WESTERLY AND HER NEIGHBORS

Treasurer Utter Resigns From Seventh Day Missionary Society—Two of Three Chicken Thieves Captured After Lively Chase—Grills Case on Trial—Rumored Sale of Edwin Babcock Property to Edward Milner of Moosup.

State Central Committeeman Andrew Farrell, who was re-elected to that office and nominated for representative from the First district, and also a delegate to the state convention, at the democratic caucus Tuesday night, gave a bit of interesting political history at the caucus.

He said that as there was no fund for the purpose delegates to the state convention were required to pay their own expenses. For this reason, and the loss of time in addition, he was altogether too often the only bona fide delegate from Westerly. In order to have the delegation appear complete on the roll it was necessary for him to get spectators to act as delegates from Westerly, under the names of the regularly elected delegates. Therefore at times men represented Westerly in the state convention who had perhaps never seen the place.

Mr. Farrell urged that at the coming democratic state convention Westerly democracy be represented by regularly elected delegates.

At the annual meeting of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary society held in Westerly, President William L. Clarke presiding, the officers were re-elected for the ensuing year, excepting the treasurer, George H. Utter, who declined re-election, asking to be relieved of the office, which he had held for the past fifteen years. Rev. Samuel H. Davis presented a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, in view of the resignation of Treasurer Utter, setting forth that the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary society expressed very high appreciation of his services as treasurer of the society during the past fifteen years, and sincerely regretted it is not to have the continued services of so able and efficient a man in that office.

It was voted that the resignation be accepted, to take effect at the time of the October meeting of the board. Rev. Clayton A. Burdick, George B. Carpenter and George H. Utter were appointed a committee to nominate a candidate for treasurer at the October meeting. Frank Hill and J. Irving Maxson were chosen as a committee to audit the accounts of the treasurer and make proper transfer to the treasurer to be elected.

About an hour before daybreak of Wednesday there was noise in the coop of Jeffrys W. Potter in South Kingston that awakened the proprietor. He peered out the window just in time to see a wagon containing three men leave the premises as rapidly as the horse could get away.

Mr. Potter got speedy information of the theft of his fowls to Sheriff John R. Wilcox. Just about that time William F. Browning happened along and at the request of the sheriff Mr. Browning, with two assistants, started on the trail. The pursuers sighted the team with the three men at the South ferry and followed along in the direction of Saunderstown.

The three men, realizing that they were being pursued and that the pursuers were getting uncomfortably close, left the horse and wagon in the road and took to the woods. At this juncture Sheriff Wilcox and assistants arrived and the entire party, save those left to guard the team and automobile in the road, started on a hunt for the men in the woods.

The sheriff succeeded in capturing two of the men, but the third escaped.

They gave their names as George Price and William Lages and said they were in the employ of the third man, whose name they refused to divulge. They disclaimed knowledge that they were stealing fowls, supposing that the boss was simply taking what belonged to him.

The wagon contained seventy-five fowl, fifty of which Mr. Potter identified as his property, the others having probably been stolen elsewhere.

Price and Lages were taken to Wickford and arraigned before Clerk Thomas J. Peirce of the Second district court, charged with the theft of fowl. They pleaded not guilty and bonds for their appearance on next regular court day were fixed at $500 each. As this bond was not forthcoming, they were taken to the Washington county jail at Kingston.

Sheriff Wilcox took charge of the team and the stolen fowl and is seeking to ascertain the ownership of the team and of the twenty-five fowl not claimed by Mr. Potter. The sheriff believes that when the ownership of the team is determined there will not be much difficulty in locating the missing thief.

Thomas J. Matthews, formerly of Westerly, defeated William G. Troy for democratic nominee for representative from the Twelfth assembly district of Providence. Mr. Troy had the support of the regular ward organization, but Mr. Matthews won by a vote of 145 to 129. Mr. Troy was formerly employed as telegraph editor on a New London newspaper. Mr. Matthews is state president of the Ancient Order Hibernians.

The case brought by Giocchino Spenatto, which resulted in an indictment against Joseph S. Grills of Westerly on the charge of embezzlement, was tried to a jury in the superior court for Washington county at West Kingston Wednesday. It will be the last jury case to be tried at this session.

This is one of the cases brought by the Spenatto brothers against Grills about a year ago, which charges Grills with receiving money from them to the amount of $1,200 for transfer to the Bank of Rome in Italy. Mr. Grills was doing a banking business and Spenatto claimed that the money was deposited with Grills to be sent direct to Rome to the credit of near relatives there. It is claimed that Grills declared that the money had been forwarded, but inquiry from the Bank of Rome disclosed the fact that the money had not been forwarded and that Grills was not known as an agent or representative of the institution in Westerly. Demand was made on Grills for the money. As it was not produced, the suit resulted.

Grills claims that he was doing a banking business and that the money in this case was not received at one time, but at intervals, and that due entry was made in the deposit book, including the interest, just as is done in regular banking institutions. He had made investments that were not profitable, he claims, and therefore did not have the cash to meet the run on the bank made by Spenatto. Grills had offered to pay back the money received for deposit, with interest, just as soon as he was able to do so, but could not fix any definite time for the payment.

