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BULLETIN NEWS LETTERS FROM ITS BROADENING FIELD

LETTERS FROM TOWNS IN TWO STATES

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

NEW LONDON COUNTY.

UNCASVILLE

Musical Numbers at Surprise Party—Societies Plan Socials—Colonial Reception.

Miss Josephine Hart arranged a pleasant surprise party for Miss Iva Bartlett at the home of Miss Bartlett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Bartlett, Wednesday evening. Miss Florence Hart assisted her sister in carrying out arrangements by inviting Miss Bartlett to visit Norwich during the time the guests were assembling. The evening was devoted to musical selections given by Miss Winnie Bartlett, mandolin solo, Herbert Perry, violin, Fred Perry, cornet, Charles F. Bartlett, clarinet, Miss Iva Bartlett, piano, H. O. Whipple of Westerly and John Carlton, violin duet, Charles Franklin, octerina, Silas Baker, harmonica, song, Miss Vera Bartlett, song by William Whipple, flute solo, Orville C. Walden. Refreshments were served.

To Cost $400.

Thames lodge, I. O. O. F., will have new regalia soon. It is expected the outfit will cost about $400.

A large party from this place enjoyed a straw ride to Montville Center Friday night, to attend the entertainment, The Seven Peak Sisters of Alaska.

At the regular meeting of the Decem club Thursday night, two members were initiated.

Allan McDonald of Wallingford was the guest of friends in town Sunday.

Samuel Allen, who has been ill for the past week, is slowly improving.

Arthur Watrous and family returned Friday from Willington, where they have been attending the funeral of Mr. Watrous' father.

At a recent meeting of the Sunshine society, resolutions were adopted on the death of the society's vice president, Mrs. A. Fitch Rogers.

Additions to Methodist Church.

At the Methodist Episcopal church Miss Ruth Davis was taken into full membership and Miss Maggie Davis received the rite of baptism last Sunday.

The Rev. S. F. Maine, the pastor, will exchange on Sunday, March 13, with the Rev. Ernest F. Avery of Middletown for the morning and evening service. The Epworth league in the evening will be led by Miss Winnie Bartlett. There will be a musical programme by the Sunshine orchestra, assisted by Orville C. Walden, with selections on the flute.

Married Trading Cove Couple.

Justice of the Peace William Smiddy married Miss Clara Israel and Harry Marcus of Providence.

At the meeting of Pequot council, Knights of Columbus, in Hickey's hall Sunday, the following were appointed a committee to arrange for a social and dance: Edward Curtin, chairman, J. J. Driscoll, M. A. Walsh, J. Doyle.

Henry Richards spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of his brother in Willimantic.

Mrs. David Walsh entertained over the week-end Mrs. Eugene Finch and daughter, Miss Hazel Finch of Groton.

American council, O. U. A. M., at the meeting Thursday night appointed Robert Burchard, John Carlton, Fred Crandall, Henry Auwood, John Lynch a committee of arrangements for a social.

George Cloutier has resigned as machinist at Pequot mills.

Edward Carter, who was badly scalded in an explosion at the Keyes Process company mill is able to be at work again. The burns are healing well.

Quaint Costumes Worn.

The Washington's birthday party which the Good Cheer Sunshine society planned to hold at the residence of Mrs. Albert Avery, the society's president, was postponed on account of the death of Mrs. A. Fitch Rogers, the society's vice president. A colonial reception was held instead at a later date. Many old-fashioned and quaint costumes were displayed.

Among those most noticeable were Miss Hazel Beebe and Miss Ruth Long as Puritan girls; Miss Elizabeth Alexander, Liberty; Misses Dart wore white wigs and dressed as American flags, with red hosiery; Mrs. Avery wore changeable silk; Mrs. Dart, black silk, old-fashioned bonnet and shawl; Mrs. Reuben Bolles, green silk, silver trimmings; Mrs. Fred Bitters, brown silk, colonial style; Mrs. Morton E. Fox, light blue dress, old-fashioned jewelry; Miss Ruth Lawson, blue dress and flowers; Mrs. F. J. Alexander, white dress and sweet peas; Mrs. Charles M. Beebe, red silk; Miss Brown, her guest, great-grandmother's wedding gown of white silk; Miss Laura Woodworth, steel gray dress with old-fashioned jewelry made from Charter Oak at Hartford; Miss Clara Woodworth, green and black silk; Miss Emma Crawford, light blue silk; Miss Ida Benham, gray silk gown trimmed with old lace. An entertaining musical programme was rendered. Assisting in this were Misses Hazel Beebe, Ruth Long, May Benham, Marian Schlink, Henry Schlink. The house was decorated with flags and red, white and blue crepe paper. Sandwiches, olives, cake and coffee were served.

OAKDALE.

