

Westerly Church Much Beautified

Memorial to William Hoxsey a Former Warden of Christ Parish—Westerly Defeated Mystic, 7 to 5—Freight Wreck Causes Delay in Wedding.

There was a large congregation in Christ Episcopal church Sunday morning in attendance at the special services in observance of the completion of the refitting and redecoration of the interior of the edifice as a memorial to William Hoxsey, for many years a warden of the parish, by his widow and daughter, and at an expense of over \$5,000. The services were arranged and were under the direction of Rev. William F. Williams, rector of the church. There was a special musical service with Rowland Dunham at the organ which showed careful training, and the vested choir was never in better voice. The preacher was Rev. Samuel Davis McConnell, D. D., D. C. L., of Watch Hill and Easton, Md., long retired from active rectorship, and author of the history of the Episcopal Church in America and other authentic publications of the denomination. When the church edifice was dedicated 17 years ago Dr. McConnell preached the dedicatory sermon. Rector Williams made endeavor to have Rev. Hoxsey present at the services Sunday, but the bishop could not accept the invitation by reason of a previous engagement. Dr. McConnell's sermon was of intense interest and teemed with historical matter of the local church and of the denomination in general throughout the United States. His delivery is as forceful and vigorous as at the dedication, and many declared that it was a loss to the church that the doctor had retired from active ministry.

The quick action of Dr. Scanlon and the presence of mind of a cocker spaniel saved the dog's life in Mechanic street Saturday morning. The doctor was driving his automobile at his customary speed when a black cocker spaniel ran immediately in front of the automobile. The dog laid low on the ground and the automobile passed over him, without damaging a hair. The dog was motionless and the doctor guided the automobile so that the wheels did not touch the dog. Just as soon as the danger had passed the dog ran to the doctor and seemed to thank him for not putting him out of existence, then barked joyously, wagged his short tail and walked away.

The recent visit of the overland wagon circus to Pawcatuck caused discussion as to when and where the first annual circus was given in Westerly proper, that is, on the Rhode Island side of the Pawcatuck river. In the memoirs of Miss Margaret Maxson, who came to Westerly in 1860 to live with her uncle, Jesse Maxson, she writes that the first circus to come to Westerly was about the year 1811, and that it was given in the lot at the corner of Broad and Union streets, where now stands the Exchange for Women's Work and which has been secured for the site for the new hall and court house. The last circus in Westerly was about half a century ago. In the lot at High street, the church occupied in part by the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

In a heavy batting game of baseball, with honors even at the bat, Westerly won by a 7 to 5 score from Mystic on the 20th of July. Saturday afternoon, and thereby broke the tie with the team and took second place in the race for the pennant of the Rhode Island-Connecticut baseball league. Westerly runs in the fourth and sixth innings. Mystic made the five runs in its credit in as many innings, but Westerly had the same well in hand after the fourth with four runs in the lead. Score by innings: Westerly 0 0 4 0 3 0 0 7; Mystic 1 0 0 1 1 1 0 0 5.

Stonington won the game from Pawcatuck with ease, especially with a lead of seven after the first inning ended, and thereby won another cog on the championship wheel and nearer the goal, with Westerly a close second. Mystic third and Pawcatuck poked back to last place. While the play in Stonington's game from the start, the Pawcatucks gave evidence that there was playing material in the team, but that it was one of those traditional off days for them. John Cavanaugh was severely injured while making for a base in the fifth inning, fracturing the right ankle. After the fracture was reduced by a Stonington physician Cavanaugh was taken to his home in New London by automobile and his brother went to render aid for the balance of the game. Score by innings: Stonington 1 0 0 1 2 0 1 11; Pawcatuck 1 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 4.

The freight wreck near Westerly station on Tuesday of last week, in which the engine of a light and two freemen injured, has caused the postponement of the marriage of Patrick DeSimone to Angeline Spezzano, both of Providence, because of the injuries the young freeman received. Now the death of the bride's father, a serious doubt whether or not the marriage ceremony will ever be performed, as she promised her father not to enter the matrimonial estate for at least thirteen months.

The curious chain of circumstances began when an engine in which DeSimone was riding toppled over a bank, killing Engineer Beebe and scalding fireman William Hurley, while DeSimone was pinned under the engine and injured in chest and shoulder. The marriage was to have taken place last Sunday but at that time DeSimone was lying in a hospital at Westerly. The girl's father died last Monday and was buried Thursday, the wedding further postponed. DeSimone got into the accident in a peculiar manner. He is a freeman employed on a local freight running between Providence and Middletown. His train had been brought to a stop just outside of the Westerly station, and his lunch having spoiled he started down the track to procure another. Seeing his friend and neighbor, William Hurley, in the freight engine which was about to be switched, he stepped aboard and while riding on this machine it toppled over an embankment, being derailed by a defective switch. The three men were carried to the hospital.

