

# Westerly Strikers Choose Bad Time

### Granite Business Dull and Action of Stonemasons and Allied Unions Will Make Matters Worse—Orville G. Barber Wins Case—New Hotel Manager at The Rhode Island—Funerals Wednesday.

The members of the local board of the International Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' Union, went out on strike, Wednesday, the employers declining to accede to the demand of a minimum wage scale of \$1.80 and which was graded up to \$2.80 a day. The union stonemasons have been on strike for three weeks, their demand being a daily wage scale of \$4.50. Should the strikes continue there will be a general crippling of all other building trades in the town.

In the granite business there has never been such a dull season as the present since the first quarry was opened in Westerly in 1845 by Orlando Smith. Nearly all the stone cutters and quarries are idle but have hope of revival of business at an early date. Heretofore when building work was slack there was usually monumental work to keep the force at work, but now there is practically nothing doing. While the superior quality of Westerly granite warrants the quarrying, the local concerns looking into successful competition with concerns that get their granite from side hills, instead of from the bowels of the earth, so to speak, so must be met with the patronage of parties who want the best there is in granite and are willing to pay the price.

With stone cutters, quarrymen, stone masons and laborers idle, it is but natural that more or less of the men should congregate in Dixon square and discuss current events and which gives a live surface appearance to the town, but which as a matter of fact is indicative of industrial blackness as well as a situation which demands higher wages to meet the cost of living.

The funeral of John Carpenter, for many years a prominent business man in Providence and Warwick, was held Wednesday afternoon at the Baptist church, Apoonaug, Rev. Theodore C. Gleason, pastor of the East Greenwich Baptist church, conducting the services. The oldest resident of Cowesett, Mr. Carpenter was well known in that section where he conducted a coal and wood business for many years. He had been failing in health for over a year, death resulting last Sunday. He was in his 82nd year. Burial was at the Brayton cemetery, Apoonaug.

John Carpenter was born in East Greenwich Oct. 13, 1825, a son of the late Col. Allen and Hannah (Tarbox) Carpenter.

Westerly is classed among the strongholds of the Seventh-day Baptist denomination and is among the very few places, where, there, is a daily newspaper that publishes on Saturday instead of Sunday. Westerly is now a license town and the no-license committee is already campaigning to get the town back into the no-license column. In this connection the following from the Sabbath Recorder, a Seventh-day Baptist weekly, published by the American Sabbath Tract Society, is of interest:

"We are proud of the record Seventh-day Baptists have made in the fight with rum, even when days were dark and defeat seemed certain. So far as we know, no community, where our people have had controlling influence has ever been able to set up grog shops to ruin men."

The case of Orville G. Barber against the Watch Hill fire district, which has been in the state courts for the past three years, has been settled and in favor of the plaintiff. The suit is in connection with the improvement of Bay street at Watch Hill. Mr. Barber owned a building which was on leased land that fronted on the street. The fire district purchased the land and ordered the removal of the building and the order was ignored on the ground that the lease had not expired. The fire district agreed to move the building to another point designated but this offer was not heeded. Then the building was taken down and the material carted away. Barber declining to have anything to do with the transaction.

Suit was brought to recover damages and, after many delays, the case was heard by Judge Stearns and a jury in the superior court for Washington county. An award of \$1,000 was made to Barber. In due time the defendant made motion for a new trial and after the case had taken the usual legal travel the motion for a new trial was denied. So the case is now at an end and is against the Watch Hill fire district.

The Westerly Board of Trade, which was back of the invitation to the agricultural department to send a road expert to Westerly to give tips on improving the existing methods of the highway department, has now called for an expert to come to Pleasant View, investigate the conditions and present the best method of preserving the beach front from storms in the future.

Local Leocnics. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Larkin have returned from a two months' visit in California. Westerly Red Men are mixing war.

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Special evangelistic services are being held in Westerly and Ashaway by experienced evangelists.

Samuel Anderson of Norwich, general manager of the electric car system, was in Westerly Wednesday.

