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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.

ASHWILLETT

Many Persons Regret Death of James G. Walker—Moving to Preston—School Closes.

James G. Walker, who died recently at Jewett City, was for years an esteemed resident of Ashwillett. The announcement of his death was received by local friends, neighbors and acquaintances with regret. The deceased was a son of the late Dr. Levi Walker, for many years prominent in social and religious circles here. James Walker was the last of the family to pass away, there being a number of brothers and sisters, including the late Rev. Dr. O. T. Walker of Chicago and Rev. W. C. Walker of Andover. Mrs. Harriet Babcock, a sister, died a few days ago in Los Angeles, Cal. The funeral of Mr. Walker was held Sunday afternoon at the home of Delmer Gardner at Jewett City, with whom he resided, the Rev. G. W. Gane officiating. The burial was in the Preston City cemetery. Undertaker O. S. Rix had charge of the arrangements.

G. A. Pendleton was the auctioneer Monday at the sale of personal property belonging to O. P. Miner in North Stonington.

Moving to Preston.

John L. Main having sold his farm to New York parties, is moving to C. S. Hewitt's place in Preston, belonging to Mrs. Paul Massey of Old Mystic.

J. L. York and family are moving to the house in the village belonging to Mrs. Samuel Wheeler.

W. W. Billings and family are changing their residence from the O. S. Miller place where they have resided the past year to the William Richardson place near Preston City.

Closing Exercises of School.

The present term of school here closed Thursday with public exercises. Miss Hollowell, the teacher, has given good satisfaction and will teach the spring and summer term.

Will Move from Norwich.

Daniel Vergason and family of Norwich Town will move here onto the Miller place at once. Mr. Vergason has purchased the place.

Newsy Notes.

A large representation of the residents here attended the large auction sale at the Whipple homestead near Glasgo.

Mrs. Belle James is quite ill at her home here.

Business was generally suspended Friday (Fast day).

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Culver were in Norwich Thursday on business.

W. W. Billings and E. B. James spent Tuesday at Pachaug.

Miss Jessie E. Fish of Mystic spent Saturday with Mrs. H. E. Randall in this place.

MOHEGAN

Special Easter Programme Prepared—Progressive Farmer Plants Early Peas.

An excellent programme has been prepared for the Easter exercises on Sunday at the church, the 27th, at 2.45 p. m. Extra music, recitations by the children and address by the pastor. A number are expected from Norwich and New London.

G. R. Sanders was a New London visitor the first of the week.

Mrs. Chester Northdurf and daughter, Miss Bertha, were business visitors at Norwich one day this week.

W. D. Allen has taken time by the forelock and in advance of other farmers planted his early peas.

Irwin Edwards made a trip to Norwich on Wednesday.

Visitors are daily calling on our fire warden at his office for permits under the new law.

Miss Mary Getchell of Norwich is visiting friends in this place this week.

Mrs. Lydia Fielding entertained her son Lemuel of Norwich over Sunday.

Mrs. E. E. Fowler and children were visiting at Rose Leaf farm on Wednesday of this week.

Preparations are in progress for commencing work on the new road in this part of the town.

Thomas Story of Groton was visiting relatives in Mohegan this week.

Miss Cynhtia Fowler spent Tuesday at Uncasville.

WATERFORD.

What It Cost to Live Fifty Years Ago—Plain Talk, Plain Wear and No Luxuries.

W. A. Murray is ill with grip.

Tuesday evening Relief Lodge installed officers. The A. O. U. W. are on the high road to prosperity.

Cost of Living Fifty Years Ago.

Living was high 50 years ago. A man used to get 75 cents to work on the farm and it took about all of it to live. The fare then was Indian meal cakes, fried pork, buckwheat cakes, potatoes; now and then a codfish, and once in a great while some ground wheat meal instead of flour. One pair of boots per annum came as a Christmas present. They came so late in the year. Clothes were renewed as often as you grew out of a suit, always satinette. The girls used to wear black dresses, as black never went out of fashion. Panteletts were of nankeen. How would the girls get along with these things nowadays?

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Young, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Young of Spithead district were at New London on a surprise visit to Capt. Edward Winslow of Howard street, who received a Masonic charm from his friends.

Miss Waters of Vermont will spend her Easter vacation with Mr. and Mrs. William W. Wright.