Beebe and DeSimone were taken to a private hospital at Westerly, where the engineer died. Hurley came to his home in Providence the next day, but DeSimone was not able to start for home until Tuesday. It was thought that DeSimone's confinement to the hospital would cause a postponement simply for a month or two, but on Monday Antonio Spezzano, father of the bride to have been, who had been ill with dropsy, had an attack of heart failure and died a few hours later at the Rhode Island hospital. Before his death he commanded his daughter not to marry within thirteen months should he die.

The young freeman says he does not know what will be the outcome, but adds that he is glad to be alive after what he has passed through. Orders issued from the office of the adjutant general appoint Brigadier Gen. George A. Forsyth as range officer of the state range at Rumford. Major Arthur N. Nash, First district, coast artillery corps, Rhode Island National guard, has been appointed range officer of the state range at Westerly for the current season. By the provision of the orders the members of the Fifth company are permitted to practice at the Westerly range whenever the range officer or a commissioned officer of the company is present. Capt. Martin S. Fanning, First district, has been transferred to the subsistence department with rank of major.

Local Laconies. Miss Evelyn Spooner of Providence is the guest of Mrs. Allen C. Whitford. Mrs. Eugene W. Coon and daughter Daisy are visiting relatives in New London. Miss Gwendolyn Cooper of Newport is the guest of Mrs. John Spargo in Westerly. Mr. and Mrs. George Ledward of Concord, N. H., are here on a visit to relatives. William Baton of Lawrence, Mass., a former member of the Watch Hill club, has been elected as the guest of Lorenzo D. Richmond. A coon and two deer in a pen in Wilcox park are pictured on local postals. The nucleus of a happy family.

The Westerly Yacht club is completing arrangements for the sail and motor boat races in Little Narragansett bay on Labor day. This season the spectacular function of the Watch Hill Improvement society will be a water carnival scheduled for one week from next Saturday. The present and the past provisional of the order, and several other priests, are spending vacation at the Marist fathers' home of the Watch Hill road. Miss Helen McHugh Gunn has been appointed nurse for the Westerly District Nurses association to succeed Miss Estelle Murray, resigned. Both Miss Gunn and Miss Murray are residents of Ottawa, Canada. At the recent meeting of the state board of public roads at Watch Hill licenses to operate automobiles in the state were issued to ninety-four chauffeurs. It shows that there are at least that number of automobiles at the Hill. Christopher Simmons was the only surviving member of the Second Rhode Island volunteers from this section to attend the reunion in Providence Friday, the anniversary of the battle of Bull Run, in which the regiment participated. Cottagers at Pleasant View have organized the Ninigret Canoe club which starts with a charter list of twenty-five members, and whose prospective members. The main object is to promote social intercourse, but arrangements are being made for a canoe carnival on the side. DRUG CLERK LIABLE. In Damage Suits Resulting from His Misreading a Doctor's Prescription. Judge Epaphroditus Peck, in the case of common pleas, assigned a decision in the suit of Terese Tombari against John P. Connors, a New Britain druggist, which is of interest to all pharmacists in that it holds that a prescription clerk is liable for any damage which may result if he misreads the physician's prescription. The plaintiff, Mrs. Tombari, alleged that on July 23, 1910, a prescription clerk employed by Connors made an error in compounding a prescription for a powder to be taken three times a day and which contained among other things five grains of calomel, but the clerk misread the prescription and put calomel in the powder instead of calomel. It was shown, owing to the error, Mrs. Tombari was made ill, incurred additional bills for medical attendance and was unable to work for two months. Judge Peck in his decision finds that reasonable care would have prevented the mistake. He says: "The most that can be said in favor of the drug clerk is that the word in question is somewhat illegible and obscure and a doubt might exist as to what drug was intended. But if so much he conceded it would seem to be the duty of the drug clerk to make further inquiries and to refrain from giving to an ignorant foreign woman a medicine likely to be very injurious to her, on what at the best was a guess as to the reading of the prescription. Such inquiries would have been made for the purpose of ascertaining or overruling the physician, as was argued on the trial, but of ascertaining what, in fact, he had prescribed." Mrs. Tombari sued to recover \$500 and the court allowed her \$150 and costs.

To trim the edges of towels easily, a New Hampshire man has invented a rotary saw outfit.

STONINGTON

Rev. Dwight C. Stone Observes Seventh Anniversary as Pastor of Second Congregational Church—Borough In-targets.

Residents along North Water street and automobilists who use this section of the town daily are wondering whether the selectmen expect to oil the road or not. It would prove beneficial to both residents and automobilists who constantly use the roads here and around town.

Automobile Signs Needed. The auto club of America would save a great deal of trouble for its members by placing signs at the direct road turns, especially so at Elm and Cutler streets, indicating the way to New London. Automobilists coming from the east, unless cautioned by someone who chances to be passing, invariably take the direct course down Elm street, instead of turning into Cutler street. Hundreds of autos pass this point daily. The sign at the top of the hill at the curve reading "Automobiles slow for curve" is unnoticed by a large majority of tourists, as the curve is a very dangerous one at the juncture of the road the sign should be heeded to avoid a terrible mixup which is sure to come unless more care is exercised in making the curve coming down the hill.