Oyster Supper and Entertainment Nets $45.

Rev. H. T. Arnold of Norwich preached in the Congregational church on Sunday and administered the communion. He spoke from the words found in Heb. 13: 5, second clause. There were 59 present at the preaching service, and 44 at the session of the Sunday school.

The oyster supper given by the men of the church in the chapel Friday evening was largely attended, people coming from Palmertown, Uncasville and Norwich. The ladies furnished the entertainment. The proceeds amounted to $45.

Miss Atkinson of Palmertown was an over Sunday visitor of Miss Agnes Auwood.

PENDLETON HILL.

Rev. J. Howard Adams Closes Pastorate With Local Church.

Rev. J. Howard Adams closed his pastorate with the Pendleton Hill people Sunday; he goes from here to the Third Baptist church at North Stonington.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Palmer and two children, Amelia and Lewellyn, were guests of Mrs. Prentice Miner Sunday.

C. R. Cooke and a friend from Canonchet were callers in this place on March 6.

M. Edythe Cooke was at her home here over Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Coon has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Coon attended the funeral of Rev. Eli Dewhurst at Voluntown March 6.

Miss Maud Thompson was in Jewett City over Sundty.

Deacon E. E. Coon was in Voluntown on Monday.

Mrs. Martin O. Chapman and daughter Mamie were the guests of Mrs. William Hiscox of Jewett City Sunday.

ASHWILLETT

Local People Attend Funeral of Rev. Eli Dewhurst—Married in Norwich—Rev. J. H. Adams to Become Pastor of North Stonington Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert F. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. Frank Button, Mrs. Avery Austin, Mrs. H. Dwight Bromley, Mrs. Nathan W. Stewart, Charles L. Stewart, Henry E. Randall and Mrs. Belle Jenner of this place were all in Voluntown Sunday to attend the funeral of the Rev. Eli Dewhurst. The services were held in the Baptist church at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. A. B. Ovatts of Hartford officiated and delivered an impressive address. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Burial was in the Robbins cemetery, O. S. Rix being in charge of the araangements.

Thompson-Morgan Wedding.

William E. Thompson of Stonington and Miss Luella Morgan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amasa A. Morgan of Ashwillett, were married Saturday in Norwich, the Rev. J. Eldred Brown being the officiating clergyman.

Moved to Sheffield Place.

Daniel S. Guile and family of Griswold moved to the Rev. John Sheffield place in Ashwillett, Saturday. Mr. Guile has purchased the property. There has been no store here since the death of tSiles P. Eggleston last July.

Will Change Pastorate.

It is announced that the Rev. J. Howard Adams, now pastor of the Pendleton Hill church, will assume the pastorate of the Third North Stonington Baptist church in the near future.

Daniel Vergason Buys Place.

Daniel Vergason of Norwich Town has purchased the Oliver S. Miller property here and with his family will move to Ashwillett this spring. The late Mr. Miller was father to Mrs. Vergason.

Notes.

William G. Chappell of Watertown, Mass., is the guest of local friends.

The mud is drying up and travel on the country roads is much improved.

Another report is current here that the large homestead farm of the late Stiles P. Eggleston in Ashwillett has been sold to Greenport (L. I.) parties. The farm contains, it is said, 800 acres of land.

It is evident that many changes will take place among the residents here this spring.

The auction sale at the Whipple homestead at Glasgo was not held on Tuesday. Many went, but were disappointed.

Otto Anderson is having a driveway built from the highway to the Billings place.

LEDYARD

Church Societies Meet—Frank G. Maynard Appointed Conservator of His Brother.

Mrs. Charles S. Hewitt, who has been staying several days with her parsonage Wednesday and the Missionary society at Mrs. Thomas P. Norman's on Thursday.

Succeeds the Late Aaron Lucas.

Frank G. Maynard has been appointed by the judge of probate for the district of Ledyard conservator over his brother, who is in Middletown. Mr. Maynard takes the place of the late Aaron Lucas, who was conservator for a number of years. Mr. Maynard has furnished security to the amount of $6,000, the bond required, and has entered upon his duties.

Ninety-Five Attend Sunday School.

Rev. W. F. White's address on Sunday morning was taken from Genesis and was listened to by a good sized audience. Communion service was administered. There were ninety-five present in the Sunday school.

Miss Florence M. Bennett and some of her pupils visited schools in Norwich Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. William I. Allyn were guests of Mr. Allyn's sister, Mrs. Wilbur Baldwin of Taftville, Tuesday and Wednesday.

H. H. Main recently purchased a pair of nice colts of the Norcross boys.

Miss Grace Morin was an over Sunday guest of her sister in Franklin, and also went to New London to see her mother.

SOUTH LYME

Personal Interests.

