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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.

LEDYARD

Generous Gifts Received by First Congregational Church—Epidemic of Measles—Personal Mention.

At a business meeting held at the close of the Sunday morning service, Rev. Mr. White, the pastor, announced the following gifts: From Frederick Bill of Groton to the church, the sum of $2,000, in United States Steel bonds, the income to be used in the upkeep of the Bill cemetery, parsonage buildings and farm. From the estate of the late Miss Ann Reynolds, to the society, the sum of $500. It was voted to accept these gifts and appropriate resolutions were passed. This opportunity was also taken to thank Frederick and Gurdon Bill for their financial aid in extensive repairs on the church and parsonage property.

A contributor writes: Strong friends have this family ever been to their old home town, and wisely so. Their example is worthy of imitation by loyal sons of many another country town. The foundations of successful men and great wealth have been laid in the country town now impoverished and behind the times in equipment for social and religious service. Take care of these towns and they will again turn and bless the world with nobler men and greater riches, while at the same time renewing farm life and opening up its hidden wealth by intensive and extensive agriculture. Money as well as consecration must come back to these towns to keep pace with twentieth century progress and demands on rural life. Herein lies the security of all wealth and the safety of a nation.

School Closed Because of Measles.

Miss Eloise H. White has closed her school one week, on account of an epidemic of measles, and is visiting Prof. and Mrs. Wheeler of Storrs agricultural college.

George Watrous, who has been sick with diphtheria, is recovering from the same.

The address of Rev. W. F. White before the meeting of the state grange in Hartford on The Needs of the Country Town as Seen by a Country Pastor, has been published by request in The Connecticut Farmer.

Several from this town attended the fellowship meeting held at Mystic on Wednesday.

Isaac G. Geer has sold a pair of oxen to Nelson Roach of Allyns Point.

The newly elected officers of Ledyard grange will be installed this (Saturday) evening. Cake and sandwiches will be served.

Senator and Mrs. W. I. Allyn were callers in Mystic Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Gallup, Mr. and Mrs. Enos M. Gray and Enos M. Gray, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Billings T. Avery and Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gray attended the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Moses J. Culver, Saturday evening, January 22.

A number from this place attended the fellowship meeting in Mystic on Wednesday.

GOSHEN.

Addressed Sunday School — Attended Dairymen's Convention—19-Inch Ice

Ice 19 inches in thickenss was being harvested at Crystal Spring farm on Monday.

The new Drake comet, thought at first to be the Halley comet, attracted much notice in the western sky Sunday evening.

W. T. Curry gave an interesting account of the New Year's day celebration and service which he attended at St. James' street church in Montreal, Can., to the Sunday school. Mr. Curry also led the Y. P. S. C. E. meeting in the evening. The topic was: Does Religion Pay?

G. H. Thomas, W. H. Geer, W. G. Thomas and E. H. McCall attended the state dairymen's convention held at Hartford this week.

There was a good attedance at the mid-week prayer meeting held in the lecture room on Wednesday evening.

On Tuesday W. T. Curry left for Montreal, being called there through serious sickness of his mother who is ill with pneumonia in that place.

Gilman Bros. at Boxrahville have the roof on and the outside work on their new shoddy mill nearly finished.

SOUTH LYME

Death of Mrs. Nancy Champion—Personal News of the Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Champion have returned home from Florida, where they have been for over two months.

Mrs. Nancy Champion, widow of Lodowic Champion, died at her home here after a lingering illness. She is survived by several children and grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. E. M. Chapman, pastor of the Congregational church of Lyme.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith of Boston spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Stanhope.

Allan Spiers and brother Robert were callers in the village recently. Mr. Spiers will do the plumbing for Mr. Payne, also repair his windmill.

Miss Elizabeth P. Slate is making an extended visit with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gertrude Slate, of New London.

Capt. James V. Luce has purchased the sawmill of Bonaparte Rathbun and will saw the timber on his woodlot in Little Boston.

Everyone in the vicinity has filled his icehouse with first class ice.

ASHWILLETT

G. O. Maine the New Road Superintendent.

Mrs. Samuel D. Pierce suffered a shock of paralysis Monday and is in a critical condition.

Charles S. Crane of Central Village is boarding with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Randall.

Mrs. Ella O. Tolhurst and two children, Ernestine and Helen, are guests of relatives in Providence.

Ezekiel James, who has been ill, is able to visit with his son, E. B. James, and family here. The elder Mr. James has recently moved from Hopeville to Pachaug.