LIBERTY HILL

C. E. Social—James M. Clarke's 79th Birthday.

There was a C. E. social at Mrs. Annie F. Harvey's Friday evening.

The large two-story house opposite the store is being thoroughly repaired. It belongs to the Alba Loomis estate.

Mrs. Charles Edwards of Willimantic visited her father, Amos L. Babcock, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Clarke, who have occupied a tenment in the house opposite the store for the past few years, are moving into their son's, J. Henry Clarke's house, and will live with him for the future. Walter Cleland's brother, Cecil, and wife, will occupy the tenment vacated by Mr. Clarke.

Mrs. Henry V. Oehlers of New York is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Clarke, for two or three weeks. Mr. Clarke passed his 79th birthday this week.

Mrs. Isaiah Hale is critically ill. Her daughter, Mrs. Archie C. Smith, from Schenectady, arrived home on Tuesday to see her.

Amos Lillie, son of William Lillie, has hired the J. Henry Clarke farm for the ensuing year.

UNCASVILLE

Thames Social Club's Dance—Dr. F. A. Taylor Going to Indiana—New Spur Track Completed.

The social and dance given by the Thames Social club on St. Patrick's night was largely attended. The success of the affair was due to the following committee of entertainment: W. S. Mitchell, John Cuddy, Theodore Craig, Reuben Austin, George Allen, Edwin Phillips, James Phillips, Clarence McArdle, George N. Wood 2d, Charles Adams. The entrance prize of $5 was awarded Mrs. William Allen. Spencer's orchestra furnished music and William Smiddy was prompter.

Robert Hamilton of New Haven was visiting friends in town recently.

Charles Osborn, who has been in the employ of the C. M. Robertson Co. as overseer of a department in the box shop, has resigned and will move to New Haven.

Miss Addie Miller is spending the week in Providence.

John Lynch attended a reunion of his family in New York over the week end, returning home Sunday afternoon.

Fred C. Palmer, who has been taking the place of R. H. Melcer as superintendent of the Palmer Bros. Co. mill during Mr. Melcer's visit in California, returned to his family in New York Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burgess returned Sunday night from a few days' visit with relatives in Danielson.

Dr. Francis Albert Taylor, who has been practicing medicine in this town for three years and a half, will move to Indiana.

Spur Track Finished.

The new spur track which the Central Vermont railroad has been constructing from the main line to the site of the new mill at Bartletts is completed.

Bert Edmonds has resigned as coachman for the C. M. Robertson family.

The public schools in town closed Thursday for the Easter vacation of ten days.

D. W. Rogers has moved from out of the Keyes Process company's tenements to Quaker Hill.

Mrs. Winfield Hanney and children are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Church this week.

Gilbert P. Coats is spending this week in Providence and Boston.

Surprised on Birthday.

Mrs. Henry Dart was pleasantly surprised Sunday afternoon, the anniversary of her birthday, by the dropping in of several relatives who spent a few social hours with her. Amon gthose present were Mrs. John Austin, Mrs. Fred W. Hooper and Mrs. Razy of New London and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Furber and son Mark of Montville. Mrs. Dart was well remembered.

Returned from California.

Mr. and Mrs. Radph H. Melcer, who have been visiting relatives in California, Mr. Melcer's former home, returned to Uncasville Monday.

S. C. Hartley, the new overser of the carding department in the Uncasville Mfg. Co., has moved his household goods and family from Taunton, Mass., to the Mousch house.

A new iron railing is being placed along the offset wall built at the side of the road adjoining Palmer Bros. Co. mill, a protection to the public either walking or riding.

American council, O. U. A. M., held a meeting in Palmer Memorial hall on Thursday night, at which a class of candidates received the first degree.

Mrs. Julia Starr, Henry Jerome, Louis G. Newton, Albert Avery, Daniel Devine, were in Norwich, attending the trial of the case of L. A. Comstock against the town of Waterford.

Samuel Allen, who has been ill, is slightly improved. George Coleman is caring for him.

The bushes and trees around the Uncasville Mfg. Co. have been trimmed and the grounds otherwise put in good condition.

Frank B. Mitchell has been confined to the house with grip.

Miss Miriam Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Church, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is so much improved that Miss Johnson, who has been caring for her, has gone home.

LEFFINGWELL

Social Evening at Home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ross—Martin Staubly Cut Hand—Newsy Notes.