Mrs. Howard Stickney of Ivoryton is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Roath.

Miss Elizabeth Slate was the guest of Mrs. Howard Stickney Wednesday.

Thomas Staon visited relatives in Sayville this week.

Miss Lydia Hartig will preach at the Union chapel Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. N. Roath visited Mrs. N. C. Slate Wednesday.

Mrs. Charles Howard was a New London visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Pendleton of Westbrook will move their household goods to South Lyme, where they will locate in the future.

Arthur Miner is an out of town visitor this week.

William Bolton moved the remainder of his household effects Wednesday to Black Hall.

BETHEL

D. S. Guile has been moving his week to Ashwillett, where he has bought a place. Peter Gauthier has been moving into the house vacated by the Guiles.

Rev. Frank Chamberlain and J. G. Bill called on Mr. and Mrs. Kinnie of Pendleton Hill on Wednesday.

Miss May Richmond is home from the Normal school with a severe cold.

Miss Potter, who is teaching in Bethel, spent Sunday in Jewett City with her parents.

LISBON

George Richards, formerly of Bangor, Me., is visiting G. A. Kennedy.

Miss Hoelck is ill at her home.

Misses Eunice Henderson and May Clendennin of Greeneville were guests of Miss Ethel Kennedy Sunday.

Mrs. Gray of Greeneville is caring for Mrs. J. H. Kennedy.

GALES FERRY

Missionary Society Holds Interesting Session—Personal Interests of the Week.

The communion service was observed at the M. E. church Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Thompson taking the text for his sermon from I. Corinthians xv:58. There was a larger attendance than for some time past at the Sunday school session, four classes being entitled to the banner for attendance.

Mrs. George F. Dean, who has been a sufferer from the grip for the past two weeks, is improving.

Mrs. Delphine Fish, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Albert Manierre, returned to Jamaica, L. I., on Wednesday.

Work on the foundation of the barn which H. Singlewood Bishing is to erect on his property near Red Top, was commenced last week.

R. B. Taft of Newton Center, Mass., was a visitor one night last week at his summer home at Decatur bluff, farm at Allyns Point.

Mrs. Fannie Adams Molthrop of Norwich called on friends in the village Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Satterlee of North Haven were over-Sunday guests of Mr. Satterlee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Satterlee.

Freedmen Discussed at Auxiliary Meeting.

There was an attendance of ten members and the visitors at the meeting of the local auxiliary of the Womans Home Missionary society, Tuesday afternoon, the society being entertained at the home of Mrs. Sarah Perkins. The Freedman was the subject considered at the literary hour. Home missionary facts and figures, and Freedom, What Then, were given as responsive readings

An account of the E. L. Rust home was given by Miss Kate Colver, and Mrs. Thomas Lathrop read Whittier's poem, Howard at Atlanta. Work for Colored Girls in Texas was the title of a reading by Mrs. H. L. Perkins and the Misses Laura Perkins and Amy Satterlee followed with readings on the subject, Miss Satterlee reading The Lil' Brack Sheep. A social season with refreshments were enjoyed at the close of the business session.

Personal Mention.

Miss Fannie B. Hurlbutt of Groton visited her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hurlbutt, Friday.

Mrs. Harmon Perkins spent Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. Curtis Gates, in New London.

Mrs. J. C. Hazler of Groton, who has leased her farm in the village to Mr. and Mrs. William Bunnell of Poquonoc, was a caller here on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunnell and daughter arrived at their new home Monday.

Mrs. Albertus Maynard of Allyns Point was the guest of relatives in New London on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Hurlbutt entertained a party of relatives and friends at dinner Wednesday.

Attended D. A. R. Meeting.

Miss Amy B. Satterlee attended a meeting of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Groton Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Franklin H. Brown of Norwich was a caller here on Friday of last week.

R. H. Perkins of New London visited relatives here the first of the week.

Miss Sarah Latimer, who is visiting for several weeks at her former home in Hartford, returned to that city Thursday afternoon, having made a short visit at her home here this week.

Noyes Smith of the wrecking tug Tasco was an over-Sunday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Latham Smith.

Orrin Bennett returned to the village Monday evening from New York city, where he has spent the winter months.

GRISWOLD

Annual Meeting of Coit Library Trustees.

Miss Susan Terry is visiting her daughters in Preston.

Miss Ida Edmond of Washington, R. I., visited this week her cousins, the Edmond brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Meech of Danielson were in town Sunday.

Plans are being made for a pie supper.

Frank Terry is visiting friends in Westerly and vicinity.

Mrs. Parker of Baltic has been spending several days with Mrs. S. G. Norman.

Mrs. Accleburg is very ill at her home in Hopeville.