G. O. Maine is the new road superintendent, succeeding J. L. Maine, who resigned.

South Windsor.—William M. Foster sent a pound of creamery butter to Boston last week, for which Orin Bent, official scorer of the Boston board of trade, gave a score of 97 points.

OLD MYSTIC

Funeral of Mrs. Jane Chipman—W. H. Harris Has Target Practice—Mrs. Wm. Hyde Died in California.

The funeral of Mrs. Jane (Chapman) Chipman, widow of Collins Chipman of Old Mystic, was held Sunday at 2.30 p. m. at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Palmer Bindloss, where her death occurred on Thursday, Jan. 20, of heart disease. The officiating clergymen were Rev. Oliver G. Buddington of West Mystic, a nephew-in-law, and Rev. Jeptha Olmstead, pastor of the First Baptist church, Old Mystic, of which Mrs. Chipman was a member for many years. The floral tributes were very beautiful. Mrs. J. Elmer Newbury of Mystic and Mr. Knowlton of Noank impressively sang two appriate selections. The bearers were Alpheus H. Schoonover, Daniel Frink, Oscar F. Crumb and William D. Beckwith of the Old Mystic Baptist surch. The burial was in the family plot in Elm Grove cemetery, located between the Mystics. The deceased is survived by two daughters and one son: Mrs. Palmer Bindloss of Mystic, Mrs. John R. Babcock of Old Mystic, and A. E. Chipman of Redwood Falls, Minn. She is also survived by five sisters and one brother: Mrs. Caroline Turner and Mrs. Elizabeth Spicer of Old Mystic, and Mrs. Moses Culver, Mrs. Edward Chapman, Miss Alice Chapman and Charles D. Chapman, all of Center Groton.

Queens of Avalon Meet.

The Queens of Avalon, Lady of the Lake, Mrs. Jeptha M. Olmstead, met Monday evening in the conference room of the Baptist church. They are preparing for an entertainment.

The members of the Society of the Eastern Star of Mystic were pleasantly entertained Wednesday afternoon and evening by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Barnes at Oaklawn. The ladies arrived early in the afternoon, while the male members of the order came in time to partake of the bountiful collation.

Target Practice.

William H. Harris of Main street engaged very recently in a target practice with Albert G. Watrous at the pumping statio, Stonington. Mr. Harris fired into the target five bullets in succession at a range of 100 feet, the marks being so close together that they could be covered by a ten-cent piece. Mr. Watrous says it was a feat never before witnessed by him. It would seem that Mr. Harris was getting in readiness to compete with some of his marksman friends in Norwich and other places.

The Woman's Missionary Circle of the Baptist church met Tuesday at 3 p. m. with Mrs. Jeptha M. Olmstead at the Baptist parsonage.

Ladies' Aid Society Elects.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church met Wednesday evening with Mrs. J. Harold Williams. At the annual meeting, held last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Oscar F. Crumb; vice presidents, Mrs. William D. Beckwith, Mrs. J. Harold Williams, Miss Susan H. Babcock, Miss Clara Bennett, Mrs. Calvin H. Hoxie, Mrs. Jeptha M. Olmstead and Mrs. Alpheus H. Schoonover.

Personal Mention.

A. E. Chipman of Redwood Falls, Minn., is the guest of local relatives, having been summoned here by the sickness and death of his mother, Mrs. Jane Eliza Chipman.

Mrs. Clarence H. Beckwith is seriously ill at her home in Smith street.

Charles Edwin Lamphere of Elm cottage and Billings F. S. Crandall of Lyme were over-Sunday guests of friends in Brooklyn and New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapman of Norwich were guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Haley of Main street.

Mrs. Elisha C. Davis is steadily regaining her health.

Mrs. Daniel Frink of the Wolf Neck district spent Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence W. Beckwith of Smith street.

Rev. and Mrs. Jeptha M. Olmstead and Miss Gladys Mary Olmstead attended the fiftieth anniversary wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Moses J. Colver, held Saturday evening, Jan. 22, at their home at Center Groton.

Death of Mrs. William Hyde.

Mrs. E. Burrows Brown of Brookside has been notified of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Hyde, wife of Rev. William Hyde, which took place at their home at Palo Alto, Cal. Rev. Mr. Hyde is a native of Old Mystic, being son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Hyde. He with his family visited for a number of years at Westerly. For a term of years he was pastor of the Westerly Methodist Episcopal church.

LEFFINGWELL

C. L. Palmer Cut Finger with Ax—Chimney Fire—Personal News.

Last week Friday while C. L. Palmer was splitting wood the ax slipped, cutting his fore finger on his left hand, causing a painful wound. A doctor dressed the wound, taking several stitches in it.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ross and son Casper spent Sunday with Mrs. Martha Leffingwell and family of Fitchville.