Dr. H. H. Howe of Yantic was called to the home of C. L. Palmer, also the home of O. B. Leffingwell, Monday, on account of sickness.

Dr. Hanford instead of Dr. Manwarring, as was stated last week, attended Merton Swan when he broke his arm recently.

Last Saturday evening about fifty friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Ross to spend a social evening. Dancing was enjoyed in Mr. Ross' auto shed until about 11 o'clock, when the people adjourned to the house, where refreshments were served and music enjoyed. The evening passed altogether too rapidly away.

Miss Gertrude Ward is making an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Harry Willcox of Jewett City.

Rev. J. G. Ward was in East Hartford Monday.

Miss Nellie Leffingwell of Fitchville was the guest Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ross.

Mrs. Julia Leffingwell and Miss Ida Chapel are both sick; also Mrs. John I. Ross.

Miss Edith Leffingwell of Willimantic normal school is spending the Easter recess with her parents in this place.

Miss Rosabel Palmer of Rainbow is in town for the Easter holidays.

Martin Staubly of Norwich, who was employed by John Leffingwell, cut his hand badly Tuesday.

LISBON

Miss Holeck Recovering After Surgical Operation.

Miss Margaretha Hoelck, who was taken to the Backus hospital Saturday to undergo a surgical operation, is making favorable recovery.

J. B. Palmer was in Hartford Tuesday.

Herman Learned has a sawmill on his woodlot which he purchased from J. E. Kennedy of Preston.

Mrs. Rosa Marley of Boston is visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. A. Kennedy.

Miss Beda Aberg of Taftville, William Henderson of Greeneville and Thomas Hogge of Jewett City were guests Sunday of Miss Ethel Kennedy.

Rev. Mr. Fuller of Norwich was visiting here Tuesday.

Mrs. J. B. Palmer, Jr., has returned from Mansfield after visiting her parents.

MONTVILLE.

$100 Subscribed for Repair Work on Union Baptist Church—Easter Concert to Be Held.

Mr. and Mrs. Chales McGaffey have moved to the lower tenment of John Hope's house.

Rev. George C. Chappell attended the Y. M. C. A. meeting at Norwich on Sunday.

Pushing Work of Renovation.

The contractors began the carpenter work on the interior of the Union Baptist church Monday morning and the painters began their work outside at the same time. Repairs are being made at the Baptist parsonage.

Physical Director Robert Latimer of New London spent Sunday at his former home here.

Messrs. Rider and Moody of New York city were business callers at the Keyes Process company Tuesday.

Albert Johnoson is now able to go out of doors.

The contractor has finished painting the Palmer Brothers' buildings here.

$100 Needed for Church Repairs.

Rev. George C. Chappell preached on "The Obscure Apostles" at the Union Baptist church last Sunday morning. The ladies' choir sang "Watchman Tell Us of the Night." The Lord's Supper was administered to a large number. One hundred dollars has been pledged for church repairs. Another $100 is needed to complete the work.

An Easter concert is to be held next Sunday evening.

George S. Palmer of New London visited the quilt mill here Tuesday.

Dr. Taylor, who was taken ill Saturday night, is much improved.

Rev. and Mrs. George C. Chappell attended the Pentecost meetings at the Second Congregational church Wednesday afternoon and evening and were guests at tea of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Slocum.

LEBANON

Campaign for Good Citizenship—Ladies' Aid Society Entertains—Teachers Will Visit Washington.

A meeting in the interests of good citizenship was held at the home of Dr. E. L. Danielson on Thursday last week. Ernest A. Smith of Norwich was present and acted as chairman of the meeting. It was voted to hold a series of meetings in the town for the discussion of various practical themes, including prohibition, good schools, etc., the first meeting to be held at Lebanon Center some time in April.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church gave an interesting entertainment in the church parlors last week on Friday evening. The entertainment was based on the Songs of the Seven, and consisted mainly of readings, illustrated by moving tableaux. Admission was seven cents, cake and ice cream seven cents, and various packages for sale at seven cents. The net proceeds were $25. One hundred and forty-seven persons were present.

A. H. Soule of New York has been spending a few days with his friend, Clement Fowler.

Mrs. C. L. Pitcher made a trip to Boston last week, returning Saturday.

