

WESTERLY'S FIRE LOSS \$40,000

Insured For About Half That Amount—Star Theatre a Total Loss Although Some Films Were Saved—Walton Property Destroyed—Sherman Company's New Machinery in Planing Department Rendered Useless—Blaze Originated in Chase Restaurant—Location so Close to River a Serious Handicap.

The early Wednesday morning fire was the largest that ever occurred in the village of Pawcatuck and so near the boundary line that burning particles dropped into the village of Westerly. The burned district is near the west end of the Broad street bridge with frontage in West Broad street with the Pawcatuck river in the rear, the buildings on the edge or overhanging the river being situated with present appliances no opportunity to combat the blaze from the rear.

The burned buildings included the three story frame structure owned by the Lorraine Manufacturing company and occupied by the Star theatre, the Star bowling alley, the Chase restaurant and a floor raising shop. The building was formerly known as the Seventh day mill and utilized in the woolen industry. The building formerly located on the site was burned Monday, Nov. 26, 1900. It was owned and occupied by Stillman Brothers and Company and utilized as a machine shop and factory. Before this building was erected a small shop on the site was burned. So fire has swept this place three times and each time there were complete and total losses.

The next building in the burned district is of brick, four stories, and owned by Mrs. Julia C. Walton. On the ground floor was the Campus Bar saloon of Walton and Neville. This building was formerly used as a woolen mill and later as a storage by the H. R. Gavit company. The walls and tall chimney are all that remain of this building above the first floor.

The other burned building is of frame construction and owned and now occupied by the Isaac Sherman company, a new firm of building contractors, who purchased the plant from Maxson and company about two years ago. The building is in readiness for repair and the new machinery used in the planing department rendered useless. While other property in the section was destroyed, the walls and tall chimney within the district by the heroic work of the firemen, favored with a very light breeze from the southwest which lessened the danger to other water front property.

It was a few minutes after two o'clock, Wednesday morning, when Patrolman Nicholas heard a report that sounded like the bursting of an automobile in the Chase restaurant. He investigated and found the restaurant filled with smoke from a small blaze in the rear of the building. He sent in the alarm from Box 46 in West Broad street, a short distance from the restaurant. Patrolman E. Rose, company, Foreman Alexander Aitken, responded in quick time and made connection with the hydrant directly opposite the fire. Here there was a several minutes as the water could not be turned on with the regulation wrench, but yielded to a monkey-wrench. By this time the Star theatre building was ablaze and practically doomed and the Pawcatuck firemen commenced battling with the big blaze with characteristic energy under the direction of Chief Cottrell and with the full capacity of the only fire company in the village.

In the meantime Chief Cottrell of the Westerly fire department, was stationed near the telephone in the fire house, ready to respond to a call for assistance. Engines were in readiness to draw the two hose wagons, the hook and ladder truck and the Cyclone steam fire engine, with a good head of steam on the latter for use by the hookmen. Finally the request for assistance came, the general alarm was sent in and the Westerly firemen responded and were soon assisting in the fire fight.

The Star theatre building was doomed. The firemen made a great effort to prevent the fire from spreading, but were handicapped, as they could not battle with the flames in the rear. At the request of Chief Cottrell the big pumps in the mill of the Westerly fire company were put in operation and did effective work. With the aid of a boat two lines of hose were taken over the river and the fire was attacked from the rear. By this time the theatre building was almost completely burned, the brick building gutted. The flames swept through and around the rear end of the brick building and communicated with the Isaac Sherman company plant.

The firemen worked vigorously for three hours before the blaze was considered under control and the Westerly firemen were relieved from further assistance. The Pawcatuck firemen remained on duty until after dusk keeping two streams of water on the smoking ruins of the theatre building and what was left of the Sherman plant. A detail of firemen guarded the smoking mass during Wednesday night.

The total loss on the three buildings and contents is estimated at \$40,000, with insurance for about half that amount.

Flying Cinders. Almost everybody in Westerly witnessed the fire. Nearly every camera owner visited the fire Wednesday.

Flying cinders were wafted by the breeze as far as Grove avenue. The lunch cart located close to the Star theatre was not even scorched. The standing walls of the brick building are a menace to public safety. The Barbers laid 2300 feet of hose, the entire supply of the Pawcatuck department.

