

CHOICE OF WESTERLY REPUBLICANS

Wayland A. Saunders Renominated for Fourth Councilman—Gets 158 Votes to 87 for Horace E. Burdick—Other Nominations Made—Drink Leads Thomas Collins to Fancy Himself Poisoned by Satan—Congressman Utter Coming Home.

The republicans of Westery, or rather, forty-one of the tried and true, assembled in the town hall at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon for the district and town caucus of the party. First there was the caucus of the first district, which was called to order by Dr. Michael H. Scanlon, district chairman, who was selected chairman of the caucus, with Eugene B. Pendleton, clerk, Ira E. Crandall was elected moderator of the district for the ensuing year and John J. Dunn clerk. This caucus was then adjourned, and Chairman William Clark, who called the caucus to order, was made permanent chairman, with Samuel H. Davis clerk. After electing Eugene B. Pendleton district moderator and Lewis Stanton clerk, there was adjournment.

The regular town caucus was then called by William Clark, chairman of the town committee. Samuel H. Davis was chosen as clerk and Mr. Clark chairman. When nominations for town officers were called for, Henry L. Burdick, clerk of the town committee, made nominations as recommended by the committee, and all were nominated by the caucus without opposition, except Horace E. Burdick, who was placed on the list as fourth councilman, really taking the place of Wayland A. Saunders, the only councilman who was not recommended by the committee for re-nomination. Mr. Burdick explained that he should have been named as the third councilman and not be made target for opposition. When the name of Mr. Burdick was reached, an motion of John Gatto, Wayland A. Saunders was renominated. All the other nominations had been made by ballot. It was voted that a ballot be taken for fourth councilman and that the polls remain open until 8 o'clock. Henry L. Burdick and Clarence E. Roche were chosen tellers and Samuel H. Davis, clerk. The nominations that were made without opposition are: Eugene B. Pendleton, moderator. Everett B. Whipple, town clerk. James M. Pendleton, treasurer and collector. Russell B. Smith, school committee-man for three years. Ellery Barber, overseer of poor. Albert M. Crandall, assessor of taxes for three years. William L. Clarke, first councilman. Albert H. Langworthy, third councilman. C. Clarence Maxson, second councilman.

William Guiley, fifth councilman. Maurice W. Flynn, sixth councilman. John B. Edmund, seventh councilman. At 4:30 the balloting was commenced for fourth councilman with Horace E. Burdick and Wayland A. Saunders as the opposing candidates. The balloting was continued until 8 o'clock, and the result was as follows: The balloting was slow as it was not generally known among republicans of the town that a ballot was in progress. The ballot result was as follows: Whole number vote cast, 245. Necessary for choice, 123. Wayland A. Saunders, 158. Horace E. Burdick, 87. Saunders' majority, 71.

Mr. Saunders has served four successive terms as the representative of the Niantic section of the town, soon to become Bradford, and Mr. Burdick has served an equal length of time as the Watch Hill representative in the council. Now the latter section has no representative, and had Mr. Burdick won the prosperous village of

Niantic would not be represented in the town council.

John J. Dunn of Westery, secretary of the state board of agriculture, on Thursday notified town clerks and city officials throughout the state having charge of trees that the board could not be of any financial assistance on account of the governor's veto of the appropriation. The men that were awaiting employment by the gypsy moth agents have been notified that there will be no work for them, as there is no appropriation available. The board will not be able to do any work towards the extermination of the gypsy and brown tail moth nor the elm tree beetle or San Jose scale. Heretofore the board of agriculture has shared the expense of spraying trees with the cities and towns, but this is now ordered discontinued on account of lack of funds.

According to a correspondent Congressman George H. Utter will leave Washington today for New York and be absent for about two weeks. There is nothing doing in the house that requires the presence of anybody except a few of the majority leaders.

Thomas Collins, who says he is a mule spinner and a resident of Westery, created quite a sensation in the quiet section of the town designated as Dunn's corner by running about the road and fields, claiming that the devil was after him. Shortly after midnight he aroused the members of one household declaring that he was about to slip off the motal coil and was departing for the other side rather than on the roadside or in the open field, for he was surely escaped from his satanic majesty.

The police were notified and went by team in search of Collins. He was found by the roadside asleep. When he was aroused he declared that he was being taken to the Westery police station, as he believed that un-lavating place was an improvement upon the infernal regions through which he had just passed.

Collins was in a weakened condition, trembling with fear of further torture under the direction of the president of hell, as he put it, and was really in a pitiable condition. After he was given attention by Dr. Scanlon he said he had been drinking to excess for several weeks and that he now realized that his awful hallucinations were caused by strong drink. He said that he had been out of work for several weeks and that some silent and unseen friend had beckoned him to Westery, where he had worked about six years ago, and that employer had awaited him there. He says that he left Pontiac last Monday night to walk to Westery and since that time had not so far as he can remember eaten anything. He finally collapsed and it seemed as if the devil had actually taken him to his kingdom, and he gave a detailed story of his experiences, with vivid description of his sufferings, of his trial and sentence and of the fantastic furnishings of hell.

Collins' condition was somewhat improved Thursday morning and he was

able to eat a light breakfast and a lunch in the afternoon.