Misses Hattie and Marguerite York with about twenty other teachers, mostly from Hartford and vicinity, start today for a few days' excursion to Washington, D. C. They will have the assistance of a guide to take them to the most important places in our nation's capital.

Miss Sarah C. Danielson of the Danielson high school is spending the spring vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Danielson.

Miss Florence Goodrich and her sister of Chestnut Hill attended the First Congregational church last Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. M. S. W. Throop at the Buckingham place last Wednesday afternoon.

William Avery, who has been spending the winter in Vernon, was a caller in town recently. His health is improving.

Mrs. Mercie Gillette, who recently received an injury by a fall, was in Willimantic on Tuesday.

A variety supper an dentertainment was given at the Baptist chapel on Thursday evening.

HAMBURG

Lyme Juvenile Grange Elects Officers—Cattle Buyers Plenty—Baseball Officers.

John Tiffany was in Hadlyme last Tuesday and purchased a yoke of oxen of Hart Geer.

Mrs. Willard Anderson and Miss Carrie Bill were New London visitors last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lord spent several days in Hartford the past week.

Mrs. Harriet Warner and daughter, Miss Hester, of Brockway were callers in this place Wednesday.

Mrs. James Miller, Jr., spent the day at Millington last Thursday.

S. N. Jewett was a caller on Bill hill the first of the week.

Lyme Juvenile grange elected new officers Tuesday afternoon, March 22: Master, Leslie Beebe; overseer, Olive Stark; lecturer, Marguerite Ely; chaplain, Ruth Harding; treasurer, Lucy Peck; secretary, Morris Peck; gatekeeper, Eugene Beebe; steward, Lyman Harding; Pomona Jennie Stark; Flora, Rose Gillette; Ceres, Hazel Harding; assistant steward, Harriet Reynolds.

Cattle buyers are plenty just now. A carload of oxen were shipped last week and a number of yoke have changed hands the past week.

Captain Lord was in Deep River with his power boat Wednesday.

The Hamburg baseball association elected officers Monday evening: President, Lee Harding; manager, Harold Reynolds; secretary, Leroy Partch; captain of team, A. Chapman; captain of second team, Fred Slate.

LEDYARD

Home from Yale—Twelve Attend Westerly Fellowship Meeting—Notes of the Week.

Emmons White, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. F. White, arrived home from Yale college on Wednesday, where he will spend the Easter vacation of one week.

Newton Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maynard, who has been quite sick, is improving.

The last of the rehearsals have been held for the play to be given by the Baraca and Philathea club.

A prayer meeting was held at Mr. and Mrs. Chester Miller's by Rev. N. B. Prindle of Preston City on Tuesday evening.

Twelve attended the fellowship meeting at Westerly Wednesday.

Thomas F. Norman has secured the services of Jacob Will the coming summer for a part of the time.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Gray spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Joseph Dean, of New London.

Mrs. Enos M. Gray, who has been sick with the grip, is slowly recovering.

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

Adam Larrabee of Windham was the guest of his father-in-law, Dwight Gallup, Monday night and Tuesday.

OLD MYSTIC

Deacon Simeon Gallup Improving—Rev. B. M. Denison Closes Pastorate to Complete Theological Studies a. Wesleyan—Easter Concert

Mrs. William H. Harris received word Monday of the death of her sister, Mrs. Mary Cady at her home in Oneida, N. Y. The burial will take place today (Thursday) at Indian Hill cemetery, Middletown.

Miss Nellie F. Schoonover, a student at Smith college, arrived Wednesday evening at Elmhurst for the Easter recess.

Miss Myrdell Taylor of New London was an over Sunday guest of her cousin, Miss Maude Tinker.

There is a marked improvement in the condition of Deacon Siemon Gallup, who has been sick for the past five weeks with heart trouble.

Miss Gracie Hammond of Norwich was a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Daley.

Mrs. Benjamin P. Hewitt of Stonington was calling Sunday on her cousins, the Misses Welles.

Thomas Rattican has returned to Westerly after a visit with his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rattican.

Mrs. John W. Burrows, who has been critically ill for the past three years, has been rapidly failing for the past week and is now very low.

Mrs. William R. Hull and sister, Mrs. Joseph W. Wheeler, are guests this week of their brother, Everett Miller of Norwich.

Charles E. Lamphere was one of the chorus singers of the cantata, "The Crucifixion," which was rendered the evening of Palm Sunday in the Methodist Episcopal church, Mystic.