At the annual meeting of the trustees of the Coit library, held Monday, the election of officers resulted as follows: President, H. R. Brockett; vice president, E. A. Geer; secretary, George R. Lathrop; treasurer, A. H. Meech; librarian, C. F. Morgan; book committee, Rev. C. L. French, G. R. Lathrop, D. L. Phillips, E. A. Geer and W. A. Edmond.

LEFFINGWELL

Social Evening at Home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leffingwell.

Harold Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose of Waxwecus Hill, who is employed at Lowell, Mass., was among the congregation at the First Baptist church Sunday.

Miss Ruth Palmer is at the home fo her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Nichols of Norwich, caring for her grandmother, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Whiting of Norwich were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Leffingwell.

Mrs. C. L. Palmer spent Wednesday with Mrs. Carrie Gardner and Mrs. Ella Beebe of West Plain.

There was a happy gathering of about twenty-five at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Leffingwell last Saturday evening. A pleasant evening was enjoyed, with dancing and refreshments. Two violinists from Norwich were present.

NORTH LYME

New Church Clerk—Call to Cromwell Pastor.

Rev. Mr. Burvis preached here very acceptably the first Sunday in March. At the same meeting W. M. Sisson, Jr., was appointed church clerk in place of the late Charles S. Jewett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Emeley of Moodus visited at C. F. Jewett's one day last week.

Merrell Babcock was home from New London several days this week.

N. S. Strong and John Evans were in Lyme Tuesday after farming implements.

Mrs. William Sisson is spending a week with friends in East Lyme and Groton.

Miss Helen Jewett was in Deep River Friday and Saturday of last week.

At a business meeting of the Baptist church recently it was voted to extend to Rev. Francis Purvis of Cromwell a call to become pastor of the church.

FRANKLIN

Rev. R. C. Miller Spoke in Church and Sunday School—News Interests of the Week.

At the Congregational church, Sunday morning Rev. Rennetts C. Miller, of Hartford, district secretary of the International Reform bureau, with headquarters in Washington, spoke interestingly and forcefully upon the subject, Moral Victories Won and Waiting.

Four evils have received the particular attention of the bureau: Intemperance, impurity, gambling and Sabbath breaking. And the four methods employed in fighting these evils, namely legislation, letters, lectures and literature, have resulted in some notable victories. Beside the prevention of much bad legislation, thirteen bills drafted and promoted by the bureau have been passed by congress.

Before beginning his address Mr. Miller sang as a solo, My Mother's Prayer.

In Sunday school, Mr. Miller spoke to the boys, urging them to avoid the use of cigarettes.

Though ill with tonsilitis, Mr. Miller spoke most earnestly and effectively, and left an impression that will be an abiding challenge to the moral sense and to the love of country of all who heard him.

In the afternoon Mr. Miller went to Hanover, where he spoke at the Congregational church in the evening.

Personal Mention.

Miss Grace Mosier of Ledyard was visiting friends on Meeting House hill last week.

Mrs. Thomas Ashby of New York was the guest of Miss Gertrude Hoffman the latter part of last week.

Everson Gager and S. N. Hyde have returned after spending a few days in Boston.

Mrs. Jeanette Hoffman and Miss Ella Hoffman were called to Easthampton on Tuesday by the death of a friend.

Miss Edith Mosier is spending the week at her home in New London.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hyde of Willimantic were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hermon Gager on Sunday.

Mrs. L. A. Robinson was in Willimantic on Tuesday calling on friends.

Wallace Shepard is confined to his home with the grip.

Mrs. S. N. Hyde was in Norwich on Monday.

Miss Augusta Pember and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Manning of Lebanon attended church in Franklin on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Birge of Norwich were on Meeting House hill one day the past week.

George Avery is sick with bronchitis.

In the absence of Mr. Beadle tomorrow Rev. William Martin Brown of Windham will conduct the services at the Congregational church.

HANOVER

Funeral of Mrs. Edgar Tarbox—Burial of Mrs. Anna J. Tinkham—New Communion Set.

The funeral services of Mrs. Edgar Tarbox were held on Tuesday afternoon at her late home. There was a large attendance from the neighborhood and many friends from abroad. Among many floral emblems were a pillow from Mr. and Mrs. Angus Park, a harp from the Ladies' Guild, and other flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Allen, Norwich Town; Mr. and Mrs. Warmick. The pastor, Rev. C. H. Peck, conducted the service, assisted by a quartette from the church cair, Misses Margaret Eadie and Eliza Blackburn, James Eadie and William Park. The selections were Rc Never Forgets His Own, a favorite hymn of Mrs. Tarbox, and Crossing the Bar, a bass solo by William Park.

Burial of Mrs. Tinkham.

The body of Mrs. Anna Jordan Tinkham, widow of Eugene M. Tinkham, was brought here for burial Thursday forenoon. Mrs. Tinkham died last week at Bacheloville, Saratoga county, N. Y.

