

ROUND ABOUT WESTERLY

Trial of Case Against William A. Palmer for Negligence in Causing Forest Fire—Perjury Case Assigned for Today in Superior Court—Improved Conditions at White Rock Mill—Successful Sunday Raid at Bradford—Addresses by Chas. J. Hall.

William A. Palmer of Providence, owner of considerable land in Washington county, defendant in a series of suits for damages for forest fires caused by reason of the forest fires which burned over hundreds of acres of timber and pasture in West Kingston and West Kingston last May. The first case now on trial before Judge Elmer Rathbun and a jury in the superior court is brought by Benjamin Locke, Judge John W. Sweeney of Westerly representing plaintiff and Albert B. Crafts and John Williams defendant. It is claimed that the bad fire was due to the negligence of Mr. Palmer.

Benjamin Locke told of the damage done on his land and Gideon Palmer testified that the fire came first from the William Palmer place and passed over his own farm before burning on to the Locke property. Nine other witnesses testified to the effect that the fire was first seen on William Palmer's land and that the defendant and others were engaged in fighting the fire.

William A. H. Carter testified that he saw the fire on the Palmer land and said Mr. Palmer told him he had lighted a cigar and that the burning match away, and soon thereafter saw a fire had been started. Mr. Palmer, according to the testimony, declared that the fire got the best of him and spread rapidly. Arnold W. Telford and Edmund B. Sheldon, who appeared much of the time, testified that Mr. Locke's damage at \$997.50. This concluded the plaintiff's side of the case.

Attorney Williams in opening said the defense absolutely denied that Mr. Palmer set the fire or that any fire arose through his negligence. He said it would be shown that the fire on his land started near the road and that a tramp was seen in that vicinity just before the fire. Williams declared that a fire was seen on the east side of Queen's river prior to the time that the fire started on the Palmer land, and that the defense has no knowledge whatever of the origin of the fire that burned over the plaintiff's land.

Wendell Phillips, forest warden for the town of Richmond, testified that he made investigation of the fire the day after it occurred, and that W. A. H. Potter and Archie Kenyon, when he consulted with them, made no statement, with reference to the cause of the fire started. The trial of the case is to be continued today (Monday), when it is expected that the judge and jury will visit the premises.

The perjury case of Elder George Adams, charge of Tabernacle No. 2, Westerly, Church of God and Saints of Christ, heads the attorney general's list of perjury cases called for trial. The perjury charge is an outcome of testimony given by the elder when testifying in his own behalf on the charge of arson.

The other cases are: Indictment against Ernest A. Moore, assault with dangerous weapon; indictment, Abbie Sweet, nuisance; complaint, John R. Wilcox against Amorose Carone and Laura Carone, assault; complaint, Thomas Bannan, nuisance; complaint, Willis E. Almy, keeping for sale; complaint, Bill Jones, larceny; complaint, Thomas Rhodes, no support; complaint, against Sidney L. Rogers.

There has been general change in the conduct of the White Rock mill since the retirement of Superintendent Pember. Besides a new superintendent there is a new overseer, a new foreman and the whole establishment is managed upon stricter lines than formerly and the operatives are expected to comply with the rules and regulations of the mill. Last Thursday two weavers sisters, left the mill 16 minutes before bell time, and were charged with leaving by the overseer, and they were discharged. Another sister failed to return to work in the afternoon and the president of the Textile Workers' union called a meeting of the operatives and nearly all hands quit work. One of the sisters then asked for her bill and was not paid, and was discharged, as were the two who left the mill in violation of the rules. The mill workers are expected to remain until the two discharged weavers were reinstated.

Albert Hibbard, secretary of the In-turban Textile Workers' union, was notified of the condition and came to Westerly. There was a meeting of the members of the union in a conference room with the superintendent, and it was agreed that the operatives would return to work Monday morning. The girl who asked for her bill was given back her wages and the other two sisters who were discharged will be permitted to work provided they make application for employment to the superintendent. This will be done and the work at the mill will go forward as usual.