Miss Genevieve Frink of the Wolf Track district was the guest Saturday and Sunday of Miss Margaret Reeves.

William H. Harris, Elmer Wolte, Amos Georges and Horace Dewey recently engaged in target practice at the grounds of Mr. Waite at Burnett's Corners.

There is not much change in the condition of Mrs. Samuel Dennis, who is critically ill.

Mrs. George Harvey and sister, Mrs. Arthur James of New London, were callers Tuesday on local relatives.

Myra Denison, the three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Denison of Mystic, was the guest on Tuesday of Miss Chipman.

Willard Memorial Service.

A Willard memorial service under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance union was held in the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Olmstead's class in expression had charge of the service, which was admirably conducted by Mrs. Olmstead. Following is the order of exercises: Singing, A Foreword, class; scripture lesson and prayer, Rev. Benjamin M. Denison; singing, Prohibition Is Coming, class; oration on Miss Willard, Julian H. Hanks; eulogy on Miss Willard, Miss Florence Johnson; singing, The Saloons Must Go, class; recitation, On Which Side Are You? Frank Earl William; extract from Miss Willard's addresses and writings, Miss Genevieve Frink, Miss Etta May Lamphere, Horace S. Williams, Everett Johnson; solo, Battle Song, Frank E. Williams, with chorus by the class; Katherine Lent Stevenson's poem on the statue of Miss Willard, Miss Iva Johnson; recitation, The Shoemakers and The Little White Shoe, Mrs. J. Harold Williams; solo, Mother's Voice, Miss Viola Eldredge, Miss Gladys M. Olmstead officiated as organist. A collection was taken for the temperance work. Benediction, Rev. Jeptha M. Olmstead.

Two Years' Pastorate Closed.

Rev. Benjamin M. Denison closed a two years' pastorate with the Methodist Episcopal church on Sunday. He left Thursday with his family for their new home in New York state. Mr. Denison will return in a few days to Wesleyan university to complete his theological studies. He will later be assigned a pastorate in New York state near his old home.

Missionary Social.

A missonary social was held Tuesday afternoon and evening at the Baptist parsonage. Refreshments, consisting of cake sandwiches and coffee, were served to all in attendance. The chief features of the evening's entertainment were an old-fashioned soap boiling and a hunt for the North Pole. A silver collection was taken for the cause.

Easter Concert.

An Easter concert will be held at the Methodist church Sunday morning at the usual hour of service.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church held its regular weekly session with the president, Mrs. Oscar F. Crumb.

Taken to Backus Hospital.

A colored man named Jerry, whose hand was badly crushed Monday at the birch mill near Lantern Hill, was taken to Backus hospital for treatment.

Medal Contest.

The Queens of Avilon will hold a medal contest in the audience room of the Baptist church Saturday evening, April 3. The contstants, are Miss Gladys M. Olmstead, Miss Etta M. Lamphere, Miss Maude Williams, Miss Lottie Marchaund, Miss Esther Barrows, Miss Hattie Lamphere.

CAMPBELL'S MILLS

Bitgood Brothers Confident in Their Strength.

One of B. S. Hall's children is seriously ill.

John A. Cleveland is working for Elijah Green.

Elmer Bitgood will put up $500 that he can lift a greater weight than any other man in the state. Duane Bitgood can lie down on the floor and get up with a bag of sand weighing 375 pounds on his back and carry it.

GRISWOLD

Deacon E. A. Geer is having a slight attack of blood poisoning caused by cutting his foot last week.

Mrs. Louisa Crandall is ill with a severe cold.

Mrs. E. A. Geer is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Emma Love, of Sterling.

GARDNER LAKE

William Denison and family of Norwich called on local relatives Sunday.

Miss Robie Boynton of Palmertown visited her parents on Sunday.

Howard Gardner called on friends in Palmertown Monday, and Monday night called on relatives in Yantic.

Frank White of Hebron visited relatives here a few days ago

GALES FERRY

Easter Concert—Western Tourists Returning—New Cottage for Supt. E. L. Burnap.

An Easter concert will be held at the Methodist church Sunday evening in place of the usual Epworth league service.

