Westerly Man Ends Life With Poison

Financial Embarrassments and Trouble With Wife Overpower Jacob Wolk—Police Arrest Another Automobile Speeder—Ashaway Savings Bank Soon to be Absorbed by Washington Trust Company.

The Ashaway Savings bank of Ashaway, organized in 1871, will probably soon become an adjunct of the Washington Trust company of Westerly, as negotiations are pending with prospects of consummation at an early date. On June 30, 1911, the amount of deposits in the Ashaway bank were $53,589.50, with 234 depositors, and the largest amount due to any one depositor was $3,976.28. Since the introduction of the trolley system between Westerly and Ashaway there has been no increase in business in the Ashaway Savings bank, the people evidently preferring to do business with the Westerly banking institutions. Should the transfer be made it is probable that a branch will be maintained for a time in Ashaway until such time as the merging is thoroughly complete. It is plainly understood that the change would be to the mutual advantage of all concerned.

The Washington bank, predecessor in direct line of the Washington Trust company, was organized in 1800, about six months after the death of George Washington, for whom the bank was named, and was also the first bank to be located in Washington county, and the third in the state. The first dividend was paid on Washington's birthday, in 1801, and ever since February 22 has been one of the semi-annual dividend dates.

In 1865 the Washington bank surrendered its state charter and became the Washington National bank. The business of the National Phoenix bank, chartered in 1818, was taken over in 1901. The Westerly Savings bank, established in 1854 and located with the Washington National bank, were combined in 1904. The charter of the national bank was then surrendered and the institution became once more a state bank and known as the Washington Trust company. The Washington bank, as a state, a national and as a trust company has, with absolute stability, successfully passed through every financial crisis since the foundation one hundred and twelve years ago. Therefore, the proposed change is agreeable to the depositors and others who now do business with the Ashaway Savings bank.

President William Clark of Westerly, presided at a special meeting of the reorganized Westerly Light and Power company that recently passed into the possession of Bodell and company of Providence. Mr. Clark was re-elected president and the other executive officers chosen are: Philip B. Simonds of Providence, vice-president; Frederick B. Wilcox of Providence, secretary and treasurer; Robert G. Thackeray of Westerly, assistant treasurer. The directors are Lyman B. Goff of Pawtucket, Frederick S. Peck of Barrington, William Clark of Westerly, William L. Hodgman, Joseph J. Bodell and Philip B. Simonds of Providence, and George K. Webster of North Attleboro.

It is the plan of the present organization to reduce the office expenses of the company by the consolidation of the Westerly and Providence offices and it was voted that a transfer office only be maintained at Providence and the main office in Westerly.

William E. Arnold and Timothy J. McKenna, both New Yorkers, have twice eluded arrest by Rhode Island police authorities. A year ago last February they were indicted in connection with the operation of a gambling club at Narragansett Pier, but they escaped arrest and arraignment and the warrants were pigeonholed in the attorney general's office. Arnold and McKenna made their appearance at the pier again about two weeks ago. They were later recognized as the men who were indicted as common gamblers and were arrested by the state. The fact was communicated to the governor and the attorney general, and orders were issued to Sheriff John R. Wilcox of Washington county to arrest both men. The order was received by Sheriff Wilcox Tuesday morning and he proceeded at once to Narragansett Pier, arriving there about two hours after Arnold and McKenna had boarded an express train for New York.

Deputy Sheriff Frederick T. Mitchell, by the authority of judgment of the third district court, sold in front of the town hall, Wednesday noon, four parcels of land belonging to Thomas Frank Saunders, to satisfy a claim of Charles H. Garrett for a debt of $418.96. Two parcels of the property are located in Margin street, one in Franklin street and one in the town of Charlestown. The whole property was bid in by Judge John W. Sweeney for $470, subject to mortgages and all other indebtedness.

William A. Gardiner, charged with assault with attempt to commit rape and with indecent intoxication, having pleaded not guilty when first arraigned, was given hearing before Justice Charles E. Chapman in North Stonington. The complaining witness was a niece of Rachel Spellman, age 15. The alleged assault occurred July 4th, and many witnesses testified to incidents connected with the case. After arguments by Attorney Rathbun for the state, and Attorney Ledwidge for defendant, Justice Chapman found probable cause for holding Gardner for trial in superior court. He was held in bonds of $1,000.

Tony Russo, a tonsorial artist, and Morris Solorcilski, a store keeper, were the principals in a case heard before Justice Warren Randall in Pawcatuck. The plaintiff, Tony, and defendant, Morris, occupied tenements in the same house, and for the accommodation of Morris and the financial benefit of Tony, the latter shared and did hair cutting for Morris in his own domicile for a period of eleven months. At the end of the time Tony demanded $29 for services rendered to Morris, charging the usual price for work when done away from the barber shop.