Manager Cowan of the Star theatre is to open a movie show in the Potter building.

Frank Blosser, an employe of the Star theatre, saved about \$1500 worth of moving picture films.

The Isaac Sherman company has opened an office in the Frank L. Wilcox building in West Broad street.

Some of the first to arrive declare that the fire originated in the bowling alley and not in the restaurant.

The fire was so threatening that some merchants on the opposite side of the street removed goods from their stores.

It's about time the Westerly and Pawcatuck firemen got together and not wait for invitation to render assistance in time of need.

A fifty gallon tank of gasoline owned by the Maxson Hardware company, stored in a small shed, was dumped into the Pawcatuck river.

The Cyclone steamer did great work without lessening the regular water pressure. The steamer was stationed on the bridge and pumped water from the river.

The Isaac Sherman company had recently installed machinery which was rendered useless. In addition a lot of finished work ready for delivery was burned.

President Thomas Fowler of the Westerly Textile company, in jumping a fence in the mill yard in getting the pumps ready to assist the firemen, fell and sprained his right ankle.

It is announced by the Isaac Sherman company that no planing mill will be erected on the site of the one burned on account of the high rate of insurance—six per cent of valuation.

All day Wednesday there was a crowd about the scene of the fire, among them visitors from Norwich, New London, Stonington, Mystic, Norwalk, North Stonington, Ashaway and other places.

Several Westerly physicians hurried to the fire equipped to render service in case any of the firemen were injured. Fortunately their professional services were not required and they assisted the firemen in fighting the fire.

It was a spectacular blaze, heightened by the burning of the high tower on the old mill building. The fall into the burning mass at 4:30 with a loud crash, followed by an upheaval of millions of sparks with pyrotechnical effect.

The Protector Fire company of Pawcatuck was incorporated in 1845 and was the only fire company in the village. There was one company in the department at the \$25,000 fire in 1849 and there is but one fire company located in the village today.

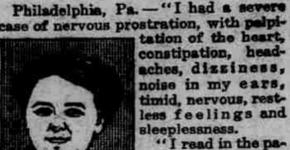
Long before the fire was under control there was agitation against permitting the erection of buildings that would extend over the river. There is precedent against such buildings in the case where the Lorraine Mill company contemplated the erection of a new building, was adjoining the theatre property near the bridge and were restrained by court judgment.

Chief Cottrell has for a long time suggested that a supply of hose be kept in readiness for use in case of fire along the water front. The hose could be kept in a scow built for the purpose and be connected with the pumps of the tug Westerly when possible, or with mill pumps on either side of the river, or with the regular fire district hydrants. Chief Cottrell says that the expense should be borne by the Westerly and Pawcatuck fire districts.

Local Laocinas. Senator Louis W. Arnold has been elected chairman of the finance committee.

NERVOUS PROSTRATION

Severe Case of a Philadelphia Woman—Her Symptoms.



Philadelphia, Pa.—"I had a severe case of nervous prostration, with palpitation of the heart, constipation, headaches, dizziness, noise in my ears, timid, nervous, restless feelings and sleeplessness. I read in the paper where a young woman had been cured of the same troubles by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound so I threw away the medicines the doctor left me and began taking the Compound. Before I had taken half a bottle I was able to do up and in a short time I was able to do all my work. Your medicine has proved itself able to do all you say it will and I have recommended it in every household I have visited."—Mrs. MARY JOHNSTON, 210 Siegel Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Another Bad Case.

Ephrata, Pa.—"About a year ago I was down with nervous prostration. I was pale and weak and would have hysterical spells, sick headaches and a bad pain under my shoulder-blade. I was under the care of different doctors but did not improve. I was so weak I could hardly stand long enough to do my dishes."—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has made me well and happy and I have begun to gain in weight and my face looks healthy now."—Mrs. J. W. HORNBERGER, R. No. 3, Ephrata, Pa.

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and supply, also, Frederic I. Dana, of Charlestown, to the board of charities.