Local men are in training for the coming cocking season, but the location of the pit is known only to those on the inner circle.

Richard Slaughter has returned from Monroe, Va., where he was called three weeks ago by the illness of his mother, who has materially improved.

Michael H. Rourke of Providence gave an interesting talk on the insurance feature of the order at a meeting of Narragansett council, Knights of Columbus, Wednesday evening.

Dr. John M. O'Connell of Westerly, district deputy, Knights of Columbus, initiated a class of forty in the third degree, at a meeting of Tyler council, Providence, Wednesday evening.

The funeral of Thomas Edward Williams was held from his residence in Tower street Wednesday morning. Burial was at River Bend. Rev. J. W. Ford of the First Baptist church conducted the committal service.

George E. Gavitt, for many years superintendent of River Bend cemetery, is soon to resign. It is said that he will be succeeded by Elmer Chesbro, highway commissioner of the town of Stonington and a resident of Westerly.

Frank Purpess has assumed management of The Rhode Island and Clerk John McKnight has resigned. He will go to the Hotel Newman, Providence, which is under the charge of E. P. Pendleton, former manager of the Rhode Island.

Effective April 19, any person, firm or corporation importing horses, asses or mules into Rhode Island must have a permit from the state from which said animals are shipped. In addition, an examination of the animal after reaching this state is ordered.

The contributions to the Seventh-day Baptist Sabbath school board were very generous during the quarter ending March 15. The total sum was \$194.80. The only contributor in Washington county was George B. Murphy of the Ashaway church and his contribution was one dollar.

The strike of local laborers, nearly all Italians and numbering 225, was taken against the advice of the president of the union and the local organizer, who advocated delay for a day to effect a compromise. The president warned the strikers against carrying concealed weapons or resort to lawlessness.

The committee appointed to recommend changes in the fire department methods that will result in speedier response to fire alarms will make a report to a special meeting of the Westerly fire district next Wednesday evening. It is understood the transfer of the present hose wagons into motor driven apparatus will be given consideration.

The funeral of Mary Carver was attended by many friends Wednesday afternoon in the Broad Street Christian church. Rev. John G. Dutton, pastor, conducted the service. Burial was at River Bend. The bearers were George A. Broughton, James E. Kennedy, Joseph A. Gavitt, Edward Burdick, Charles H. Richmond and William H. Noyes.

The salary of the judge of probate is now \$500 a year and \$200 a year is advocated or a flat salary of \$50 a month. This is a matter for the consideration of the members of the Westerly town council, who receive in addition to the honor of being councilmen the sum of \$50 each per year and extra fee for acting as board of canvassers of the voting list.

Jack Frill of Westerly on the pitching staff of the Jersey City team, who is now in the south on a practice tour, writes to a friend here that the Jersey City team will give the Planters of New London some tips on baseball playing in that city April 11. In recognition of the attendance of Westerly friends at the game, Frill will pitch at least two innings.

**MYSTIC**  
Miss Maud Congdon Wins Praise for Language Teaching — Fire District Meeting—Miss LeBreau Wins Medal.

The following from the Northport Herald will prove interesting to many in this village and surrounding towns. Miss Maud Congdon, who is the German teacher in the Northport school, is the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Congdon of Mystic and is a teacher of marked ability. She was graduated with honors from Bacon academy, Colchester, in 1904, and also with honors from Alfred (N. Y.) university in 1903. Many friends in Salem, Colchester and Norwich will be glad to hear of her success as a teacher.

The Northport paper says: "Last Tuesday State Inspector of Modern Languages came to visit Northport High school and to decide on the construction in these languages. Schools which are approved are given honor rank and pupils from them receive special recognition in all the higher institutions of learning. Although Miss Maud Congdon was called away because of the serious illness of her mother, and the pupils were meeting with one of their own number, Miss Thelma Wheeler, as instructor, yet the report of the rank was most flattering. Mr. Price said the work was splendid in all respects. He praised Miss Congdon for doing very superior work in the modern languages and Miss Wheeler for her skill in conducting the classes and the pupils for their knowledge of the languages and their ability to understand them and to talk and to correctly pronounce and readily and rapidly read them. There are only six schools outside of New York which have the fourth German approved, and this is one of them. This is a great satisfaction to the principal, faculty, teacher and board, who have worked hard to make language study as successful in Northport as in any school in the state."

