

WESTERLY APPROPRIATION LIBERAL

Board of Trade Decides That \$100,000 Is Worth Accepting For New Post Office Building—Missionary Meetings at Baptist Church—Daniel F. McCarthy Honored For Long Membership—Miss Delia Driscoll Dead.

At the regular meeting of the West- ern board of trade, held in town hall, Monday evening, the board decided to accept the offer of the United States government to appropriate \$100,000 for the construction of a new post office building in West- ern. This committee was appointed after it was announced that there was no bid low enough to come within the appropriation for a granite or marble building, but was adequate for a limestone building. It was evi- dent that unless the people of West- ern showed interest and were willing to co-operate with the government of- ficials in the solution of the difficulty, that the construction of the building would be delayed indefinitely. The committee was composed of Charles P. Cottrell, Albert H. Sullivan, Charles J. Butler and Daniel McLa- ren. With Congressman Utter, the com- mittee held conference with James Knox Taylor, the supervising architect.

The committee was informed that the lowest bid for a granite building was about \$110,000 above the amount available for the appropriation. The lowest bid for West- ern granite was \$25,000 above. The lowest bid for a marble building was \$100,000 above the appropriation. Mr. Taylor explained that there were some ex- penditures out of the appropriation not included in the bids submitted. In- stead, the amount available for the building contract is a little over \$75,000. The appropriation was \$100,000 with \$25,000 deducted for the site.

It was decided that no additional appropriation could be secured at the present session of congress. Mr. Taylor said that if an additional appropriation could be made for a granite building that there would be no assurance that the West- ern granite could be used, as the law would not permit specification of granite from any special quarry, unless that the granite should be red, white, blue, etc. Mr. McLa- ren here stated that it would be impossible for the granite manufac- turers of West- ern to compete with outside manufacturers for this build- ing.

Postmaster Butler stated that the committee then decided to combine efforts to secure a marble building, as otherwise postponement of the whole matter seemed inevitable. If the building was within the appropria- tion, the contract would be awarded and the construction of the building started as soon as possible. Mr. Butler stated that the appropria- tion for the West- ern building and site, \$100,000, was very liberal, as it was the same as allowed to Norwich, and Woodstock, while Willimantic was granted \$75,000. So the committee was of the opinion that while they wanted to secure all they could for the town, they could not afford to be unreasonable.

Secretary Samuel H. Davis read the applications of thirteen candidates for admission, and they were unanimously elected to membership, as follows: Daniel B. Sullivan, Dr. Charles P. Cottrell, Oscar Vase, Arthur D. Swan, N. F. Tuckerman, George Davidson, W. W. Baker, Charles A. Latham, Lewis Doherty, William H. Brown, Samuel Nardone, Charles H. Cowan, Jr., and George H. Williams.

Frank W. Coy, for the traffic com- mittee, reported success in securing an early Monday morning train from West- ern to New York, and also that for the town, has granted franchises for the extension of the electric railway system from Pleasant View to the Broadway at West- ern.

Arthur L. Wray, the reception committee, reported that arrangements had been made for holding the annual banquet at the Ocean house, Watch Hill, on the evening of June 15. The ticket plan to be the same as at the last banquet.

William H. Holmes of the educa- tion committee announced that Pro- fessor Zubelin of Boston would be the speaker at the next meeting.

Dr. John Champlin, reported for the special committee on a plan for sewer- age that the committee was unani- mously in favor of the project, but the barrier was the method of raising the money to carry the plan into effect. There was general discussion of the subject and the matter was referred back to the committee for further in- vestigation as to cost and to report at some future meeting.

Judge John W.weeney reported that the committee of the Rhode Is- land Historical society had concluded arrangements for the celebration in honor of Samuel Ward, one of the earliest governors and a former resi- dent of West- ern. The exercises will be held Friday afternoon, May 11, in Haven opera house, and free to the public. Thomas W. Bicknell and Ros- well D. Burchard will be the prin- cipal speakers.