In response to invitations printed on brown wrapping paper, illustrated with barnyard fowl, there was a large attendance at the "Haymakers' Hop" in Brunswick Barn, Thursday, May 18; music by Bedford's Rubes, with dancing from 8:30 to 12 o'clock. The invitations read: "U. R. invited 2 hitch up and kum. Everybody must wear a rural rig to get in, overalls, callens, tippets, no store clothes aloud. City folks and doods take particular note. Be sure and kum kun thers going to be sun time. Follers 27 cents, gals 17 cents. Everybody bring there own feed, stalls will be furnished free. Bring enouf. Perlliss perfection." The invitation was signed: "Jedediah Moore, boss farmer; Lank Carpenter, boss milker; Hank Twomey, H. Cowan, foreman; Obediah Sherman, boss haymaker; Blonds Higgins, Zeke Aiken, Stashine Hednon, Oat Hartison, Bud Brown, typical rubes; Doc Crowley, cow doctor."

The dancing programme was as follows: March and circle, Welcome, Rubes; waltz, Whome the slickest? 2 step, Will she stand without hitchin? waltz, Have you seen my heffer; coupl of steps, Git a strange gal for this; waltz, The hey seeders come to town tse a year; Paul Jones, Pick your gal and give her a feed, Feedin' time, 2 step, Git her agin, waltz, Let out your traces; Virginia reel, It's the gals' chanet now, fellers; waltz, Slickest haymakers in our county; 2 step, Out of town heyseeders; waltz, What u say? too step, Hitch up, we're goin' hum; waltz, Good night.

Local Laconics. Miss Mary P. Slyn is spending a short vacation in New Haven and Bridgeport.

Marshall Taylor will leave Westery today (Friday) for New York, and will sail Saturday for a visit to his former home in Manchester, England, the first in fifteen years. It is a pleasure and business combination trip.

Governor Pothier approved only \$75,879 of appropriations voted on the closing day of the general assembly, and vetoes bills aggregating \$467,674. Among the measures vetoed was the appropriation of \$2,500 for the purpose of widening and deepening the entrance or breachway into Brightman's pond, in the town of Westery.

EXHIBIT OF PLANTS.

Made by J. A. Weber and John F. Huest at Horticultural Society Meeting.

Fine exhibits of plants and flowers were made by members of the monthly meeting of the Connecticut Horticultural society Friday evening. J. A. Weber, head gardener for Alderman Walter L. Goodwin, exhibited two big pots of Camannia media, known as Canterbury bells, and also two pots of mushrooms grown by him under different conditions. He was awarded a certificate of merit for the exhibit.

President John F. Huest of the society displayed blooms of various flowers, including specimens of Polyanthus, known as Hardy primroses, some branches from the Judas tree, some forsythias and some sprays of the burning bush or the flowering quince. The flowers came from the greenhouses of James J. Goodwin.

An informal discussion of horticultural work occupied the greater part of the evening. Connecticut Bankers in Nashville. C. C. Barlow, vice president and cash of the Yale National bank, New Haven, and Ralph W. Cutler, president of the Hartford Trust Co., returned last week from their trip to Nashville, Tenn., where they went to attend the spring meeting of the executive council of the American Bankers' association. Mr. Barlow was chosen at the last annual meeting to represent the Connecticut association, and Mr. Cutler represented the trust company section. One of the principal matters under discussion at the meeting was the question of a national reserve association of the United

States, with proposed amendments to the Aldrich bill. A banquet followed the business meeting, which was attended by representative bankers from all over the country.—Commercial Record.

Brief State News

Bloomfield.—The fifth annual banquet of the Village Improvement association was held in the town hall Wednesday evening.

Bristol.—The members of Ruth Rebeck lodge held a celebration Tuesday night in honor of the 23d anniversary of the formation of the lodge.

Norwalk.—The unveiling of the beautiful monument erected in the historic graveyard of old St. Paul's church over the final resting place of the Rev. Charles Melbourne Selleck, took place at 3 o'clock on Monday.

Georgetown.—Misses have been received by relatives in this place from Mrs. C. A. Jennings announcing her safe arrival in Goldfield, Nev., where she will pass the summer with her daughter, Mrs. Albert Howe.

New Britain.—In two months time Rev. G. E. Pihl, pastor of the Swedish Bethany church, is making an effort to raise \$50,000 for the Swedish Congregational Orphanage at Cromwell. The two months will be up June 1.

Bridgeport.—The ceremony of burning notes of indebtedness amounting to \$10,300, thus ending their title clear, was observed by 165 members of the Algonquin club with feast, song and speech at their banquet hall Tuesday night.

Ansonia.—Mrs. F. L. Gaylord has left for Saratoga Springs, N. Y., to visit her son, Allen Gaylord, assistant state forester of New York state, and who at the present time is in charge of the beautiful botanical gardens at Saratoga Springs.

Bethel.—Rev. Walter J. Shanley, D. D., rector of St. Peter's church, Danbury, delivered an interesting temperance address in St. Mary's church on Monday evening; subject, The Great Apostle of Temperance, Rev. Father Theobald Mathew.

CURATE'S PROMOTION.

The Rev. Frederic Wammersey to become Rector of Church in New Rochelle in June.

The Rev. Frederic Wammersey, who has been acting as curate at St. John's church, Waterbury, during the past year, has become rector of St. Paul's church, New Rochelle, entering upon his duties there on Trinity Sunday, June 11. He will be advanced to the priesthood in New York city at the ordinations immediately preceding Trinity Sunday. John Henry Fitzgerald, Jr., who will be ordained to the diaconate at Berkeley divinity school within a few weeks, will come here as curate in place of Mr. Wammersey.—Waterbury American.

Honors at Yale Divinity School. Rev. Henry S. Coffin of New York has been selected to deliver the baccalaureate address at the Yale divinity school commencement. The honors as speakers in the graduating class at the divinity school fall to Hugh Hartsborne Methuen, Mass., M. R. Plumb, Bridgeport, C. S. Ball, New Haven; and V. O. Vogt, New York city.

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