

WESTERLY'S FINANCIAL MEETING
\$100,000 Bond Issue Voted for New Town Hall—Effort
Will be Made to Have Building of Westerly Granite
Committee Continued by Town Council, With
Addition of M. H. Spellman—Death of Postmaster
E. W. Vars of Niantic.

The old town hall was not large enough to properly accommodate the business who attend the annual financial town meeting Tuesday, and for three hours many were satisfied to stand and take part in the proceedings. Moderator Eugene B. Pendleton called the meeting to order and Richard J. Butler, who gave a detailed report of the finances of the town. The report was accepted and ordered filed. A report showed total receipts of \$346,578.61, which with cash balance on hand at last report, less expenditures of \$278,646.64, leaves a balance of \$67,931.97.

Andrew Farrell asked if the \$20,000 voted some years ago to eliminate the Canal street grade crossing and to aid in general improvements of the railroad station had been actually paid to the railroad company. He stated that it could not be paid, according to the legal limit of the town, but was carried as an outstanding indebtedness of the town.

Sept. Thomas McKennie made the fourth annual report for the water commissioners. The receipts were \$27,868 more spent on the highways than on the year previous. There was \$25,000 spent for schools. The net gain of the water works is \$26,422.48 and the total debt of the town is \$332,208.41.

Dr. Russell H. Smith reported for the sewer commissioners. The receipts from all sources were \$54,878.94 and expenses \$54,858.67, with a balance of \$20.27. Dr. Smith asked that special appropriation be made of \$2,500 to replace the ceilings of seven of the eight rooms to furnish the houses and provide for inside sanitation. He explained that the plastering in one of the rooms had recently just after the plague had been done in a most favorable manner by James Jolly the proprietor was voted.

Deputy of the Poor Killery Barber gave his annual report in detail. The expenses of the town farm were \$1,125.49 and for outside poor \$1,084.76. The receipts from the town farm were \$1,174.74. There was a balance of \$2,527.35. Chairman Albert H. Langworthy reported for the highway committee which showed that the appropriations and receipts from all sources amounted to \$23,312.48 and that there was just at present a balance of \$1,943.33.

Treasurer Pendleton for the sinking fund commission reported that \$1,411.98 was the amount of bonds in that class. Charles Perry was re-elected a commissioner for three years and after Clarence Maxon was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Walter Price.

James M. Pendleton, chairman of the special committee appointed by the town council to represent the town in connection with the proposed new town hall matter, stated that last October it was voted to purchase the Babcock property in Broad and Union streets as a site for a town hall. In February the council appointed James M. Pendleton, Thomas McKennie, Everett E. Whipple and C. J. Swanson a committee to do the preliminary work in connection with the proposed new town hall, and a courthouse, to be built in conjunction and be practically one building. The committee consulted with the Western delegation to the general assembly and received the consent of Senator Arnold's experience. The committee engaged Architect Walker to prepare a preliminary plan for a joint building to submit to the legislature and court judges. The committee worked assiduously in the matter and succeeded in having a special committee appointed to investigate into the necessity for a courthouse in Westerly. This committee made a favorable report that \$50,000 be appropriated for erecting and furnishing a new courthouse in Westerly in connection with a new town hall. This measure was successfully carried through the legislature by Senator Arnold and without opposition. The legislature passed the law on the 21st of May to issue bonds to the amount of \$100,000 for a site and the construction of a town hall.

The land selected for the site was not purchased, as it was not large enough to accommodate the building. The court and the revised plans showed that more land was needed. One of the owners of the property is a vestryman of Christ Episcopal church and through him a meeting was arranged between the committee and church officers. The meeting was met in a very public spirited way and given an option of additional property on Broad street of forty-three feet, which would extend to about the center of the Nestor house and run back to the apex of a triangle in the rear of the James A. Welch estate and Christ church property. The vestrymen fixed the purchase price at the rate of \$100,000 in bonds, \$300 on the property to Rev. or Mrs. Ed. Babcock, and the balance in cash. Then payments cease and the property is owned absolutely by the town.

In behalf of the town council, Mr. Pendleton offered a series of votes, all of which were adopted finally, one being amended so that the exterior of the courthouse and town hall shall be of Westerly granite, provided that it can be done within the appropriation. It was voted to accept the action of the state giving the town authority to issue \$100,000 in bonds, the council was authorized to issue note for \$14,000 for the original site; to arrange for the purchase of additional land for payment of an annuity of \$200; to issue bonds of \$30,000 in addition for town hall purposes.

John B. Swaney, in behalf of the Westerly Granite Manufacturers association, made amendment to the vote provided for additional land for the town hall, which specified that the exterior of the buildings be of native Westerly granite. Train conductor Thomas H. Peabody, Councilman Maurice W. Flynn, Andrew Farrell, Charles H. Leonard, David McLaughlin, Catholic Architect Walker, Thomas W. Beddes, Samuel H. Davis, James Pendleton and Michael H. Stanton and Charles Perry.

Upon motion of Charles Perry, the town council was authorized to appoint a commission to investigate into the matter of the proposed new town hall, with the commission of the state in all matters pertaining to the new town hall, and to serve on the building committee.

On motion of James M. Pendleton the town council was required to arrange for the purchase by annuity of the portion of the Babcock estate first selected as the town hall site. This plan would give the Rev. and Mrs. Babcock a larger income during their life time and be advantageous to the town of Westerly.