Edwin Tinkham and Miss Isabel Jordan, a sister, accompanied the remains. A service was held at the grave.

Will Move to Westboro.

The community regrets the prospective removal of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott. They will move to a farm at Westboro, near Worcester, Mass.

Rev. R. C. Miller Spoke.

A large attendance welcomed Rev. R. B. Miller in the church last Sunday evening. At the praise service the orchestra was increased by a bass viol, played by James Tucker.

Rev. Mr. Smith of the Baltic Methodist church will preach here next Sunday morning, in exchange with the pastor.

A birthday celebration was given Mrs. Nathan Bennett on Sunday afternoon at the home of Waldo Bingham.

New Individual Communion Set.

A handsome service of individual communion cups, the gift of an unknown donor, was used for the first time at the church last Sunday.

This week's cottage meeting was held on Thursday at the home of Miss Margaret Eadie.

Miss Ellen Peck is visiting in Bradford, Mass.

HAMBURG

Shot a Deer—Dogs Kill Sheep—Box Social.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Anderson were in Mystic on business last Wednesday.

Jared Daniels, Jr., shot a deer in his newly seeded grass lot the first of the week.

Lee Harding of New Haven was the guest of his mother last Sunday.

The choir met with Mrs. Partch to rehearse Easter music last Wednesday evening.

The social prayer meeting was held at Robert Sawyer's last week Friday evening.

Mrs. Eunice Edwards of Essex visited her parents the first of the week.

A box social was held under the auspices of the C. E. S. Thursday evening.

Mrs. Kate Jewett and daughter were callers at R. M. Jewett's last Wednesday.

Dogs killed a number of sheep belonging to S. P. Sterling last week.

Mrs. Samuel Daniels has moved to New London.

LIBERTY HILL

C. E. Social—Ninety-Fifth Birthday of Mrs. George Webster.

Fred Loomis of Saranac Lake, N. Y., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Alba Loomis, and is here on business as administrator of his father's estate.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Morrell are guests of Mrs. Morrell's grandmother, Mrs. Jacob Strzyzewski.

There was a C. E. social Friday evening at G. T. Chappell's.

Mrs. George Webster, mother of Mrs. Marcus Hazen, passed her 95th birthday Saturday.

Mrs. J. B. Burrill is the guest of her son, Fred Loomis, in Groton.

There was a thunder shower Sunday afternoon and Monday morning.

MONTVILLE.

Large Attendance at Supper and Entertainment—Annual Church Meeting—Repairs to Require $1,100.

Miss Ruth Darrow of New London spent Wednesday night among friends here.

Mrs. Annie Hooper of New London called on local friends Wednesday afternoon and evening.

Supper and Entertainment Net $60.

The finance committee of the Union Baptist church served an oyster supper at Palmer Memorial hall Wednesday evening from 5 to 8. The two-act farce-comedy, Sunbonnets, was then given by the young ladies of the Friday evening club under direction of Mrs. G. C. Chappell. The programme opened with a full chorus singing The Old Gray Bonnet which secured an encore. My Old Kentucky Home was then sung in excellent voice. Messrs. Pratt and Wood played a banjo duet, which was heartily applauded. The comedy followed, each member of the cast acting with ability. Banjo duets were played between the acts and at the close, followed by The Yankee Kitchen, which was greatly enjoyed. This excellent entertainment closed with the song, Good Night. Ice cream and cake were served. The audience was large and enthusiastic and the church repair fund has been enriched about $60.

Miss May Turner was in New London over Sunday.

Miss Florence Chapman and Mrs. Lillibridge of Baltic called on friends here Wednesday morning.

Annual Meeting of Baptist Church.

The annual meeting of the Union Baptist church was held in the chapel Monday evening, March 7. The pastor, Rev. George C. Chappell, called the meeting to order. Deacon E. S. Henry offered prayer. The warning was read and the minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the pastor.

Mrs. Arabella Latimer gave her report as treasurer, which showed all bills paid and the church finances in a fine condition. The report of the board of trustees was read and accepted. The election of officers resulted as follows: Clerk, Frank Rogers; treasurer, solicitor and collector, Mrs. Arabella Latimer; finance committee, Edwin S. Henry, N. C. Allen, George P. Smith; trustees, Martin Brainard, E. S. Henry and N. C. Allen; deacons, Martin Brainard, E. S. Henry, George P. Smith. The deacons were made the minister's advisory committee; auditor, Miss Alice Hooper; ushers, S. Johnson, Mortimer Getchell, Leon Allen, Edward Smith; organist Sunday morning, Miss Grace Lyons; Thursday evening, Mrs. Melvin Furber.