Last week Thursday Mrs. Hatherine Dietz's chimeny got afire. With the help of Silas Leffingwell, C. F. Palmer, Joseph Sisson and Fred Leffingwell the fire was put out with great difficulty. Silas Leffingwell burned both his hands very badly, causing them to blister up and be very painful.

James Kirker of Preston called on friends in this place Sunday.

Harry Palmer went to Colchester on Monday, where he is working at C. M. Geisthardt's saw mill.

The Ladies' Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. George Rogers on Wednesday afternoon. There were 19 in attendance.

The social which was held at the church was not largely attended, on account of the storm.

Mr. and Mrs. William Parkinson of Niantic were recent guests of the latter's sister, Mrs. Mary Gray.

Mrs. Ambrose Sullivan of Trading Cove was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dolbeare Monday.

Many residents of this place have been attracted by the Drake comet, which has been visible nearly every night the past week. Many saw it when it first appeared Sunday evening at about 5.30 o'clock.

Mr. Roy Rathbone of Providence, formerly of this place, was in town on Sunday.

The Sunshine Band meets today (Saturday) with Miss Ruth Palmer. On account of the weather no meeting was held last Saturday.

Mrs. Merton O. Swan and daughters, Mildred and Frances, spent Sunday with Gilbert Rudd of Bozrah.

Miss Odgers of East Great Plain spent Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Leffingwell.

MONTVILLE.

Happenings of the Week—Concert by Spooner Choral Union.

Miss Gladys Latimer, a student ot Smith college, has been the guest of her mother and other relatives at the Palmer homestead.

Supervisor Wheeler visited Palmer Memorial schools Monday and Tuesday.

"Man's Work for God," was the subject of the sermon at the Union Baptist church, Rev. G. C. Chappell, pastor, last Sunday forenoon. There was an attendance of 106 at the Bible school. An enthusiastic meeting was held in the evening, Miss Jeneva Smith conducting the Young People's meeting of 40 minutes.

Rehearsal for a cantata, Conquering Cross, was held at the close under direction of Mrs. Chappell.

Aid Society Entertained.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Union Baptist church was pleasantly entertained at the home of Mrs. Ray Woodmansee Wednesday afternoon and evening. Mrs. Woodmansee and Mrs. Melvin Furber were hostesses. The attendance was large and a good sum was added to the treasury.

Rev. George C. Chappell was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chappell of Chester, Conn., Friday and Saturday of last week.

Delegates appointed by the Bible school of the Union Baptist church to the Bible schol convention at Central Baptist church, Norwich, Tuesday, Feb. 8, are Supt. Mrs. W. C. Allen, Mrs. Fred Phillips, Mrs. Melvin Furber, Mrs. Fred Hope, Mrs. G. C. Chappell, Mrs. E. S. Henry, Mrs. Ray Woodmansee, Miss Grace Lyon, Miss Bertha Lyon, Miss Jennie Wood and Miss Nettie Gridley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sawyer were guests of friends in Chester on Friday and Saturday of last week.

Repair Committee.

At the close of the Thursday evening prayer meeting of the Union Baptist church, Jan. 26, Deacon E. S. Henry, Norman C. Allen and Deacon M. V. B. Brainard were unanimously chosen a repair committee. The auditorium will be repaired and redecorated.

Spooner Chorus Heard.

The Spooner Choral union of Norwich, ninety voices, assisted by an orchestra of two cornets, one clarinet, one violin and piano, gave an excellent concert at the Union Baptist church Wednesday evening. The solos, duets and chorus work from the Alexander hymns were much enjoyed.

About 450 were present. A social time was enjoyed at the close of the concert and a lunch was served by the Ladies' Aid society to the members of the union. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Chappell, in behalf of the people thanked the visitors for coming, and the friends in the village who furnished teams to transport the union from the car station.

SALEM

Dogs Worry and Kill Sheep—Reception and Housewarming at Parsonage.

The regular morning service at the Congregational church on Sunday was conducted by the pastor, Miss Millen. The Young People's society met in the evening with Miss Kittie L. Ray as leader. The evening's subject was Does Religion Pay?

Much sickness prevails among the children.

Dogs recently worried the flock of sheep belonging to Edwin H. Harris, killing several and injuring a number of others.

A reception and housewarming was tendered Miss Millen at the parsonage Thursday evening.

F. R. Bailey, E. J. Standish, O. W. Ray and Mrs. F. L. Fletcher were among the week's visitors in Norwich.

Mrs. M. R. Siegfried of Colchester was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Ray, last Friday.