Mrs. Lydia Maynard, who was called to Toms River, N. J., by the death of her son-in-law, Capt. Frank Chambers, has returned to Allyn's Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Allyn Perkins of Groton visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harmon L. Perkins, Sunday.

Several former neighbors and friends from the village were in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. Isaac Bragaw in Groton on Saturday morning. Her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Comstock, who is confined to her home with a severe attack of grip, was unable to attend.

Miss Carrie Chapman of Norwich was a recent guest of Miss Mildred Pierce at Allyn's Point.

J. P. Satterlee, who has been spending the winter months in Florida and Hot Springs, Ark., returned home last week.

Reward System Considered.

A meeting of the Sunday school board of the M. E. church was called at the close of the school session Sunday to consider the continuance of the reward system adopted by the school about three years ago for regular attendance.

C. Allyn Brown of Hartford arrived in the village last week to spend a part of his Easter vacation with his grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Brown.

Coming from California.

Noyes B. Allyn, who salled in January for California, going by way of Panama, was registered at the Santa Rita hotel in Tucson, Ariz., on the 15th. Mr. Allyn is expected at his home in the village about April 1st.

Miss Amy B. Satterlee spent Thursday of last week with her sister, Mrs. Frederick Richards, of Laurel Hill, Norwich.

Mrs. Frederick Turner of Long Cove is visiting her sister, Mrs. Edward Woodin, in Holyoke, Mass.

E. W. Phillips of Norwich is building a summer cottage at Long Cove for E. L. Burnap, superintendent of the Norwich water works.

Miss Jennie G. Perkins arrived on Thursday evening from East Northfield, Mass., to spend the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Manierre left Sunday evening for New York. Mrs. Manierre and son will visit relatives in Jamaica, L. I., and Mr. Manierre will continue his journey to Buffalo.

GOSHEN.

Rev. Marcus Burr's Parishioners Give Substantial Proof of Their Appreciation of His Work and That of Mrs. Burr—A Happy Surprise.

Rev. Marcus Burr, pastor of the Goshen church, recently lost his favorite driving horse, Dick. He was using

THE HORSE—DICK.

a horse that was kindly loaned him. At 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon a neighbor called at the parsonage, inviting the pastor to please step out on the veranda. Instead of finding a business caller, there awaited him fifty

THE PRESENTATION SCENE.

of his parishioners with a handsome horse, and also a new harness, which they had brought as a gift. The presentation was made by Deacon James Y. Thomas. Completely taken by surprise, Rev. Mr. Burr cordially acknowledged the thoughtful and generous gifts.

The new horse was at once hitched to a top buggy and Mr. and Mrs. Burr were invited to take a ride. In the meantime refreshments were prepared by the ladies and were served upon their return. A very pleasant social hour followed. Mrs. E. H. McCall, president of the Ladies' Aid society, in behalf of the society, presented Mrs. Burr $10 in token of appreciation for faithful services rendered as musical director in the church work. The committee was praised for so cleverly making the pleasing affair a genuine surprise and a success. Before departing, the company, by request, joined in singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Noted About the Town.

Israel Palues has taken the contract for carrying milk for the Providence Dairy company.

A. Fargo is getting the material together for his new barn.

Rev. L. B. Tenney of Scotland is to give some calcium light views on mission work in the great southwest at the church Tuesday evening, March 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Stark were guests of friends in Columbia Wednesday.

Fast day services were held at the church at the usual hour Friday.

C. A. Barstow and Mrs. Palmer of South Windham were with friends here Sunday.

Schools closed Thursday for two weeks' vacation. Students of Bacon academy have a vacation of one week.

A number of young people of this place leave the last of this week on a pleasure trip to Washington, D. C.

"Doctor, is it absolutely necessary to operate on me?" "N-no But it is customary."—Toledo Blade

NEW LONDON LACKS CIVIC PRIDE

If Mayor Mahan's Viewpoint of the City at the Mouth of the Thames is Correct—The "Soiled Doves" Find Private Retreats—Evangelical Work by Pentecost and McNally.

Mayor Mahan declares that New London's chief drawback is the lack of civic pride among its citizenship and that if his plan of expansion was approved that in a few years the city would become what it should have been long ago, one of the leading cities of the state. He was in favor of reaching out and take within the city limits lands that are now almost as a waste desert. He also realizes that land is of no value unless it is improved and favors going to the legislature and getting authority to raise money for parks and general improvements of a public nature, and in spending that money, in road building and general beautification of the added territory. Then the city would have opportunity to grow and there would be no longer truth in the statement that New London has no advantageous sites for large manufacturing concerns or residences of magnitude.