A vote of thanks was extended Mrs. Julia Coen for her faithful service as clerk the past year.

Repair Fund Over $1,000.

Rev. C. H. Spalding of Boston preached an interesting sermon at the Union Baptist church Sunday morning from the subject, The Good Seed of the Kingdom. Rev. A. J. Wilcox read the Scripture lesson. The pastor, Rev. G. C. Chappell, announced the glad news that the repair fund had been increased in two weeks from $169 to $1,000 and that at the least $1,100 would be needed for all inside and outside repairs.

LEBANON

Damage by Lightning—Transfer of School District Property to Town.

The first thunderstorm of the season in this vicinity occurred last Sunday afternoon. About 3.30 there was a vivid flash of lightning with an instaneous crash. Near the home of C. L. Pitcher two trees were struck, a wire fence was torn into fragments, the wires being cut into pieces varying from a half-inch to three or four inches in length. A stone wall was scattered in various directions.

Arranging for School Transfers

An adjourned town meeting was held in the town hall last Monday afternoon to take action upon the transfer of the district school property to the town, as provided for in the new law for town management. The sixteen districts were instructed to call school meetings within thirty days and arrange for the transfer. The vote taken last October to lay a tax of fifteen mills was reconsidered and finally passed at the same rate.

General News.

A fair delegation from the Lebanon grange attended the joint institute by the Connecticut state board of agriculture and Pomonas of Windham county New London county and the East Central Pomona, in Willimantic on Wednesday.

The Ladies' Aid society met Wednesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. N. B. Royall.

There has been only one case of scarlet fever, and one case of diphtheria. Close quarantines prevented these diseases from spreading.

E. A. Loomis, who has been confined to his house for about two months, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Charles Parson of Ottawa, Canada, has been visiting friends in town.

A. C. Williams has lost one of his large and valuable horses. It died from the effects of an injury to one foot, causing lockjaw.

Clifford Sweet of New Britain spent Sunday with his mother and other friends in town.

Ralph Royall of New York visited his parents over Sunday.

Rev. R. E. Turner is expected home from his wedding tour to occupy his pulpit on Sunday.

WATERFORD.

Beef Trust of Half a Century Ago—Local Young Man Joins Navy.

Miss Nellie Williams of Ocean View is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Oscar W. Patch, in New London.

Mrs. Fannie P. Gallup of Jordan is comfortable after a long and painful illness with rheumatism.

E. B. Young is fitting out Capt. Ira Edward's lobster steamer this week.

Mrs. Owen C. Williams was a caller at Mrs. George W. Beebe's in Groton, Wednesday.

Old-Time Beef Trust.

Fifty years ago a Beef trust controlled the New London market business, when one ox was killed weekly to supply the city. The delivery was by basket under the management of John Dennis.

Frank Rogers, Dr. Frank Howard, H. Willis Manwaring, James C. Smith, R. L. McAuley, Owen C. Williams, Courtland Darrow, J. Henry Beckwith and Dr. C. Maynard Minor of Waterford attended the session of Bay View lodge, No. 120, A. F. and A. M., last Saturday night.

May Go to Philippines.

Clayton Darrow of Fog Plain has enlisted in the United States navy, and has been assigned to duty on board the Hancox at the Brooklyn navy yard. The voyage in contemplation may take him to Europe and Mediterranean ports, and then on through the Suez canal to the Philippines. He ranks as machinist's assistant.

J. L. Coit has remembered friends in town by post cards during the past week from Chicago and St. Louis. Mr. Coit is on a visit to his brother in the far west.

Mrs. Henry E. Beebe of Spithead was in Groton Wednesday, attending the funeral of Mrs. Sarah E. Allen, who was her aunt.

Mrs. Nancy Vergason has returned to Norwich after a visit to the Shelley family of Waterford.

MAYOR MAHAN IN SUPREME COMMAND

..is Policy of Progress will be Put Through—Special Meetings and Special Appropriations in Order—One Incident of Mayor Harris' Reign as Mayor.

Unless conditions change the prophesied mutiny on board the city ship Mare Liberum when she commenced her three years' cruise will not materialize, as the commander, Mayor Bryan F. Mahan, seems equal to any emergency and has the crew of aldermen well in hand. At the very beginning of the cruise he assigned every man to his post, from stem to stern, and from keel to topmasthead, taking special care to put men in the more important positions who could be depended upon to obey his commands and keep their shipmates well in hand, thus preventing any outbreak and substituting subserviency for any hidden spirit of independence. Now the whole crew is with the mayor and every command or signal in connection with the navigation of the municipal ship will be obeyed without question.

This was plainly demonstrated during the sail just Monday evening, when all hands and the cook were called to muster and consideration given to landlubber business. According to regulations there is a regular monthly session devoted to such matters, when all are given the liberty to free their minds on any matter that may be introduced, but the crew are extremely cautious to exercise that liberty, fearing ater consequences and perhaps a bread and water diet or its equivalent.