Appropriations for the ensuing year were made as follows: For schools \$24,000; evening schools \$500; high school \$12,000; \$2,000 less than last year; street lighting \$2,700; police \$5,000; grand jury \$100; printing and advertising \$800; poor \$2,800; Mechanics and library association \$500; Wobbling post, G. A. E. \$100; Robert Bruckner camp, United Spanish War Veterans, \$25; miscellaneous \$3,000.

The E. Randall presented a resolution which provided that the town pay one-third of the expense of laying asphalt or gravel sidewalks, but subsequently withdrew his motion, saying that it was suggested as a remedy of action toward the improvement of sidewalks in the town.

It was voted to appropriate \$100 for band concerts in Wilcox park, upon motion of E. C. Egan.

The motion of John Canton to appropriate \$2,500 to macadam the road from Niantic station to the bridge was lost.

Upon motion of Judge Peabody, it was voted that the names of the people of Westerly are due and are extended to Louis W. Arnold for his superb executive ability and successful efforts in securing a state appropriation of \$50,000 for a courthouse in Westerly.

It was voted that the council cause the old canal and the brooks leading into the canal to be placed in a sanitary condition. It was also voted to request the council to grade and macadamize Pierce street. There was some spirited and pointed remarks by Messrs. Rooney and O'Brien when these measures were introduced which seemed to show that section of the town had too long been neglected by the town council.

Judge Peabody presented the following, which was unanimously adopted: "Noted: That it is the sense of this meeting and this meeting hereby instructs that whenever the new town hall shall have been completed and made ready for use, all legally warned meetings of the qualified electors of this town shall be held therein, regardless of the voting district to which such electors shall individually belong, and the members of the general assembly from this town are hereby requested to secure the necessary legislation to effect of the above being done."

After provision had been made for bonuses for killing hawks, woodchucks and muskrats, the rate of James McIlvaine, to exempt new industries from taxation for ten years, and fixing the tax rate at \$150 on each \$100, it was voted to adjourn.

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posed town hall. The motion prevailed and they were declared as the committee. No other business was done.

Enoch W. Vars, postmaster at Niantic, died Monday night after one week's illness with pneumonia and Bright's disease in his 81st year. He was born in Westerly and had lived in the town almost continuously. Mr. Vars first studied pharmacy under Dr. William Hyde of Stonington and then went into the drug business at Niantic in 1870. He subsequently acquired his father's interest in the store and confined the business to pharmacy and manufacturing chemist. Mr. Vars was a consistent member of the Seventh-day Baptist denomination and clerk of the church in Niantic.

He was a member of Franklin lodge, No. 27, B. and A. M., of Franklin chapter, No. 28, R. M. M. and Narragansett commandery, No. 27, K. T. of Westerly. He is survived by a widow and four children, and also leaves three brothers and two sisters.

Local Laocoms.
Porgies are being trapped off Watch Hill. Major and Mrs. Arthur N. Nash spent Tuesday in Providence.

Joseph L. Paacock, librarian of the Westerly public library, left Tuesday night for Pasadena, Cal., where he will attend the annual conference of the American Library association.

AGED WOMAN BURNED
TO DEATH NEAR CANAAN.
Fall on Hot Stove During an Attack of Heart Disease.

Canan, Conn., May 9.—Mrs. Dennis McCarthy, a widow, about 70 years old, was burned to death today at her home in Ashley Falls, Mass., just over the state line from Canaan. She was subjected to attacks of heart disease and it is supposed that during one of these attacks she fell on to the hot stove, which ignited her clothing. Neighbors seeing smoke went to the house and extinguished the flames. They found Mrs. McCarthy lying on the floor near the stove. She leaves two brothers, one of whom lived with her, but who was alone in the house at the time of the accident.

FATHER WIPES OUT HIS ENTIRE FAMILY.
Shoots His Wife, Two Children and Them Himself.

Detroit, Mich., May 9.—The Detroit News' special from Cadillac, Mich., says: "An entire family was wiped out today near Lutterer when Casey Van Lutterer, a farmer, 34 years old, shot and killed his wife, 22 years old, his two children and himself.

LABRADOR SETTLERS ON VERGE OF STARVATION
Starting News Contained in Telegram to Dr. W. T. Grenfell.

New York, May 9.—Between 5,000 and 6,000 settlers on the Labrador coast are suffering severely from food shortage and the effects of a severe winter, according to advices received today by the Grenfell association of America, here. The news came in a telegram to Dr. W. T. Grenfell, the missionary and explorer, and head of the Grenfell association, from Battle Harbor, Labrador, April 29. People on the coast are starving. Have wired government for help.

DR. JOHN GRIEVE.
Dr. Grieve is one of the missionary doctors in charge of the hospital at Battle Harbor. Every winter he makes a trip of from 1,200 to 1,500 miles along the coast, and it is assumed that he has reported on the conditions he found as soon as possible after returning to Battle Harbor.

In response, the Grenfell association is sending \$500 to St. Johns, N. F., where supplies will be purchased for forwarding to Battle Harbor by volunteer doctors who are leaving today for the scene. The relief party consists of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh F. Greeley, who are going to Green Bay, and D. Harrison B. Webster, who will proceed to Battle Harbor.

All reports from the mission field are that if your is the only means of subsistence the settlers have had for some time and that their clothing supplies are short.

Rev. F. J. O'Neill is making a pastoral visit to all the families constituting St. Edward's parish, and an accurate census is being taken of the number of souls. Services were held at a farmhouse beyond Westford last Sunday, and a priest who speaks the languages of the newly arrived families of that section will attend to their spiritual needs next Tuesday and Wednesday, Stafford Press.

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