He favors general improvement of conditions in what is now termed the business centre of the city and especially the widening of Bank street, which is too narrow from Tilley to State streets for the present traffic and believes in doing something for the future New London, as well as the present. Mayor Mahan realizes that radical changes in the present antiquated system of city management is not popular with the practically retired and wealthy citizens who seem content with present conditions, and desire to live in quiet New London in the quiet and old-fashioned way as did their daddies, grand-daddies and great-grand-daddies, on the theory of "What is good enough for Washington is good enough for me." The mayor knows that to take radical action in broad public improvement means a howl of indignation from the calamity howlers but he is ready to take the lead even at the risk of being "Nailed to the cross," so he says, and he comes near meaning just what he says in that particular.

Mayor Mahan told this correspondent that wrong interpretation was made of his reference to lower Bank street as "The hell hole of nastiness," as he simply intended that remark for the triangular property at the junction of Bank street and Montauk avenue, which has always been an eye-sore, and since the opening of the avenue has actually been a detriment and adetriment to the whole city a living example of the lack of civic pride. That plot should be converted into a park and the old shacks in the immediate vicinity taken down and buildings substituted that would be in keeping with a progressive city, and New London would become progressive if improvements of this character were made. The mayor intends to make a special fight along the line of public improvement, even if the move may be at the start unpopular, believing that once the work is commenced the people as a whole will begin to realize that it pays to be progressive and keep pace with other cities of progress.

Even if Bryan F. Mahan is the democratic mayor of a republican city he evidently has the upper hold on all public matters of public interest that carries large expenditures of money, for whatever he suggest he carries to successful issue without regard to cost or consequences, and practically without serious opposition of the taxpayers who pay the freight. Right or wrong, whatever comes from Mayor Mahan goes with those who attend the city meetings, for those who oppose as a rule remain away rather than have the enmity of the man on horseback. Things were different when Mayor Armstrong reigned and tried to give the people a business administration, as everything that emanated from him was defeated by organized opposition with members of the republican party vieing with alleged democratic leaders to get in the front ranks. Mr. Armstrong was opposed, right or wrong, and now the common people are beginning to realize the fact that really worthy measures were defeated for no reason except to gratify the spite of some political opponent or in the spirit of sweet revenge in some case where the mayor considered the general good of the city of more importance than the private scheme of some individual at the expense of the city.

That Mayor Mahan is in supreme command of the republican court of common council and municipal matters was demonstrated at the city meeting Monday, when recommendations were adopted appropriating big sum of money for not only paving Bank street, but also for the payment of curbing and sidewalks and increasing the miscellaneous fund $5,000; also, rescinding action of the annual city meeting which appropriated monies for a police signal system and for the completion of the pavement in Washington street. There was opposition to the sidewalk appropriation, by ex-Mayor Tinker and Frederick S. Newcomb, noted for their conservatism and thorough knowledge of matters financial, and whose judgment is sought by many when business matters of finance are concerned. They cautioned care in the increase of general expenses for the conduct of city affairs as some time there must be a settlement. But what they said was wasted on those assembled and everything that the council recommended went through by an almost unanimous vote.

The mayor evidently knows from experience that in order to improve property, private or public, means the expenditure of money, and in that respect the mayor believes in conducting the city as he does his private business, and the mayor is the largest property owner, or one of the largest, and the biggest taxpayer within the confines of the city. He has converted almost waste lands into desirable residential sections and erected some of the finest tenement houses in the city. So the mayor is at least consistent and his progressive spirit on the go ahead and damn the expense principle, which seems the only plan that is liable to push New London to the front. The go slow and sure plan has been in vogue in New London so very, very long, that the mayor's whirlwind methods may get staid citizens out of that well-beaten footpath that leads to nowhere and get them into the broad road that leads to progress.

The man with the biblical turn of mind, he who attempted to discredit patriotic reference made to the late ex-Mayor Willey and who feels hurt because he was referred to as an old fogy in this correspondence, still aspires for place in the newspaper pulpit, probably considering himself better fitted for that than the church pulpit, for he has written a third letter to the Globe in feeble effort of justification of his claim and to gain prominence by getting into controversy in the newspapers. In this last effusion he writes nothing worth the reply, so repetition is made of "what's the use?"