William Darling spent Thursday in Colchester.

Addison Taintor of Colchester was the guest of friends at Crystal Spring farm during the week.

PENDLETON HILL.

Teacher Ill—Social and Sale a Success.

Rev. J. Howard Adams preached at Laurel Glen Sunday.

Mrs. Martin O. Chapman and daughter Rilla were in Jewett City January 23.

Mrs. Prentice Miner and son Roscoe were guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Palmer Thursday.

Mrs. Charles E. Hillard is substituting as teacher for Miss Helene Brown, who is ill at her home in North Stonington.

Misses Mamie and Alice Chapman were in Westerly, R. I., Saturday.

The Ladies' Aid society met at the parsonage Wednesday.

Miss Edna Palmer is visiting friends in North Stonington.

Misses Edythe Cook and Maude Thompson and Clark A. Coon spent Sunday at their homes here.

Charles R. Cooke and brother, J. Morton Cooke, have returned to their work at Canonchet, R. I., after spending two weeks at their home.

George A. Clark returned to Westerly January 23.

The social and sale at the church Saturday night was a success in every way.

BETHEL

Arthur Perkins Taken to Backus Hospital.

The Bethel school was opened Tuesday with Miss May Potter of Jewett City teacher.

Miss Mary Graves, who has been spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Nye, of Preston City, has returned to Mrs. Young's.

On the night of Jan. 22 Mrs. Samuel Pierce had a shock affecting the right side and lower limbs.

Mrs. McFalls of Glasgo, who has been ill for the past three weeks or more, is able to sit up.

Arthur Perkins, who lost his hand a short time ago, has been taken to the Backus hospital, as there were symptoms of blood poison.

GARDNER LAKE

The Misses Boynton of Palmertown were at their home over Sunday.

Mrs. S. A. Dolbeare has returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Providence and New London.

W. A. White, who is employed in Colchester, was at home over Sunday.

A few persons here saw the Drake comet Sunday night.

H. G. Gardner visited relatives and friends in Yantic and Norwich early in the week.

GALES FERRY

Invitations for Thompson-Bennett Wedding—Small Boy Rescued from Drowning.

Of local interest is the announcement of the approaching marriage of Mrs. Ethel Satterlee Bennett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Satterlee, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Burt J. Thompson of Forest City, Iowa. Invitations to attend the marriage on Feb. 2d at the bride's home in Los Angeles have been received here by relatives of Dr. Satterlee.

Mrs. Charles Johnson of Norwich was the guest of the Misses Mathewson Monday.

Miss Daisy Lewis returned to her home at Allyn's Point Wednesday after a week's stay in New York.

Rescued from Pond.

Master Alton Stoddard had a narrow escape from drowning Wednesday afternoon by breaking through the ice while sliding with his sled on Smith's pond. His uncle, Norman L. Brown, was at work by the icehouse at the pond and started to his assistance, but the ice would not bear his weight and he also broke through. Mr. Brown managed to break his way out without assistance and hurried around to where the boy was clinging to the ice and assisted him out. Master Stoddard has been ill recently with the measles, but has apparently suffered no ill effects from his icy bath.

News in General.

Miss Kate B. Colver of the navy yard was a recent guest of relatives in Waterbury and Middletown.

Rev. and Mrs. John Thompson, with their daughters, Misses Grace and Gladys, attended the funeral of Rev. John H. Sherman in Franklin Saturday.

Miss Mabel Smith visited her aunt, Miss Perkins, in Groton Monday.

Alfred Palmer of Jewett City spent Sunday with his grandmother, Mrs. William Lewis, at Allyn's Point.

Mrs. Richard Latimer visited her sister, Mrs. Edwin Keeney, in New London Thursday of last week.

Mrs. A. A. Dickerson of Hartford has been spending a week recently with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. James at Allyn's Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon L. Perkins returned Monday evening from Whitestone, L. I., where they were called last week by the death of their son-in-law, James Birch.

Miss Amy B. Satterlee was the guest Monday of her niece, Miss Evelyn Richards, a student at the Willimantic Normal school.

Mrs. Charles H. Comstock visited her mother, Mrs. Isaac Bragaw, in Groton Wednesday.

Earl E. Mathewson of Durham, who has been spending the past few months with his aunts, the Misses Mathewson, while studying law in Norwich, left here Thursday to take up his residence in that city.

CLARK'S FALLS

Fishing Party and Fishermen's Luck—Various Notes.