There is prospect of a lively political fight in the neighboring town of Charlestown, in regard to a conference between the Hicks and anti-Hicks forces. Ex-Senator George W. Hoxie, whose conduct of the office of town treasurer, which was held for several years prior to the election last fall, was subject to an investigation by the present town council, upon charges preferred by Treasurer Schlesinger, is reported to be in the limelight asking for vindication. Ex-Senator Hoxie still holds the office of town treasurer, and is a member of the state central committee. Dr. Milton

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vices. Colonel Damon and the Congregational Major Shepard at the Methodist and Major Simonson at the Baptist.

RALLY DAY.
Order of Exercises at Congregational Church on Sunday.

The following was the order of the Rally day exercises at the Congregational church Sunday, beginning at 12 noon. Song by school, Gladys Kow the Rally; offering for Dr. Kinnear fund; responsive reading, No. 264; prayer by pastor; reciting the Lord's Prayer; department: The Call to the Olden Knight, Kenneth Sharpe; The Call of the Church, pastor; song by school, Our Own Country, Gladys Kow; The Call of the Country, H. C. Bradford; Be Strong, Robert McIntyre; The Call of the World—(a) From India, Ruth Child; (b) From China, Ethel Ellis; (c) From Japan, Icarus McNally; (d) From Africa, Joseph Flag; (e) From the South Sea Islands, Ethel Ellis; (f) From the Heathen Women, Miss B. L. Sargent; The Wide World Call, E. M. Warner; song by school, Our Country, Gladys Kow; Our Call, superintendent; response for the school, C. D. Sharpe; song by the school, 554, Church Harmony, 76 Jubilant Voices, benediction.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.
Summary of Orders on the Town Treasurer as Shown in Annual Town Reports.

Following is the summary of the orders on the town treasurer as shown by the annual town reports, which will be ready for distribution in a few days:
State military; state tax, \$2,457.37; Putnam free library, \$1,000; Day-Kimball hospital, \$500; Day-Kimball school, \$1,000; memorial day appropriation, \$125; selectmen's town services, \$782.85; town farm, \$2,037.17; highways, \$1,459.08; bridges, \$906.76; school, \$1,000; memorial day appropriation, \$125; selectmen's and town clerk's offices, \$477; city of Putnam one-half highway appropriation, \$1,500; outside poor, \$2,288.14; town clerk, \$1,000; doctor for poor, \$200; assessors, \$300; board of relief, \$185; registrars, \$85; collector's town clerk and treasurer's bonds, \$81.50; town clerk, treasurer and registrar, \$401.77; tax collector, \$150; auditors, \$16; printing, \$240.84; town clerk, \$208.00; rating, \$100; insurance, \$1,368.05; repairs on state gravel roads, \$1,187.57; repairs on state macadam roads, \$115.56; shoveling snow, \$887; Old cemetery, \$425; new bridge, \$18,022.94; elimination of White's crossing, \$5,298.51; new state road, \$1,415.45; personal property tax, \$73,700; new high school, \$841.90; forest fire warden, \$232.85; Israel Putnam school, \$171.57; miscellaneous, \$383.58. Total, \$95,247.

Business Change.
Announcement is made of the dissolution of partnership existing between Richard M. Johnson and Levi W. Hastings, proprietors of the City Hotel, Johnson's son, Edward O., for years connected with the hotel, has been admitted as junior member of the firm.

Local Laocoinis.
Daniel Chapman of New London was a visitor in Westerly Sunday.
Miss Clara Dodge of Westerly spent Sunday with friends in New London.
Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran of New London were in Westerly Sunday.
Thomas J. Leiper and Raymond Sullivan left Sunday for Brooklyn, N. Y., to take a course of studies at Pratt Institute.

Edward Mahoney, clerk in a local drug store, left Saturday for New York, where he will attend the Columbia College Pharmacy.
Alice Z. Mahoney, who won the scholarship at Mount St. Joseph seminary, Hartford, went to New Rochelle Saturday to enter upon her sophomore year in the College of New Rochelle.
Charles J. Hall of Los Angeles, who is on a lecturing tour in the interests of prohibition, addressed the congregational church Sunday morning. In the evening he spoke in the open air in front of the bridge. Mr. Hall spoke in the Calvary Baptist church Sunday morning.