**Annual Meeting of Fire District.**  
The annual meeting of the fire district for the purpose of hearing reports was held in the B. P. Hoyle Engine company rooms. The officers were all re-elected excepting clerk. George E. Crinnell was chosen for that place. The list of officers follows: Executive committee, John Pribbanco, Conrad Kretzer, William L. Main; clerk, George E. Crinnell; collector, Albert Demson; assessors, Amos Hewitt, Allen Avery, Henry Kellogg; board of relief, Charles

E. Gaskell, J. Henry Hill, Ernest A. Blyven; treasurer, George E. Perkins; chief engineer, Charles E. Donath; assistant engineer, Mason Manning. The reports of the officers were very gratifying and showed the district to be in a better condition than last year. That of the executive committee showed that 71 orders had been paid, amounting to \$5,726.78, which is considerably less than that of last year. The report of the collector showed that a total of \$5,898.87 had been paid into

the treasury on the tax levy of the district. The total receipts were \$7,731.59, and the disbursements \$5,753.45, leaving a balance in the bank of \$1,978.14. Eleven alarms of fire which were attended by the companies were mentioned in the report.

**Medal to Miss LeBeau.**  
A medal contest was held in the West Mystic school Tuesday evening under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

under the supervision of Mrs. A. E. Cutler. The silver medal was presented Miss Madeline LeBeau. The programme follows: Scripture reading and prayer, Rev. O. G. Biddington; hymn, Stand Up for Prohibition; Mrs. P. B. Montil, recitation, contestant No. 1, recitation, A Temperance Speech, Lester Wheeler, recitation, A Little Blossom, contestant No. 2, song, Better Be Good, recitation, How Prohibition Club Was Formed, contestant No. 3, recitation, A Prohibition Crank,

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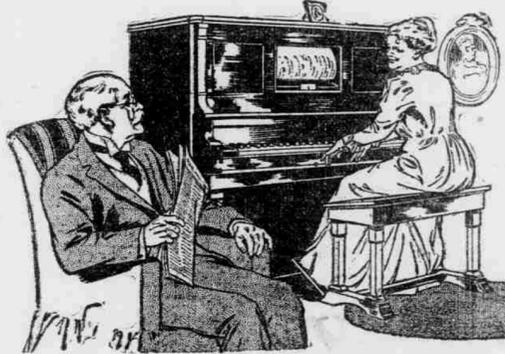
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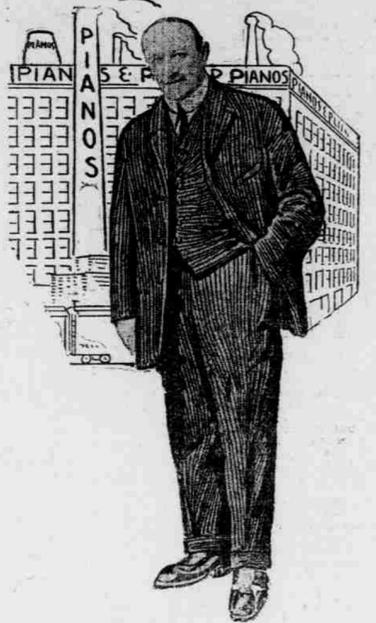
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Amos Burrows of Fourkeepsie, N. Y., is visiting Mystic friends. Mrs. Edmund Knobel of Stafford Springs is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Robert Wilbur. Mrs. John M. Noyes and Miss Beulah Noyes were in Providence Wednesday. Mrs. Ira F. Noyes has returned from a six months' stay in Baltimore, Md. Mrs. William Donabach and Mrs. Conrad Kretzer are visiting at Mrs. Herman Kallenburg in New Rochelle, N. Y.