There were political differences when the city ship was put into commission for the present cruise, with republicanism in the ascendency, but this has all been worked out under the personal direction of the mayor and all is serene on shipboard and there is no danger of any of the crew being lashed to the mast for punishment, as a few days in the brig tends to bring them to their senses and realize that it is best for them to do as the captain orders, it being a recognized fact that he is the man at the wheel. No democratic commander ever had such a united republican support and not every republican commander of the Mare Liberum had even the support of his own party crew on shipboard. It is well that there is no chance for discord among the crew, for now the course will be sailed just as laid out by Commander Mahan, and don't you forget it!

Although the amendment to the city charter which provides the sidewalks can be laid by order of the council, one-half the cost to be paid by the city and the other by the abutting property owners, has been in effect a table, if not by some of the strongest political supporters of Mayor Mahan, the mayor declared at the meeting of the court of common council Monday evening that it was the best thing that ever came down the pike for the city of New London, and all that it lacked for enforcement was an appropriation to pay the city's portion of the expense, and that this appropriation would be made, now being the opportune time to fight out the contest which was decided on.

At the mayor's suggestion it was voted to have a special city meeting and ask for an appropriation of $10,000 for new sidewalks on Bank street from State to Howard streets, one-half of which will be reimbursed by the property owners along the street. It was also voted to recommend the paving of Bank street for the same distance with granite paving blocks, the present blocks to be broken up and set on end in a bed of concrete and then cemented in place. In order to finance this matter it was arranged to recommend that the $4,500 voted for a needed police signal system and the $3,000 appropriated for completing the brick pavement in Washington street be diverted to the paving of Bank street and that the balance of $12,500 required be raised by giving the city note for that amount.

While some of the members of the council mildly objected to any attempt to divert the appropriations from the purpose for which they were made, the plan carried and a special city meeting will give final decision. As to the result of that city meeting, leave it to Mayor Mahan.

That there is need for the proposed improvement nobody will deny, neither will there be denial of the urgent need of a police signal system that would be reliable and up to date, not experimental for the special benefit of any local electrical concern, especially when the experiment has proven a failure, even if the mayor did hint at some such procedure. The citizens in city meeting upon recommendation of an experienced police committee made appropriation for this signal system and it would appear to be the duty of the court of common council to carry out the expressed wish of the people in that particular. The same applies to the completion of the paving in Washington street.

Naturally there is suspicion of spite or revenge or a combination of the two in the proposition to divert these appropriations, and it is expected that there will be opposition to the recommendations of the council to the special city meeting by taxpayers who are favorable to the repaving and the building of new sidewalks in Bank street. So perhaps the more satisfactory action on the part of the council would have been to recommend a sum sufficient to do the work, without attacking appropriations already made for specific and needed purposes.

Another feature that may meet with opposition is the material to be used as the new pavement. A sample of the kind insisted upon by the mayor was laid in front of the city hall and, after a trial, and in compliance with the expressed wishes of the majority of property owners on State street, the brick pavement was adopted. It may be that a like desire exists among the property owners in Bank street, especially as the lower part of that thoroughfare is already of vitrified brick, and there has been a vigorous protest against patchwork in street construction. Therefore it would seem that in the preparation of the call for the meeting these matters should be left discretionary with the meeting, and not compulsory, as such definiteness might defeat the whole project.

The committee appointed to examine the finances of the city with a view to determining whether the statement of ex-Mayor Armstrong that his administration made a better financial showing than did that of Mayor Mahan's former administration, resulted in a majority and minority report to the council, and, as expected, the majority report, which was favorable to Mayor Mahan, was adopted.

The committee was the regular finance committee and what was termed as the minority report, and which was favorable to Mayor Armstrong, was originally signed by the three members of the committee, but just before the meeting of a month ago, Aldermen Miner and Perkins withdrew their signatures; Chairman Rogers insisted on submitting the report, but consented to delay until the March meeting. The original report was not considered on the level by the mayor and the new majority report was made and, of course, adopted. So the records will show that Mayor Armstrong's statement in that particular was not correct.

Alderman Benn has made persistent effort to have definite action taken on the extension of Hope street through to Blackhall street, but he has hardly been given courteous treatment. The matter was presented to the last council without result, and when he proposed the matter to the present council there was effort to table, but the alderman succeeded in having reference made to the street committee. This committee made a brief report at the meeting Monday evening, simply stating the estimated cost of construction, not including the land damages, the committee adding that it had no recommendation to make to the council. There was motion that the report of the committee be accepted and placed on file, the vote being a tie, which was decided by the presiding officer against Alderman Benn's commendable measure.