The next number of The Senior, the Westerly High school publication, will be issued by the junior class, represented by the following: Hannah Stillman, editor-in-chief; Harold McClellan, business manager; David Stillman, assistant; Helen Taber, tattle; Pauline Cook, alumni; Joseph Randall, exchanges; Walter Flynn, athletics.

As a result of the meeting of the executive committee of the Rhode Island Bar association, blank ballots have been sent to all members asking them to send in the names of six lawyers whom they consider best qualified to be chosen judges of the superior court and the names of three for the vacancy in the supreme court bench. It is probable that a meeting of the association will be held prior to the time when the legislature is to vote in the matter, and at that meeting the opinion of the bar association will be expressed in favor of the candidates.

WILLIMANTIC FUNERAL

Mrs. E. Malenfant. The funeral of Hermenie, wife of Ephrem Malenfant, who died Sunday, was held at St. Mary's church Wednesday morning. The requiem high mass was sung by Rev. C. J. Lemieux. Miss Delphia Boucher sang appropriate selections. The Ladies of St. Ann, of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body. Exequies, Catechisms, Joseph Veillard, and Docteur Couhon were the bearers. The burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery.

OBITUARY

Jeremiah Lee. Jeremiah Lee, died Wednesday morning. He was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1847, and was the son of James and Mary (Dwyer) Lee. He served his country in the Civil war and after the war came to Willimantic to reside. Three sisters, Mrs. Bridget Kennedy, Mrs. James Carroll and Mrs. Ellen Curran, all of this city, survive him.

Epileptic Colony Ready by July.

The monthly meeting of the board of trustees of the Connecticut Colony for Epileptics, which was held at the Capitol Tuesday, all of these trustees being present: William J. Barber of Cavalline; Z. R. Robbins, of Norwich; John H. Mountain of Middletown; William P. Kelley of Killingly; Max Malhouse of New Haven; Carl Foster, of Bridgeport; W. L. Higgins of South Coventry and Edward H. Denning of Farmington. The superintendent, Dr. Donald L. Ross, was also present, reporting that the colony would probably be ready for patients by July.

Little Hopes of Recovery.

Rinnu Mitchell, father of City Engineer Mitchell, who has been ill for a long time, in a very critical condition. Wednesday evening it was believed that he would live only a very few hours.

New Pastor Arrives.

Rev. T. Bannon, the new pastor of St. Joseph's church, arrived in this city Wednesday noon from Lakeville to assume charge of St. Joseph's parish.

Local Laocinas.

Constable W. J. Foley of Mystic was in this city Tuesday.

Roadmaster Condon of the Consolidated road visited Willimantic on business Wednesday.

Gardner Hall, Jr., the well-known thread manufacturer, was seriously ill at his home in South Willington.

The 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Otterheimer, 22 Spruce street, who has been ill with typhoid fever is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. James of Mansfield and C. R. Pomeroy, Jr., attended the state grange meeting at New London Wednesday.

The Boston Store

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The Business Center of Norwich

Our January Clearance Sale

Merchandising a clearance sale means much more than appears on the surface. It means that in addition to our surplus stocks which we have marked down we have included items which we have purchased from jobbers and manufacturers who were likewise "trimming ship" preparatory to Spring business.

EVERY DEPARTMENT HAS LONGER BARGAIN LISTS THAN WE ARE ABLE TO PUBLISH.

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Clearance Sale Prices in the Silk Department

A MIXED LOT of rough and semi-rough pongees, taffetas, etc. Regular prices from 60c to \$1.00 a yard. SALE PRICE 38c

FANCY SILKS in check or stripe patterns. The colors are brown, rose, green, cadet, gray and black. They are all silk. SALE PRICE 34c

MESSALINES WORTH FROM 50c to 59c a yard. A complete line of colors is offered for your choice. SALE PRICE 35c

ONE LOT OF FINE BLACK SILKS, including such desirable weaves as Taffeta, Messaline, Bengaline, Satin Duchesse, Etc. Values from \$1.00 to \$1.25. SALE PRICE 76c

WASH CREPPES which are all pure silk and will wash like a handkerchief. Suitable for waists or for entire dresses. Regularly \$1.25. SALE PRICE 97c

