

Clerk Hire For Norwich Court

LEGISLATURE ASKED TO MAKE SOME PROVISION.

CLERICAL HELP NEEDED

Appropriation of \$1,000 Asked for Messenger and Librarian for New London Court—No Opposition.

(Special to The Bulletin.) Hartford, April 11.—Two senate bills, one introduced by Senator Avery of Norwich concerning the clerical expenses of the superior court for New London county, the other introduced by Senator Mahan concerning the pay of the messenger of the superior court at New London, were considered by the judiciary committee at the capitol Tuesday afternoon.

Attorneys Charles W. Comstock, Arthur M. Brown of Norwich, Major Fred C. Hull and Representative Lucius E. Whitton of New London appeared in favor of both bills.

Office Closed During Court Sessions.

Relative to the first mentioned measure, Mr. Comstock told the committee that no clerical assistance was furnished the clerk and assistant clerk of the superior court in New London county and there is no provision for meeting such expense. There is an absolute necessity for such assistance, however. The courts in the county are in session about ten months in the year, and this results in the enforced absence from the office of both the clerk and assistant. The office, as a consequence, is frequently closed and attorneys and others who have business there are put to an inconvenience in not being able to consult the records or in carrying out other purposes that make the keeping open of the office essential. A thousand dollars a year will give the office all that is necessary for extra clerical expenses.

Court Business Is Increasing.

Major Hull said that the amount of business before the superior court in New London county is constantly increasing and that the assistance asked for is needed. He favored the passage of the bill.

Mr. Brown, county treasurer, said that he would emphasize all that Messrs. Comstock and Hull had said. The superior court in the county is in session practically all the time from September 1 to July 1. Frequently the civil and criminal sides are sitting at the same time, this requiring the presence of the clerk at one session and the assistant at the other. It is impossible for either to remain during such times at the office, which is closed. This state of affairs should be remedied, said Mr. Brown. The business of the courts in New London county is steadily gaining and we need the clerical assistance called for in the bill, which provides for an appropriation of \$1,000 a year for the purpose indicated.

Mr. Whitton acquiesced in what had been said by the other members, characterizing the request as a reasonable one.

Messenger for New London Court.

The other bill provides for the appropriation of \$1,000 a year for a messenger of the superior court at New London.

Major Hull explained that there are two shire towns in that county—Norwich and New London. Court is in session much of the time on six days of the week. The assistance asked for is the same as is provided to pay a like official at Norwich, New London county, with the city of New London. He explained that the money to beautify the court house at New London, said Mr. Hull, a fine library has been accumulated and it is an essential as in Norwich that a provision be made for the payment of a librarian, who would also act as messenger.

Mr. Brown said the bill contemplates the appointment of a court messenger, who would also serve as librarian, he said.

Representative Whitton, also spoke in favor of the bill. There was no opposition to either of the measures.

The Value of Babies.

A dispute has arisen over the value in dollars and cents of a baby. The California board of health recently estimated it at \$4,000. A college professor is reported to have estimated the value of a baby at \$100,000, while another professor comes forward with the statement that the value of a man is only \$20, and to buy a baby at that price would be "a losing investment." Now, if it were sentimental value that was in mind, estimates might easily range from \$20 to \$100,000 without exciting comment, but the difference of opinion is extreme, and newspapers, when the problem is supposed to be wholly within the domain of statistics.

But why should the California board of health want to fix the value of a baby? No doubt to explain that so many infants live are lost or saved, as the case may be, and multiply the number by \$4,000 and thus show the public profit or loss. This is the accepted method today. Whether the campaign is for pure milk, for safety appliances in industry or for tuberculosis prevention, it is assumed that the public cannot be properly impressed unless the saving to the community is presented in dollars. Is it without effect that the public is told that 1,000 babies' lives, for example, are saved or might be saved? And does that insignificant fact at once stir the popular heart when the customary words are added "which represents a saving of \$4,000,000?"—New York Tribune.

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Little Sidelights on Legislators and Legislation

In the absence of Judge Tingier of Vernon, Representative Dunn of Windham acted as democratic leader in the house on Tuesday.

Representative John H. Noble of Old Lyme, who was taken seriously ill at the capitol about two weeks ago, and who was later operated upon, was reported on Tuesday as lying in a very critical condition at the Hartford hospital.

In concurrence, the house on Tuesday passed the resolution changing the name of the Norwich Hospital for the Insane to the Norwich State Hospital for the Insane, by which title it will hereafter be known.

Representative Urcelle LaFrance of Plainfield appeared before the committee on public health and safety Tuesday afternoon in behalf of a bill that will allow of persons as young as 18 years becoming licensed operators of moving picture machines in this state. The present minimum age limit is 21 years. Abel L. Reeve of Danielson, who owns several moving picture theaters, also appeared in favor of the passage of the bill.

Norwich people and those in the town in that part of New London county will be especially interested in the appropriations committee's assignment for Wednesday of next week, when there will be a hearing on making an appropriation for the state tuberculosis commission, which appropriation may cover the provisions of the bill providing for the establishment of a home for the treatment and care of tuberculosis patients in New London county.

Beer barrels need no added legislative protection, in the opinion of the house, nor, by the same token, the men that are apt to have them stolen. A bill fixing a special penalty for depriving the owner of value of such receptacles was turned down by the house Tuesday, although it had passed the senate.