It was stated that there were no funds available to do the work and that the proper time to make the request would be immediately after the regular budget was being prepared. The alderman said he was familiar with the financial feature, but that there might be funds in the near future, adding that the "next fall gas and water mains were throughout," and that he was of the opinion that when a committee was appointed for a specific purpose that they would make proper investigation and make a fair and comprehensive report to the council, as a matter of aldermanic courtesy if for no other reason.

Alderman O'Leary hinted that the proposed ordinance relative to weights and measures was evidently being held up for a purpose perhaps of treatment similar to that given the extension of Hope street. He said the matter had been given public hearing and had not been opposed by the citizens, still action had been hanging fire for over three months. He declared that the ordinance had been published for the special benefit of the aldermen and the general public, and given to the corporation council for the final touches.

That official had promised to have it at the meeting for presentation, but the document had not materialized, and no explanation was given for its non-appearance.

Aside from the general benefit to the whole people, he had no personal interest in the matter, but he emphatically was of the opinion that some definite action be taken.

It was like unto an echo from the tinkling of that ancient chestnut bell to hear it solemnly announced in the council meeting that the finance committee, composed of one democrat and two republicans, had ascertained that they had the right to appoint an auditor at any time, and had exercised that right by deposing C. Frederick Washburne, republican, and elected Frederick E. Fengar, democrat, and the action received the approval of a republican court of common council. This announcement may have been news to some, but not to the readers of this weekly correspondence, as announcement of a change in auditors at the time change was made, about three months ago.

Why this change was made could not be ascertained then, and no explanation is made now, as Mr. Washburne is conceded to be expert in the line and a thorough republican. True, he was first appointed during the Armstrong administration and made some examination of the financial doings of the preceding administration, but what he did was on the level and should not be charged up against him with black crayon. Mr. Fengar has held office as a democrat and has drilled in the Mahan squad during several campaigns, and perhaps the appointment is given him by republicans for services rendered to nonness of the democratic party. Mr. Fengar, like Mr. Washburne, is handy at figures, and is perhaps well qualified for the duties of auditor, but that should not be reason sufficient for the removal of Mr. Washburne. But, come to think of it, Mayor Mahan has said in public that politics would cut no ice during his administration and therefore the change in auditors has no political significance.

According to Alderman Downey, proper investigation is not made of fires of suspicious origin in New London, and at the council meeting he suggested that something be done to check incindiarism, as in some recent instances not only property but life was endangered. While there was general discussion of this important matter, he said that no official action had been taken and that it was about time something was doing along that line. Mayor Mahan said that no action in the council was necessary, as that was a matter that should be properly handled by the police department, and he was of opinion that the $20,000 appropriated annually for the police should insure the fullest investigation of cases such as referred to by the alderman.

No specific cases were cited by the alderman, but the other members understood just who the parties are that the alderman referred to. Alderman Downey certainly hit the bullseye for there is no doubt that some of the fires have been of incendiary origin, and it would seem to be fully within the province of the police to make diligent inquiry in all suspicious cases and there should be hesitancy in making arrests where suspicion is strong enough to warant, for incendiarism is a crime that should not be tolerated.

There was a recent fire where the newspapers hinted at suspicious circumstances and the hints seemed to be well founded and the police really did make a move towards an investigation, but that was about all.

There were conflicting stories told in connection with the fire that have not been explained and it is not too late to unravel some of the disagreeing stories and get at the facts, thereby removing all suspicion or bringing the guilty parties to justice. Alderman Downey's insinuations are timely and should receive not only the attention of the police but also that of the chief engineer of the fire department and the fire committee.

When the Civil war was proclaimed Jonathan N. Harris was mayor of New London, but when the war was on in dead earnest Hiram Willey, who died in Hadlyme last Tuesday at the age of 92, was the city's chief magistrate, and he was up to his ears to crush the copperheads who tried to undo at home what the brave soldier boys were fighting for at the front. In those stirring times there was a time when the loyalty of the newspaper known as the Evening Star was called in doubt, and Judge Willey headed the delegation of citizens who visited the newspaper office and notified the editor and proprietor that if there was not a decided change in the patriotic tone of the paper that the whole printing equipment would be dumped into the street.

The editor took the hint and in the very next issue there was an editorial almost as patriotic as the speech of Patrick Henry declaring the newspaper to be a thoroughly union publication and that the editor was a thorough war democrat and that there was no tinge of copperheadism in his makeup.

This same editor afterwards became a thorough republican, a party leader, and represented the city as a republican in the state legislature. There was another occasion when it became necessary for Mayor Willey to send the riot act to disperse a disorderly crowd and he did it so effectively that threatening trouble was avoided. He was of small stature, but of powerful and determined mind that was utilized