Had this correspondent known that his critic was W-L-A-C-O-O-K-R, no reply would have been made to his attack upon what was written in this correspondence, and the New London public would readily understand the reason why.

Since the reform wave struck New London and removed most of the moral filth from Bradley Street, there has been broad hints that the wiled doves had found cotes in quiet residential sections of the city, much to the annoyance of respectable residents of the infested neighborhoods. That there was reason for the broad hints has been demonstrated the present week when a woman was arrested charged with keeping a shady place in Blinman street. She was found guilty in the police court heavily fined and warned to continue life in conformity with the laws of God and man, and thus escape punishment here and in the the hereafter.

Mayor Mahan in the early part of his administration informed the members of the police force that he expected every policeman to do his duty impartially and without fear or favor, and all would be well, but should there be neglect of duty there would be something doing and that the mayor and chief of police would be active in dealing out any punishment that was deserved for failure of duty.

Rev. George Pentecost, D. D., who is supplying the pulpit of the Second Congregational Church during the absence of the pastor, Rev. James W. Bixler, has in addition to his duties as pastor, conducted a service of nightly meetings in the church on special subjects, that proved interesting and instructive to his hearers and attracted many that were not of the Congregational denomination to the church. Dr. Pentecost is a plain and very effective speaker, a great word painter, and good results must come from these special missionary meetings. The series, which continued for two weeks and are still in progress, must result in good for the community and the congregation.

These meetings were well under way when Rev. Charles R. McNally, of the First Baptist church, started a service of meetings in that edifice, hereby drawing from the meetings inaugurated in the Second Congregational church. This action naturally occasioned mild comment from just a few of the Congregationalists, who did not think it quite proper to have these special religious meetings in progress at the same time, on the ground that the good influences of each were thereby lessened, and gave rise to the unfounded opinion that there was some rivalry or jealousy existing between the two churches. On the other hand the Baptists believe there is always work for the advancement of religious principles in New London, which Rev. McNally recently termed one of the wickedest cities in the country. That both churches were working for the uplifting of humanity and that naturally there was friendly rivalry to attain the desired results in the greatest possible measure.

NORTH STONINGTON

Mrs. G. W. Peckham Addresses Missionary Society—Plans for Farmers' Institute.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Adams are temporarily occupying furnished rooms in the house of Mrs. W. H. Hillard.

The Woman's Home Mission society of the Baptist church had a meeting Monday afternoon. Mrs. G. W. Peckham of Boston, New England district worker, gave an address. Mrs. G. F. Genung of Brooklyn, state vice president, was present and spoke.

Rev. and Mrs. N. B. Prindle of Preston called on friends here Monday afternoon.

Trustees in Town.

Prof. Samuel Train Dutton and Thomas B. Hewitt of New York, trustees of the Wheeler school, were in town Tuesday.

Rev. F. M. Hollister, pastor of the local Congregational church, was the preacher at the fellowship meeting in the Congregational church at Westerly Wednesday.

Mrs. A. B. Maine of Norwich is passing the week at the Hillard homestead in this village.

Thurman P. Maine is at home from Philadelphia, coming to attend a meeting of the town school committee, of which he is a member.

Frank H. Lathrop of Norwich was in this village Thursday.

Mrs. Appleton Maine of Preston visited her sister, Mrs. Leonard Maine, on Wednesday.

Farmers' Institute.

The state board of agriculture, by invitation of the local grange, will hold a farmers' institute in the vestry of the Congregational meeting house next Tuesday, beginning at 11 o'clock.

By invitation, Rev. Lucian Drury will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist church in Voluntown tomorrow (Sunday).

OAKDALE.

Small Boy Injured by Fall.

Rev. H. T. Arnold of Norwich preached in the Congergational church Sunday.

The C. E. meeting was led by Mrs. E. F. Comstock. Floyd Tiffany was organist.

Bertie, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fox, met with an accident last Saturday while at play, falling and striking a small stick which penetrated his nose, requiring the services of a physician to extract it.

School Supervisor C. E. Wheeler has been visiting schools in this section the past week.

The contract for shingling the church has been let by the repair committee to A. W. Avery of Uncasville, who began work on Tuesday.