E. D. Chapman and George H. Brown are fishing at Watchaug pond. Mr. Chapman has a cottage there, and expected his brother Arthur and friends from Providence to stay with him.

Zebulon Brown is having a barn built to take the place of one burned a few weeks ago.

F. P. Lewis and George H. Brown caught a fine string of pickerel recently. Horatio Palmer and his nephew Frank Palmer, caught a good string in the same place Monday.

Will Aldrich, E. S. Brown, Orrin W. Harris, Horace Palmer, John Geer and W. L. Maine enjoyed the sport of fox hunting west of Pendleton Hill Wednesday. The foxes were seen but not captured.

E. D. Chapman, Rufus Mallilieu, Orville Chesebro, Oscar Perry and Mrs. H. F. Palmer attended the services in Laurel Glen chapel Sunday afternoon. Rev. J. H. Adams preached from the text, "Sir, we would see Jesus." The sermon was one of the best ever given in the chapel.

HANOVER.

Newly Organized Chorus Adds to the Interest of Church Services—Personal Items.

The services of the church last Sunday were marked by the help of the reorganized choir. At the evening meeting a large chorus was led by Angus Park, using a new song book recently purchased by the Sunday school.

Mrs. Harriet Tucker of Norwich Town is a guest of her cousin, E. C. Tinkham.

Miss Jennie Souter of Norwich is a guest of her sister Mary.

There was a good attendance at this week's cottage meeting. Next week it will be held with Mrs. Hill.

Edward Blackburn, the son of William Blackburn, of this village, and Mrs. Blackburn have opened a boarding house on Church street, Norwich.

BOZRAH

Chicken Pie Supper Nets $32.16—Farm Sales.

The chicken pie supper given by the Ladies' Aid society of Bozrah Wednesday evening was largely attended. The supper consisted of chicken pie, turnips, potatoes, cake, pie, coffee and rolls. There was singing, readings and music by the orchestra; $32.16 was added to the treasury.

Mrs. Lillie Holms of Hartford is visiting at William Bailey's in Yantic. Mrs. Holms attended the supper Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stanton have sold their farm and Mr. and Mrs. George Miner have sold their place on Bozrah street.

Alice A. Bishop was in Lebanon on Thursday evening to assist in installing the officers of the grange.

NORTH STONINGTON

York Place Sold for Summer Residence—Chowder Supper.

John L. York has sond his farm to Edward Man of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Man will remodel the dwelling and make it the summer residence of himself and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Hewitt have been in town this week.

The ladies of the Third Baptist church gave a clam chowder supper Wednesday evening at The Hermitage, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Thompson, on the Westerly road.

E. Frank White was one of the guests at the McKinley club dinner in Norwich Friday evening.

Miss Dora T. Maine left town Wednesday for the home of her sister, Mrs. E. O. Silver, in East Orange, N. J.

GRISWOLD

The cottage prayer meeting was held at the home of George Geer of Hopeville Wednesday evening.

George R. Edmond of Greeneville spent Sunday with his uncle of this place.

Edward A. Geer is expecting a sawmill to locate on his place soon.

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ST. JOHN'S LITERARY SOCIETY

he Death of Charles D. Barnes at Sailors Snug Harbor—Spar Making, Coopering and Boat Building the Industries that Were—The Irish-American Movement

In the death of Charles D. Barnes during the present week at Sailors' Snug Harbor there not only passed away a veteran of the civil war and an old-time sailor, but also the last of the block and spar makers that did business in New London in those "Good Old Whaling Days." Samuel D. Barnes, the father of the old man just deceased, was in the block and spar business for years under the firm name of Barnes & Crocker. His last place of business was on the then Frink and Prentis wharf approach, the blocks being made in the building now used as a railroad storage shop and opposite the structure in which Barry's sail loft was so long located and the upper stories of which once extended over the railroad tracks to the water's edge, where sails could be hoisted and lowered to and from vessels lying alongside the bulkhead where there is now hardly enough water at high tide to float a fishing smack. The shorter spars were also made in this building, but the larger ones, of course, were cut and completed on the wharf. After the death of Samuel Barnes, the son, Charles, continued in the business.

There was another sparyard at Fort Neck, conducted by James Davidson, and his son, William H. Davidson, is the only one engaged in the spar-making business in New London, but the blocks are made here no longer, these now being turned out with sheaves complete by machinery in chandler manufacturing establishments. Henry Whittemore, long since deceased, and father of Mrs. Frederick E. Fengar, had a sparyard in Water street, just north of the Shadrach Reeves boat-building shop, which was located on the site of the present Central Vermont freight depot, and where vessels of considerable size were taken out on marine railways. Subsequently Mr. Whittemore carried on the business in the rear of his residence in Bank street, a short distance north of the custom house, while the Reeves shop was afterwards just south of the custom house, and the business was carried on there for many years by a son of Shadrach Reeves, after the death of the old man.

