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The Circulation of The Bulletin.

The Bulletin has the largest circulation of any paper in Eastern Connecticut. It is delivered to over 3,000 of the 4,853 houses in Norwich.

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PRESIDENT MELLEN'S POSITION.

President Mellen writes as well as he talks, and this lends interest to whatever he may have to say upon prospective legislation which may menace the operation of great corporations or public service companies for the mutual benefit of the private owners and the people.

LICENSE ORDINANCE UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

The peddler license law for Waterbury was completely knocked out on Wednesday morning in the state court and the chief of police immediately gave notice that no further attempt should be made to enforce it.

TWO HUNDRED WEDDINGS.

The carrying out of a new schedule for the New York telephone service has been delayed by the discovery that about two hundred of the 7,000 girl operators in the central exchanges were hooked to be married.

THE RE-DISTRICTING OF CONNECTICUT.

Chairman Crumpacker of the house committee on the census, writes The Bulletin's special Washington correspondent, is struggling with a mass of figures and tables, prepared for the use of the committee by the census office.

It is easy to see the difficulty in the way of making a fair and just bill, pleasing to all, when one commences to look into the apportionment scheme for the state.

With a total population of 1,114,756 for the state of Connecticut, that of the five new districts will have to be somewhat larger than the average of 211,500 of the proposed bill.

In doing all he can to guard against legislative mistakes, President Mellen is doing the people a real service as well as the great railway system he represents.

Government by Commission 4-The Recall, the Referendum, and the Initiative BY A CITIZEN

Perhaps no features of the Haverhill charter were more novel in New England than the three which gave to the citizens the power of deposing from office a member of the municipal council or the school board.

I. The Recall. If it should seem to a large number of voters that the mayor, an alderman, or a member of the school board was unworthy to hold office by reason of incapacity, dishonesty or any other lack, the charter provides a way by which the voters may render a decision.

II. The Referendum. No ordinance, amendment of an ordinance or an amendment, can take effect until the expiration of ten days from its passage by the municipal council.

III. The Initiative. If the city council should refuse or neglect to pass any ordinance which seemed desirable to a large number of voters, the voters may take the initiative.

When the Haverhill charter was under public discussion, these three measures were feared as revolutionary and socialist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Well-Drawn Quote. Mr. Editor: Let me quote from an address by the mayor to the court of common council, March 3, 1902.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is estimated that one hundred millions were spent to make Christmas a happy day for all.

Happy thought for today.

Why should the close of an old year be worse than the beginning of a new one? The class should not all answer at once.

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The little busy bees of America produced \$20,000,000 worth of honey last year, but they never could have done it in eight-hour days.

Mr. Lorimer sees no reason to regret that money has power.

Mr. Worry gives notice that her New Year's resolutions have distressed her so that she feels compelled to give them up.

was so solicitous about, and what have you got? Nothing but a condition you were told you would get by the success of the engineers at Worcester, Blake of Boston and Richards of New London.

An editorial in the Evening Record some time since read something like this: "Please brook or nothing to Stony brook or bust."

P.S.—How do the little band of men who contributed \$25 each to bust the republican party by using the water question eight years ago feel about it?

On his page of the London Illustrated News, Chesterton tells the British that the death of Mrs. Eddy bulks larger for significance and real importance among the events of 1910 than the election of the new house of commons.

All the thoughtful and earnest modern persons who have been moved to write about the religion of the future do not mention Charles W. Eliot.

Whitelaw Reid on Lincoln.

I am only here to tell what this man was and what he did—not to offer a eulogy upon him.

Years of Suffering

Catarrh and Blood Disease—Doctors Failed to Cure. Miss Mabel F. Dawkins, 1214 Lafayette St., Fort Wayne, Ind., writes:

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