Caught Mackerel. The local fishermen have tried their luck at the old time hand mackerel between Stonington and Watch Hill. A large number were caught Saturday, the fish being of good size and fine eating for so early in the season.

Mrs. W. A. Breed is entertaining her sister, Mrs. S. E. Gentry, of New York. Rev. and Mrs. Dwight C. Stone have returned from a week's stay at the metropolis.

Seventh Anniversary. On Sunday Rev. Dwight C. Stone observed his seventh anniversary of his pastorate at the Second Congregational church here. He gave an interesting account of the work accomplished by the church during his term as pastor.

DEMANDED \$1,000 FOR A CERTIFIED COPY New York Secretary of State Figures in the Lorimer Case. Washington, July 23.—Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania brought joy to the Lorimer-Hines followers when he told the senate Lorimer committee of the part he took in the election of Senator Lorimer. He said that he substantiated the testimony given by Edward Hines as to Senator Penrose's desire to have Hines exert his influence for Lorimer's election.

Besides his testimony the day's proceedings brought out that the office of the secretary of state of New York asked \$1,000 for the certified copy of the contributions of the republican national campaign fund in 1908. The list was desired to show whether Cyrus McCormick was among the contributors. Mr. Hines laid before the committee what he said was a telegram he received in regard to the matter, dated July 12, 1908, which read: "Will deliver to you original Sheldon's statement filed in this office, November 23, 1908, for \$1,000. This was signed, James J. Neville, secretary of state's office."

A letter mentioned several days ago as having been sent by William Burgess of Duluth to H. H. Kohlsaat of Chicago, regarding the Lorimer matter, was read. Among other things, Burgess said he understood there was a man in Duluth who was in Hines' office when Hines received a telegram from President Taft asking him to "have the matter hushed up as quickly as possible." Neither Burgess nor Kohlsaat spoke about the incident when on the stand.

LEWIS MADE POOR BY GOVERNMENT PERSECUTION Said He Had to Borrow Money to Get to Washington. Washington, July 23.—E. G. Lewis, the house committee on expenditures in the postoffice department, where a few years ago he was worth between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, he was compelled to borrow money to come to Washington, to appear as a witness before the committee.

Mr. Lewis related what he called persecutions by the postoffice inspectors who came into his plant. "Their attitude being," he said, "that we were under some criminal charge." This was at the time of an investigation several years ago as to whether the company was entitled to second class mailing privileges.

The controversy, between himself and the inspectors, Lewis testified, was so bitter that at times they almost came to blows. He said that the inspectors took young girl employees of the concern and put them through a sweating process, telling them they would get into trouble and were liable to arrest if they did not answer all the questions put to them.

CONTRIBUTED \$10,000 TO HARRISON CAMPAIGN. Former Attorney of Sugar Trust Tells of Transaction. New York, July 23.—The American Sugar Refining company contributed \$10,000 to help Benjamin Harrison in one of his campaigns for the presidency against Grover Cleveland. This contribution was told of by John E. Parsons, former attorney for the company, in his testimony before the congressional committee which is investigating the affairs of the so-called trust. He could not remember whether it was the first or second campaign by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Parsons frankly boasted that he was "the pioneer in the formation of the American trust" and was proud of it, but he scouted the idea that the sugar trust constituted a monopoly such as the Standard Oil or American Tobacco companies.

STOLE WHILE SHE SLEPT. Chicago Man Says Wife is Somnambulist Kleptomaniac. Chicago, July 23.—Mrs. Bertha Frank was described by her husband, Jacob Frank, as a somnambulist kleptomaniac in the municipal court. He testified that his wife while walking in her sleep, not only searched his trousers pockets and extracted small change, but frequently made nocturnal visits to neighbors' homes and rifled the pockets of sleeping occupants.

She was arrested while pilfering the trousers pockets of John Kelder. Other neighbors told of losing small change while they slept. The woman said she had no recollection of the matter, but admitted she often walked in her sleep.

APPOINTMENTS. Announcement was made by Robert S. Hoar, general secretary of the New Haven Y. M. C. A., of the appointment of E. Gerry Tracy of Hartford to succeed William E. Andrews as boys' secretary, and of John H. Reiser to become educational and membership secretary of the New Haven institution.

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Compassion for Unfortunates. The prisoners at the county jail at Bridgeport celebrated the Fourth by refraining from labor and during a part of the afternoon were taken out of their hot cells and rooms and given freedom in the yard of the jail, where they had lemonade and an opportunity to smoke. Wednesday Sheriff Vollmer and Jailor Tabalski received a vote of thanks from the prisoners, to which was appended 150 names. Shoes made of snake-skin are worn by many ultra-fashionable English women this year.

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