Mrs. Mary L. Smith of Springfield, Mass., aged 84, who came to Watch Hill Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Sarah P. Jewett, of Cleveland, died Saturday morning at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis in Peach street. Mrs. Smith was sick with influenza in July and was taken to the home of Mrs. Bach from the Atlantic hotel for care and treatment. She was the widow of Dwight K. Smith of Springfield, for many years president of the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company. Mrs. Smith was born in Franklin, Conn., daughter of Austin and Mary Peters Avery, who resided many years in Norwich and Stonington. Besides her sister, Mrs. Jewett, she leaves a daughter and son in Springfield.

STONINGTON.
Many Mourners at Funeral of Millard F. Pendleton—Charles J. Hall Speaks on Prohibition—Summer Residents Leaving.
J. J. Melhan has returned from a week's visit in Lowell, Mass.
Mrs. Sarah Gould of New York is the guest of Judge and Mrs. W. A. Breed.

On Sunday morning Rev. C. J. Mason preached an eloquent sermon at Calvary Episcopal church.
Friday's Birthdays.
Friday seemed most popular for birthdays, and those who celebrated in some way were Miss Sarah Sheffield, Mrs. Hannah Stanton, Jerome S. Anderson, Sr., Jerome S. Anderson, Jr., Charles O. B. Hammond and Henry M. Jones.

Funeral of Millard F. Pendleton.
The funeral of Millard F. Pendleton was held at the Pendleton home Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, services being conducted by Rev. C. J. Mason, rector of Calvary Episcopal church. Burial was in Stonington cemetery. The bearers were the brothers of the deceased, Harris Pendleton of New London, James, Lucien and Charles of the borough.
Judge W. A. Breed returned Friday from a short visit in New York.

Speech by Charles J. Hall.
Saturday a crowd gathered at 7 p. m. to listen to a talk on prohibition by an eminent speaker, Charles J. Hall of Los Angeles, Cal., who stepped upon a platform at the postoffice corner. The crowd listened with pleasure to the excellent speech. Mr. Hall is making a tour of New England and is creating much interest for the cause.
The Fog Season.
Fogs are prevalent about Stonington, and many signals are heard daily, and with the approach of the fall, with the dropping of leaves from the trees and the wet underfoot, makes it unpleasant walking, for with the rain storms of the past few days and the fogs, one has a dreary opinion of the town.

Season Ending.
Many summer residents leave town soon and will close their homes for the winter. Among those who have yet to leave are Mrs. Jones and family of Hartford, Mrs. Jones and family of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mr. and Mrs. York of New York.

Will Build Factory Addition.
Contracts will soon be awarded for an addition to the plant of the Rogers Silver Plate company on Rowan street. The addition will be three stories high, 12x12 feet, of brick, with a gravel roof.—Commercial Record.

Italy now imports more than \$50,000,000 worth of cotton each year. Hence the government is carefully watching all attempts to produce a native crop.

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Miss Payne Gets Medal.
Twelve-Year-Old Swimmer Rewarded for Water Exploits.

Miss Doris May Payne of Bridgeport, the 12 year old swimmer, was presented a handsome gold medal by Capt. Paul Boyton in honor of her numerous swimming exploits off Steeplechase island. The child lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Payne, 1024 East Main street. Her mother is a swimmer of repute and is a member of many swimming societies. Next year she intends to try to swim from Brooklyn bridge to Coney Island.

BULLETIN'S PATTERN SERVICE.
The legal voters of the Town of Salem, Conn., are hereby warned and notified to meet in Town Meeting, on the 30th day of September, A. D. 1911, at 8:30 o'clock in the forenoon, and that public notice be given of the pendency of said application, and time and place of hearing thereon, by publishing a copy of this order once in a newspaper having a circulation in said District, and by posting a copy thereof on the public signpost in the Town of Columbia, in said District, at least six days before said day of hearing.

LEGAL NOTICES.
DISTRICT OF ANDOVER, SS. PROBATE COURT, Sept. 21st, A. D. 1911. Estate of Harriet K. Yeomans, late of Columbia, in said District, deceased. Under the application of William F. Johnson, praying that an instrument in writing, purporting to be the last will and testament of said Harriet K. Yeomans, deceased, may be proved, approved, allowed and admitted to probate, as per application on file more fully appears, it is

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