Rising to a question of personal privilege and relative to what some observers said about representatives joggling into the lobby to avoid going on record when the resolution providing for an investigation of the manufacturing departments of mercantile establishments in the state came up last week, Representative Hotchkiss of New Haven said that he was absent at that time, but wanted to go on record as in favor of the resolution.

Criticisms of two rules of the house were made Tuesday by Representative Hall of Willington, speaking on a question of personal privilege. Mr. Hall objected to the way the privilege of moving the previous question, which is not debatable, is sometimes disingenuously used, and he also registered a mild protest against the practice of committee chairmen in reserving to the last and close of the debate, perhaps, the most forcible arguments for a favorably reported measure. Mr. Hall did not ask for any change, but made it clear that he felt that there had been some abuses along these lines.

After getting the expectations of members keyed up to a point of special interest, the senate on Tuesday got the New Haven judgeship matter

grange, Orange grange and Cheshire grange.

The senator introduced a resolution from Winchester range opposing Canadian reciprocity.

PROFIT IN GOAT'S MILK.

Demand Exceeds the Supply in Oakville.

One of the Italian residents living in Oakville, in the northward section of the village, has started a new industry, for that section at least, by the importation of about a dozen goats.

"What are you going to do with so many?" asked a citizen of the owner. "I sell milk, make lots money," he replied. There is a great demand for goats' milk for young children and infants, and in certain cases of infantile disorders there is no better panacea than goats' milk, and as next to nobody keeps a goat the article comes high.

It is said that a Waterbury physician guaranteed the Oakville goats' milk man a return of 50 cents a quart for all that he could produce, and as this far exceeds the wildest ambitions of the Oakville milk barons, the residents of Colabara and Verona got in on the ground floor.—Waterbury American.

INTELLIGENT HORSE.

Believing Patron Was Overlooked, Refused to Be Unhitched and Ran Back to Customer's House.

Believing, evidently, that one of the patrons in the milk route it served had been overlooked, a horse belonging to Mrs. Bertha Bruns, of Hill street, refused to be unhitched Monday and, breaking loose, raced back to the home of the customer that it thought

had been forgotten, says the Ansonia Sentinel. The animal was found standing quietly in front of the house of Richard Martin, on Orchard street, in which lived a family whom Mrs. Bruns served with milk. The customer had been supplied with milk earlier in the day by a member of Mrs. Bruns' family, who, having occasion to pass that way, took along the milk.

The horse did not know this, and when Mrs. Bruns reached home and started to unhitch the animal it balked. She could not understand what the trouble was, as the horse has always been very docile, and when it turned suddenly and broke away, she was greatly surprised. Being partly unhitched, the animal broke loose from the wagon, which was overturned, and the milk bottles and other contents scattered about. Mrs. Bruns was thrown to the ground, but luckily escaped injury, and regained her feet in time to see the horse disappear down Hill street.

The animal lost a portion of the harness in its flight, but did not stop until it had reached the Martin house. It was led home by Lewis A. Wright, a neighbor, who happened along. The animal seemed contented, satisfied evidently that all the customers had been looked after. It is said that the horse acted strangely when its mistress turned its head homeward, and contrary to its usual custom did not seem anxious to go to the barn.

Ready to Shine.

Ambassador Reid is off again for the court of St. James. He has had a good, long vacation, and in splendid shape to take up his duties, not the least of which will be to shine at the coronation.—Pittsburg Post.

New Haven.—Among the guests at the Ambassadors in Havana, Cuba, is Rev. John D. Coyle of New Haven.

Brief State News

Middletown.—Ex-Governor Frank B. Weeks and Mrs. Weeks of Middletown are at Old Point Comfort, Virginia.

Southington.—Because Health Officer Steadman is not satisfied with conditions relative to the scarlet fever scare the high school will not be opened until April 17.

New Britain.—General Secretary J. H. Wilson of the New Britain Y. M. C. A. has been chosen chairman of the boys' department for the Y. M. C. A. convention to be held in Torrington, April 21-23.

Hockanum.—The Congregational church has extended a call to Rev. James H. Roberts of Hartford to the pastorate made vacant by the removal of Rev. H. A. Kernen. Mr. Roberts has accepted the invitation.

East Hampton.—Peter Terp has bought the property known as the Village Central hotel, two tenement houses and eight acres of land of Albert G. Markham of Springfield, Mass. He may conduct a hotel there later on.

North Haven.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Stiles of North Haven have returned from a trip to South America, which

they describe as delightful; 1,800 miles were covered in 75 days.

Torrington.—A small pine tree, with the American flag on its top, stands on the tower of the new Slavonian Catholic church, in course of construction at Brook and Grove streets.

Bristol.—Chief Ernest T. Belden has just completed five years of service as chief of the police department. He succeeded Howard G. Ames as head of the department in 1906 and has made good in every department of the work.

Wallingford.—The response of the women of the Congregational church to the appeal in behalf of the sailors was extremely gratifying, and thirty bags were filled with articles for the comfort and convenience of the men of the sea.

Hartford.—Tierney Circle, No. 14, National Daughters of Isabella, was formally instituted and its officers for the year installed Sunday afternoon at Alliance hall, No. 26 1-2 Chapel street, the present home of the Knights of Columbus, of which the National Daughters of Isabella, originally a Connecticut order, is the woman's auxiliary.

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