Morris refused to pay, claiming that Tony had promised to do the work gratis. Then Tony brought suit against Morris through Attorney Roche and four ranges were attached. Morris secured the services of Attorney Kingsley and the case was given thorough hearing. Justice Randall gave judgment for Tony to recover $11.50, which would cover the usual shop charges for shaving and hair cutting.

The police have not ceased vigilance in enforcing the automobile laws in Westerly and Wednesday afternoon Thomas H. Hayes, of Pawtucket, was placed under arrest. In the evening he was arraigned in the third district court before Clark Clarence E. Roche. He was charged with driving an automobile in Franklin street at a speed exceeding twenty-five miles an hour and pleaded guilty. Town Solicitor Agard explained that the street was free from traffic at the time and in consequence there was no recklessness displayed. Acting Judge Roche imposed a fine of $20 and costs, which amounted to $24.86.

This is the lowest fine that has been imposed for overspeeding in the town of Westerly. In all the other cases, except one, the fine was $100 and costs, and the exception was $75 and costs, but there was an additional count in that case that was penalized by a fine of $25 and costs.

Jacob Wolk, for several years a junk dealer in Westerly and a resident of Pierce street, took poison at his home late Wednesday afternoon, with suicidal intent. For some time past Wolk and his wife have been at odds and Mrs. Wolk decided to break up housekeeping and go to Worcester. She commenced getting the household effects that she claimed as her own ready for shipment. Among other things she claimed the cook stove and the husband objected. There was a noisy row and Mr. Wolk summoned Attorney Clarence E. Roche and he responded in the hope of reaching an amicable settlement. When he arrived Morris Solovielski and Morris Goldberg were in the house. It was explained by them that Mr. Wolk had a bill of sale for the stove and that it was therefore his property. While this was going on Mr. Wolk sat on a bed, taking but little part in the discussion.

At this point Attorney Roche went out to answer a telephone call from the police station to pass judgment on an automobile case. He had just finished telephoning when Solovielski informed him that Wolk had taken poison and was dying and to telephone for Dr. Scanlon. Attorney Roche did so and the doctor made quick response.

Within ten minutes after the doctor's arrival Mr. Wolk was dead. Soon after Mr. Roche left the house, Wolk called to see his children and when fell on the bed unconscious and never recovered. He was 28 years of age and was married twice, and leaves two children, his widow being the mother of one, the mother of the other having died. For the past two months Wolk has been able to do but little business and was in consequence financially embarrassed, which led to the family trouble and depressed condition of Mr. Wolk.

Dr. J. W. Morgan was notified and with Dr. Scanlon, made superficial examination, but were unable to ascertain just the nature of the poison that caused death. There was an empty bottle that had contained one ounce of carbolic acid, and there was a strong aroma of that poison in the room, and they are of opinion that carbolic acid caused death, although the lips and tongue showed no signs of carbolic acid poisoning.

Local Laconics.

There's a scarcity of tenements in Westerly due to the increase of industrial operations.

One who has viewed operations at the Panama canal, says that the work in the vicinity of the railway station is a fair reminder.

A Worcester firm of narrow fabric manufacturers would take over the mill property in Beach street, under favorable conditions.

The town councilmen will give hearing next Friday evening to Watch Hill property owners in regard to improvement of streets in that section.

It is said that Chrystie McConnell, who was denied operator's license after being fined for violation of the automobile laws, is now under instruction of a licensed driver in the operation of his racing car.

Robert Smith has been appointed receiving teller of the Washington Trust company to succeed Robert G. Thackeray, resigned to accept the assistant treasurership of the Westerly Light and Power company.

The state board of control and supply have awarded contract to the F. H. and A. H. Chappell company of New London, contract to supply 70 tons of nut coal to the Rhode Island State college at Kingston, at $6.50 and $6.90 a ton.

Howard Henry Gavitt, who was formerly Adams Express agent at Narragansett Pier, was arrested Tuesday night charged with embezzling $876.43 from the company during last September and October. Gavitt was taken to the Washington county jail at Kingston to await hearing.

Rev. E. T. Tomlinson, the well-known author of story books for boys, and a graduate of the Westerly High school in class of 1875, will preach at the morning service in Calvary Baptist church next Sunday. He was pastor of the Central Baptist church of Elizabeth, N. J., for 23 years and resigned to become general secretary of the Ministerial Fund of the Baptist denomination.

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Miss Edith Cook, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Mathews, has returned to Providence.

Samuel O. Durgin is visiting in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McDougal of Indianapolis, Ind., who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Anderson, returned home.

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