickness.

Miss Mary Bacon is slowly convalescing from an attack of pneumonia.

Principal Fribble Joy Bates is enjoying the holiday vacation at his home in Stamford.

The Messrs. Amy and Frances Eldredge, who teach in the town of Lisbon, are spending the Christmas vacation at the Eldredge home.

Miss Nellie Frances Schoonover, a student at Smith college, was at Elmhurst for the holiday recess.

Harold William Schoonover, a student at Worcester Academy, arrived Thursday at Smith college.

At the Methodist church the Christmas tree and exercises were held Friday evening, with special sermon by the pastor and special music by the choir.

The schools in town will reopen January 3 and will be on a new schedule. The arrangement of terms will be from Sept. 7 to Dec. 17, and from Jan. 3 to March 24, from April 4 to the end of the school year, which is to include 150 school days.

Mrs. W. Irving Browning, who has been the guest of relatives in Groton for a week, returned Monday.

**Social Club's Dance.**

The Uncasville Social club held its fourth annual social and dance in Robinson hall, Friday evening.

Miss Mattie Pearson, who has been visiting in Groton, returned on Tuesday to her home in New Britain.

### LEUYARD

Sermon for Forefathers' Day—Grange Officers—Main-Williams Suit Settled.

The Legacy of the Puritans was the subject of Rev. W. F. White's address on Sunday morning. It was an able discourse, listened to by a good sized audience.

Leuyard grange elected officers on Saturday evening. William I. Allyn was elected master; Joseph A. Clark, secretary; Mrs. Fannie Clark, secretary; Charles S. Hewitt, treasurer.

Measles have broken out in town. Miss Florence Geer and Miss Ethel Hewitt are both confined to their homes by the malady.

Mrs. S. H. Peckham has returned after spending a few days with relatives in Mystic.

**Case Settled.**

The case of Horace H. Main vs. Joseph P. Williams in a civil suit for money lent, in which the plaintiff claimed \$100 damages, and which was assigned before Justice Samuel E. Holdridge, has been settled.

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### OLD MYSTIC

Death of Mrs. Elinor M. Stevenson—Schools Close for Christmas Vacation With Special Programmes—Personal News.

The death of Mrs. Elinor (Musgrave) Stevenson occurred Saturday, Dec. 18. She was the wife of Rev. W. F. White, pastor of the Baptist church, Mystic. Her husband was in the family plot in Elm Grove cemetery, located between the Mysids.

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Former Governor Waller was not the best backward in saying at the banquet of the Connecticut Civil Service Reform association that he was agreeably surprised at the class of men that made up the organization, and that instead of being a body of cranks with a single idea that they represented the best there was in the land, and that they smoked cigars and did all the other things incidental to such a gathering, just the same as the rest of the citizenry. He illustrated that a man could be a good democrat and yet not believe in the merit system.

It happened before the Connecticut Civil Service Reform association held its banquet in New London. However, the city has an auditor with "merit and fitness" in Fred Fenar, but in no respect is he superior to his predecessor in that position, the only marked difference being that Mr. Washburne happened to be a Republican.

Had the general character of the Connecticut Civil Service Reform association been better understood the coming to the city of the gentlemen representing the association would have been more appreciated and there would have been many more New Londoners in attendance at the social session, which was open to all interested in the general work of the association. The affair was not only an interesting and intellectual feast but was extremely instructive. It could not be otherwise with such past masters in reform work as President Arthur Hadley of Yale and President George McAneny of the Borough of Manhattan and Gen. Aldrich who presided respectively.

It is conceded that although there were but seventy present, that the best interests of the state and city were represented in the assembly. Should this association meet in New London again under similar conditions, the banquet will not be held in a private dining room, but in the hotel, although the Mobilian hotel would be none too large to accommodate those who would take advantage of the opportunity to attend.

During the administration of Mayor Armstrong survey was made for the extension of Hope street through to Cottage and now to Broad street. It is ever done it will be a great public convenience, and has long become a necessity. Just why the project has not been carried out by the administration has never been explained, but it has been intimated that the cause was a dislike to do business with the contractor, Mr. Mahan, and that it is necessary to secure in order that the extension could be made. The owner of the property is Mayor Bryan F. Mahan and the extension would mean the taking of the large building on lot and a building thereon to reach Blackhall street.

That difficulty is now removed and negotiations could be had with the mayor without embarrassment. The property is of considerable value, and the extension would be of no financial benefit to Mr. Mahan and he would probably be willing to part with his property in order to make this improvement possible at a reasonable price. The lot is worth \$5,000 to \$6,000, and the mayor might be induced to accept a split price for that special holding, and it is worth that much and more for the city.

If this extension were made, and like extension of Belden street to Jefferson avenue, which could be done presently, it would be a great public benefit. It would open up a drive from Jefferson avenue through Belden to Hope street, then to Home street to Cottage and now to Broad street to Church, to Main street, and a short cut to Water street by Douglas or Federal streets.

Realizing the necessity for this extension the mayor has permitted permission to be given to the contractor, Mr. Mahan, to build a building on lot and a building thereon to reach Blackhall street. It would open up a drive from Jefferson avenue through Belden to Hope street, then to Home street to Cottage and now to Broad street to Church, to Main street, and a short cut to Water street by Douglas or Federal streets.

At the same time and place it was voted to adopt the envelope system of weekly payments for the support of the church for the coming year.

Rodney Hewitt is home from Brown university for the holidays.

The family of Mrs. Mary E. Sweet are having a very interesting session today, all the children but one being present.

**Speaks Eleven Languages.**

The Rev. Christian Theophilus Lueky, a learned Christian Jew from Galicia, visited E. Livermore last Tuesday. Mr. Lueky was a fellow alumnus with Mr. Livermore in Union Theological seminary, New York, and has been absent in missionary work for several years. He returns to his native land in a few days, after visiting Boston and New York. Mr. Lueky speaks fluently eleven different languages.

**NORTH STONINGTON**

Good Results from Evangelical Meetings—Grange Hears Fine Address.

Rev. W. F. Newton, who has been holding evangelistic services here for two weeks, is still in town and will speak and sing in the Baptist church Sunday.

It was voted to change the time of the meeting to the first and third Wednesday of each month, also to invite the state master, L. H. Healy, to install the officers some time in January.

### LEBANON

Forefathers' Day Observed—Church to Light by Acetylene—A Solemnly Guest.

Forefathers' day in the First Congregational church was observed Sunday. The pastor, Rev. E. B. Smith, followed a special order of service arranged for the anniversary and preached an able sermon from the text I Sam. 10: 12, "Be of good courage, and let us lay the men for our people, and for the cities of our God."

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### CLARK'S FALLS

Postmaster Chapman in Maine—Sunday School Christmas Festival—Address at Mothers' Meeting.

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A Christmas concert will be held in Long Society church this (Saturday) evening.

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Miss Alice Zabriskie of Northfield, Mass., is at home for vacation.

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Lynwood B. Gray has entered the employ of the United States Finishing company.

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New Haven.—Letters upwards of 100 were sent out by the "Elixir" carnival committee for the number of best children of the city to the splendid Christmas tree celebration and Santa Claus visit held Friday afternoon at the Elixir club at 160 Crown street.

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