The committee in charge of the ceremonies connected with the dedica- tion of the Hiker monument in Provi- dence on Monday Sunday, as a mem- orial to the soldiers and sailors of the war with Spain, and to be erected by the United Spanish War Veterans of Rhode Island, have completed plans. The members of Robert Brucker camp of West- ern will participate in the ex- ercises.

In the morning there will be a parade to St. Raymond's church where a solemn military high mass will be celebrated. In the afternoon there will be another parade, which will be

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COLCHESTER Borough People Attend Auction—Hose House Draped for Adam Muller. The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church held a cake and ice cream sale in the parlors of the church Wednes- day afternoon and evening. The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church met in the parlors of the church Wednesday afternoon and evening for work.

Thomas P. Kinney was calling on friends in Willimantic Tuesday. Mrs. M. Macaig, Sullivan and child are guests of Mrs. Sullivan's sisters, the Misses Cavanaugh. At Lebanon Auction. A number from town were in Leba- non Tuesday attending the auction sale of the household goods of Dr. F. C. Fowler at the Minister Turner place.

Mrs. A. Griffin, secretary of the Junior society was introduced, and gave an interesting account of her trip to the annual national meeting, Miss Helen Fielding of China, in Chinese costume, gave an interest- ing talk on the work, retrospective and prospective, in China, and told of the many changes in the Chinese empire and the opportunity for increased mis- sionary work.

At the close of the foreign mission session, the home mission meeting was opened under the direction of Mrs. W. G. Thomas, by the singing of a hymn. Then Mrs. Joseph L. Peacock of West- ern, state vice president, spoke inter- estingly and instructively of the Young People's Work. Mrs. George W. Rip- ley of Lonsdale spoke of the amount of work accomplished and of the amount of money raised for the work during the year and announced the appropria- tion for the ensuing year.

Miss Mamie Durie of Boston gave a detailed account of her work among the Italians. There was singing of hymns, reading of Scriptures, during the session, and William H. Brown, minister of the annual Baptist church, read a solo that was appre- ciated. At noon a collation was served.

Narragansett commandery, Knights Templar, of West- ern, and the other commanderies of the state will unite in a field day on Monday, June 24. There will be a parade in Providence in the morning and in the afternoon the air knights will enjoy a clam bake and hold sports at Rocky Point, re- turning to Providence at 6 o'clock in the evening. In the parade Narragansett commandery will be given a post of honor at the parade in the line, and will probably be headed by a Providence band.

Daniel F. McCarthy of Providence, formerly of West- ern, has received a medal from the Providence division, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, for membership in the organization for more than forty years. He was ad- mitted to membership when an en- gineer on the Providence & Fishkill road, September, 1866, nearly forty- one years ago. Medals were also awarded Reuben H. Rich, John C. Heath of Providence, F. G. Shilling of West- ern, who joined two months earlier than Mr. McCarthy, and G. H. Taunton and F. C. Garfield of Springfield, who joined the brother- hood forty years ago. There was a special order of exercises in connection with the presentation of medals, and included a lengthy and in- teresting address by Mr. McCarthy. The medal holders were seated in the grand international division of loco- motive engineers, which is made up of delegates from all local divisions.

Mr. McCarthy was among the founders of the Catholic Total Ab- stinence union of Connecticut, the pioneer of the national organization, and devoted much of his spare time in ad- vancing the cause of Catholic total abstinence by conducting public rallies. He was an earnest and forcible speaker, was instrumental in the for- mation of St. Michael's Temperance society in Pawtucket, and the Catho- lic Manning society of West- ern, during the pastorate of Rev. William Byrne. He earned the sobriquet of the War Horse of Total Abstinence and delivered addresses in nearly every town in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Local Laconics. Connie Farrell has arrived at Watch Hill for the season. Cross street was formerly known as the Gallows lane of West- ern. No one in West- ern has been solli- cited to buy stock in the new West- ern Textile company. Dr. J. L. Howard and family of Cincinnati arrived Tuesday at their Watch Hill summer home.