Besides these places, the more prominent of the whaling agents had sparmakers in their employ and the work for their whaleships was done on their own wharves and by their own workmen, who not only made the spars, but did all the repair work of the ships, even to coppering and repairing the hulls, and which was done without taking the ships out on the marine railways. By means of blocks and tackle the ships were "hove down" alongside the wharves so the workmen could do the work on the hulls to the keel on one side, and when the work was finished the vessel would be warped around and then "hove down" so the men could do the work on the other side.

When the block and spar-makers were doing business in New London there was activity all along the water front, and forests of masts were to be seen at all times, from the Winthrop's Cove to the Shaw's Cove bridges. Now it is a rarity to see a single sailing vessel of any size at a wharf along the water front! What a comparison, and "Billy" Davidson the only sparmaker in New London.

With the passage of the block and spar business in New London went coopers' ages, and now there is not a single cooper shop in the city, and the only coopers here are employed in the Boss cracker factory heading and repairing barrels, but no new work. In the whaling days the cooperage business was among the leading industries, the Clark cooper shops in Water street and the Chipman cooper shop in Potter street, being the leading concerns and employing many men.

Another local industry that has gone out of existence is boat building, the principal kind of boats constructed being of the double-end whale boats, with long steering oars. The leading boat shops were the Rogers and Smith in Bank street and the Reeves shops at the corner of Prison and Water streets. Now there is not a single boat-building shop in New London, nor is there a single rigging loft, although there were several, the principal ones being those of Brannigan and Maniere.

These industries were a part of the whaling business, which practically went out of existence in New London during the civil war, when the ships, full-rigged ships, laden with granite and designated as the stone fleet, sailed from New London and were subsequently sunk off Charleston, South Carolina, to aid in the blockade of that then important port. Since then and up to twenty years or so ago, there were a few small vessels sailing from this port in the whale fisheries, but now even that business has completely gone out of existence and the only local reminder is the partially sunken hulk of the old schooner Charles Colgate in Winthrop's Cove, the last of the New London whaling vessels.

The masters of these old-time vessels, men noted for their honesty and endurance, and who were conceded to be masters of the art of navigation, mostly all self-taught, aided by actual experience, have all gone on their final voyage, but their noble traits of character, that of typical New England sailors, will endure to the end of time.

Public announcement was made that the committee of the golden anniversary observance of the St. John's Literary association had invited the mayor and members of the court of common council to be among the more special invited guests at the anniversary banquet in the Crocker house, where an expensive menu will be served and which will mean quite a large bill of expense to the members, each of whom will have the privilege of paying for their own plate and also those of two friends. The city fathers fully realized what this meant to the society members and were surprised at the announcement. Some of them even doubted the authenticity of the published announcement and waited for the invitations that never came.

In the older days the blame for the blunder would have been placed on the "intelligent compositor," but in this case it was probably the fault of the careless reporter, who misunderstood his informant and gave the council members invitation to the banquet in the Crocker house instead of to the ball in the state armory, where the city fathers could be the guests of the St. John's at practically no expense to the entertainers. The aldermen took in the situation, and also took into consideration that the Crocker house dining room will be taxed by the members of the society and their personal friends, and will therefore accept the amended invitation gracefully and attend the ball as representatives of the city of New London.

Mayor Mahan is a member of the society, as are some other members of the council, and in the years that have gone by many members of that old and honorable society have filled positions of honor and trust in city and state, the professions and business life of the city. While the society is entirely freed from politics, that fact did not prevent some of the members from indulging in the game, and in nearly every instance they have merged winners, with credit to themselves and constituents.

This reminds us that once upon a time there were so-called Irish-Americans in New London who organized for the purpose of demanding recognition from the political parties by membership in the city government, but this movement did not originate with the St. John's society, although some of the members were active in that particular line of political work and were subsequently elected to the court of common council. This movement was started about thirty-five years ago and resulted in a political organization known as the Patrick Henry club, which was formed in what was formerly known as the Frederick L. Allen building in State street. It started with a large membership and active political campaigns followed. Committees attended the democratic caucuses (in those days practically every voter of Irish birth or descent was a democrat) and demanded that at least one representative be placed on the city ticket, threatening that if this was not done, like application would be made to the republican party, which would be glad of the opportunity to comply, and the result would be demoralization and defeat to the then dominant democratic party in New London.