Big Clearance Values in the Linen Department

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Value 85c. SALE PRICE 69c
Value \$1.00. SALE PRICE 79c
Value \$1.25. SALE PRICE 96c
Value \$1.50. SALE PRICE \$1.19

ALL LINEN NAPKINS

Value \$1.00 a dozen. SALE PRICE 79c
Value \$2.00 a dozen. SALE PRICE \$1.79
Value \$2.50 a dozen. SALE PRICE \$2.19
Value \$2.50 a dozen. SALE PRICE \$1.98
Value \$4.00 a dozen. SALE PRICE \$3.48
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All 75c qualities. SALE PRICE 59c
All \$1.00 qualities. SALE PRICE 79c
All \$1.25 qualities. SALE PRICE 99c
All \$1.50 qualities. SALE PRICE \$1.29

Clearance Sale of Women's and Children's Hosiery and Underwear

WOMEN'S WINTER WEIGHT RIBBED UNDERWEAR, bleached or unbleached. Long sleeve vests and ankle pants. Sizes 4 to 9. Regular price 50c a garment—SALE PRICE 36c

WOMEN'S MERINO RIBBED VESTS AND PANTS in both white and natural color. 50c value—SALE PRICE 67c

CHILDREN'S GRAY RIBBED UNDERWEAR—Vests with either pants or drawers. Sizes 18 to 32—SALE PRICE 17c

WOMEN'S BLACK COTTON HOSE of medium weight. Sold regularly for 25c—SALE PRICE 19c

BOYS' WINTER WEIGHT COTTON HOSE—Good heavy 1 and 1 ribbed stockings of regular 28c quality—SALE PRICE 17c

CHILDREN'S BLACK SEAMLESS HOSE, in sizes 6 to 9 1/2. A medium weight hose which we sell for 10c—SALE PRICE 8c, 4 for 30c

\$1.50 WOMEN'S PURE SILK HOSE in black and colors—SALE PRICE 98c

Clearance Prices in Domestic Mean Big Savings

PILLOW CASES—45 by 38 1/2 inches—Regularly 25c—SALE PRICE 19c

BLEACHED SHEETS AT SALE PRICES

60c SHEETS. SALE PRICE 39c
75c SHEETS. SALE PRICE 59c
92c SHEETS. SALE PRICE 74c
\$1.00 SHEETS. SALE PRICE 79c

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\$ 1.00 CROCHET QUILT—SALE PRICE 79c
\$1.50 CROCHET QUILT—extra size—SALE PRICE \$1.19
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Clearance Values in the Rug and Drapery Department

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85c INGRAIN CARPET—SALE PRICE 69c
SHORT LENGTHS OF INGRAIN—SALE PRICE 52c

89c TAPESTRY BRUSSELS CARPET—SALE PRICE 72c

96c TAPESTRY BRUSSELS CARPET—SALE PRICE 82c

\$15.00 RUGS—SALE PRICE \$12.29
\$15.00 RUGS—SALE PRICE \$12.75
\$16.50 RUGS—SALE PRICE \$13.45
\$18.00 RUGS—SALE PRICE \$13.75
\$22.50 RUGS—SALE PRICE \$19.95
\$27.50 RUGS—SALE PRICE \$20.45
\$37.50 RUGS—SALE PRICE \$31.00
\$42.00 RUGS—SALE PRICE \$35.00

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WOMEN'S WHITE AND COLORED WAISTS, either plain tailored style or with tucked front. Some plain shirt styles—SALE PRICE 85c

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WOMEN'S AND MISSES' ALL WOOL SERGE DRESSES, beautifully tailored and prettily trimmed. All exclusive styles. Values up to \$15.00—SALE PRICE \$8.95

WOMEN'S SILK DRESSES in values up to \$12.00 and \$15.00—SALE PRICE \$8.95

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Washington, Jan. 15.—Six million packages were handled by parcel post during the first seven days of the operation of the system, according to figures prepared today by experts of the post office department. The figures were compiled from reports received by Postmaster General Hitchcock from 1,564 out of the 1,650 post offices having city delivery service and estimates made from scattering reports of the remaining post offices of the country.

As all of the offices were closed on New Year's day and business reports covered substantially only five days, practically all postmasters report a steady increase of parcel post business.

Many London women now boldly smoke in public.