John Raleigh, who has been em- ployed several months in an automo- bile factory in Flint, Mich., has returned to West- ern. The continuous rain has had its effect on the retail trade of the town and upon those who work in the open air so much per diem. It is said that there will be no new paving in Broad street until definite action is taken in regard to the intro- duction of a sewer system. So far as ascertained, every mem- ber of the present town council and every person who holds office of any description, is willing to serve the

town and the people thereof for at least one more term. The enumeration of dogs in West- ern will result in bringing the owners of the unlicensed canines to the attention of the prosecuting authorities. Major Charles T. Gilne, quartermas- ter, was at the drill of the Fifth com- pany, West- ern, Tuesday evening, and inspected the fit of the new uniforms. An old resident of West- ern recalls the fact that just fifty years ago there were seventy-five cases of smallpox in Willimantic, then a village of 4,999 population. The members of the West- ern town council will meet Friday afternoon as a board of canvassers to correct the voting list to be used at the town election in June.

A committee of the Seventh-day Baptist Missionary society met at the office of Treasurer Samuel H. Davis in West- ern Wednesday, on special business of the society. Which is the more influential body in municipal matters. The West- ern town council or the West- ern board of trade? This is the question for de- bate selected by a local club. At the annual meeting of the Odd Fellows of Rhode Island, held in Providence, West- ern members were forgotten, as usual, when the officers were handed out. This is characteris- tic of several other state organizations with which West- ern people are affili- ated. The clerks in the Optic store gave a linen shower in honor of Miss Alice Flynn at the home of Miss Sanford in Stanton street, Wednesday evening. Miss Flynn is a daughter of the late Michael Flynn and sister of Congressman Maurice W. Flynn, and is to be married next Tuesday to Joseph Twomey, son of Col. Michael Twomey.

Albert Fargo of Salem West street was called in to town Tuesday. Mr. Fargo has sold his farm to out of town purchasers and will move to Mystic. STAFFORD SPRINGS —His Last Pupil Died Tuesday.—C. E. Conventon—Mrs. Alice H. Churchill Dies in India. Elder Amasa Morse, who is staying at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. E. J. Walker, observed his 95th birth- day Wednesday. Mr. Morse is the oldest living legislator in the state, having represented the town of Union, of which he is a native, in the general assembly in 1850 and 1851. He taught school when a young man and has out- lived all of his pupils. The last of his pupils was Wesley F. Edswell, who died on Tuesday. His legal residence is Putnam, but he spends much of his time with his daughter, Mrs. Walker, in Stafford Springs. For over 60 years he was an Adventist preacher. Al- though within two years of the cen- tury mark, he is enjoying comparative- ly good health.

OBITUARY. Mrs. Alice H. Churchill. A cable message from the Bombay presidency in India has brought news of the death of Mrs. Alice Harding Churchill, a talented missionary of the American Board of Foreign Missions. She was a niece of Rev. John W. Bal- antyne of West- ern and a sister of Professor Churchill of the art depart- ment of Smith college. Rev. C. E. Union Convention. The Rockville Christian Endeavor union held a meeting in the West Stafford Congregational church Tues- day afternoon. There was a large at- tendance from Ellington, Crystal Lake, Rockville and Stafford Springs. They were welcomed by the social com- mittee and the president of the entertain- ing society, Miss Mary Ballantine. Karl Lehman of Denver, Col., was the principal speaker. The banner for the highest percentage of attendance was awarded to the West Stafford society, and the one for the largest number of visiting delegates at this meeting went to the Stafford Springs society.

Personal Items. Miss Hattie Ellithorpe, who has been ill for several days, is again teaching in the Staffordville school. Miss Stella Bartlett, clerk at the Robertson store for the past four years, has resigned. W. A. Segar of West- ern, R. I., is visiting friends in town.

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