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MEMORIAL DAY IN WESTERLY

Ceremonies in the Cemeteries—Patriotic Exercises Monday Evening—Adjutant Hillard Reads Necrology of Budlong Post—Dr. Edwin H. Knowles Dies at North Stonington—New Haven Road's New Land Purchase

Although two Grand Army posts, Budlong of Rhode Island and Hancock of Connecticut, were in line in Westerly on Memorial day, the decrease in comparison with even five years ago was marked, for since these posts were given quarters in the Memorial building, fifteen years ago, over one hundred of the members have died. In the procession of Monday, there was first a platoon of police under command of Chief Bransfield, then came Col. Charles H. Ledward, marshal, and his aides, Col. Everett E. Whipple and Capt. Arthur N. Wash. The solemn music was by the Westerly band, Charles O. Gavitt, leader. Just after the band marched the Fifth company, coast artillery corps, R. I. N. G. Then marched the representatives of the Grand Army of the Republic. On the left of the line was Brucker camp, United Spanish War Veterans. Then came carriages carrying a few veterans who were unable to walk over the line of march to St. Michael's cemetery and back to Dixon square, where the veterans took trolley cars for River Bend.

In both these cemeteries the graves of heroes of two wars were marked with flags and strewn with flowers. In the latter cemetery special exercises were held, consisting of singing, prayer and remarks by Rev. Frederick Douglas Thomas, and the sounding of taps by Bugler William D. Cameron. The veterans and their escort returned to Hibernian hall where a collation was served by the Women's Relief corps.

On the march from Dixon square where the parade was formed, to St. Michael's cemetery, a halt was made and the ceremony of casting flowers on the waters in memory of those who died in the navy and were buried at sea was impressively performed. Special memorial exercises were held in Hibernian Opera house in the evening, the large attendance serving as a testimonial of the appreciation of the service of the men who served the country in time of need. The order of exercises was opened with the sounding of reveille by Bugler Cameron, who also sounded taps just before the benediction by Rev. C. A. McGilton. There was singing by William H. Browning, Harry L. Bolles and by chorus and audience. Scripture reading by Rev. George Rigler, D.D., and prayer by Rev. Clayton A. Burdick. George H. Lusk recited Lincoln's Address at Gettysburg. The music was under the direction of William H. Browning, with Miss Emilie Zengrandi accompanist, Roswell D. Burdick, speaker of the Rhode Island house of representatives, delivered an able and patriotic address in deserved recognition of the gallant service of the men who saved the union, which was justly appreciated by the audience.

A feature of the exercises was in Memorial, by Adj. Paul H. Hillard, of Budlong post, who prepared and read the necrology list since last Memorial day, including: July 17, Elisha M. Palmer, Company A, 24th R. I. Infantry; July 21, John H. G. Munroe, Co. C, 1st Mass. Infantry; December 6, William H. Sisson, 1st R. I. Heavy Artillery; January 11, Charles H. Eldred, Co. B, 24th R. I. Infantry; January 11, John R. I. Infantry; January 12, Henry A. Pendleton, Co. G, 14th Conn. Infantry; March 20, J. Alonzo Babcock, Co. A, 1st R. I. Cavalry; March 21, Matthew N. Chappell, 1st R. I. Infantry; April 14, John McAvoy, Co. B, 9th R. I. Infantry; April 14, John F. Frye, Co. E, 14th R. I. Heavy Artillery.

Elisha M. Palmer was a past commander of Budlong post and his sudden death in Providence, July 17, was a shock to his comrades here, who held him in high esteem. Charles H. Eldred, who died at his home in School street, January 11, was mustered as a member of Budlong post in 1855, and from that date until he died he was a regular attendant at our meetings, and filled several offices with fidelity and zeal. Joseph Alonzo Babcock, who died at his home on Chestnut street, March 20, was a past commander of Budlong post, having filled that office several years in succession. Late in 1863, a company of colored men was enlisted in Providence, which formed the nucleus to the organization at first known as the Fourteenth R. I. heavy artillery, but later designated as the Eleventh U. S. heavy artillery. The battalion, which left Providence December 9, 1863, landed at New Orleans, January 8, and from that date until muster out, October 2, 1865, did honorable service on battlefields bordering the gulf. Comrade John Frye enlisted as a recruit for that regiment, February 18, 1865, and remained with them until muster out. He was admitted as a member of Budlong post, May 17, 1868, and from that date until he died did well his part.

Edward Lattimore, another respected member of Budlong post, died at the home of his daughter on Mechanic street, September 20, 1909, and was buried with grand Army honors in St. Michael's new cemetery. Although born in Vermont, he was of French descent. He enlisted October 13, 1861, in Co. F, Eleventh Conn. Infantry, and served four years and two months with that noble regiment which came home with a record of a dozen hard fought battles and nearly eight hundred casualties.