The state rested at 3.30 Wednesday afternoon and court was adjourned to 9.30 Thursday morning.

There was a rumor in Westerly on Wednesday to the effect that the property of the late Edwin Babcock in Elm street was through the philanthropy of a wealthy non-resident with close relationship to Westerly, to be purchased and endowed as a home for aged women. The large house and open grounds are well adapted for such an institution and the gentleman has the means to create such home where the old women of the town who have some means to provide could secure a home wherein they could pass their declining days in comfort.

At the town clerk's office no transfer deeds of the Edwin Babcock estate have been received for record. It is town talk, however, that the purchase had been made by Edward Milner of Moosup, a former resident, but this report is not verified by the gentleman's most intimate friends in Westerly. A gentleman close to Mr. Milner declared that if the property is purchased by Mr. Milner it will probably not be used as a public or semi-public institution, but will be a residence for members of the Milner family.

Calvary Baptist church of Westerly was represented by Rev. and Mrs. F. C. A. Jones, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph L. Peacock and Deacons William D. Howard, Cyrus H. Brown, James Jesseman and Milo Clarke and Everett Barns at the 144th annual meeting of the Warren Baptist association in the Broadway church, Providence, Wednesday. Rev. B. T. Livingstone was moderator. The devotional services in the morning were followed by the annual sermon preached by Rev. E. A. Hanley, D. D., of Providence. After the reading of reports there was an address by Rev. W. C. Myers of Reading, Mass.

At the conclusion of the morning exercises there was a session of the Woman's Missionary societies, the chief address being made by Mrs. George W. Bigler, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist church of Westerly. At the afternoon services an Historical Sketch of the Calvary Baptist Church of Westerly was read by Everett Barns, clerk of the church. There was an address by Rev. John Stewart on Our Opportunity, and by Rev. Frank Rector, D. D., on The Local Church. Then followed a series of seven-minute talks on Impressions of the Work of the Year.

After the praise service in the evening there were reports of committees and unfinished business and special vocal music. The closing address was by Rev. Charles A. Fulton, D. D., pastor of the Dudley street Baptist church, Boston.

Local Laconics.

Mrs. Charles F. Richardson of New York is visiting her father, Dr. J. Howard Morgan, in High street.

Leamon R. Babcock of Fulton, N. Y., many years ago a resident of Westerly, is here visiting friends. At present he is the guest of Oscar Vose.

Senator Louis W. Arnold has formally announced his candidacy for re-election as republican senator from Westerly. Wednesday afternoon Town Solicitor Harry B. Agard formally announced that he would be a candidate for nomination as representative from the First district, where William F. Biddles and Joseph T. Murphy are also candidates. Representative Albert H. Langworthy has no opposition to renomination in the Second district.

It is understood that John and Caterino Cisco and John Di Fonti will plead nolo contendre in the liquor nuisance cases and ask for continuance of the manslaughter cases to the November term of the superior court.

Mrs. Mary McDonald, wife of William Higgins, died at her home in Liberty street Tuesday night after a short sickness. Mrs. Higgins was born in Ireland 70 years ago and came to Westerly when 16 years of age and has resided here ever since. She was widely known and held in the highest esteem. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, Mrs. John H. Murphy.

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Fire Loss Adjusted—W. C. T. U. to Work Against License—Sunshine Delegate Returns.

Special Agent J. W. DeWolfe of Providence was in the village Wednesday and settled the loss on the contents of the building burned on Water street last Thursday evening. The amount was $2500 held by the Wilcox company. This is considered a quick settlement, as less than a week ago the fire occurred.

W. C. T. U. Meeting.

At the semi-monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U., held in their rooms on Wednesday afternoon the members were very busily engaged folding literature that is to be used in the license campaign. A temperance meeting is to be held on Sunday and all kinds of literature will be given on the street, to keep the town from having license.

Inspecting New Boat.

A. R. Pendleton of the firm of Pendleton Bros. of New York, has been in town looking over the boat in MacDonald's shipyard, which they purchased of the Gilbert Transportation company. He stated that they intended to make some alterations and that work would be started as soon as possible. Besides finishing up this boat, the firm intends to bring some boats here to repair. They have one of the largest fleets along the coast. No doubt when this boat is finished they will give work to many hands and make business better in Mystic.

Lodge Room Interests.

Sassacus tribe, I. O. R. M., met on Wednesday evening. The warrior's degree was conferred on a class of candidates.

Stonington lodge, No. 26, I. O. O. F., met Wednesday evening in regular session. A drill was put on by the initiatory degree team who expect to do work on a class of candidates next meeting.

General News.

Miss Josephine Dickerson has returned from Hartford, where she attended the Sunshine society convention, being a delegate from the local society.

W. E. Cook is in New York.

Christopher Morgan left Wednesday for a trip in New York state.

Mrs. George Pierson and Mrs. Lester Brooks of Fall River are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Burnham.

L. J. Coburn of Boston is in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crenshaw have returned to Boston after a visit with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Denison.

L. A. Grover spent Wednesday in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Brown of New Haven are guests of her sister, Miss K. R. Avery.

John Colgrove spent Wednesday with friends in Norwich.

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