While the Patrick Henry club served its purpose and placed some of its politically-ambitious members into office, it gradually dawned on the majority that the organization was for the personal advancement in politics of a favored few, and that they were simply used as stepping-stones. Then came dissatisfaction, and the Patrick Henry club soon went out of existence, the great majority being satisfied to form a part and parcel of the regular parties and no part of the stand-and-deliver section of any party.

This same Patrick Henry club had, perhaps, more to do with creating a spirit of independence in local political matters than anything that ever happened in the city, and, as a result, some of the more prominent members thereafter drilled with the republican party, were selected and elected to offices in the regular and legitimate way. As time passed along many others left the party of their daddies and ever since young men of Irish descent have been in the active work of the republican party and have been elected to office by that party by reason of merit and fitness and without consideration of nationality or religious belief. This is as it should be, and is demonstrative of the change for the better that has taken place in New London in the past thirty-five years, for before that time it was almost considered a political crime for an Irishman to vote the republican ticket or any part thereof. This commingling has also had the effect of removing that feeling of bigotry that was injited by the Irishmen themselves, and since that time men of Irish descent have been elected to the legislature, house and senate, without even a thought of nationality, being elected on both democratic and republican tlcekts; and frequently to the membership in the court of common council.

The changed condition is well shown in the recent election of Bryan F. Mahan for mayor, with a normal republican majority of 600 against him, and with one of the most popular men, prominent manufacturer and most-liked employer in the city as his opponent. The nationality line in New London politics and in the social and business life of the city is entirely obliterated, and this condition has existed for the past quarter of a century, all of which is in the line of progress for which the city by the sea is noted.

The contract for the construction of a boat landing at the foot of Sparyard street, just at the west end of the bridge over Shaw's cove, and the work commenced, when objection was made by the F. H. & A. H. Chappell Co., one of the adjoining property owners, who claimed that the boat landing would interfere with their water rights. Rather than invite lawsuit, Alderman O'Leary of the public property committee decided to suspend operations until the true status was ascertained and the wishes of the public determined, which will probably be reached by a public hearing. The section of water front claimed by the city at this point, is bounded on either side by property of the Chappells and the Armstrongs. Not so very long ago the Armstrongs had a line of piles driven along what they claim as their boundary line and even this interfered with some boats landing at the south side of the Chappell wharf, which gave rise to the belief at that time that the Chappell wharf was even beyond the actual southern line of the property. However, the Armstrongs subsequently had spiles removed, and it was for a time supposed that this was a sort of truce between the parties named, who were not on the very best of terms.

From general appearances, and taking for granted that the real width of Sparyard street is from the southern point of the Chappell property in Bank street to the southern side of the Niagara engine house, and that the street is of the same length to the water front, there is certainly encroachment upon city property by private property owners. The layout of this street has long been a matter of contention, and it is almost time the matter was legally settled, for at specified intervals in the past half-century this property has been in dispute, whatever changes were proposed by city representatives.

Fifty years ago Sparyard street existed in name only on the city map, as it was not even a private thoroughfare at that time, but served as a yard for the Niagara engine company, with a big gate across what is now the entrance from Bank street, and right in the center was a big flagstaff. Then there was no footbridge across the cove, nothing but a single plank between the single railroad tracks on the bridge. Approach was then through the Brown property which was subsequently acquired by the Chappells, and soon after the public was prohibited from its use as a public way to the railroad bridge, which served as a short cut to Fort Neck. It was then when the big gate was removed and the public used what is now designated as Sparyard street, and to accommodate the increasing travel, the city built a footbridge alongside and connected with the railroad bridge. This path or pentway gradually developed into a sort of street and is now extensively used by teams that have business with stores fronting on Bank street below the engine house, the Chappells having a brick wall the rear of a big lumber shed the entire length of the street on the north side. Now the engine house stands at the head of the street with a wide driveway between that structure and the Chappell office building.

Several unsuccessful efforts have been made to definitely define the city's rights in Sparyard street, and perhaps the building of that boat-landing, or the continuance of the work until stopped by injunction, might bring the matter into the courts and the rights of all determined beyond any doubt. But there seems to be none who desire to appear as the plaintiffs, preferring to defend rather than to prove title. So Alderman O'Leary's conservative action at this stage of the game is generally commended.