Dr. Edwin H. Knowles, among the widest known physicians of Connecticut and Rhode Island, died of Bright's disease at his home in North Stonington Monday morning, age 68. He was born in Woodville, the son of a physician and had been a druggist and physician for forty-six years. He enlisted August 31, 1861, in Battery B, First regiment, R. I. light artillery, and on the 13th of December, 1862, was severely wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg. He was sent to the hospital at Portsmouth Grove, R. I., and was carried on absent sick leave until March, 1863, when he was discharged on surgeon's certificate. He was a commander of the old Vincent post, G. A. R., and when this post surrendered its charter, he affiliated with Hancock post. Dr. Knowles was an ardent republican and was for years a member of the Connecticut republican state central committee. He represented North Stonington in the state legislature and served in several town offices, and was considered one of the foremost citizens. Soon after he was discharged from the army he located in Westerly and conducted a drug store in High street. Thirty-five years ago he left the drug business and soon thereafter became a practicing physician and located in North Stonington. Dr. Knowles was a member of Pawcatuck lodge, No. 90, F. and A. M., of North Stonington, and of Narragansett commandery, Knights Templar. He is survived by Mrs. Knowles and one son.

The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. has purchased from James A. Welch and Dr. John Champlin a strip of land from the property generally known as the Circus lot, which is one hundred feet in width, and extends parallel with the tracks from the rear of Liberty street in Pawcatuck, to the Pawcatuck river in the rear of the plant of the Westerly Light & Power Co. The railroad company purchased about three years ago the property in Liberty street which connects the recent purchase with the railroad property on the south end at West Broad street. It is in this vicinity where is located the Richmond, Stable, Rose and Cella properties, but to which the company claims ownership, and action for trespass and ejectment has been brought by the railroad company against the present possessors of the property. At the north end of the tract just purchased, the company has acquired by condemnation or direct purchase, to a point beyond the West street bridge. The entire stretch is about half a mile and at no part is the width less than one hundred feet. With this added land there will be ample room for four or more tracks and the straightening of the sharp curve at Westerly, which is part of the plan of railroad

Improvements in connection with the proposed new passenger station and freight depot. Local Laconics. Albert N. Brown of Providence is visiting Westerly relatives. Nelson Carmichael of Providence is visiting Westerly relatives. Peter H. Kenyon of Worcester is in Westerly on a visit to relatives. Stephen Jeffers of Washington, formerly of Westerly, is here visiting friends. Dr. Albertus Vose Segar of Willimantic spent Monday with relatives in Westerly. Edward Neston, employed in Springfield, spent Sunday and Monday at his home in Westerly. Misses Mary, Bessie and Katherine Russell of New London, visited in Westerly and Norwich Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Champlin of New York have arrived at their Avondale cottage for the summer. A brass band playing rag time music, marred the ceremony of strewing flowers on the waters, Monday afternoon. The band was stationed in front of a local play house and was quieted by Officer Casey.

South Windsor.—The Seantic Boat club had the sixth opening day Monday. Bloomfield.—Rev. Sherrod Soule of Hartford made a memorial address in the Methodist church Sunday evening. Greenwich.—The annual commencement of the Ply school will take place on Wednesday, June 1. Prof. Charles Zuehlke, the noted lecturer, will speak to the graduating class on Education and Life.

Meriden.—The coal, wood, grain and feed dealers will close their offices and the board buy seedling trees of several varieties and plant them in the proposed nursery, which would require about one acre of ground, and when the trees had sufficient growth sell them at a nominal price to those desiring shade trees. The board took the matter under consideration and some of the members favored the giving of the trees free of charge to those who would agree to plant them. A four-story laboratory for research into the nature of radium is about to be opened in Vienna. Infinitesimal quantities of the precious substance (about one-seventeenth of a gram) will be sold for \$215 in a vial, the present market value of "10 per cent." radium being estimated at \$60,000 a gram.

Waterbury.—Sunday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock two dogs got into Lyman Sperry's sheep pen on the Woodbury road and killed three of his prize sheep. Middletown.—Charles W. Nethaway, who has been the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the past seven years, has sent in his resignation to the board of directors, and it has been accepted. Hartford.—Dr. James McManus entertained a number of prominent officials of dental societies in the state Saturday evening at the Hartford club at a dinner given in honor of his guest, Dr. N. S. Jenkins, of Dresden, Germany, president of the American Dental society of Europe.

CITY NURSERY Advocated for Meriden—Plan to Raise Shade Trees for Public. The Meriden park commissioners at their last meeting gave a hearing to I. I. Gardner of the tree planting committee of the Business Men's association, who advocated the board taking up the matter of the establishment of a nursery for the raising of shade trees, the nursery to be located in some section of Hubbard park. The plan as outlined, was to have

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