There has been evidence of the closest friendship between the members of the Bartenders' union and the local branch of the Liquor Dealers' association, their employers, and the one has feasted the other on several occasions and it was only last Sunday evening when the employers gave the bartenders a banquet in Elks' hall. They all had a bang-up time and the best wishes of the one party for the other were freely expressed. Still, three days later, the Bartenders' union announced that one of the saloons was on the unfair list, because the proprietor would not discharge one of his two bartenders who would not be admitted to membership on the ground that there were already unemployed members and that one of these should be taken, in fact must be employed by this particular saloon keeper, or his saloon would be declared unfair. The keeper said that he did not propose to have help forced upon him that he did not want, for reasons best known to himself, and that he proposed to have bartenders that he believed to be thoroughly trustworthy and who worked for his best interests.

As the non-union, but willin-to-be-union bartender was not discharged, the union bartender in the saloon was called out, and so it is said his wages will be paid him until he secures occupation in the same line of business in some other saloon, not necessarily in New London. His fellow members will try and get him a job, but it is not likely that any member of the Liquor Dealers' association will give him employment, no matter how competent or honest he may be. So it is probable that employment will be found for him in some other city in order to relieve the payment of the weekly salary from the treasury of the local Bartenders' union, and this will mean the removal of the bartender and his family elsewhere to take his chances as to the permanency of his employment.

Of course, these union men know more about their plans than any pencil sharpener on the outside, but it does not sound well for any union to declare as a reason for not admitting members that there is not room for new members until present members have employment, especially when some of the unemployed would not be taken into the service of the saloon keeper, unless the Bartenders' union gave satisfactory bond against loss. New London is not very strong unionwise, but the bartenders seem to be very much in evidence about this time, but in this particular case do not seem to have public sympathy, as the basis of attack seems very weak.

NORTH LYME

Officers Elected by Baptist Society—Uncasville Pastor to Preach.

The annual meeting of the Baptist church was held Tuesday. The following officers were appointed: Executive committee, N. S. Strong, J. W. Stark, H. B. Maynard; church clerk, C. S. Jewett; treasurer, M. J. Stark; tithing men, J. W. Stark, N. S. Strong, ushers, William Stark and Leslie Rogers.

Mrs. S. N. Jewett has returned home after two weeks' stay at J. J. Tiffany's in Hamburg.

Mrs. L. O. Gates and Mrs. Erwin Rogers visited Mrs. G. H. Strong last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Jewett, Miss Helen Jewett and Mrs. Mary Fosdick returned from Hartford Monday. Mr. Jewett is in a serious condition, not being in a condition that the physicians considered safe to operate on him. Miss Woodruff is caring for him.

C. E. Election.

At a business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., held recently, the following officers were elected: President, Arthur Sweet; vice president, W. M. Sisson, Jr.; secretary and treasurer, Miss Helen Jewett.

Rev. A. J. Wilcox of Uncasville is expected to occupy the pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. William Sisson visited Mrs. H. A. Rogers in Salem last Saturday.

Several from this place attended C. E. service in Hamburg last Sunday evening.

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Meeting of Woman's Auxiliary—Stone Cottage Sold—Personals.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. John's mission met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. H. W. Bond.

Fred Ely is employed in New Britain, but has been evisiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ely.

Class meeting was held at the vestry of the Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday evening. At the close of the service the official board held its meeting.

William B. Haynes, employed in New Haven, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Haynes.

R. C. Beckwith has ben in Hartford for some time on business.

Charles Banta was in Lyme Tuesady to attend the funeral of a relative.

Ernest L. Spencer of Salem spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Adelaide E. Spencer.

Men are at work repairing the boathouse of H. E. Phyall in the Grove, which was damaged by high seas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. S. Washburn of Norwich were Pine Grove visitors Sunday.

Arthur B. Caulkins of New London was a recent caller on Town Clerk Ernest C. Russell.

Joseph T. Cruttenden of Norwich was a Niantic and Crescent Beach visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Annie Bronson has purchased the Stone cottage in Pine Grove.

OAKDALE.

Rev. H. T. Arnold occupied the pulpit of the Congregational church Sunday, preaching a helpful sermon from the words found in Matt. 10: 22. The C. E. meeting in the evening was led by Miss Jessie M. Scholfield, with the topic, Does Religion Pay? There were 18 present.

James Parker of Norwich was a visitor on Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Parker, at Montville Center.

Roy P. Johnson has lately obtained employment in Norwich.

The mill in this place has shut down again for an indefinite period.

Clayton E. Parker, lately of Providence, is visiting at the home of his cousins, Frank and Carrie Parker.

CAMPBELL'S MILLS

There will be a birthday party tonight (Saturday), the 29th, at the home of John Phillips.

A party from here attended an oyster supper Friday night at the home of Mason Gray in Preston.

Ozone ventilating machines are now common in many large buildings.